Champion Results For The Agriculture Program At AEAS

Well, what a year it has been for the Ag Program! This year has seen the introduction of new programs, growth of others, endless challenges but most importantly multiple successes. 2013 has without a doubt been the most noteworthy and rewarding year.

Firstly, I would like to mention the success of the Led Steer Program. This year we had 5 steers at the school from April to October. These were donated to the school by local breeders including Allan & Kayelene Lucas of Glentanner Angus and Deb and Bray Milstead of Bra-Ma Herefords. A group of students fed, groomed, washed, dried, led and prepared these animals during lunch times, weekends and holidays for competition at the Royal Adelaide and Mount Gambier Shows.

Overall we returned to school with 1 trophy, 7 ribbons, $235 prize money and more than $6000 for the meat. However, the most impressive award was Champion Steer on hoof and hook for Mount Gambier Show. This is the highest award that can be won for cattle judging and was won by our Hereford steer. I am extremely proud of the students who prepared these animals on behalf of the school and we are looking forward to 2014 when we extend our show team of animals to 6, with a new breed coming all the way for NSW for us to show.

Secondly, the pig enterprise is booming. We have now had 14 pigs raised and sold from our Eco shelter. We have formed a strong partnership with Myora Piggery who has sold us the pigs and feed and helped us to turn over a profit for the AG Program. Pork meat is sold for $6.50/kg and is boxed by the side. Overall, we make a reasonable profit per pig. This enterprise has been extremely popular and a quick turn over therefore, in 2014 we endeavour to sell 6 pigs per term.

Finally, I would like to note that Senior Agriculture Studies student numbers are also increasing. In 2013 we had three Year 11 students and three Year 12 students complete their SACE Agriculture and 1 who completed a modified SACE unit on beef cattle. In 2014 enrolments stand at 5 students for year 11 and 3 for Year 12. This is very satisfying as we are one of the very few schools that offer Agriculture as a Senior Secondary subject in the Limestone Coast. We are very proud of this fact and we hope this continues into the future as the program and Ag plot develops even further.

I would like to thank the sponsors and supporters of the Agriculture Program at AEAS. We have come such a long way since 2011 and I look forward to many more improvements and the continuation of our very successful programs.

Danielle Westbrook / Ag Teacher
**Canteen News**

**This week’s specials ...**

**TUESDAY / RECESS** - Jam Donuts $1.00

**WEDNESDAY / RECESS** - Strawberry Mousse
Icecream Cones 80c

**THURSDAY / RECESS** - Apple & Cinnamon Muffins $2

**FRIDAY / RECESS** - Pikelets 50c

Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

Please Note - Gingerbread Order Form was printed with Collection to be in Week 10. This should be Week 9.

**Community Notices**

**ALLENDALE HALL CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY** - Will be held on Friday, 13th December at 7.30pm. Supper (gold coin donation). To register your child, please leave name and gift, (value up to $10) at the Allendale General Store. Donations for raffle can be left there too and tickets are available to purchase if you wish.

**PILATES** - Thursday at 7.30pm in the Port MacDonnell Netball Club - $11.00. Phone Megan for more details on 04 6646 3327.

**MARYKE DANCE ACADEMY PRESENTS ‘CAPPELIA’** on Friday, 13th December at 7.30pm and Saturday 14th December at 2.00pm at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

**DANCE CLASSES AT THE PORT MACDONNELL COMMUNITY HALL** - All ages / All Welcome - Visitors and Locals. Cost is $8.00 per class or Full Term (14 classes) $100 if paid up front. There are after school and Holiday sessions available for Dance and Hip Hop. Please call into the School Front Office for a program and further information.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO PORT MACDONNELL** - Get into the Festive Spirit and join many other residents decorating their front yard / house with a Father Christmas Theme. Let your imagination run wild - Surfing Father Christmas / Fishing Father Christmas / Gardening Father Christmas … Let’s try and have a Father Christmas up every street! Have your Santas on display now!

**LEGACY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS** - For sale at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex. Small $7.00 / Large $11.00.


**A COPY OF A LETTER FROM PREMIER JAY WEATHERILL IS BEING INCLUDED WITH TODAY’S NEWSLETTER.**

**A 2013 PARENT SURVEY IS BEING SENT OUT OR EMAILED TO PARENTS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE. IT ONLY TAKES APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES TO COMPLETE. THANK YOU.**

**FREE PLANTS**

We currently have garden plants and herbs to give away eg. Chives, Thyme and pot plants.

Please contact Melvin Chesser at school if interested.

Thank you.

**TREES FOR LIFE**

AEAS has a tradition of raising seedlings for the ‘Trees For Life’ organisation. We normally do this during school time with available students.

It would be a great idea if individual families could take on the challenge of planting and raising a box of native seedlings either to use on their own properties or to benefit others in the community.

Contact Melvin Chesser at school, (before the end of term) for more information.
SECOND HAND CLOTHING

Governing Council are starting up a second hand clothing service at school. If you have good, clean uniforms or sports tops that you wish others to benefit from, please leave them at the Front Office. They will then be sold for a small price and the money will be used to purchase items such as library books for the school. Any parent wishing to donate time occasionally to keep the racks of clothes neat, please notify Front Office or Kirsty Ievins on 0417813870. Thank you.

WOOD CHIPS FOR SALE

On the back oval at school, we have a pile of wood chips that is available for parents and community members to purchase. The cost is $20 per trailer or ute load and payment must be made at the School Front Office prior to collection. Please ensure you drive around the perimeter of both ovals, not across the middle.

GROUP TRAINING EMPLOYMENT / PANEL BEATING APPRENTICESHIP

Are seeking an enthusiastic, motivated and career minded person to apply for the above Apprenticeship located in Mount Gambier. Applicants are required to demonstrate a strong interest in this area and the successful applicant will receive full training in a variety of areas in accordance to the Apprenticeship. Current drivers licence preferred but not essential. Applications and enquiries to - Brad Wilson-Smith, GTE, P.O. Box 1748, Mount Gambier. Mobile 0418 844 806. Email - brad@gte.org.au Applications close 6/12/13.

2013 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Name ____________________________ Class ______________

I would like to order ____ School Magazines. I have included payment of $ _______ _______
Unfortunately last week on our Awards Day Winners Insert, several Awards didn’t print up on the second page.

They were -

**Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award ADF - Felicity Treacey**

**Habner Memorial Awards - Year 2 / Merrick Miller**
**- Year 10 / Felicity Treacey**

Sincere apologies for this omittance and Congratulations to these students ...

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**Swimming 2014**

Swimming will be at the Aquatic Centre, Margaret Street, Mount Gambier for Reception to Year 7 classes in Term 1 / Week 2 next year.

An information letter will be sent home next week and an Invoice will be sent home in Week 1 next year.

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**White Ribbon Day 2013**

On Friday, 22nd of November, all Allendale East Area Secondary boys participated in the White Ribbon Event - Australia’s Loudest Shout.

It was a chance for the local men to gather and shout that violence against women will not be tolerated in our Community.

Our boys competed in a ‘shout out’ contest against other groups like the Fire Brigade, the Lions Club and the team of White Ribbon Ambassadors. We were the first group to participate and did a great job of setting a high standard for the other groups to aim at.

Back at school the boys were able to relay to the rest of their class mates the aim of the activities they had been involved in.

Chris Peters / Deputy Principal

Australia's Campaign to stop violence against women -http://www.whiteribbon.org.au

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**AN OSHC NEWSLETTER AND VACATION CARE PROGRAM IS INCLUDED WITH TODAY'S NEWSLETTER. PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE FOR ANY QUERIES. THANK YOU.**

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**TERM DATES FOR 2014**

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**Shooting For The Stars**

**Reception / Miss Breanna - Riley Ferguson** - For being so keen in Maths.

**Year 1/2 / Mrs Neu - Madison Gavin** - For showing persistence in making her Christmas Tree.

**Year 2/3 / Mrs O’Connor - Zeb Chant** - For his positive attitude and for achieving a very good Lexile Level last week.

**Year 3/4 / Mrs Sporton - Emilia Kerr** - For her positive attitude and persistence.

**Year 5/6 / Mrs Biggins & Ms Newby - Molly Breese** - For being a good role model on the basketball excursion.

**Year 6/7 / Mrs Murdoch - Lily Higgs** - For a consistent and determined effort in Ag.

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"An Enterprising Community"