

# tatachilla NEWS



Term 4 Week 2 | Thursday 21 October 2021



## from the **PRINCIPAL**

On the 31st October 2007, Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown presented a powerful address on education in which he said:

*"....I make no apology for wanting every child to read, write and add up. But education has always been about more than exams, more than the basics, vital as they are. To educate is to form character, to shape values and (I love this one) to liberate the imagination. It is to pass human wisdom, knowledge and ingenuity from one generation to the next. It is a duty and a calling. And that is why we have such high ambitions. Not just because education is a matter of national prosperity, although it certainly is that. It is because education is the greatest liberator mankind has ever known the greatest force for social progress. And that is why it is my passion."*

Educators - educate minds and hearts. We educate in partnership with parents and caregivers, the first educators of children. We educate for a better world. We do not settle for mediocrity – we reach for the stars. This is the vision I bring to you as your Principal.

This year we have reached for the stars as a College community. We have introduced a new leadership team for 2022 (including a new Deputy Principal position), additional Year 6 and Reception classes, improvement to facilities and grounds, greater accountability around fee collection, timely and strategic advice around COVID-19 management, increased counselling staff and provided a more streamline subject selection process. The College Board and staff have worked collaboratively on a new strategic vision for 2022 and beyond, which will be shared with students and families for further collaboration next year.

It is our hope that the College community will see this change not simply as high ambition but as Gordon Brown reminds us - as a matter of priority, liberation and prosperity.

Student voice and advocacy continues to be important to the College. This year our College Captains have assisted by serving as members on new staff selection interviews.

They have informed leadership about College facility improvement priorities, led devotions, assisted with College tours, events and assemblies.

This is the final newsletter for staff member Ms Sarah Hoff-Zweck who has served the College in leadership and with distinction for the past 15 years. On behalf of a grateful College community I thank Sarah for her outstanding leadership and presence at Tatachilla. We will miss her outstanding work ethic, deep empathy for students and authentic love of Christ and the Lutheran Church. We offer Sarah and her family every blessing for the journey ahead.

Finally I extend every blessing to our graduating Year 12 cohort. If Tatachilla Lutheran College has meant that you have both feet securely planted on the ground, then we have failed you. Be daring, be adventurous, dream big and fly – find your forte, your niche, your talent, your place in the world. Live the Gospel. Live it passionately, live it authentically and live it with love. God asks that we live life and live it to the fullest as we read in John 10:10.

In conclusion may God continue to bless this community with gentleness and grace. May our loving God bless our Year 12 students and all students completing exams and studies whilst preparing for life beyond the College gates.

**Mr Noel Mifsud**  
PRINCIPAL



# from the **PRINCIPAL**

## **STUDENT LEADERS 2022**

Congratulations to **Grace Johnson** and **Tom Terry** our 2022 College Captains, **Sophia McDonald** and **Lachlan Pfeiffer**, Junior School Captains, and all Student Leaders listed below. The Prophet Micah 6:8 in Scriptures, provides the following challenge to our leaders:

*To act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God*  
(by serving all in our community especially our youngest, loneliest, quietest and most vulnerable students among us).

I look forward to serving with you in 2022.

### **COLLEGE CAPTAINS**

- **Tom Terry**
- **Grace Johnson**

### **DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAINS**

- **AJ Krause**
- **Jade Harrison**
- **Cameron Craik**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

- **Henry Pritchard**
- **Jakayla Loza**

### **DEPUTY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

- **Meg Thomas**
- **Kate Walsh**
- **Riley Newbold**

### **JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

- **Sophia McDonald**
- **Lachlan Pfeiffer**



2022 College Captains Grace and Tom

## **EMERALD HOUSE CAPTAINS**

### **Junior School**

- **Elouise Kendrick**
- **Lachlan Rouvray**

### **Middle School**

- **Claire Oddie**
- **Jack Broadstock**

### **Senior School**

- **Alex Brunton**
- **Kimberley Rowe**

## **RUBY HOUSE CAPTAINS**

### **Junior School**

- **Macklin Baldock**
- **Bella Schutz**

### **Middle School**

- **Georgia Ellis**
- **Calais Macrow**

### **Senior School**

- **Zoe Krogoll**
- **Tamzyn Heubner**

## **SAPPHIRE HOUSE CAPTAINS**

### **Junior School**

- **Max Tressider**
- **Amber Turner**

### **Middle School**

- **Nicola Hollit**
- **Ella Carruthers**
- **Evie Simmons-Sinclair**

### **Senior School**

- **Lily Rees**

## **TOPAZ HOUSE CAPTAINS**

### **Junior School**

- **Milly McCool**
- **Ben Shaw**

### **Middle School**

- **Josiah Mitchell**
- **Danielle Botha**

### **Senior School**

- **Lauren Dibell**
- **Josh Swayne**

## college staff **NEWS**



Hello, my name is Steed Carter and I am the new First Nations Support Officer. I am a first nations man of Ngarrindjeri descent and a College Old Scholar from the Class of 2020.

I was undertaking a Bachelor of Science Psychology at ANU when I was offered a role here at Tatachilla. This excited me because it lined up with my

interests of working with the youth and supporting them in their development of self-identity.

I have been told that I am an approachable person and am great at communicating. I've always enjoyed talking to people from every age group and background and I believe this life experience will lend itself to my role at the College.

I spent five years as a student here and loved my time here. I am excited to call Tatachilla my workplace and the staff here my peers.

**Mr Steed Carter**  
FIRST NATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER



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## from the head of **JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Term 4 tends to rush past us and we have to run to keep up with it.

I don't imagine it will be any different this year. Keeping the Junior School busy this term will be:

- Reception aquatics lessons this week.
- Our new Reception students for 2022 have three Orientation Visits starting in Week 4.
- End of semester report writing which is a big job for the teachers which they have begun already.
- Class lists need to be drawn up, which is another task that requires a lot of careful thought from the teachers.
- Preparations for the new Year 6 class are underway, with planning to furnish and paint the current Year 5 classrooms over the Christmas break. We will have a transition day for the new Year 6 students later in the term.
- The Junior School has a Fun Day in Week 8, along with the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and dinner. We enjoy reflecting on and celebrating the year past with familiar rituals and a bit of fun.
- Our regular Junior School assemblies are in Week 4 and 6, with our Final Assembly with the year-in-review and student farewells on Thursday in Week 8
- Junior School Chapels are in Week 3 by the Year 5s, Week 4 led by the Ministry Team and Week 7 is the Reception Christmas play presentation.

I hope parents will be able to attend many of these events in a COVID-safe environment. Details will be released as each event is planned.

**Mr John Dow**  
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



### **R-11 CASUAL DAY**

Wednesday 3 November

### **COLLEGE TWILIGHT TOUR**

Tuesday 26 October, 6:00pm



from the head of  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**TAKE TIME TO REFLECT**

As I come to write my final Newsletter article, it is with much joy that I reflect upon the many stories of growth, change and transformation that I have seen in our young people over the last 15 years. It has been a privilege to lead the transition of young adolescents through the foundation years of their secondary education.

There is so much I am proud of in what we have achieved with the Middle School staff over the last 15 years. As a staff we get to know student strengths, passions, and skills and find ways for them to pursue their personal excellence. We find ways for their voices to be heard and help them take meaningful action in their lives. We create the beginnings of an enriching pathway for our young people into their senior years.

I have been inspired over the years when I see our young people pursuing their passions in making a difference in their world, particularly through the Specialness Project in Year 9. I have loved the Specialness Project transformation from when I first began at Tatachilla. I had come from Concordia College and knew the IB personal project and community service program well. When I saw the Specialness Project and what our students were doing, I knew we had the opportunity to craft this into an authentic rite of passage project. I can remember stepping into Year 9 classrooms and seeing the students' projects that they shared with their classmates and thought that the whole community needed to see it! This is how the Specialness Exhibitions with parents and special friends began in humble beginnings in the Performing Arts rooms to the Drama Studio to the Activity Centre and then to the Gym. These exhibitions over the last 14 years have been a beautiful showcase to the community of our young people flourishing.

When new staff first come to Tatachilla they say there is something special about this place, but they can't put their finger on it. Over the years I start to see them understand a Lutheran way of living, particularly about where grace abounds. They start to experience that grace comes to us in the brokenness of our lives and this is where we experience God's unconditional love for us. You know when the grace of God has touched your life as you meet one of God's angels on this earth in human form. A transformation happens here through God's gift to people of wonder and growth, and it inspires us to serve and respond to the needs of others. This is what servant leadership means.

May you find time with your teenager this term to reflect upon the gift of servant leaders in their lives through the educators they have had in 2021. Take time to talk about feedback they have been provided with, to help them set goals to finish 2021 with a sense of fulfillment and growth.

I continue to be inspired by our brothers and sisters in Christ, when I see them living their life through their passions as they find their purpose. Something changes within us, and our world becomes a brighter and richer place for seeing ourselves and others in this way. This continues to be my prayer for the young people of Tatachilla Lutheran College, that they too find their God given purpose through using their talents and gifts in service to others.



# from the head of **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **TERM 4 MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS & DATES**

- **Year 7 2022 Transition Morning**

Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 November

On Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 November (Week 6) all Year 7 2022 students will spend some time meeting their Home Class Teacher for 2022 and come together to meet new people in their class and form new friendships. This is an important morning for the new students to Tatchilla in becoming familiar with the environment. Parents will be informed which morning their child is to attend closer to the date. New families to the College will need to complete a COVID-19 form for their child at drop off at the Main Reception building at the front of the College.

- **Year 9 Ritual and Celebration Dinner**

Tuesday 30 November

Parents are invited to the Year 9 Graduation Ritual in a Year 7-9 Chapel from 8:55am-10:00am on Tuesday 30 November (Week 8). This event will be held in the College's Gym. There will be an opportunity for parents to have photos with their son or daughter outside the Gym after the Chapel finishes. Please note that due to our COVID-19 plan only two family members can attend this event and bookings will need to be made prior to the event. In the evening a Celebration Dinner will occur for students. More details will come home via students over the next coming weeks.

- **Middle School Principal Awards**

Tuesday 30 November

On Tuesday 30 November (Week 8) the Middle School Principal Awards will be presented in the Year 7-9 Chapel from 8:55am-10:00am in the College's Gym. Parents of those students receiving awards will be invited prior to the event, with bookings required due to our COVID-19 plan.

- **Middle School Transition Morning**

Thursday 2 December

On Thursday 2 December (Week 8) all current Year 7, 8 and 9 students will spend some time meeting their Home Class Teacher for 2022 and come together to meet new people in their class and form new friendships. This is an important morning for the new students to Tatchilla in becoming familiar with the environment before next year as we will have new students in Years 8, 9 and 10.

- **Middle School Final Fun Day**

Friday 3 December

On the last day (Friday 3 December, Week 8) of school an R-10 Final Assembly will be held in the morning and then students will engage in a series of fun activities in Year Level and Home Class groups with their teachers to celebrate the end of the year. Student reports will be available on SEQTA after 3:00pm on this day.

We do encourage you to record these events and dates on your personal calendars at home. We look forward to these events and experiences that celebrates the year that has been in the Middle School and gives us all the opportunity to finish the year with joy and hope.

Every blessing for Term 4,

**Ms Sarah Hoff-Zweck**

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

## **TATACHILLA ARMY CADETS**

### **425 ARMY CADET UNIT FIRST AFX21 COMMENDATION**

CDCPL Grice won a commendation at Australian Field Exercise Wewak which ran from 24 September to 2 October, for exceeding the AAC's Code of Conduct in terms of integrity and empathy towards another cadet.

This is Tatchilla's first Commendation for Cadets. Congratulations to **Ashton Grice** for this wonderful achievement.

**Ms Susann Phair**

425 ARMY CADET UNIT



# from the MIDDLE SCHOOL

## YEAR 9 CAMP

The experiences on Year 9 Camp were a lot of fun and a great way to end Term 3.

We did many different things on camp, all of which showed us different perspectives on life and how we can serve others, including Walk My Way in the Onkaparinga Gorge, assisting the Forktree Project (a property being rewilded to its natural state in Myponga) and hearing about the work of Orange Sky Laundry who work with people experiencing homelessness.

We also did other activities that pushed us out of our comfort zone. These included rock climbing in the Onkaparinga National Park and the West Beach Adventure Climb. We also toured the Adelaide Oval and historic Gaol which were both very interesting. All in all, Year 9 Camp was a brilliant week where memories were made and growth occurred.

**Oliva Nicol**  
YEAR 9 STUDENT



# from the **SENIOR SCHOOL**

## **SEEKING WORK PLACEMENTS FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

As part of the Year 10 PLP curriculum, students participate in work experience. This is an opportunity for students to have a 'taste' of what they might be considering for a career pathway. For students looking at a VET course in 2022 or 2023, their work experience will count as evidence of their pathway.

I am reaching out to the Tatchilla community for anyone who might be willing to have a Year 10 student for four days in the last week of Term 4, Monday 29 November to Thursday 2 December. If you can assist, please contact me at: [linda.wright@tatachilla.sa.edu.au](mailto:linda.wright@tatachilla.sa.edu.au)

**Ms Linda Wright**  
CAREER DEVELOPMENT & VET COORDINATOR

# tatachilla **OLD SCHOLARS**

## **CLASS OF 2001 - 20 YEAR OLD SCHOLARS REUNION**

We were thrilled to welcome back our Class of 2001 on Saturday 9 October for their 20 Year Old Scholars Reunion.

The Old Scholars enjoyed gathering as a cohort again, touring the College to see what had changed, and what they still recognised, as well as opening up a Time Capsule of items they had put together before they left Year 12! Thank you to all those who attended, including teachers from 2001, it was wonderful to welcome you back.

If you have any Old Scholar news or queries, or would like to stay connected to Tatchilla news and events, please click here: <https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/com.../old-scholars/connect> or contact Sally Moran at: [sally.moran@tatachilla.sa.edu.au](mailto:sally.moran@tatachilla.sa.edu.au)

**Ms Sally Moran**  
OLD SCHOLARS COORDINATOR



# from the **ECO & FIRST NATIONS TEAM**

## **FOOD GARDEN TRANSFORMATION**

Over the last couple of terms students across Years 6-10 have accomplished fantastic work with the EcoTeam to revitalise and refresh our food garden. The before and after photos below show new mulch, beds weeded and composted, new irrigation, and some summer seedlings.

The next stage is to revive the orchard and chicken zones ready for new chickens next year.



## **YOUTH ENVIRONMENT LEADERS EXCURSION**

The Year 6 Youth Environment Leaders (YELs) visited Southern Vales Christian College at the end of Term 3. While there they took a tour of the school, participated in a Kaurna art workshop and shared how their project was going - making beeswax wraps. The students got some great ideas for our College and are excited to finish their project and sell their beeswax wraps this term - more info to come soon!

## **8 TOP TIPS ON HOW TO REDUCE YOUR PLASTIC FOOTPRINT**

1. Refuse single use plastics as much as possible.
2. Refuse the plastic lid on your disposable coffee cups at cafes.
3. Replace disposable coffee cups with travel mugs and glass bottles.
4. Invest in a good drink bottle to avoid single-use plastic water bottles.
5. Avoid cosmetic products with microplastics or microbeads.
6. Return soft plastics to collection points in some supermarkets (RedCycle).
7. Ditch the cling wrap and substitute with beeswax wraps or a reusable container instead.
8. Use good cloth bags for vegetables and loose items at supermarkets and grocery stores. Always remember to bring your own bags when shopping.

**Ms Dani Austin**  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR



# from the SPORTS FIELDS

## SAPSASA NETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to our Year 6 and Year 7 SAPSASA Netball Teams who both represented Tatchilla with great pride and spirit in the State Championships at Priceline Stadium on the Thursday 23 September. Both teams were successful on the day, achieving 5th in the State for their year levels! Congratulations!

### Year 6 results:

The girls put in a solid effort to finish 5th in the State, narrowly missing out on a Grand Final play off by a ladder deficit of 3%! They won two out of three of their games, defeating Woodend 19-15 and Magill 17-10. They were defeated by St Francis de Sales 26-19.

Thank you to our assistant coaches **Abby Stock** and **Jorja Fleming** who have been a tremendous source of support and assistance to the team.

We also thank **Delilah Gregory** for umpiring and the many parents who came out to cheer us on at the games and help score.

The girls really grew as a team over the SAPSASA knock out season and showed both dedication and excellent teamwork.

**Ms Lindee Hopkins**  
COACH



### Year 7 results:

This year our netballers worked hard to play well as a team with a high level of skill. They trained on Tuesday mornings (along with the Year 6s) before school for the most of Term 3, and this showed in their efforts on the court at the State Championship. They should feel very proud of achieving 5th in the State for 2021.

At the Championship our team was placed in a very skilled Pool A, (against the two teams who ended up playing off in the Grand Final). Eastern Fleurieu defeating Tatchilla 16 – 10, and Immanuel defeating Tatchilla 20 – 16. Unfortunately this meant we were unable to play off for 3rd/4th place, with the way that the rounds were set up. But a win against Loretto: 36 – 13, placed us 5th in the State!

Thank you to the Year 10 assistant coaches – **Amber Ellis** and **Isabella Kolencik**, who have provided great support, advice, leadership and positive mentoring to the up and coming netballers of our school. Thank you to the umpires. Thanks also to the parents for helping with transport, getting netballers to trainings, scoring and for supporting us throughout the season. We can't wait for season 2022!

**Mrs Tracy McAvaney**  
COACH



calendar  
**DATES**



**Term 4 Week 3**

**Monday 25 - Friday 29 October**

Yr 12 Study Week

**Tuesday 26 October**

College Twilight Tour, 6:00pm

Year 10 Mock Trials

**Wednesday 27 October**

Yrs 7-11 Assembly, 2:00pm

Yrs 7-11 Wellbeing 2:40pm

**Thursday 28 October**

JS Chapel, 8:55am

Yr 12 Art Exhibition, 6:00pm

**Term 4 Week 4**

**Monday 1 November**

Reception 2022 - Transition Visit 1

**Monday 1 - Thursday 4 November**

Excursion: Montessori Sports Day

**Monday 1 - Friday 5 November**

Yr 12 SACE Examinations

**Wednesday 3 November**

R-11 Casual Day

Yrs 7-11 Chapel, 2:00pm

Yrs 7-11 Yr Level Meetings, 2:40pm

JS Assembly, 2:40pm

**Thursday 4 November**

JS Chapel, 8:55am

**Sunday 7 November**

2021 Music Showcase Concert

**Term 4 Week 5**

**Monday 8 November**

Reception 2022 - Transition Visit 2

**Monday 8 - Thursday 11 November**

Yr 7 Camp

**Monday 8 - Friday 12 November**

Yr 12 SACE Examinations

**Tuesday 9 November**

Excursion: Yr 6 Youth Environment

Forum

**Wednesday 10 November**

R-11 Leadership Assembly, 2:00pm

Yrs 7-11 Yr Level Meetings, 2:40pm

JS Instrumental Evening

**Thursday 11 November**

Remembrance Day Ceremony,

11:00am



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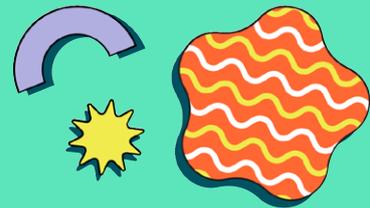
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## Newsletter



### A message from your Coordinator

Hi everyone! I hope all my OSHC Families/children had a wonderful break, and are raring to go with Term 4. I managed to have the second week of the holidays off, and thoroughly enjoyed chilling, relaxing and taking it easy.

We are going to carry on with our Yoga/Wellbeing/Relaxation sessions this term, as well as adding to our SUMMERTIME Theme, which the children were very enthused about at the end of Term 3 and we have already made a start.

We will also be concentrating on our Group Activities: Music & Dance, games and discussions.

Please call in and see Natasha and myself for any OSHC information you require: all brochures and pamphlets are available in the OSHC Room, and you can also go online for all your Camp Australia needs.

Term 4 is a short one, but it will be packed with heaps of activities taking us through to the end on Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Take care and stay safe, Lin and Natasha

### Activities coming up

- Summertime Theme
- Yoga/Wellbeing/Relaxation Sessions
- Group Activities, Games and Discussions

### What's on the menu

Toasted Cheese Pita Bread

Muffins with Jams and Vegemite

- Sakatatas, Salsa and cheese cubes

### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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