

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.



P.A.R.T.Y. PROGRAM – MT GAMBIER HOSPITAL

Term 3 Week 6

2026

On Tuesday 11 of August Year 10 and 11 students attended the **P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) Program** at Mount Gambier Hospital. The program provided students with a realistic look at how dangerous and risk-taking behaviours can lead to serious injury, trauma and lifelong consequences.

Throughout the day, students heard from a range of professionals involved in preventing and responding to road trauma. CFS responders discussed attending serious vehicle accidents and the challenges involved in rescuing people from damaged vehicles. Police officers spoke about drink and drug driving, driver licensing, roadside testing, vehicle safety and the consequences of unsafe driving decisions.

An important focus was the role that friends and passengers can play in keeping each other safe. Students were encouraged to speak up when a mate is taking unnecessary risks, avoid getting into a vehicle with an unsafe or impaired driver, and recognise that looking after your friends sometimes means challenging their decisions.

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IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- 24-28 Book Week
- 25 Kindness Kindling Drive
- 26 Active Citizenship Convention - Adelaide
- 27 Year 4/5/6 SAPSASA Basketball

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
- 11 Foundation/1 Millicent Gymnastics

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Walking the Seasons - Year 7
Lan Chinese Teacher Visit
- 18 Foundation/1 Millicent Gymnastics
- 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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Hospital staff then conducted a realistic simulation of the emergency response to a serious road crash. Using a simulated casualty, students followed the process from the accident scene through to the hospital emergency department, seeing how medical staff assess, stabilise and treat a trauma patient.

The day concluded with a presentation from a **P.A.R.T.Y. ambassador** who shared his personal experience of losing the use of his legs following a motorcycle accident. He discussed how a seemingly simple accident permanently changed his life, as well as how he has adapted to those changes. Students also heard about his involvement in wheelchair basketball, providing an insight into resilience and life following a serious injury.

The program gave students an opportunity to connect decisions made on the road with their possible real-world consequences. Rather than simply being told to “drive safely”, students saw the chain of people affected by a serious accident – friends, family, emergency responders, police, hospital staff and, most importantly, the injured person themselves.



YELP - NARACOORTE

On Tuesday, the YELP Team attended Forum #3 at Naracoorte. The main focus of this excursion was Pest Plant & Weed Management. We discussed the definition of weeds, identified declared weeds in the region, and examined the characteristics of the Boneseed plant.

Eight schools were involved in hands-on activities, breaking into groups to remove Boneseed plants from the area. Our school contributed significantly by removing 414 Boneseed plants and as a whole YELP group, we removed thousands.

It was highlighted that Boneseed is a particularly problematic weed; its seeds can remain dormant in the soil for up to 10 years, and the seeds of each mature bush can produce hundreds of new plants.

Eva, Evie, Dylan & Maddox are now moving on to the last phase of their YELP journey with a presentation at Forum #4 in Robe next term. Together with our Environmental Team, they are super excited and passionate about several exciting projects still underway showcasing their learning, Stay tuned!



BOOK WEEK 2026

Join us this week 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!

Dress Up Day will be held on **Wednesday, 26 August** in the **School Gymnasium** at **9:45am** parents are welcome to attend and dress up. We look forward to seeing everyone's creativity and enthusiasm as we celebrate the power of stories together.

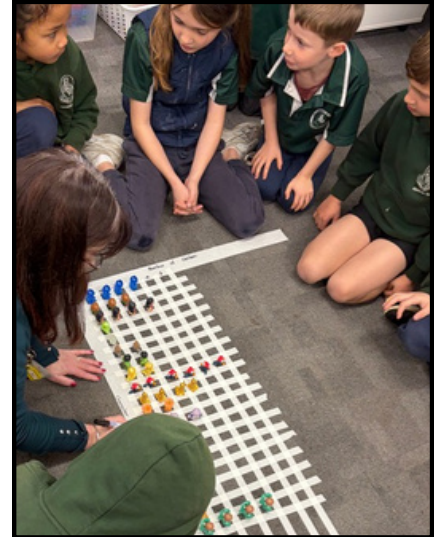
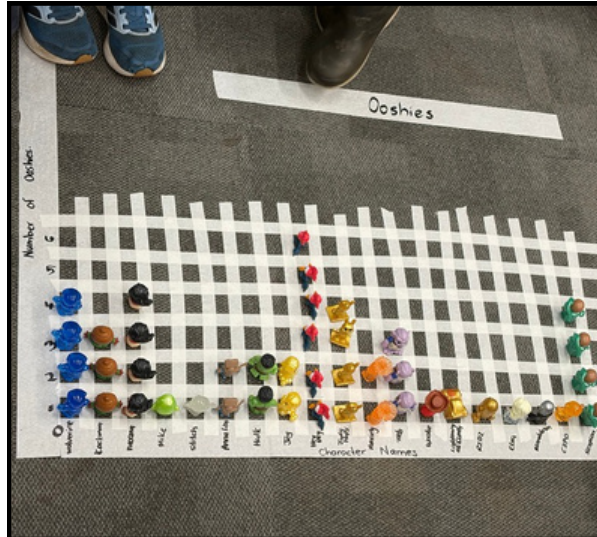


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YEAR 1/2 MATHS - MRS NEU

Today in Maths, Mrs Neu and the Year 1/2 class brought their learning to life with a hands on graphing activity featuring the students' favourite fidget toys... OOSHIES! Using masking tape, the class created a large, interactive graph right on the classroom floor. Student helped organise and sort the OOSHIES by character, building the graph together.

The students were thoroughly engaged, eagerly investigating which OOSHIE character was the most popular, which had the least, and which characters had the same amount. This hands on activity made learning about graphs fun and easy to understand.



WELCOME NEW STUDENT

We are pleased to welcome Tilly Jackson to our Year 5/6 class at Allendale East Area School. Tilly has recently moved back to the area and will be joining Mr Thomas and Ms Reppin's class. Your teachers, along with all your classmates, are looking forward to getting to know you and supporting you as you settle in. We hope you enjoy making new friends, exploring new subjects. We wish Tilly a wonderful time settling back into our school community and hope she enjoys every moment at Allendale East.



9 A-SIDE GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Thursday 6 August, four students Zoe, Sienna, Emily, and Zaria from the Year 8/9 class travelled to Penola to participate in the 9 A-Side Girls' Football Carnival. Our girls joined forces with the Lucindale team, creating a friendly and inclusive atmosphere for everyone involved. Games were organised by year level, which meant the girls played back-to-back matches and experienced different aspects of the game.

Any nerves quickly disappeared as the girls threw themselves into the games with enthusiasm and teamwork. It was a fantastic "come and try" day, offering all participants the chance to build their skills, make new friends, and enjoy football in a supportive environment.

The girls did really well and, most importantly, had a lot of fun throughout the day.



2026 PARENT SURVEY – HAVE YOUR SAY

The annual Parent Survey is now underway and will close at midnight on Sunday 6 September.

The survey provides parents and carers with an opportunity to share their views and help improve education at our school. It focuses on:

- What we're doing well
- Where we can improve
- What is important to you as a parent or carer

Your responses are confidential. Neither you nor your child can be identified, and only collated feedback is provided to our school.

You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder messages are also being sent unless you have already completed the survey or chosen to unsubscribe.

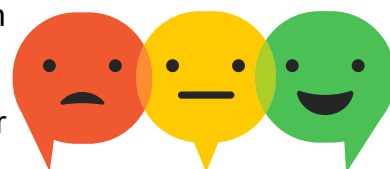
We strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback is valuable and helps guide our school improvement efforts.

If you cannot locate your original survey link, please use the link below.

https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/fwLSjQE61_znQqU-_7WW4w2

For more information about the Parent Survey, visit the Department for Education website.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback and support our school's ongoing improvement.



we want your feedback!
TAKE THE SURVEY

RAPID RELIEF BOXES

From time to time, we all need a helping hand. Thanks to the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), we have Food Boxes available for families in need. Each box contains a variety of non-perishable food items and is designed to offer short-term support.

If you would like a Food Box, please contact Mel Reed 8738 7218 to arrange a pick-up time.



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

We welcome all enquiries!

Contact us at the front office on 8738 7218 or reach out to OSHC directly by phone or text at 0447 414 652. You can also email us at dl.0751.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

OSHC Operating Hours:

Monday to Friday, 3:15 PM – 6:00 PM

We also offer Vacation Care during school holidays and on student free days.

Vacation Care Operating Hours:

Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

(excluding public holidays)

If you have any questions or would like to make a booking, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to supporting your family!

