

Issue: term 3, week 4

Important Dates

**Eco Rangers session,
EcoSanctuary,
3:30pm**

Thursday 14 August

**Music vocal concert,
activity centre,
4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Friday 15 August

Book Week

Monday 18 August

Book Week dress up day

Wednesday 20 August

**Music ensemble concert,
activity centre,
4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Friday 22 August

Upcoming Events

Junior years' disco

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Father's Day breakfast

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Friday 29
August

Time: 4:00pm -
7:00pm

Date: Wednesday 3
September

Time: 7:30am -
9:00am

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14 August 2025

Celebrating our 30-year journey



Last Wednesday our community came together to celebrate Tatachilla Lutheran College's 30th anniversary with a joyful chapel service filled with reflection, laughter and connection.

We loved reminiscing with Tom Brennen – foundation student and now principal of Cornerstone College – as he shared what life was like as a Tatachilla student in the nineties.

The celebration reached new heights with a whole-of-school game of “keepy uppy”, using giant House-coloured balloons – congratulations to Emerald House for taking out the win!

A special highlight of our morning was the presentation of new red blazers to our college captains, marking a new tradition in recognising student leadership.

From now on, our captains will stand out proudly in red, a symbol of service and inspiration for their peers.

Here's to 30 incredible years of learning, growth and community – and the exciting journey ahead.

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Tatachilla's new pollinator project blooms with community support



The college is thrilled to launch an exciting cross-disciplinary project in the EcoSanctuary that will see students, scientists and artists come together to create a thriving new pollinator habitat.

Funded by a Hills and Fleurieu Grassroots Grant, this new initiative, called *Connecting Plants, Pollinators and People in a Living Classroom*, will engage students in ecological restoration, science communication and cross-disciplinary collaboration.

The college's eco team team will partner with university pollination scientists Dr Elisabeth Williamson and Dr James Dorey to guide students through the design and planting-out of a pollinator garden, building bee hotels and co-creating educational signage and artistic mosaics.

This project will bring together the Biology, Agriculture, Art and Technology departments at the school and culminate in a community event featuring local environmental leaders.

This initiative not only supports the protection of Australian native species but also gives students the chance to contribute to real-world science and environmental stewardship.

Planting is scheduled for June 2026 as part of the annual planting festival.

The Grassroots Grant will help facilitates a rich, cross-disciplinary learning experience that empowers students to become active participants in biodiversity conservation.

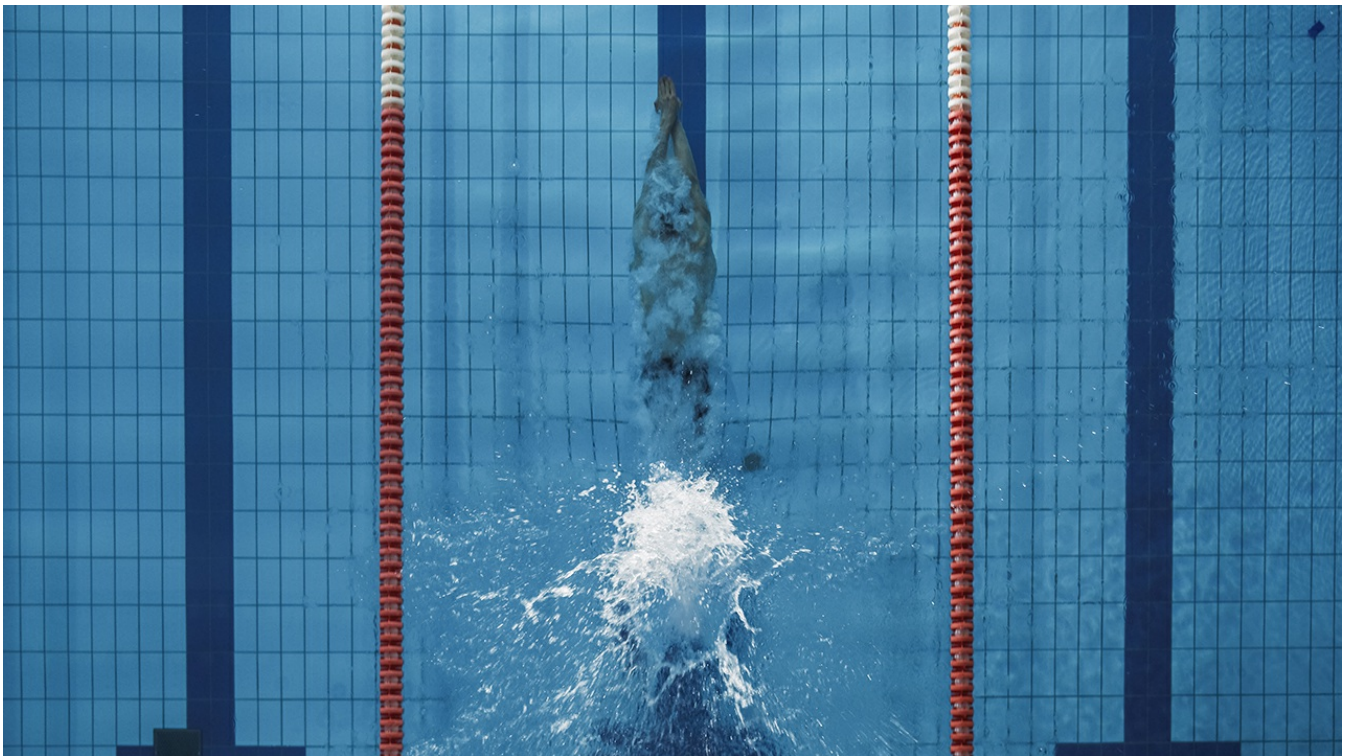
The project will not only enhance the ecological value of the EcoSanctuary and strengthen community connections, but will also provide or students with hands-on opportunities in restoration, science, art and sustainability.

This initiative reflects Tatachilla's commitment to excellence, innovation and care for creation.

Photo: The native *Golden Pea Bee*, which the college hopes to attract to the new pollinator garden. Image supplied by Dr Elisabeth Williamson, pollination researcher.

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Outstanding individual sporting achievements



From the pool to the golf course to the gymnastics floor, our students have shone on state and national stages, achieving outstanding results and earning well-deserved recognition.

Congratulations to **Tom Ainsworth**, (Year 10) who recently competed in the 2025 School Sport Australia Swimming National Championships in Brisbane.

Results:

- Gold medal in the 16 to 19-year-old 200m freestyle multiclass event
- Bronze medal in the 16 to 19-year-old 100m freestyle multiclass event
- Seventh place in both the 50m multiclass freestyle and multiclass butterfly events
- Sixth place in both the 200m and 300m relay.

At the meet, Tom achieved two PBs (personal best times), which is a great reward for the hours of dedication he puts into his training. The college is deeply proud of Tom.

Congratulations to **Charles Jacobs** (Year 6) who recently competed in the two-day SAPSASA 12-years-and-under golf state finals held at Westward Ho Golf Club at West Beach. The short course is a 15-hole course with a par of 50.

Results:

- Bronze medal in the boys' country championship, with a score of 57
 - Tie for 12th place in the boys' state championship, with a score of 59
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Congratulations to Year 5 students **Freya Hickman** and **Grace Shaw**, who have been selected to represent Gymnastics South Australia at the 2025 Bigham Cup in Perth.

The event, taking place at the end of August, will see the girls join a team of 11 athletes from across South Australia.

We wish Freya and Grace the very best as they compete on the national stage.

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Statewide futsal success for Year 9/10 boys



Congratulations to our Year 9/10 boys' futsal team, who have been crowned Statewide School Futsal Champions and since progressed to the State Championships.

Tatachilla delivered a dominant performance throughout their futsal tournament, winning five games and drawing one, with an impressive 23 goals scored and only eight conceded.

The boys claimed victories over Cardijn College and Hallett Cove and delivered strong wins against Reynella East, Aberfoyle Park and Aldinga Payinthe. A tightly contested draw came against Seaford.

The team was led brilliantly by captain Ari Stassinopoulos, who was named 'Player of the Tournament' after netting an incredible 12 goals.

The full squad included: Jamie Holata, Max Hamnett, Zachary Trajanovski, Ari Stassinopoulos, Mitchell Hughes, Aldo Spaumer, Owen Suter and Xavier Lucas.

We wish the boys the best of luck at the upcoming State Championships in Week 9!

30 July 2025

Year 9/10 netballers battle hard in statewide knockout competition



With grit and determination, Tatachilla's Year 9/10 netballers hit the court at Concordia College for Round 2 of the statewide knockout competition on Wednesday 30 July.

In a competitive and fast-paced match, the girls worked tirelessly and supported one another on court, facing a calm, well-drilled and skilful opposition. Despite their strong effort and teamwork, Tatachilla went down 60–46.

Congratulations to all players — Maelin Lock, Kayla Paterson, Grace McDonald, Grace McAvaney, Phoebe Robinson, Chari Foody, Nara Webber, Isabelle Cameron, Kirra True, and Evie Orrock — for representing the college with commendable skill and spirit.

8 August 2025

Year 9 students triumph at Japanese Quiz Day



Our Year 9 Japanese students put their skills — and their courage — to the test last Friday, taking on schools from across South Australia at the high-energy Japanese Quiz Day in Adelaide.

Our students put their knowledge to the test in a range of categories, including Japanese language, culture, geography, listening, speaking, anime and Kendama — a traditional Japanese game using a wooden tool designed to enhance hand-eye coordination.

A special congratulations goes to **Harper Matthews-Moore**, who claimed first place in the state Kendama competition! **Milly McCool** and **Amelia Boadle** also played key roles in throughout the quiz day, securing first place overall for their team in the competition.

It was wonderful to see students embracing their Japanese learning, stepping out of their comfort zones, making new friends and having fun with peers from other schools.

Their hard work was rewarded with prizes — and a sweet boba tea treat.

Well done to all for representing Tatachilla so brilliantly.

Students who took part: **Amelia Boadle**, **Brennan Carter**, **Bella Gibson**, **Archie Holden**, **Elouise Kendrick**, **Harper Matthews-Moore**, **Milly McCool**, **Nicholas Munzberg**, **Wahab Nasiru** and **Amber Williams-Chung**.

Big Sing at Tatachilla

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McLAREN VALE

At The Opera

Adelaide Youth Orchestra - Conducted by Nicholas Braithwaite
Big Sing Chorus
With Professional Opera Singers

Sunday 21 Sept 2025 3 PM
Tatachilla Lutheran College,
McLaren Vale

Tickets

Full Price	\$50
Concession	\$40
Student	\$25

Don't miss the opportunity to experience the power of a full symphony orchestra (Adelaide Youth Orchestra), a choir of 250 voices with members of the State Opera Chorus, Elder Conservatorium and professional opera soloists, performing the world's most loved opera choruses and more.

Sunday 21 September 2025, 3:00pm | Tatachilla Lutheran College | Tickets: bigsing.org.au

Big Sing is offering a 30% discount on all tickets to members of the Tatachilla community: students, staff and families. Just visit bigsing.org.au and use the code "TLC" to access tickets from \$17.50 to \$35.

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