



# Tatachilla news



Term 4 Week 8 | Thursday 5 December 2024

## House on fire! 2025 House captains announced



Emerald House captains with Tommy Scott, Emerald House Coordinator



Ruby House captains with Courtney Orrin, Ruby House Coordinator



Sapphire House captains with Scott Wendelborn, R-12 Lead House Coordinator



Topaz House captains with Darren Vile, Topaz House Coordinator

**Tatachilla has always had a proud House system that facilitates a strong sense of belonging between students and helps them develop important skills in collaboration and leadership.**

In 2025 our vibrant House life will be championed by 16 new House captains, whose role it will be to elevate House spirit, facilitate fun and friendly competition between the Houses and support student participation across all House events.

House captains are vital to college culture and that all-important feeling of being part of a close-knit community that is striving towards a shared goal.

The college is delighted to announce the appointment of the following House captains who will lead House culture in Tatachilla's 30th year:

### Emerald

**Zara Lucas** (junior years)

**Zachary Rouvray** (junior years)

**Summer Thomas** (senior years) - *absent from photo*

**Fletcher Raymond** (senior years)

R-12 Emerald House Coordinator: **Tommy Scott**

### Ruby

**Liam Flewellyn-Odena** (junior years)

**Izi Szollosi** (junior years)

**Savannah Polvere** (senior years)

**Emmerson Bache** (senior years)

R-12 Ruby House Coordinator: **Courtney Orrin**



## Sapphire

**Sophia Sferruzzi** (junior years)

**Hudson Jones** (junior years)

**Nicola Hollitt** (senior years)

**Isabella McAvaney** (senior years)

R-12 Sapphire House Coordinator: Alicia Watt

(Alicia Watt absent from photo, Lead House Coordinator Scott Wendelborn pictured).

## Topaz

**Mila Mansell** (junior years)

**Harry Byrne** (junior years)

**Wujdan Hadchiti** (senior years)

**Quinn Garwood** (senior years)

R-12 Topaz House Coordinator: Darren Vile

The college is also grateful to those staff members who have stepped into the role of R-12 House Coordinator for 2025, including our lead House Coordinator Scott Wendelborn, and for their contribution to House leadership and legacy.

House Coordinators play a critical role in turning House events into meaningful cultural experiences for students and coordinating key House activities, including (but not limited to) charity events, Book Week celebrations, the college 'Battle of the Bands' competition, food and sideshow stalls at the Twilight Food Affair, sports days and the whole-of-school cross-country event.

We are poised for an incredible year of House spirit in 2025!

# Premier's Reading Challenge

At last week's assembly, students in the junior years proudly wore their medals to celebrate their achievements in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

This year was unique as it was the twentieth year of the challenge, which aims to inspire students to read more books and develop a love for reading.

The challenge calls for participants to read twelve books from the start of the school year until September, and our students were encouraged to try a different genre to broaden their literary repertoire.

Congratulations to all students who achieved this goal.

**Marlise Gersch, Sue Lobban, Cherie Nelson**  
LIBRARY TEAM



Junior years students with their Premier Reading Challenge medals





# Students show community spirit at Montessori Sport Week

**Monday 18 - Thursday 21 November 2024**

**During Week 6 our student leaders visited Montessori Children's Centre in McLaren Vale supporting the running of their sports week.**

Student leaders in Years 8-11 along with our Year 9 Advanced Athlete Development Program (AADP) students attended Montessori to help out with a variety of activities such as ball sports, obstacle courses, bike races and medal making.

Each year the college supports the Montessori sports week providing enthusiastic student support, and in turn, providing our student leaders with an opportunity to develop their skills in leadership and role-modelling with a focus on community.

The students thoroughly enjoyed being a part of such a special week, which included demonstrating how to participate in tunnel ball and a water relay. The Montessori students loved having our leaders there and made lots of connections with them.

Well done to the following student leaders and AADP students for being such great role models and for their contributions to our local community:

**Year 11:**

**Maddie Greer, Savannah Polvere**

**Year 10:**

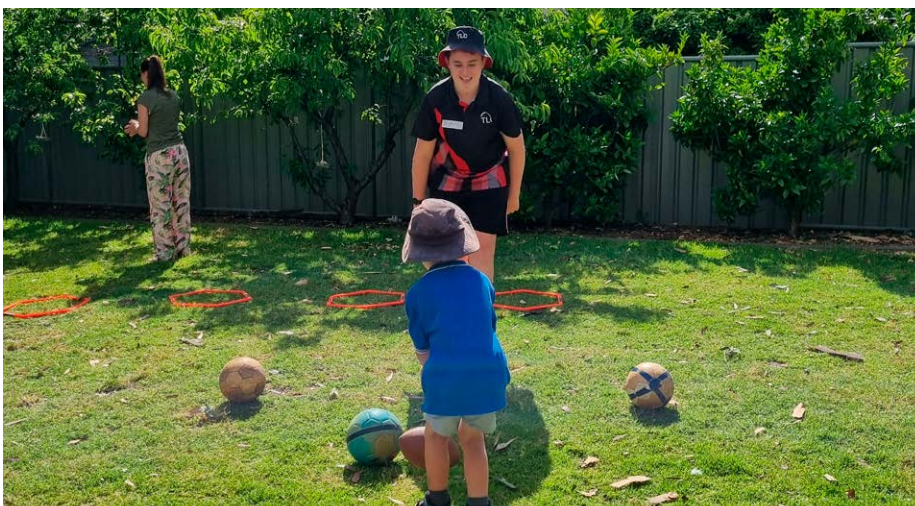
**Jade Ellis, Rhett Read**

**Year 9:**

**Mylie Anderson, Maya Barry, Cerys Llewelyn-Jones, Clara Millin, Caleb Mitchell, Grace McDonald, Daniel Oddie, Oscar Pritchard, Callum Robertson, William Short, Kezia Thiel, Oscar Thompson, Jayden Watson, Nara Weber, Lilliana Williams**

**Year 8:**

**Brennan Carter, Georgie Costello, Nicholas Munzberg, Ella Tresidder, Max Tresidder**



Student leaders helping at Montessori Sports Week



# Animals Anonymous visit Year 11 Biology class

During Week 5, our Year 11 biology students had a hands-on learning experience led by 'Animals Anonymous'. The incursion complemented their studies on ecology, classification, biodiversity and adaptations.

The incursion featured a range of native animals, including feathery, scaly and fluffy species, where students had a unique opportunity to observe and handle the animals up close.

Animals included pythons, a small saltwater crocodile, bettongs, tawny frogmouths and a squirrel glider. The squirrel glider, with its remarkable ability to glide using skin membranes between its limbs, was a standout.

Students learned that the glider is endangered in South Australia, with habitat loss and predation by feral cats being the major threats to this species. Conservation efforts, such as breeding colonies, are supported by the Animals Anonymous team, who play a crucial role in these initiatives.

Through these interactive encounters, students gained a deeper understanding of the animals' unique adaptations and the importance of protecting Australia's biodiversity, inspiring future conservation efforts.

**Kristy Simpson**  
SCIENCE LEARNING LEADER



Year 11 students experiencing native wildlife as part of their Biology unit

# Wellbeing: Listening to your kids when they are experiencing distress

Wesley Mission Queensland has been researching mental health in young people, in particular, young people under twelve years-old who experience distress. Interestingly, 50% of all mental health conditions start before the age of fourteen.

Nobody likes to think about a child in distress, but for many children, these feelings are all too common. Wesley Mission interviewed a lot of children and then developed a social media campaign aimed at raising awareness in parents.

*Listen. Just listen.* aims to raise awareness of this issue, help reduce the risk of mental health issues later in life, and provide parents and caregivers with simple tools to support children experiencing mental distress.

Wesley Mission asked children and young people what advice they would give parents and caregivers facing this issue and their answers were simple:

- **Just listen; you don't need to fix it**

It is ok not to have all the answers! Sitting with children in distress and tolerating the discomfort together, can reassure children that they are safe and are capable of making it through the distress.

- **Ask questions unconditionally**

Stop, listen and focus on how your child responds. Even if it takes more attention or time than you anticipated, it's so important to make sure your child feels heard. Even a small question like "how was your day?" or "how are you feeling?" can open up a conversation. It's not enough to just ask the question, you have to show that you really care about the answer.

- **Don't stop trying**

It can be so hard for parents to see their child in distress but by just being there for them you really are making a difference.

What children really want in moments of distress are:

- **your undivided attention**
- **validation that the problem is real**
- **to be heard**

For more information regarding this important topic, please visit:

<https://www.wmq.org.au/mental-health/child-youth-mental-health/just-listen#feedback>

Learn the signs and listen!

Our counselling team, Sue, Mike and Misty are available to support students and families.

To contact Sue or Mike in the counselling team, please reach out via email.

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**Sue Chapman** and **Mike Ebert**

COLLEGE COUNSELLORS



## Blended families

Parenting SA provide a variety of guides covering different topics. The latest guide focusses on blended families and provides some useful advice on the challenges this can present. For further information, follow the link to the pdf guide below:

<https://parenting.sa.gov.au/pegs/PEG43-Blended-families.pdf>

To search their library of parent guides, follow the link below to the Parenting SA website:

<https://parenting.sa.gov.au/easy-guides>





# Sports news

## Year 7/8 statewide schools tennis

This year Tatachilla participated in the Year 7/8 statewide schools tennis competition. The boys' team consisted of **Joel Foody, Riley Fuss, George Pritchard** and **Brennan Carter**, and the girls' team consisted of **Claire Painter, Sophie Hrstich, Rachael Cox, Isabella Garcia** and **Annabelle Hockey**.

In the first round we had to fight it out at the Happy Valley Tennis Club with schools such as Unley High School, Sacred Heart College and Aberfoyle Park High School. There was tough competition from Unley, but we won most of our games and ended up moving on to the next round.

The finals were played on Wednesday 27 November at Tennis World, Millswood. The boys team achieved a tie with Brighton to come equal 3rd in the state. The girls team played well too, coming 4th in the state. Despite the challenging weather conditions with pouring rain and the tough competition, Tatachilla achieved a great result.

Thank you to our coach Michelle White and support from staff member Amelia Painter.

**Brennan Carter**  
YEAR 8 STUDENT



Year 7/8 tennis teams

## SAPSASA tennis competition

Our SAPSASA boys' and girls' tennis teams played against Morphett Vale Primary School, Reynella Primary School and Saint Martin de Porres School, at Seacliff Tennis Club on Tuesday 19 November.

While the students had a successful day, playing lots of tennis and making new connections with students from other schools, our success story for the day was showing compassion and kindness to others. Our students shone their light on others who were learning the game of tennis; they helped to teach them how to score, learn the rules of the game, offered encouragement and played fairly. It was a proud feeling to have many adults at the venue comment about their kindness, sportsmanship and encouragement.

Congratulations to both teams for competitive games and especially to the boys who progress to the state final.

**Team list:** Keira Tucker, Abigail Adams, Macy Williams, Emma Kenner, Flynn Orrock, Finn Ellis, Oscar Simmonds-Sinclair, Flynn Newbold (Year 6 students).

**Tracy McAvaney**  
TENNIS COACH



SAPSASA tennis teams



# Sports news

## Year 7/8 statewide schools cricket

After two convincing wins, the Tatachilla Year 7/8 cricket team took to the field against Adelaide Botanic High School with the winner guaranteed to progress to the state grand final.

Tatachilla secured the win and the team progressed into the grand final against Nuriootpa.

Nuriootpa went on to win the tournament, leaving Tatachilla with their first ever 2nd place in Year 7/8 cricket history.

The team can be incredibly proud of the spirit with which they played across the four rounds. The future of cricket at Tatachilla looks strong!

### Team list:

**Year 8 students:** Max Tresidder, Macklin Baldock, Bejay Thomas, Rhys Jones, Wil Upitis, Nicholas Munzberg, Tori Young, Riley Davenport, Jake Ayres

**Year 7 students:** Oscar Hays, Patrick Cameron, Noah Mortimer

**Year 9 coaches:** Hayden Pitcher, Kian Labuschagne, Caleb Mitchell

**Coach:** Dan Krieg

**Staff support:** Cody Needham and Jimmy Grant

### Max Tresidder

YEAR 8 STUDENT AND CRICKET CAPTAIN



Year 7/8 cricket team

## Individual achievements

Congratulations to **Flynn Orrock**, **Finn Ellis** and **Sophie Smith** (Year 6 students) who represented Onkaparinga South in the Tennis SAPSASA state finals, which spanned three days. Flynn won nine out of ten matches, only losing a doubles match. Finn won six out of ten matches.

All three students played with enormous spirit and cool heads as the temperature soared! They came up against some tough opposition from metro and regional areas but were able to keep calm and play an outstanding level of tennis.



Finn Ellis and Flynn Orrock

# Calendar dates

## Term 4 Week 9

### Monday 9 December

Junior years' Activity Day  
Year 6 Big Day Out  
2025 Year 8, 9, 10 Transition Day

### Tuesday 10 December

Years 7, 8, 9 Activity Day  
R-9 Christmas final chapel service, 2:00pm  
**Final day of school, 3:20pm finish**

## College office opening hours

### Thursday 19 December 2024

College office closes, 4:00pm

### Monday 13 January 2025

College office re-opens, 8:30am

## Term 1 Week 1 2025

### Tuesday 28 January 2025

All students return to school  
R-9 orientation programs  
Years 10-12 classes begin  
Tea and Tears event, 2025 Reception families,  
9:15am, gymnasium verandah

**TERM DATES >**

<https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/news/term-dates>

**COLLEGE CALENDAR >**

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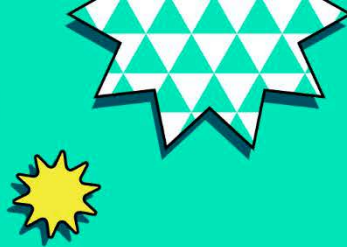


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3/12/2024

**Tatachilla Lutheran College**

**Your OSHC.**



Term 4 is rapidly drawing to a close. This Week 8 is all things Christmas: decorations, natural stick and twine Christmas trees and wreaths, colouring in sheets, letters to Father Christmas, cards and so much more. Next week we will continue with our Christmas theme, with Wednesday Dec 11th bringing on our Rocketeers Holiday Programme. Make sure you go online, look through the activities on offer and book your child/ren in. Wishing all our Families a happy and safe Christmas and here's to 2025 being better in every way for all of us. Take care Lin Service Leader

- Week 8: all about Christmas
- Week 9: from Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, Rocketeers Holiday Programme commences
- Go online and book in for our Rocketeers programme



**KINDNESS  
matters.**

## Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

## Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

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.





# Community notices

JOIN IN THE FUN WITH OUR  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**SECURE YOUR SPOT!**

Victor Harbor, Ages 5-10  
Thurs 19 & Fri 20 Dec 2024  
09:30am-12:00pm

SCAN TO REGISTER

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**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**SECURE YOUR SPOT!**

McLaren Vale  
McLaren Vale Oval  
Thurs 16th Jan & Fri 17th Jan 2025  
9:30am - 12:00pm

Scan to Register

NOARLUNGA FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTS  
2025 FOOTBALL

CALLING FUTURE FOOTBALL STARS

**UNLEASH YOUR SKILLS NEXT WINTER**

Merry Christmas

SCAN ME

**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME**

<p><b>Male Division</b></p> <p>Mini's: Aged 7 - 11 Junior: Aged 12 - 17.5 Senior: Aged 17.5+</p>	<p><b>Female Division</b></p> <p>Mini's: Aged 7 - 11 Junior: Aged U14 &amp; U17 Senior: Aged 17+</p>	<p><b>Mixed Little Shoes</b></p> <p>Little Shoes: Aged 2 - 5 Auskick: Aged 5 - 8</p>
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Find us on Noarlunga Football Club

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Fill out our Expression of Interest form for more information.

**SUMMER HOCKEY**

Friday Nights

1st Nov - 6th Dec	Season playing cost
7th Feb - 14th Mar	Under 9 - \$15 per player
7 a side, mixed teams	Under 13 - \$30 per player
Prizes for players and umpires	Senior competition - \$40 per player
	Family Package - \$80

Contact Jacqui - 0419 831 549

Team registrations close 18th October

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PORT ROAD, ALDINGA