



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.

MOUNT GAMBIER BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Term 2 Week 6

2026

On Friday, 29 May, students from the combined Fundraising and Community Leadership teams, accompanied by Ms Stratford and Business Manager Mel, attended the Mount Gambier Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. This excursion provided students with a valuable opportunity to observe how a large-scale morning tea event is organised and to gather inspiration for our own Allendale East Area School (AEAS) Biggest Morning Tea.

Students enjoyed a delicious morning tea and were able to witness a variety of fundraising activities. This included a silent auction, spin the wheel, raffles and trading tables, all in support of the Cancer Council SA. These experiences offered valuable insights that we hope to incorporate into our own event.

We are looking forward to hosting the AEAS Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday, 12 June, in the school gymnasium. We hope to see a great turnout and continued support for this important cause. - **Mel Reed**



IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- 2 Walking the Seasons - Year 7 - Excursion
- 3 Jam Band - Foundation - Year 6 - Incursion
- 5 Lions Mad Minute - Year 5 Students - Incursion
- 8 **Kings Birthday - Public Holiday**
- 9 Community Kindness Visit - Resthaven - Excursion
- 12 Allendale Annual Biggest Morning Tea - Gymnasium
- 15 SA Olympics Unleashed Program Year 7 - 11
- 16 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12 - Immersion
- 17 Governing Council Meeting 5:30pm
- 30 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12 - Immersion

JULY

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

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- 20 **Student Free Day - OSHC Available**
- 21 First Day of Term 3
- 21-23 Dental Patrol - AEAS

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- 7-11 Life Ed - Incursion
- 8 Whalebone - Foundation Class - Excursion
- 9 Governing Council Meeting 5:30pm
- 22 Walk the Seasons - Year 7 - Excursion

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LCTC FORESTRY INDUSTRY VISIT

On Monday 18 May, seven Year 9 students attended the Limestone Coast Technical College to participate in a Forestry Industry Immersion Day. Students had the opportunity to operate machinery using the LITA training simulator, experience the virtual reality world of silviculture – the planting, management, and harvesting of forests – and participated on-site to witness a large-scale wood chipping operation in action. The day concluded with a visit to a plantation site where students were able to ask industry professionals questions about plantation management, harvesting, machinery, pathways into the industry, and future career opportunities. It was an incredible hands-on experience that highlighted the scale of the forestry industry and the strong employment and career prospects available within the sector. We would like to sincerely thank Australian Bluegum Plantations, QUBE Forestry, and the staff at Limestone Coast Technical College for their time, support, and generosity in allowing our students to participate in such a valuable experience. - **Mr Berlin**



BARRY MANEY GROUP EXCURSION

Six students from Allendale East Area School recently attended an industry excursion to Barry Maney Group in Mt Gambier, accompanied by Ms Stratford and Mr Berlin. Students were given an insight into the many different roles and departments involved in running a large sales and service organisation. Throughout the visit, students explored the truck and car divisions, including vehicle sales, servicing, spare parts, reception, finance, and customer support areas. Staff explained how all departments work together to keep a large corporation operating successfully and efficiently. The excursion also highlighted the wide range of career pathways available within the automotive and transport industries. Students heard stories from employees who had started through work experience, apprenticeships, and gap year opportunities, with many progressing into long-term careers within the company. It was especially encouraging for students to see former Allendale East students currently employed at Barry Maney Group, which stands as a strong testament to their work ethic, attitude, and willingness to learn. Their success provided current students with a valuable example of how local opportunities and positive workplace habits can lead to rewarding future careers. We would like to sincerely thank Barry Maney Group and all staff involved for taking the time to host our students and provide such an informative and engaging experience.

- **Mr Berlin & Mrs Stratford**



HEADSPACE 10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Several weeks ago, Assistant Principal Suzie Mitchell and Senior Leader Mark Rumbelow were pleased to attend the Headspace Birthday celebrations on behalf of our school. It was a formal event with several keynote speakers, a guest list that included Mayor Boston, Mayor Martin, MP Pasin, MP Fatchen, business owners, sponsors and the families of young people Headspace has supported over the years. Some highlights included well-known local and proud Aboriginal man Tim Brennan opening the event with a most reflective, grounding and participatory Acknowledgment to Country, a short speech by the Australian Ceo of Headspace, a slide show which provided a visual of the early beginnings and concepts of Headspace in Mount Gambier to the flourishing Service it is now, which includes a permanent location and the inclusion of Sexual Health professionals to further expand the wrap around services required to support all young people. Pick Avenue Bakery provided the biggest birthday cake ever for guests to enjoy, and this was cut by a young woman who Headspace had helped over a number of years in her youth. She spoke with admiration for the services and connections that Headspace provided her, and of the critical importance the service is to young people and families in the region. Headspace is a free and accessible service to young people who require some or a lot of support at certain points in their lives. We thank Headspace for the invitation and look forward to maintaining strong connections with them in the future. Both Mark and I learnt a lot more about what Headspace provides by attending the event. - **Ms Suzie Mitchell**



LOGO DESIGN OR RE-BRAND OPPORTUNITY

Do you know a local business, sporting club, charity organisation, café, small retail business or individual looking for a fresh new look?

Allendale East Area School students are currently seeking real clients to work with as part of their Designing for Real Business studies. Students will follow the design process to create a re-branded logo and accompanying promotional product tailored to your organisation or business.

This project provides students with an authentic learning experience, allowing them to work directly with a "real client" while developing valuable skills in graphic design, communication and creative problem solving.

Please note: there is absolutely no obligation to use the final designs created by students. The focus of the project is to give students meaningful, real-world industry experience. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Sarah Stratford at sarah.stratford592@schools.sa.edu.au for further information or to register your interest.

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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

"National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)" is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 26th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

NSS drew more than 2.3 million participants across more than 21,000 locations in 2025 – making it one of the largest collective reading events in the world." This year ALIA partnered with SBS on Demand to enable an even wider audience to tune in!

This year's book "**Luna Roo: The Kangaroo Baller**", written by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd and illustrated by Jake Minton, follows Luna Roo as she finds her inner strength in an inspiring tale of courage and determination. Our classes from Foundation through to Year 5/6 class tuned in to hear author interviews and read their book followed by a drawing lesson by the illustrator of Luna Roo. Students also received Luna Roo Bookmarks and stickers as part of the special day.

Additionally, the **Year 5/6 class** completed a soccer comprehension task related to the story, while the **Year 3/4 class** have completed a range of activities from the Luna Roo Activity Booklet they are set to complete the Book Review activity in Week 6, SSO Blake read the physical book to the class, and also watched a video where they discussed the themes in the book, the themes included - inclusion, resilience, courage, teamwork and believing in oneself. The **Year 1/2 class** participated in the live drawing lesson with Luna Roo's illustrator and the **Foundation class** watched the live video and have been creating artwork for a display, which will serve as a reminder of the story and its message. They also discussed the significance of the green and gold colours and explored the concept of teamwork. They reflected on the Australian animals featured in the story.

