



Allendale East Area School Newsletter

Courage Excellence Respect



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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT SCHOLARSHIP

Term 2 Week 2

2026

We are delighted to have the ongoing support of the District Council of Grant each year, providing an opportunity for our local rural students to gain much appreciated funds to assist them in achieving their best academic results as they prepare for a transition to further study and/or employment. We are excited to announce that the 2026 recipient is Kanisha Miller, Year 10 and our School Captain. Kanisha has been an exemplary role model at Allendale East Area School, consistently embodying our core values of Courage, Excellence and Respect. Her leadership extends across all year levels, and she is diligently working towards completing her SACE. Kanisha's gratitude and humility shine through as she plans to use her scholarship to excel in her studies. In her application, she expressed "I would like to be considered for this scholarship because I am a dedicated and hardworking student who consistently strives to do my best in my SACE studies, technical college, work, and extra curricular activities. Receiving this scholarship would not only support my future education goals financially but also give me confidence and motivation to continue achieving my best while representing my local community with pride. This year I am working towards gaining my learners licence, which will help me become more independent and better manage my studies, work, and community commitment".



Congratulations Kanisha!

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 5 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12
- 6 Walking the Seasons
- 6-8 Outdoor Ed - Murray Bridge Sailing Camp
- 8 South East Cross County - Naracoorte Primary
Do It For Dolly Day
Mother's Day Stall (funds donated to Do it for Dolly)
- 13 Limestone Coast Skills Expo Year 10/11
Vounteer Information Day
- 19 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12
- 20 Governing Council Meeting - 5:30pm
- 22 Walk Safely to School Day

MAY

- 25/26 YELP Camp - Naracoorte
- 27 National Simultaneous Storytime

JUNE

- 2 Walking the Seasons
- 3 Jam Band
- 8 **Kings Birthday - Public Holiday**
- 15 SA Olympics Unleashed Program Year 7 - 11
- 16 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12
- 17 Governing Council Meeting - 5:30pm
- 19 AEAS Annual Biggest Morning Tea
- 30 Integrated Learning Year 10 - 12

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GLOW AND GROW DAY

Allendale East Area School recently celebrated Glow and Grow Day as part of Autism Acceptance Month. This special event was designed to promote awareness, understanding and inclusivity, focusing on recognising the unique strengths and individuality of every student. Throughout the day, students participated in a range of activities, including designing colourful keychains, with each bead representing a different feeling or personal quality. Classes revisited our neurodiversity education PowerPoint and explored storybooks and activities that fostered empathy and acceptance. Sensory activities were available in the Regulation Room during lunchtime, providing a calming environment with music, colouring-in, and reading. Additional sensory stations outside the Regulation Room consisting of bubbles, shaving cream, water play and more, ensured that all students could participate in ways that suited their needs. The day was made extra vibrant as students and staff wore bright colours and sparkles, visually expressing the theme of shining bright and supporting one another. Glow and Grow Day helped build emotional literacy, reinforce the value of diversity, and strengthen our supportive school community.



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Allendale East Area School's School Captain, Kanisha Miller, proudly represented our community at the 2026 ANZAC Day Dawn Service in Port MacDonnell. Kanisha was invited to speak about the meaning of ANZAC Day, offering a moving perspective as a young person while sharing her family's significant military history. Kanisha spoke about the enduring values that ANZAC Day represents. "ANZAC Day is a time to remember the soldiers who fought for our country, many not much older than us. They showed courage and mateship, and made sacrifices for others. It reminds us that ordinary people can do great things, and it's a time to show gratitude for the freedoms we have today." Kanisha shared reflections from her family's wartime service, recounting stories of her great-great-grandfather, Thomas Sinnott, who served with distinction in the First World War, and her great-grandfather, Wallace Connerty, who served during the Second World War. "Thomas Sinnott enlisted in the 19th Light Horse Regiment and later in the Australian Imperial Force in 1914. He served at Gallipoli, Egypt, and the Middle East. Of the original 23 officers and 453 troops, only 9 officers and 27 soldiers returned." "My great-grandfather, Wallace Connerty, enlisted in 1941 at just 20 years old in the Australian Imperial Force as a carpenter. He was posted to New Guinea and Borneo, and discharged in 1946." Kanisha emphasised that ANZAC Day is more than history, it's about living the values of respect, gratitude, and service in our daily lives: "As we stand here today, we do not just remember the past, we carry their legacy by showing respect, helping others, and doing our best. Their stories remind us of the courage and commitment of so many Australians. As a young person, I feel proud to remember them and all who served." The Allendale East Area School community commends Kanisha for her thoughtful words and leadership, and thanks the Port MacDonnell Dawn Service Committee for bringing the community together. We also recognise the Allendale East Choir Students, who sang with Linda Driver at the dawn service, their participation was greatly appreciated. Lest we forget.



SEAWEED, A CELEBRATION

Tackling the Long-Spined Sea Urchin Crisis

Students from Years 3 to 12 participated in a unique and insightful incursion during Week 10, where representatives from the Holdfast Limestone Coast committee visited our school to discuss a pressing environmental issue—the alarming impact of long-spined sea urchins on Australia’s Great Southern Reef. The committee members explained how this invasive species is transforming vibrant kelp forests into lifeless barrens across more than 2,000 km of the Great Southern Reef, stretching from New South Wales down to Tasmania and across to Perth in Western Australia. This discussion provided students with a real-world example of how marine ecosystems can be dramatically affected by changes in species populations. As part of the incursion, students watched a screening of the compelling documentary *White Rock*. The film brings together scientists, Traditional Owners, divers, chefs, fishers, and policymakers in a collaborative effort to tackle this major environmental challenge. It explores the science behind the explosion of long-spined sea urchin numbers and its devastating consequences for our oceans. Importantly, the documentary highlights innovative solutions—such as developing overseas and domestic markets for harvesting sea urchin roe—to help turn this ecological crisis into an opportunity. After the screening, a Q&A session was held to inspire students to think critically about human impacts on the environment and the importance of working together to find sustainable solutions. We thank Holdfast Limestone Coast for sharing their knowledge and passion, and we encourage students to continue these important conversations at home and in the classroom.



OUTDOOR ED - GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK

On Tuesday, 7 April, the Year 10/11/12 Outdoor Education Team set off to Nelson to tackle a section of the Great South West Walk. Students began their journey at Simpsons Landing, embarking on a 17km walk through landscapes that included beautiful river views and opportunities to spot local wildlife. After a long day of walking, the group arrived at Pattersons Campground, where they set up their tents. Students demonstrated their camping skills by cooking their own meals and working together to set up their tents. On Wednesday, the team continued their expedition, walking 4.7km from Pattersons Campground to Sapling Creek, where their overnight excursion finished. The camp was a fantastic opportunity for students to build resilience, develop teamwork, and immerse themselves in the outdoors. All students who participated should be extremely proud of their efforts, positive attitudes, and the way they represented our school community.



RAY WHITE CAREERS NIGHT

Ray White Mount Gambier are hosting a Careers Night on **Wednesday, 6 May 2026**, from **5:30pm to 7:00pm** at the **South Australian Hotel Barrell Room** and would love to extend an invitation to our students who may be curious about a future in the property industry.

Those who attend should expect:

- **Career Journeys:** Hear first-hand from Ray White staff about how they got started.
- **Pathway Guidance:** Learn about the qualifications and skills needed to enter the field from Andrew Shields at Entry Education.
- **Q&A:** A chance to ask questions in a relaxed, no-pressure environment.

Why should students attend?

Real estate offers a diverse range of paths – from sales and property management to marketing and operations. Whether they are looking to break into the industry or are curious about the different paths available, this evening is designed to give a behind-the-scenes look at life in real estate.



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Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code >



DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

To show our support for 'Do It For Dolly Day' and to promote kindness and mental health awareness, students are encouraged to wear **BLUE** to school on **Friday, 8 May 2026**. There is no cost for participating in this casual clothes day. Additionally, the Fundraising and Leadership Team will be hosting a Mother's Day Stall during recess and lunch in the canteen area. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for mum, with all items priced at \$5 or less. All profits from the stall will be donated to the 'Do It For Dolly' charity. Thank you for supporting this cause!



DENTAL PATROL MOBILE DENTAL SERVICE

The Dental Patrol Mobile Dental Service will be again visiting Allendale East Area School between 21 and 23 July. Registration forms have been sent home with students last week. If you require additional forms, please contact the front office. This service incurs no out of pocket expenses and is available for children between ages of 0-17 years. Completed forms must be returned to the front office no later than Monday 18 May 2026.



OSHC ENQUIRIES

We welcome all enquiries! Contact us at the front office on 8738 7218 or reach out to OSHC directly by phone or text at 044 7414 652. You can also email us at dl.0751.info@schools.sa.edu.au. Operating Hours: Monday to Friday: 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

We also offer school holiday vacation care and services on student-free days.

NEW CANTEEN MENU

New canteen menu available, only minimal changes have been made. Please check the updated menu that was sent out last week for details.