

Issue: term 4, week 2

Important Dates

Year 12 final chapel service and last day of school

Friday 24 October

Remembrance Day service

Tuesday 11 November

Valedictory service, Woodcroft Revival Centre, 6:30pm

Thursday 20 November

Year 6 graduation ceremony and dinner

Tuesday 2 December

Upcoming Events

College tour (junior years and middle/senior years)

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Tuesday 28 October

Music Showcase 2025

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Thursday 30 October

Time: 7:00pm - 8:20pm

Year 12 Visual Art Exhibition 2025

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Friday 31 October

Time: 6:00pm -

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17 October 2025

TATFEST 2025 – A decade high for creativity and storytelling



The spotlight has shone brightly on Year 12 student **Toby White**, whose short film *Three Times of Tanner Shud* has claimed the coveted **Best Film Award** at this year's TATFEST Film Festival. Visually striking and emotionally resonant, Toby's production captivated audiences and judges alike, earning praise for its compelling narrative and technical excellence.

A celebration of student storytelling

Hailed as the best TATFEST in a decade, the 2025 festival showcased the extraordinary talent and creativity of our Year 12 Media students. Eighteen original productions lit up the screen, offering a rich mix of genres — from engaging documentaries, to powerful music videos and thought-provoking short films.

An impressive field of finalists

With such a high standard across the board, the judges faced a formidable challenge in selecting the winners. The top three films — *Shortcuts* (Fionna Brown and Joanne Buckley), *Faceless* (Eliza Hollitt), and *Three Times of Tanner Shud* (Toby White) — demonstrated

exceptional storytelling and production quality.

Expert judging panel

This year's judging panel brought both experience and TATFEST heritage, featuring Mr Tom Taylor (English teacher), Ms Jessica Zotti (English/History teacher), and returning Tatfest legends Benjamin Stidston (2022 dux and past winner), Tom Terry (2022 college captain and past TATFEST winner), and Ash Wynn (2024 TATFEST winner).

Creativity at its peak

The 2025 TATFEST was more than a film showcase — it was a celebration of collaboration, imagination and the art of storytelling. Congratulations to all our Year 12 Media students for an outstanding year of creativity and achievement. Your work continues to inspire and elevate the legacy of TATFEST.

Joyful celebration of all creatures great and small

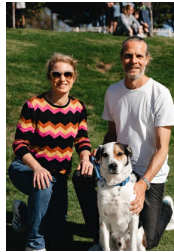
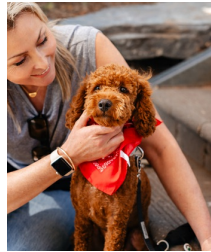
The sun shone brightly on the college oval on the last day of term three as our families, friends and furry (and feathered!) companions gathered for the **2025 Blessing of the Animals** — the biggest celebration of its kind on the Fleurieu Peninsula!

From gleaming geldings to dapper dogs and pampered guinea pigs, the day was filled with joy, gratitude and love for all creatures great and small.

Led beautifully by Pastor André Meyer and Pastor Adam Morris, the service reminded us of Saint Francis of Assisi's message — to live simply, give thanks and marvel at God's creation.

What a wonderful day to celebrate the animals that bring comfort, companionship and happiness into our lives.





Thrilling win sends Year 9/10 girls to basketball state finals



Our Year 9/10 girls' basketball team battled hard against Eastern Fleurieu School (EFAS), securing a thrilling two-point victory to qualify for the state finals at Wayville Basketball Stadium in November.

It was a tightly contested game, with both teams trading leads throughout. Tatachilla started strong before EFAS fought back to even the score. **Grace McDonald, Milly McCool and Isobel Baraiolo** drove the ball confidently down the court, while **Nara Weber** led from both ends, top-scoring with 19 points and providing a rock-solid defence.

In a nail-biting final quarter, the girls held off a late EFAS surge to seal the win and book their place in the finals.

Team:

Year 10: Grace McDonald, Nara Weber, Isabelle Cameron, Abigail Styles

Year 9: Milly McCool, Isobel Baraiolo

Year 8: Alannah Munzberg

Special thanks to assistant coach **Eva Aldridge** (Year 11) and coach **Jenna Fowler** for their support and leadership.

Amazing finish to the soccer season



Tatachilla's soccer teams have wrapped up an outstanding season, showcasing skill, teamwork and determination across every age group.

(Pictured above, our Year 7/8 girls' soccer team, who secured first place in the state!)

Season highlights

- 9/10 boys – 5-a-side: State finalists and zone champions. Drew 3–3 with the eventual state champions and won the third-place playoff.
- 9/10 girls – 5-a-side: State finals competitors and zone champions.
- 5/6 boys – 9-a-side: Finished third in the state after a 3–2 playoff victory.
- 7/8 boys – 11-a-side: State runner-ups. Finished second after a 3–3 grand final draw and a tense penalty shoot-out.
- 7/8 girls – 11-a-side: State champions with a dominant 4–1 grand final win.
- 7/8 girls – 5-a-side: State champions.

Congratulations to every player for representing Tatachilla with passion, sportsmanship and pride. What an amazing finish to the season — well done, everyone!

Impressive run for Tatachilla cricketers



The Year 5/6 Tatachilla cricket team wrapped up an impressive run in this year's competition, showing great skill, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Last week, Tatachilla hosted McLaren Vale Primary School and delivered a dominant performance. After batting steadily to reach 0/73 from 20 overs (Jayden Smith 16 not out), our bowlers were outstanding, dismissing McLaren Vale for just 29. Fletcher Hunt (3 wickets), Jayden Smith (2) and Mitchell Hollitt (2) led the attack.

In Week 2, the team faced St Martin de Porres in challenging, damp conditions. St Martin's set a strong total of 1/134, and despite a solid partnership between Fletcher Hunt (18) and Mitchell Hollitt (7), Tatachilla was bowled out for 77.

A big thank you to Max Tresidder, Macklin Baldock (Year 9) and Hayden Pitcher (Year 10) for assisting with coaching, umpiring and scoring, and to teacher Tommy Scott for coaching the side.

The players can be proud of their efforts and look forward to building on this experience in 2026.

Team:

Year 5: Sebastian James, Fletcher Hunt, Hugh Semmens, Remy England, Archer Duke, Felix Cooter, Mitchell Hollitt, Jacob Boyce

Year 6: Jayden Smith, Harry Byrne, George Archontidis, Ned Owens, Lachlan Moore

Tatachilla students selected for SAPSASA state representation



Congratulations to three talented Tatachilla students who have earned selection to represent the Onkaparinga South District in upcoming SAPSASA state carnivals.

- **Albrecht Du Toit** (Year 5) and **Emma Painter** (Year 6) will compete in the state tennis carnival at Seacliff from Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 November.
- **Kayla Hooper** (Year 5) will represent the district in the girls' AFL state carnival at West Beach, from Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 October.

We wish them all the best for their upcoming state competitions.

Willunga Cricket Club opportunities



Willunga Cricket Blast!!

Starting Sunday October 26th 2025 - 10:00 to 11:00am

\$80 - 8 Week Program @ Willunga Oval

5 to 10 Year old boys and girls

Contact Bredan - 0410 874 598 or

Willungacc@gmail.com



Cricket Blast (Ages 5–10)

Join a fun 8-week 'Cricket Blast' program starting Sunday 26 October 2025, 10:00am–11:00am. Learn cricket skills, make friends and enjoy the game in a safe, supportive environment.

Under 10, 12 and 14 teams

The club is seeking players for the 2025/26 season. All experience levels welcome – come and be part of a great local club!

Contact email: Willungacc@gmail.com

Further details and player registration: [click here](#).

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