



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.



NAIDOC WEEK

Term 3 Week 2

2026

On Wednesday 1 July, our school community came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week, recognising the rich histories, cultures and continuing contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students participated in a range of authentic cultural experiences that encouraged learning, reflection and connection. The day began with Uncle Ken leading a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, sharing his knowledge, stories and experiences with students. During Emu Camp and Story Time, students explored the local Boandik seasonal calendar and heard stories from Aboriginal authors, read by our ACEO Mitch Ford, before creating their own yarning stones to represent their learning and connection to the stories shared. Students also enjoyed a Bush Tucker tasting experience, sampling traditional Australian flavours, including lemon myrtle cookies prepared by our Year 7 students using herbs harvested from our community garden. The day was a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of First Nations cultures, celebrate the knowledge shared by our local community, and continue building respect, appreciation and reconciliation within our school.



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- 4** Immunisation Catch Up - Year 10
- 11** P.A.R.T.Y Program - 15 years and above
- 12** Governing Council Meeting 5:30pm
- 24-28** Book Week - more information coming soon

SEPTEMBER

- 7-11** Life Ed - Incursion - Foundation - Year 10
- 8** Whalebone - Foundation Class - Excursion
- 9** ABC Takeover Mount Gambier - 4pm-7pm
- Governing Council Meeting 5:30pm
- 10** ABC Takeover Mount Gambier
- 11** Foundation/1 Millicent Gymnastics
- 18** Foundation/1 Millicent Gymnastics

SEPTEMBER

- 22** Walk the Seasons - Year 7 - Excursion
- 23-27** Led Steer Competition - Melbourne Show
- 25** Last Day of Term 3 - Early Dismissal 2:15pm

OCTOBER

- 12** **Student Free Day - OSHC Bookings Available**
- 13** First Day of Term 4

NOVEMBER

- 3** Walking the Seasons - Year 7 - Excursion

DECEMBER

- 8** Walking the Season - Year 7 - Excursion
- 11** Last Day of Term 4 - Early Dismissal 2:15pm

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WELCOME NEW STAFF



Stephen Harvey

We are pleased to welcome Stephen Harvey to the Allendale East Area School teaching team this term. Stephen joins us from Naracoorte High School and will predominantly teach English and HASS in the secondary school. We are excited to have him on board and look forward to the knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm he will bring to our school community.



Lilly Fiegert

We are pleased to welcome Lilly Fiegert as a new staff member at Allendale East Area School. Lilly will be working as a School Services Officer (SSO) in the Year 5/6 class, alongside Mr Thomas and Miss Reppin.

Lilly brings valuable experience in supporting Primary students and is currently studying a Certificate III in Education Support for her own professional development. Outside of work, Lilly is passionate about sports and is an active member of the Hobitz Netball Club.

Lilly joined us for her first day last Thursday and shared, "I absolutely loved it, I had the best day." We are delighted to have Lilly join the Allendale East team and look forward to her contributions to our school community.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

We are delighted to welcome several new students to Allendale East Area School and extend our warmest greetings to them and their families.

A very special welcome to Immy Sturm (Year 8), who joined us late in Term 2, and her sister Serenity Sturm (Year 4), who started with us at the beginning of Term 3. We are excited to have both of you as part of our school community.

We also welcome Zane Davey (Year 7), an older sibling of a current student, as well as Nikki Harris (Year 4) and Bianca Harris (Year 7), who have recently moved to us from Victoria. It is wonderful to have your family join ours.

Additionally, we are pleased to welcome our foundation mid-year intakes, Riley Grambau-Carrison and Zephyr Samson. Beginning your school journey is such an exciting time, and we look forward to supporting you as you start at Allendale East Area School.

We wish all our new students a fantastic start, and we hope you feel at home as you settle into our school community.



Riley Grambau-Carrison



Immy Sturm



Serenity Sturm



Zane Davey



Nikki Harris



Bianca Harris

SECONDARY SURVIVOR

Last Wednesday, our senior students participated in the annual Survivor Day. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to outwit, outplay, and outlast their peers in a series of engaging activities.

Games for the day included the Ping Pong Challenge, Big Pants and Tennis Balls, a spectacular Fashion Parade featuring some amazing models, and of course the grand finale, the 'Slime' Challenge. Despite the cold weather, the students bravely entered the slime pool to retrieve their markers.

Declan Kain was voted by all participants as the MVP for the day, with 'war wounds' to prove his commitment to his team. Congratulations to the '67' team, who emerged victorious!

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day such a success.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA - CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISING TOTAL

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the generosity and support of our school community, our Biggest Morning Tea has raised a fantastic total of **\$2085.86!** These funds will make a meaningful difference in supporting vital cancer research, prevention, and support services. Thank you to everyone who contributed, participated, and helped make this event such a success. Our Fundraising Leadership Team are thrilled.



AEROSOL DEODORANT NOT PERMITTED

To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all students, aerosol deodorant is not permitted at Allendale East Area School. Aerosols can impact students with allergies or respiratory conditions, such as asthma.

We ask families to provide roll-on or stick deodorants if deodorant is required. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support as we prioritise student wellbeing.

Kylie Smith - Principal



5/6 CLASS REC FISHING

The 5/6 class went on a fantastic fishing excursion to Port MacDonnell this week with Mrs Reppin, Mr Thomas and Blake! A massive thank you to Mr. Rumbelow for organising this memorable adventure. The students learnt how to make their own rigs and try their luck fishing—an excellent hands-on learning experience! Although we didn't catch any fish this time, everyone had a wonderful day filled with smiles, teamwork, and lots of laughter. Thank you again to everyone at Rec Fishing SA who made this a great day out!



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY: THANK YOU TO OUR OSHC HELPERS

During vacation care, our dedicated Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) children played an important role in supporting our Community Leadership Team. Our little OSHC helpers generously assisted by packing up kindling, which will be distributed to families in our community. Not only did they provide valuable help, but they also had a little fun – showing that working together can be both meaningful and enjoyable. Thank you to our wonderful OSHC helpers for their enthusiasm and community spirit. Your efforts make a real difference!



SECONDARY STUDENTS TEAM BUILDING

On Tuesday of Week 11 our secondary students enjoyed a fun-filled bonding and team-building excursion. The day began with an exciting session of laser tag, where students worked together, demonstrated teamwork, and enjoyed some friendly competition. Afterwards, the group headed to Vansittart Park, where staff cooked a BBQ lunch for the students.

Following lunch, students had the opportunity to relax, play games, enjoy the playground, and spend time socialising with their peers in a relaxed setting. It was wonderful to see students connecting across year levels, building positive relationships, and celebrating the achievements of the term together.

A big thank you to our staff for helping organise the day and making it such an enjoyable experience for everyone.

