Last Tuesday the Year 10 girls travelled to Mt Arapiles in Victoria for a rock climbing and abseiling outdoor education experience. Mount Arapiles is a world renowned rock climbing location and provides climbs of grades 3 to 32. The girls learnt about ropes, harnesses, climbing techniques, safety protocols and camping in tents. The campsite is basic with toilet facilities but no showers and is always busy with people from everywhere!

During the camp the girls attempted climbs graded 5 to 15 with Felicity conquering the 15 after much persistence and determination! Our instructor Wally Olenich brought with him special climbing shoes which greatly help with grip but are not comfortable to wear! All girls overcame differing levels of anxiety and worry, which are very normal emotions when climbing up to 20 metres off the ground and trusting strange ropes and equipment and also trusting the person below doing the belaying!

Abselling is where you lower yourself from the top of the rock and control your descent with ropes secured from the top. This requires courage and most girls attempted this with several deciding that they would have several turns. There was lots of encouragement and celebration for those who accomplished this feat!

Despite some inclement weather we managed to do all planned activities including several short walks, watching several groups of adults attempt very difficult climbs and a good fun evening playing spotlight.

I am really proud of how the girls interacted and how they individually worked through their fears and worries. It was a terrific 4 days of new experiences for all students. Thank you to Kath Miller for accompanying the group and to Wally for travelling from Adelaide to instruct. This is the third year I have run the camp and believe it offers students something unique and memorable.

Suzie Mitchell
Canteen News

**This week's specials ...**

TUESDAY / RECESS - Choc Chip Biscuits 80c each
WEDNESDAY / RECESS - Cheese & Bacon Toasties 30c each
THURSDAY / RECESS - Puffa Dogs $1.50
THURSDAY / LUNCH - Steak Sandwich - Plain / Onion / Salad / Sauce $4.00
- Lot / Onion / Bacon / Salad / Sauce $5.00

Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

Community Notices

PORT MACDONNELL GOLF CLUB NEWS - *Friday Night Teas* are recommencing on 11th October. Come along and enjoy a friendly atmosphere. Bookings and enquiries phone - 0439 382 452. Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th November at 7.00pm. Apologies to Aaron Pitson on 0438 382 039. Start of the season is here! Fridays Tee off at 4pm.

THE BAY MARKET / GOVERNING COUNCIL BBQ

A HUGE THANK YOU to the many parents and staff who donated Bacon and Eggs for our BBQ Fundraiser and kindly gave up their time on Sunday to help out. A special thank you to Angela Sullivan for donating water and soft drinks for us to sell and Grant Fensom for the use of his BBQ. We made $513 profit. This was all very much appreciated.

Beth Mahony

Mount Arapiles was a great team building cohesive experience. I enjoyed learning the rock climbing skills and has made me see rocks in an entirely different light.

Mount Arapiles was an excellent experience. It was fun, exciting and a great way to form new friendships, and learn new skills.

This camp was a great experience and I would definitely go again. This camp contained friends, fun, nature and new experiences all into one package. My favourite and funniest camp ever. **By Abbey Hutchesson**

I liked the camp because it helped me overcome my fear of heights. Abseiling was the funniest thing I have done in awhile.

**By Taylor Wilsmore**

I enjoyed our camp because it really helped us girls connect. **By Claire Heinrich**

I really loved first time camping in the wood! Experienced lots of new things and had the best time with the girls.

This camp challenged me in so many ways. I had a fear of falling from the rock face, but I soon learned I was safe with all the harnesses and ropes. This camp brought all us Year 10 girls closer as we had to rely on each other to support us while climbing. **By Felicity Treacey**
Due to our Bandana Order being delivered late, we missed advertising Bandana Day in last week’s Newsletter, therefore we have decided to have Allendale’s Bandana Day this Thursday at our school. Bandanas and pens can be purchased from the Front Office. The proceeds go towards supporting young people living with cancer.

Bandanas $4.00  
Pens $3.00

Your support is much appreciated.

Amanda Sporton / S.R.C.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SAPOL

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE / KEEPING SA SAFE

I wish to remind people about the school crossing zone outside Allendale East Area School. Vehicles are required to travel at 25km/hr between the signs at a children’s crossing when the alternating lights are flashing. Vehicles must also travel at 25km/hr when passing, in either direction, a school bus that has apparently stopped to pick up or set down passengers. These road rules are there to protect children and will be strictly enforced.

100km/hr is the maximum speed limit on roads outside a built-up area where no other speed limit is signposted. 100km/hr is the speed limit on most rural roads in South Australia.

If you have any queries about any of these matters, please feel free to contact me.

Brevet Sergeant Sam Teisseire / Officer In Charge / Port MacDonnell Police Station

SEPTEMBER GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Governing Council met on Monday, 16th September. Some of the topics discussed were;

* Promoting the school happens best when we share and chat about the great things that happen. Kylie Higgs was nominated to collaborate with a staff member to promote the school through publicising events and updating community information. Some of the great successes that week were - 1st, 2nd, 3rds at the Adelaide Show for the Cattle Club. Wakakirri Performance, Pedal Prix, singers in the Adelaide Festival of Music, and Art Exhibition in the Port MacDonnell Library.
* Behaviour Management Policy is currently under review. Lisa Gavin and Kylie Higgs have volunteered to support the review committee.
* Bullying / Harassment Policy will be reviewed next term. Theresa Moulden and Lisa Gavin will be Governing Council Reps to support Helen Peters and staff members in this process.
* Beth shared the Child Protection Curriculum Policy and some of the key messages taught to our students.
* The processes of reporting Critical Incidents in a school and the various follow-up procedures were shared.

A TERM PLANNER IS BEING INCLUDED WITH TODAY’S NEWSLETTER. SPARE COPIES AVAILABLE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE …

Milo In2 Cricket is on TONIGHT ! It will be running from Monday, 21st October until Monday, 9th December / Week 9. Cost is $60 for insurance and the equipment pack - Backpack, hat, bat, ball and drink bottle.

Sessions will be held in the A.E.A.S. gym from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. They are for Reception to Year 3 students.

Reminder - It is an expectation that a parent of carer is present at each In2 Cricket session and supports their child. I will run games and activities for the first half hour and then parents manage simple skill stations for the second half of each hour long session.

Melvin Chesser / Coordinator
CLASS PLACEMENTS 2014

As we prepare for the 2014 School year, one of our tasks is Class Placements, particularly in the primary classes of the school. Teachers will be requesting information from students about their friendships and together with understanding students’ needs they will be placing students in classes for next year. At this stage we are unsure of the class configurations, for example, if we will have two Reception / Year 1, Year 2/3 or Year 3/4 classes etc. This decision is made on the number of students at different year levels and consistency in the size of the classes.

We value the information that parents can provide us in making decisions about the configuration of classes and would ask that if you have concerns about your child’s placement, that you either speak to the current class teachers or write a letter to myself or Chris Peters so that we can take these concerns into account. Sometimes the issues can be about children not coping well with each other and therefore being placed in different classes, or you may have concerns about your child’s academic progress. We would prefer information in writing and this will be dealt with confidentially.

As we are also aware that families often decide to re-locate at the end of the year we would appreciate any information about changes to enrolments and if you are aware of any new families, please let us know so that we can send them an enrolment package. Thank you. Beth Mahony / Principal

PORT MACDONNELL FOOTBALL CLUB TROPHY WINNERS

JUNIOR COLTS -

Leading Goal Kicker - 27 goals / Grady Hutchesson
Most Improved / Jake Brown
First Year Player / Sakari Pelkonen

CONGRATULATIONS !

If you would like a copy of the School Newsletter emailed to you each week, please send an email to - Leonie.Feast18@schools.sa.edu.au

ASHTON’S BOOK CLUB / ISSUE 7 - CLOSING DATE IS MONDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 2013.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS TERM IS NO HAT, NO PLAY !

Reception / Miss Breanna - Cohen Galpin - For being brave in the pool and watching your confidence grow with every lesson.

Year 1/2 / Mrs Neu - Year 1/2 Class - Excellent listening skills and behaviour, and for doing their best at swimming.

Year 2/3 / Mrs O’Connor - Hudson Terek - For working very hard to complete all his work and for his extra effort in Maths last week.

Year 3/4 / Mrs Sporton - Holly Nalpanditis - For her enthusiasm for learning and putting 100% into all aspects of her work.

Year 5/6 / Mrs Biggins & Ms Newby - Ashton Jones - For being a kind, caring and thoughtful member of the class.

Year 6/7 / Mrs Murdoch - Zach Kain - For finishing work early. Working quietly and consistently.