



# Allendale East Area School Newsletter

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To build strong, diverse futures for all of our young people by providing quality education driven by needs, skill and aspirations.

## SE CATTLE HANDLING WORKSHOP

Term 2 Week 4

2026

The Allendale East Area School Led Steer Team recently attended the South East Cattle Handling Workshop, held at the Mount Gambier Showgrounds on April 29 and 30. Eleven of our students joined approximately 90 students from eight other schools across the South East for two days of learning, industry engagement, and hands-on cattle preparation. The workshop began with a series of informative presentations, including a session on ruminant nutrition, an agricultural technology presentation delivered by the Limestone Coast Technical College, and a careers panel featuring industry representatives. The panel shared their experiences, career pathways, and opportunities within the agricultural sector. Students then rotated through a variety of practical workshops in small groups, developing their knowledge and skills in preparing cattle for retrospective show competitions. Sessions included animal behaviour, clipping, washing and drying, structure assessment, ringcraft, and breeding technologies. Students also participated in a junior judging competition, where they assessed a class of steers alongside students from other schools, applying the skills and knowledge gained throughout the workshop. The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for students to build confidence, strengthen their cattle handling skills, and connect with other young people involved in the beef industry across the region. - Mrs Tulak



## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY

- 19 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12
- 20 Governing Council Meeting - 5:30pm
- 22 Walk Safely to School Day
- 25/26 YELP Camp - Naracoorte
- 27 National Simultaneous Storytime
- 29 Mt Gambier Biggest Morning Tea - Fundraising Students

### JUNE

- 2 Walking the Seasons - Year 7
- 3 Jam Band - Foundation - Year 6
- 8 **Kings Birthday - Public Holiday**
- 12 Allendale Annual Biggest Morning Tea
- 15 SA Olympics Unleashed Program Year 7 - 11

### JUNE

- 16 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12
- 17 Governing Council Meeting - 5:30pm
- 30 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12

### JULY

- 3 Last Day of Term 2 - Early Dismissal 2:15pm

**20 Student Free Day - OSHC Available**

21 First Day of Term 3

21-23 Dental Patrol

### AUGUST

- 4 Immunisation Catch Up Year 7 & 10
- 12 Governing Council Meeting 5:30pm
- 24-28 Book Week

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## NEW STUDENT

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to Ryan Singh, our new student in Year 4. Ryan has already made a positive impression with his polite manners and respectful attitude, and we are delighted to have him join our school community. Ryan's favourite subject is Design and Technologies. Ryan is thoroughly enjoying his time on our schools basketball courts during recess and lunch, making the most of the opportunity to get active and connect with his peers. We wish Ryan all the very best as he settles in and hope he enjoys many wonderful experiences, both in learning and making new friends, at our school.



## OUTDOOR ED WATER AQUITICS CAMP

During week two, our Outdoor Education students had the opportunity to take part in a 3-day Aquatics camp, centred around Sailing. Students were first introduced to the concepts of sailing using the catamarans, before stepping up to the 420 mono hull boats the following day. This step up required a range of both personal and practical skills, with many overcoming fears to become competent sailors in windy conditions. Students were also given the chance to try their hand at some kayaking as well as stand up paddle boarding. It was a great few days. - **Mr Rumbelow**



## 3/4 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGIES

Last term, the Year 3/4 class focused on cardboard construction, exploring a variety of techniques. This term, students are building on those skills in their Design and Technology lessons by using cardboard construction methods to create model cities. Each week, they concentrate on a specific technique and incorporate it into their city designs, allowing them to progressively develop and refine their construction abilities. The students are thoroughly enjoying the process and are enthusiastic about building their cities.



## LIMESTONE COAST JOB, CAREER & SKILLS EXPO

On Wednesday 13 May, the year 10 students and several Year 11 students, along with Mr Berlin and Ms Mitchell, attended the Limestone Coast Job, Career and Skills Showcase held at Wulanda in Mount Gambier. This event is open to the general public and secondary school students to provide opportunity for them to connect with regional business, employment agencies, seek career advice and make connections with possible career pathways. Up to 50 exhibitors come together and the event costs around 20K to run. Students were encouraged to ask questions, find out information and be curious and independent about their future. - Ms Mitchell



## ROTARY CLUB DICTIONARY DONATION

The Year 3 students at Allendale East Area School have been fortunate recipients of brand new dictionaries, generously donated by the Rotary Club, Mount Gambier West. This annual tradition has been supported for many years, with this year's presentation made by Rotarian, Mr Gilbertson. Class teacher Mrs Gill O'Connor highlighted the students' excitement and appreciation for this valuable gift, noting that the dictionaries are an invaluable resource for both classroom learning and homework activities. The ongoing generosity of the Rotary Club, Mt Gambier West continues to make a meaningful contribution to our students and their learning journey.



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, 8 May 2026, a group of 14 enthusiastic students from Allendale East Area School participated in the Cross Country event held at Naracoorte Primary School. Under the supportive guidance of Mrs Tulak and SSO Matt, our students represented the school with outstanding determination, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Congratulations to all of our participants for their fantastic effort and commitment, you have made our school community proud! Well done to everyone involved.

### 9 Year Old Boys

25 Kai Connell - 6:19  
45 Liam Tulak - 6:37  
58 Jow Unwin - 6:46  
102 Patrick Staskevicious - 11:01

### 10 Year Old Boys

60 Logan Martlew - 9:36  
62 Leo McGregor - 9:38  
98 Maddox Taylor - 13:21

### 12 Year Old Girls

28 Eva Hape - 15:13  
38 Evia Black - 13:21

### 10 Year Old Girls

36 Tess Coutts - 10:37  
40 Cora Hape - 10:53  
47 Sophia Davy - 11:15  
71 Zaylee Welsh - 31:49

### 12 Year Old Boys

14 Hunter Livingston - 11:24



## GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Our Student Leadership Team recently attended the annual GRIP Leadership Conference at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, accompanied by Kylie Hales, Mel Reed and Sarah Stratford (Leadership Group Leaders). GRIP Leadership Conferences are designed specifically for student leaders and focus on developing practical leadership skills that students can use within their schools and communities. The conferences encourage students to think about what effective leadership looks like, how leaders can positively influence others, and the importance of teamwork, communication and service. Throughout the high-energy day, students participated in a range of engaging activities, discussions and presentations alongside student leaders from schools across the region. The conference provided valuable opportunities for students to connect with others, share ideas and reflect on ways they can make a positive impact within our school community. Our students represented the school proudly, returning with many new strategies for effective leadership and inspiration for their leadership roles for the remainder of the year. – **Mrs Stratford**



## YOUTH IN AG - SALEYARDS

Students recently had the opportunity to attend the Youth in Ag event held at the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards on Friday 10 April. The event brought together students, young people and industry representatives to showcase the wide range of career pathways available within the agricultural industry. Held on a Store Market sale day, students were able to experience the saleyards in full operation and witness the livestock sale process firsthand. This provides valuable insight into how livestock markets operate and the important role they play within the agricultural sector. The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to connect classroom learning with real-world agricultural careers and gain a greater understanding of the many pathways available within ag. - **Mrs Tulak**

