

tatachilla NEWS



Term 1 Week 2 Thursday 4 February 2021

from the PRINCIPAL

John 10:10 *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

WELCOME

It has been a joy to see our students and staff so fully engaged in life and learning in 2021. I have been filled with great pride at the way our returning students and staff have welcomed our new students and assisted them in their transition to their new school.

It is pleasing to visit our new Reception students and experience their joy as they learn new and exciting things about their world and ultimately themselves. I look forward to more visits next week where I will be teaching children some fun welcome games and stories.

TIMETABLES

The start of the 2021 academic year has brought issues around providing timely and accurate student timetables due to issues with a new College ICT system implementation. This also caused confusion as to what days were PE days! I have communicated the issue to parents in a separate email and advised families that the College is allowing students to attend school in their PE uniform, until the issue is resolved which we hope will be this week.

COLLEGE BUSES

The College Bus Service is currently oversubscribed for some routes. Some families book buses for specific days and times, but then do not use the service. We are investigating an alternative payment system to minimise such occurrences but in the meantime, families are requested to only book services they know they will be using; in consideration of needy families. It was also brought to my attention that one or two students were using the service under the name of another student. If this behaviour does not immediately cease the students involved will be banned from use of the bus service.

I am however, thankful for the courtesy and behaviour our students show on buses and thank the drivers for their professional and safe service.

2021 COLLEGE BOARD

It is with deep gratitude that I announce the following 2021 College Board Members. The Board works collaboratively with the Principal under the leadership of the Board Chair to oversee Lutheran identity, College strategic and master planning and financial stewardship.

Board Chair: Ms Sarah Anthony
Vice Chair: Mr Phil Auricht
Pastors Fraternal: Pastor Mike Pietsch
Mrs Rosalie Eckert
Mr Paul Rogers
Mrs Hayley Smith
Mr Bruce Thompson

College staff on Board include:

Pastor: Pastor Jon Goessling
Business Director: Mr Christo Botha
Principal: Mr Noel Mifsud

Please keep all members of the Board in your prayers for the important deliberations ahead.



from the **PRINCIPAL**

A MESSAGE TO PONDER

I recently read a message on social media by a colleague Principal, Gavin McCormack which resonated strongly with me. It conveys the hope I have for teachers at Tatachilla Lutheran College as they work with parents and caregivers, the first and most important educators of our children.

As the new year brings hope, we as teachers (and those who work in schools or in education) hold a deep belief that we chose this profession to change the world for the better. So what are some of the key lessons we can teach our children together?

'We will teach them to sit with those who are sitting alone. Stand beside those whom people avoid, talk to those to whom no one listens.

We will teach them to be kind for the feeling of being kind. To give to those who genuinely need it and ask for nothing in return.

We will teach them to offer help even when no help is required. To understand that to give somebody your time is the ultimate gift.

We will teach them to use words of kindness. Of hope and encouragement. To have the feeling that they made somebody else's day better by choosing their words carefully.

We will teach them to think about other people. To consider how their actions will affect others and to be considerate.

We will teach them to share what they have, no matter how small the portion. To look for the good in everyone.

We will teach them to be a citizen of the world who isn't afraid to speak their mind in order to do the right thing.

Let's teach our children to be children who we wish we'd met on the playground.'

Mr Noel Mifsud
PRINCIPAL

2021 STUDENT LEADERS

We are pleased to announce the following student leaders for 2021. Our congratulations to the students listed below:

COLLEGE CAPTAINS



Ethan O'Connor



Aleasha Paardekooper

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Mikayla Wills



Ashton Grice

DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAINS



Megan Tiller



Meg Selfe



Olivia Nicol



Lincoln Williams

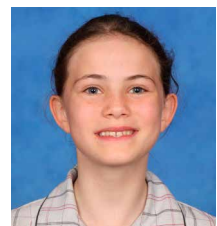


Darcy Needle

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Jasper Alexander-Masters



Stefanie Garrod



from the head of **JUNIOR SCHOOL**

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The Junior School Parent Information Night (PIN) will be held for all year levels on Tuesday 9 February.

This is an informative evening where teachers will outline plans for their class for the year ahead, so please plan to attend.

There will be four sessions during the evening beginning with a presentation in the Activity Centre, where the Head of Junior School and other leaders will be introduced and outline plans for the coming year. Classroom Sessions 1 and 2 are identical to enable you to attend at least two different classrooms if you have children at more than one year level.

The programme is as follows:

- 4:30pm – 5:10pm presentation by Junior School leaders in Activity Centre
- 5:15pm – 5:45pm Classroom Session 1
- 6:00pm - 6:30pm Classroom Session 2 (a repeat of Session 1)
- 6:40pm - 7:10pm presentation by Junior School leaders in Activity Centre (repeated session)

Children in Years 3 to 6 are involved in classroom presentations. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can stay at home or attend the creche if on site.

A creche will be provided in the School Library from 4:15pm until 7pm. Parents will need to sign children in and out of the creche. We do ask that all children be supervised by their parents and not roaming the schoolyard.

COVID safe measures:

Parents are asked to book in for a session using the following TryBooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOPRB>

Tickets are limited to 2 adults per session. Please also check in with the QR code, and enter and leave the Junior School grounds without too much milling around.

Each session in the classroom will be capped at 25 participants per session. The sessions led by John Dow in the Activity Centre will be capped at 110 adults per session.

We look forward to seeing you at the College for this important evening.

ASSEMBLY AND CHAPEL IN 2021

Assembly and Chapel are on the move. Assemblies are in the even weeks of term, on Wednesday afternoons at 2:40pm.

Chapel is every Thursday morning at 9am in the College Gymnasium. The only exception to this is If we have a whole College Chapel or Assembly during the week when we will not have a Junior School event.

Each class or year level presents their learning at Assembly or participates in a Chapel, once during the year. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend for that, or as often as you wish. Socially distanced seating will be set out for parents and visitors at the back of the student seating arrangements.

RECEPTION BIBLE PRESENTATION

During Week 3 Chapel, our new Reception students will receive a Jesus Storybook Bible as a welcome gift. This Bible is a gift to take home and share with the family. The Jesus Storybook Bible presents familiar Bible narratives in an easy to read-aloud format. Accompanying videos are also available. Morning tea will be provided for the Reception families and friends after chapel in the Gym Foyer. To attend the Reception Bible Presentation, please book here by Tuesday 9 February: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOOHL>



HATS

Please ensure your child has their school hat with them every day so that they can take full advantage of the opportunities the College grounds, playgrounds and oval provide for imaginative and structured play. The college policy is 'no hat; play in the shade' in designated shady play spaces. Hats are compulsory in Terms 1, 3 and Term 4.

GET READY FOR A BIG WEEK 4

Week 4 will be a big week for Junior School students. Years 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the swimming programme. Information about that will come home from your child's class teacher. Typically, PE uniforms are worn all week with bathers underneath.

The Life Ed Van, a regular visitor to the Junior School, is also on site and all children will visit the van and take part in a programme "consisting of 12 purpose built, issue specific and age appropriate modules designed to engage, inspire and empower students." (<https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/our-program/primary>)

Mr John Dow
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday 9 February

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOPRB>



from the head of **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Welcome back to a new year in the Middle School at Tatachilla. A special welcome is extended to new families of students in Years 7, 8 and 9. There certainly is a buzz of excitement around the Middle School at the moment as students get to know one another and their teachers and settle into their environment. It is our prayer that this excitement continues throughout the year and motivates students in their learning journey.

OUR HOPES FOR YOUR CHILD IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR

Through the concepts, capabilities and skills that our young people are explicitly taught across the curriculum; it is our hope that each of our students will be challenged and encouraged to improve their knowledge and understanding of themselves and the world.

Our teachers will give students the opportunity to seek experiences beyond themselves and the classroom, with the hope that our young people can develop to see possible pathways for their future. We encourage students

to be proud and responsible for their learning goals and growth.

We believe all students should feel supported and celebrated to pursue their identifiable God given talents and goals throughout each year of their Middle School journey.



EACH YEAR OF SCHOOLING MATTERS AND WE HAVE AIMS IN EACH YEAR FOR YOUR CHILD

In Year 7 we hope that our young people will come to know themselves more and grow through the challenges of transitioning into a new chapter of their schooling.

In Year 8 we hope that our young people will take positive risks to go beyond and try new things.

In Year 9 we hope that through the positive risks that they take, they start to find their passions and emerging pathway into the senior years.

MIDDLE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

It was wonderful to welcome parents to the Middle School Parent Information Night this week and for parents to make connections with Home Class Teachers. Not only were parents able to connect with staff, but with fellow parents as well.

Parent Information Booklets and videos from myself and Year Level Coordinators will be sent out via links in an email in due course.

As all of our young people settle into a new year and seek to find a place in the Middle School, may we remember that God is our counselor in these times and can give us peace. These words from Psalm 55:22 remind us of this; *'Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let you fall.'*

Every blessing,

Ms Sarah Hoff-Zweck
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL





from the head of **SENIOR SCHOOL**

It has been an extraordinary week, welcoming our Years 10 to 12 Senior Students. Our dedicated Home Class Teachers and leadership staff have run engaging Orientation Programs to connect with our students and build Senior School community. Only the Year 11s and 12s commenced on Wednesday 27 January. The Year 12 orientation was led by Mr Tom Harms, Year 12 Coordinator.

Mr Noel Mifsud, myself; Mrs Gina Kadis, Ms Linda Wright, and College Captains **Ethan O'Connor** and **Aleasha Paardekooper** offered advice to empower our Year 12s to do their absolute best this year – to be *'the best version of themselves'* that they can be.

The Year 11 Orientation was led by Mrs Margaret Naylor. The students engaged in the 'Elevate' Wellbeing program. You will hear more about this in future newsletters. Year 10 Orientation was led by myself; Mrs Gina Kadis. Students met our new Careers Development and VET Coordinator; ex-Tatachilla teacher and parent of Matt, Ms Linda Wright. We were delighted that she organised our keynote speaker – a talented entrepreneur and inspirational Old Scholar, Dave Matkovic (Class of 2006). Dave shared his post school journey through university to his current business owner venture with us all. The main message he shared was encouraging students to use the next three years to work out what they want to do with their lives – not just what course or job they want to get.

He urged our students to take a holistic approach as they planned for life beyond Year 12. He went on to say *"There are four pillars to assess how to find fulfilment in one's life. These include considering; 1. What you are good at? 2. What the world needs? 3. What you can be paid for? 4. What you enjoy?"* Such wise advice. Thank you to Dave for taking the time to join us. More on Career Development throughout the year.



Old Scholar Dave Matkovic speaking to students at their Orientation

INVITATION TO ATTEND OUR SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

An invitation for parents and caregivers with students in Years 10 -12 to join us for a 'Meet and Greet Home Class Teachers and Senior Staff Leadership Team 2021' event.

Please book your spot via the Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOOFD>

When: **Thursday 11 February 2021**

Time: **5:30pm to 7:00pm**

Venue: **College Gymnasium**

Format: 45 minute presentation and 45 minutes to mingle in a Covid-safe manner with Home Class Teachers and Senior School Leadership staff.

The presentation will be available for families who can't attend.

Mrs Gina Kadis

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL & DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, TEACHING & LEARNING



from the MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Congratulations and thank you to all families for the preparation that you have invested into creating a smooth return to school for your young people. Returning to school after the holidays can be a tiring experience due to the range of emotions it involves. Feedback from the Wellbeing team suggests that our students have returned happy and with a positive outlook for 2021.

Given the experiences of 2020 the Wellbeing team have developed a survey to gauge the student's goals, concerns and dreams which will be conducted at the start and end of each term in the Middle School. This data will offer students a voice in the planning and teaching around age related issues. It will also offer the Wellbeing team an insight into the students' mental fitness and resilience at the various stages of the year.

Results of the first survey, conducted in the first days of term, have consistently highlighted that our Year 7 and 8 students' biggest concerns include - feeling left out, not being able to keep up with schoolwork and home demands and not making immediate connections with their teachers and class. These are very common concerns for new and returning students. Our Year 9s reported that they are worried about the future, especially experiencing another COVID-19 lockdown, maintaining friends and keeping up with homework.

To help alleviate some of the stress around the students' concerns, the Wellbeing team have identified some proactive ideas for families to use:

1. Set up a back-to-school routine

What needs to be done each day for school?
Getting up, eating breakfast, dressing. What help does your child need from you to get ready?
What can they do on their own? (establish these together.)

2. Create consistent bed and wake-up times

3. Establish healthy routines as a family.

Support each other around technology use and schoolwork.

3. Help create a sense of school belonging

Ask friends over for 'catch ups/play dates'.

4. Look out for signs of stress

If you notice signs of stress contact your child's Home Class Teacher, Year Level Coordinator and/or Head of Wellbeing or School Counsellor.

5. Encourage questions and conversations about their day.

Ask probing questions if there is a one word answer. Why was your day good? What made today so challenging, that it was horrible?

We hope that your young person has had an enjoyable first two weeks. As the weeks progress please monitor how your child is coping and please contact any member of the Wellbeing Team if you feel that they may need some extra support.

WELLBEING TEAM

Your child's Home Class Teacher
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Mr Mike Ebert and Mrs Margaret Naylor

ASSISTANT HEADS OF MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL:
WELLBEING



around the **CAMPUS**

COLLEGE MUSICAL 2021

CAN YOU HELP?

This term, over 85 students and Arts staff will be working tirelessly on weekends, lunch times and after school to put together our 2021 College Musical 'The Addams Family'!

Students from Years 5 – 12 are engaged in roles onstage as performers and offstage as musicians, set painters, props makers, technicians and backstage crew.

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help with this massive endeavour. It may be a few hours one weekend as part of a team, or some simple tasks that you can take home and complete in the comfort of your lounge room.

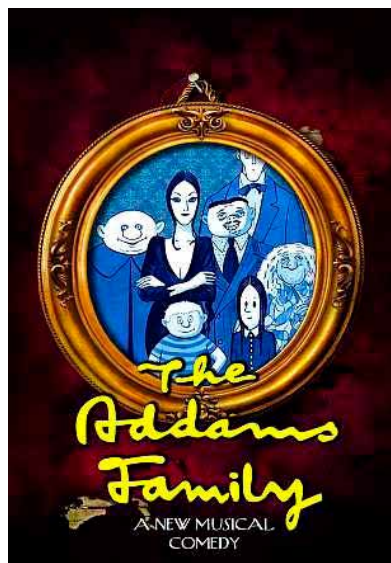
Please register your interest by filling out the Google form at: <https://forms.gle/3Pu9roYRgVoCHDUE7>

Any further questions? Please email me at: rachel.overstreet@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

More updates about this great show to come in future Newsletter editions!

Mrs Rachel Overstreet

ARTS COORDINATOR
MUSICAL PRODUCTION MANAGER/CHOREOGRAPHER



STUDENT TRANSPORT – BUSES

The College bus service works on a preferential system for full-time/one-way travel users. All bus use/alterations must be booked via the College and not the bus company.

After the initial start to the school year slight alterations have now been made to bus routes. New bus timetables/maps can now be downloaded from the College website at: www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/enrolments/bus-services

Students and parents are reminded that it is a condition of bus use that all passengers have a student ID card or electronic keyfob to use on the Busminder tap and go system when entering and exiting the bus.

Payment for the bus service is to be made through the BusMinder Parent mobile phone app.

Parents using carparks are asked to give way to buses when entering and leaving the College. This will ensure the buses run to their time schedules and help with both road safety and ease of traffic flow.

Drivers are reminded that due to safety reasons, use of the bus carpark area/bays for student drop-off/pick-up is strictly forbidden.

For more information please contact Kay Digby by phoning 8329 4411 or emailing kay.digby@tatachilla.sa.edu.au.

Mrs Kay Digby

BUS COORDINATOR

TWILIGHT FOOD AFFAIR 2021 – POSTPONED

Given current COVID-19 restrictions on large scale events, the College has decided to postpone our 2021 Twilight Food Affair (normally held in March) with the hope of rescheduling later in the year.

If you would like to be part of the organising committee of this event please contact Kay Digby by emailing: kay.digby@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

Mrs Kay Digby

TWILIGHT FOOD AFFAIR COORDINATOR

SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**Thursday 11 February
5:30pm - 7:00pm**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOOFD>

Visit Tatachilla in 2021.



SEEK FRESH
HORIZONS

2021 TOURS

Tuesday 23 February 2021, 6pm

Tuesday 23 March 2021, 9.30am

Friday 21 May 2021, 9.30am

Tuesday 15 June 2021, 9.30am

Tuesday 3 August 2021, 9.30am

Friday 10 September 2021, 9.30am

Tuesday 26 October 2021, 6pm

YEAR 7 DISCOVERY MORNINGS

Years 5, 6 and 7 students are warmly invited to join us for a morning of discovery.

Tuesday 18 May 2021 & Tuesday 10 August 2021

calendar
DATES

Term 1 Week 3

Tuesday 9 February

JS Parent Information Night

Wednesday 10 February

MS Awards Assembly

SS Awards Assembly

Thursday 11 February

JS Chapel, 9:00am

JS SRC Voting

Student ID Photo Catch Up

SS Parent Information Night, 5:30pm

Friday 12 February

Life Ed Van

LESNW JS Student Leaders Day

Term 1 Week 4

Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 February

Year 12 Retreat

Monday 15 - Thursday 18 February

Year 8 Camp

Monday 15 - Friday 19 February

Years 4, 5, 6 Swimming

Tuesday 16 - Friday 19 February

Life Ed Van

Wednesday 17 February

MS/SS Chapel, 2:00pm

JS Assembly, 2:40pm

SAPSASA Triathlon

Thursday 18 February

JS Chapel

Friday 19 February

Year 12 Formal

Year 12 Student Free Day

Year 8 Student Free Day

Term 1 Week 5

Monday 22 February

SAPSASA Swimming

Monday 22 - Tuesday 23 February

Life Ed Van

Tuesday 23 February

College Twilight Tour, 6:00pm

Wednesday 24 February

R-12 Assembly, 2:00pm

Thursday 25 February

JS Chapel, 9:00am

Years 7 & 8 Standards Day

Friday 26 February

Life Ed Van



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Term 1 Junior Development Squads

Times & Cost:
 Orange / Green Ball - Tuesdays - 4 pm
 Yellow Ball - Low divisions - Tuesdays - 5 pm
 Yellow Ball - High divisions - Tuesdays - 6 pm

All squads are \$120 for 8 week term

Sports Vouchers available to use for Primary School Children (value \$100 off fees).

Where: Noarlunga Tennis Club
 Patapinda Rd, Old Noarlunga

Contact: Ph: 0421 961 828
 Email: info@dtltennis.com.au
 Web: www.dtltennis.com.au





FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS

School: Tatachilla
Start Date: Monday 8 February
Finish Date: Monday 29 March
Time: 3:30PM-4:30PM **Contact:**
footballinschools@footballsouthaustralia.com.au

What is Football In Schools?
 Football in Schools works with the National MiniRoos program to deliver football in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. It consists of weekly sessions that build skills through progressive football exercises and games, and focusses on fundamental movement skills. All participants receive a participant pack & giveaways.





Come on! Join the Football In Schools program today!

Contact Us
(08) 8340 3088

»»»» www.footballsouthaustralia.com.au

Last few remaining vacancies for the upcoming 2021 Season as follows;

- u10s – born 2011/2012
- u11 Girls – born 2009/2010/2011
- u13s – born 2008/2009
- u14s – born 2007/2008

Please get in touch asap via email if interested
seafordrangersjuniors@hotmail.com



COACHES & TEAM MANAGERS WANTED


2021 NETBALL SEASON
 Junior & Senior Vacancies

"Come and join our successful community club"



Competing in the Great Southern Netball Association Competition

Email: wncsecretary@hotmail.com



CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

PRESCHOOL BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE

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