

Issue: term 3, week 10

Important Dates

Eco Rangers session, EcoSanctuary, 3:30pm

Thursday 25 September

Last day of Term 3

Friday 26 September

First day of Term 4

Monday 13 October

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Animals

Venue: Tatchilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Friday 26 September

Time: 8:50am

College tour (junior years and middle/senior years)

Venue: Tatchilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Tuesday 28 October

Time: 6:00pm

Tatchilla Music Showcase

Venue: Tatchilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Thursday 30 October

Time: 7:00pm - 8:20pm

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23 September 2025

Captains inspired at Government House



College captains **Travis Robinson-Prince** and **Jakayla Loza** have had the honour of attending a special reception at Government House, hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia.

This rare opportunity offered our captains a close look at the significance of civic leadership and the vital role that Government House plays in the life of our state.

Travis and Jakayla were warmly welcomed by Her Excellency and her staff, who shared fascinating insights into the responsibilities of the Governor's office and encouraged young people to engage in leadership and service.

The reception brought together student leaders from across South Australia, providing a platform to share ideas, discuss challenges and celebrate the positive impact of young leaders in their schools and communities.

"It was such a privilege to see Her Excellency again," said Travis. "Her warmth and insight have made a lasting impression on me. We learned how she balances her many roles on the national and international stage and had the chance to exchange ideas with other student leaders about how to make a difference in our school."

Jakayla reflected on the inspiration she drew from the event: “My experience at Government House gave me a deeper appreciation of how my own leadership journey can contribute to my school community but also to society more broadly.”

The captains were also captivated by the historic treasures on display, from portraits of historic influencers to fascinating fossils and photos of Her Excellency with world leaders — reminders of South Australia’s significance in the global arena.

We are grateful to Her Excellency for her generous invitation and for her strong support of student leadership as an essential part of shaping South Australia’s future.

18 September 2025

Year 8 environmentalists make their mark at The Forktree Project



Our Year 8 students have once again rolled up their sleeves and deepened their connection with Tim Jarvis AM and The Forktree Project this term – a partnership that holds special significance for Tatachilla.

In fact, our students were among the very first to be involved in this inspiring rewilding initiative when it began, and we are proud to see the relationship continue to grow.

Over two action-packed days, students joined Tim and his dedicated team of volunteers and staff, including a familiar face, Karen Lawrence (former Tatachilla staff member). A highlight for many was meeting the team’s newest recruit – Finn, a playful nine-month-old puppy who quickly won over the students’ hearts.

The Forktree Project's mission is simple but powerful: to transform a degraded 133-acre former pastoral property on the Fleurieu Peninsula back to thriving native bushland. This involves planting tens of thousands of native trees and shrubs, bringing back wildlife and sequestering tens of thousands of tonnes of carbon. For context, that's enough to offset the yearly carbon footprint of many Australians.

Our students braved wind, rain and patches of sunshine to plant, weed and care for the property, contributing to the long-term goal of restoring this precious piece of land.

Year 8 Flourish Leader Jordan Allen reflected on the ongoing connection:

"For me, being involved in taking the first Tatachilla group back in 2020 (our Class of 2023) and returning year after year, I am immensely proud of the relationship we have built with Tim, Liz and the Forktree team. I love hearing the positive feedback from students, often surprising themselves with how much they enjoyed giving back to our planet in this way."

This unique partnership not only allows our students to learn about sustainability in a hands-on way but also empowers them to see the difference they can make in the world.

You can learn more about this inspiring initiative at www.theforktreeproject.com/about-us.

Tatachilla dancers take the stage by storm

On Thursday 12 September, the stage came alive as 120 Tatachilla dancers wowed audiences in our annual Dance Showcase, *Movement Mosaic*.

A snippet of our full photo gallery is below!

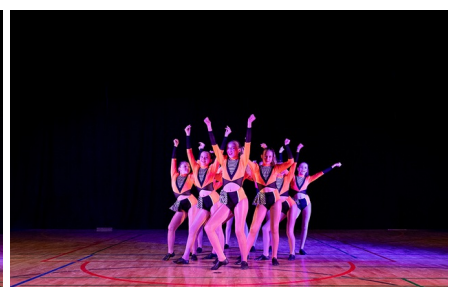
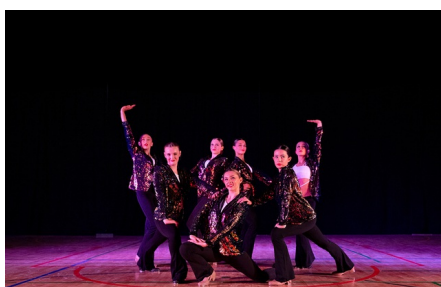
With more than 450 tickets sold across two sold-out performances, our dancers brought energy, emotion and artistry to the stage. From the youngest Year 4 Jazz group through to our SACE Stage 2 Dance students in their final showcase, one thing was clear – Tatachilla is bursting with creative talent.

Across 29 stunning routines spanning contemporary, jazz, tap, hip hop and lyrical genres, students performed in groups, duos, trios and solos, demonstrating both technical skill and expressive storytelling. The showcase confirmed that Tatachilla continues to offer one of the most dynamic dance programs in the state.

A special congratulations goes to our 2025 Dance Award winners:

- Junior years: **Ivy Toohill**
- Middle years: **Hannah Hartwell**
- Senior years: **Hayley Wingrave**

Our dance program remains a vibrant part of college life, nurturing physical strength, coordination, mental wellbeing and creativity. Beyond the stage, our students develop teamwork, confidence, communication skills and cultural awareness, making dance a truly holistic learning experience. We can't wait to see what our Tatachilla dance students have in store for us in 2026.





Kyoto adventures: journey through Japan begins

Nineteen of our intrepid students, accompanied by four adventurous staff members, have touched down safely in Japan — and what an incredible start it has been.

Their first stop was the dazzling Kinkakuji Golden Temple, where the gold-leaf pavilion glistened in the sun, a breathtaking introduction to Kitayama culture. The group then visited the famous Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, where some trekked to the summit through more than 10,000 iconic Torii gates, while others witnessed an exciting Kendo display and explored shrines and markets nearby.

Day 2 ended with a twilight walk through the lantern-lit streets of Gion, leading to the beautiful Kyomizudera Temple. Here, students took part in traditional rituals, including the water purification at the three sacred fountains representing Education, Long Life and Wealth.

On Day 3, students visited the charming Nara Deer Park, where the deer politely bowed to greet them, before visiting the grand Todaiji Temple to see Japan's largest sitting Buddha. The day concluded with a serene stroll through the enchanting Arashiyama Bamboo Forest — the perfect way to reflect on their experiences so far.

The level of camaraderie and cultural immersion shown by our students has so far been remarkable — and the journey has only just begun. We look forward to sharing more updates as this epic Japan adventure continues.



Junior years disco raises \$1,296 for new sports kits



A night of fun and dancing has turned into lasting benefits for students in the junior years, with the recent disco raising an impressive \$1,296.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) consulted with their home class peers and decided to use the disco funds to create individual 'sports kits' for every junior years class.

Each classroom has now received a tub filled with a range of equipment, including a basketball, soccer ball, tennis ball, soft/play ball, football, skipping rope, flying ring, cones and handballs. These new kits will support active play, teamwork and healthy lifestyles for all junior years students.

We sincerely thank our families for supporting the disco and helping make these valuable additions possible.

Success at Cross Country Nationals



Two Tatachilla students have showcased their talent on the national stage, competing at the Cross Country Nationals on the Gold Coast earlier this month.

Congratulations to **Shay Barker** (Year 8) and **Hugh Chivers** (Year 5) who proudly represented South Australia at the Cross Country Nationals, held on the Gold Coast from 7–10 September.

Results:

Shay achieved outstanding success, taking 1st place in the multi-class 1km time trial and bringing home a gold medal. Hugh also performed strongly, placing 24th in the 11-year-old category against a highly competitive field.

We are extremely proud of both students for their hard work, dedication and achievements at a national level.

Football SA school holiday soccer clinics



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS



School holiday soccer clinics run by Football SA will be available at various locations for ages 5-8 and 9-16 year olds during the upcoming school holidays.

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