

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.



5/6 CLASS PARLIAMENT ROLE PLAY

Term 3 Week 4

2026

On Thursday, 6 August, our Year 5/6 students at Allendale East Area School had the exciting opportunity to take part in a Parliament role play session, led by our special guest, Tony Pasin, Federal Member for Barker. The event brought the classroom learning of civics and citizenship to life, giving students a hands-on understanding of how Australian Parliament operates.

Throughout the session, students stepped into the shoes of Members of Parliament, with some taking on the roles of the Speaker, Prime Minister, Opposition Leader, and other key figures. They experienced firsthand how laws are proposed, debated, and passed within Parliament.

Tony Pasin shared valuable insights into his experiences as a federal member, provided a real-world perspective on the responsibilities of elected representatives, and answered some fantastic questions from the students. He also emphasised the significance of community engagement and encouraged our young leaders to stay informed and involved in decision-making, both at school and beyond.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the interactive session. The Parliament role play was a memorable experience that has further strengthened their understanding of Australia's democracy and the importance of active citizenship.



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- 11** P.A.R.T.Y Program - 15 years and above
- 12** Governing Council Meeting 5:30pm
- 18** YELP - Naracoorte
- 24-28** Book Week
- 26** Active Citizenship Convention - Adelaide

SEPTEMBER

- 1** Resthaven Visit - Community Group
- 3** Combined Choir Prac Session - Year 4/5/6
- 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

SEPTEMBER

- 11** Foundation/1 Millicent Gymnastics
- 18** Foundation/1 Millicent Gymnastics
- 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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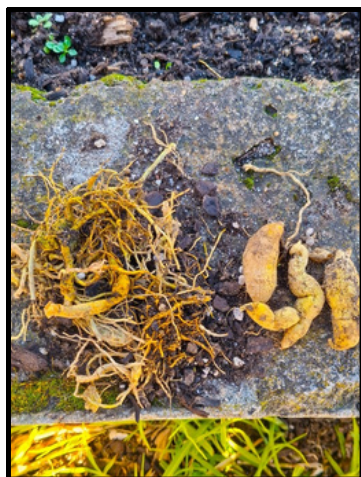
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INDIGENOUS GARDEN PROGRESS

The Environmental Team has been actively working on our Indigenous Garden, planting and maintaining a variety of edible native plants. So far, they have introduced Geraldton Wax (Jambinu Zest), Native Thyme, Bush Peppermint, Bush Basil, and Dwarf Kangaroo Paw. These plants not only enhance our school environment but also provide valuable resources for learning and cooking activities.

A couple of the other garden beds have also been planted with Lomandra grass, Muntries, and previously, Youlk. The Lomandra will one day be used for weaving once it is more established. The Muntries are a bush food that can be made into jam or used directly in cooking. Youlk, a unique root vegetable somewhat like a cross between a carrot and a potato, was also tried in the beds. Although the Youlk did not survive, the team did harvest a few small tubers and are eager to try growing it again to see if they can achieve a bigger harvest—everyone was very keen to taste it! Some of the Jambinu Zest has already been harvested and used by Mrs D and the Year 7 class last term to make lemon biscuits during NAIDOC Week. Last week, students learned how to make a natural peppermint spray using the Bush Peppermint to help deter ants. This safe, non-toxic spray can be used in kitchen and canteen areas, adding another learning opportunity.

This Term, the Team will be adding even more native edibles, including Sea Parsley, Wild Rosemary, and Round Baby Pig Face, to expand the garden. They just might need to wait for the weather to warm up and until the Plovers' eggs have hatched as they have made themselves at home in one of the garden beds and the parents are super protective!



WELCOME NEW STAFF

We're excited to welcome Terry Smith to our grounds team! With decades of experience in the building industry, Terry brings a wealth of knowledge and practical skill to Allendale East Area School. His presence means we now have dedicated coverage across all five days of the school week. Terry will be supporting us in maintaining and improving both our grounds and classrooms, ensuring our learning environment remains safe and inviting for everyone. If you see Terry around the school, please make him feel welcome. Welcome to the team, Terry!



We are delighted to welcome Tanya Frost to our team on Fridays! Tanya is currently the Business Manager at Yahl Primary School and brings a wealth of experience in school administration. Tanya will be joining and supporting our admin team on Fridays. Tanya's friendly approach and expertise will be a wonderful addition to our school community. Please join us in making her feel welcome as she supports our team! Welcome Tanya!



BOOK WEEK 2026

Join us from **24–28 August** as we dive into a world where stories sing! This year's Children's Book Week celebrates the theme **'Symphony of Stories'**, inviting young readers to experience the magic and music of storytelling. Our featured illustrator, Briony Stewart award-winning author-illustrator of 'Gymnastica Fantastica' and other beloved children's books—has brought to life a vibrant ensemble of characters. Each character bursts from the pages, wielding their own weird and wonderful instruments and representing the unique rhythm of their stories.

Children and staff are encouraged to join us for the festivities and dress up according to the theme: Symphony of Stories. Come as your favourite book character, or create a costume inspired by the magic of music and storytelling!



THANK YOU TO PT MAC CFS CADETS

On behalf of Allendale East Area School, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Port MacDonnell CFS Cadets and Volunteers, which included both current and past students, who generously volunteered their time on Sunday 25 July, to safely burn the school's burn pile. Your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to supporting our school and the wider community are greatly appreciated. We are thankful for your expertise and the ongoing support you provide, helping ensure our site remains safe and well-maintained.

Thank you for your valuable contribution.



DRAKES COMMUNITY DOLLARS

Support Allendale East Area School with Drakes Community Dollars!

Did you know that by shopping at Drakes Mount Gambier, you can support Allendale East Area School? For every \$2 you spend, Drakes donates 1 cent to a community group or charity, just select Allendale East Area School in the MyDrakes app! It's a simple way to help our school community, every small contribution adds up to real support for our school. The more people who join in, the more funds we can raise together!

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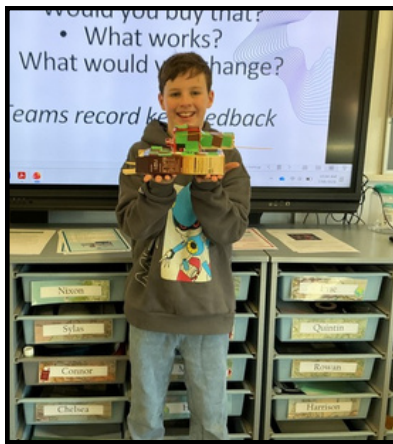
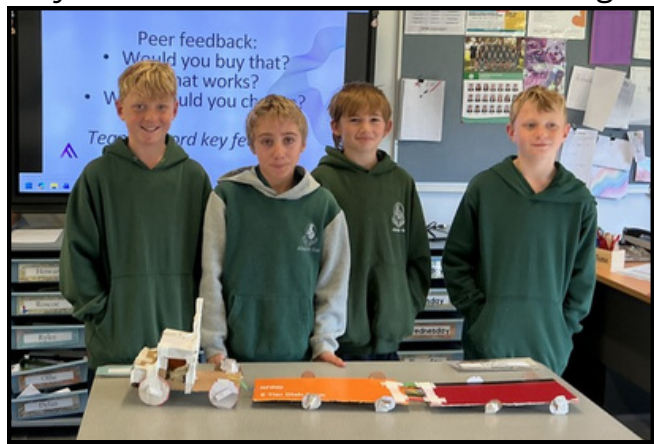
5/6 SCIENCE

This term in Science, the Year 5/6 class are learning about Chemical Sciences with Miss Reppin. Students have learnt what a solid and a liquid are and today experimented with the idea of chemical reactions creating gasses. Students were excited to see what would happen to a balloon when baking soda was mixed with vinegar. To their delight they watched as the balloon filled with gas caused by the chemical reaction. Students are looking forward to more experiments and hands-on learning as the term continues.



5/6 MARKET BOSS

Every Friday, students in the Year 5/6 class, who aren't part of choir, participate in Market Boss. Market Boss is a part of the Future Anything program where students engage in creativity and entrepreneurship. Students are being asked to use scrap, recycled and craft materials to create a sustainable and innovative product to 'sell' at our mock market later in the year. Students have discussed who our target audience would be and have tailored their products accordingly. During weeks 2 and 3 students have engaged in the prototyping phase of the program, where they create smaller model of their design and seek feedback from their peers.



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MEETING

Are you interested in making a difference at Allendale East Area School? We invite all parents and carers to attend our **Volunteer Information Meeting** and learn how you can get involved in supporting our school community. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help, whether by listening to students read, assisting on excursions, or helping out in the classroom.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday August 12, 2026**, from **2:00 to 3:00 pm** at Allendale East Area School. Everyone is welcome, and tea, coffee, and snacks will be provided. To RSVP or for more information, please contact us on (08) 8738 7218. Please remember to sign in at the front office when you arrive.

We look forward to seeing you there!