On Thursday 1st and 2nd of May, a group of year 9-12 students attended the South East Cattle Handling Workshop at the Mount Gambier Showgrounds. Our students participated with 6 other schools from across the Limestone Coast and Western Victoria.

Over the course of the two day workshop students attended lecture sessions on public speaking, safety with cattle, meat cuts, animal structure and judging beef cattle. They also had hands on classes on ringcraft where they got to lead cattle, washing and drying practice and also clipping the hair from the head and body of an animal. Ruminant digestion was also a topic of discussion and students were able to dissect a sheep’s digestive tract and formulate a ration to be fed.

The South East Cattle Handling Workshop is run annually by a group of volunteers who are a sub-committee of the Mount Gambier A & H Society. This group of people pride themselves on being able to teach agriculture students about the art of preparing and presenting beef cattle.

I would like to thank Di Bailey-Walters for braving the weather and accompanying us on the Friday. Also thanks to the parents and caregivers for transporting the students to and from Mount Gambier on these days.

Danielle Westbrook / Agriculture Teacher

Sections painted on a bull to show where meat comes from on an animal. Did you know that 60% of meat value comes from above the white line?

Students watch Jake Phillips seam and prepare a rump before throwing it on the BBQ for taste testing.

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Canteen News

This week's Specials!

TUESDAY / RECESS - Caramel Choc Brownies 80c
WEDNESDAY / RECESS - Jam Donut $1.00
THURSDAY / RECESS - Chocolate & Strawberry Milkshakes $1.50
THURSDAY / LUNCH - Tuna Mornay & Chips $4.00
FRIDAY / RECESS - Cheese & Bacon Toasties 50c

Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

Community Notices

ALLENDALE'S BIGGEST ARVO TEA - Will be held at the Allendale Hall on - Sunday, 18th May from 2pm. Entry is $5, kids a gold coin donation. This includes endless tea, coffee, milo and cake. Raffles will be held on the day with prizes kindly donated. All proceeds go directly to Cancer Research. Mugs available to buy. Hosted by Jo Feast, Family and Friends. All Welcome!

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA - To be held on Monday, 19th May at 10.00am at the Shipwreck Bistro, Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell. Host - Lynette Simpson. Cost - $5.00 (A plate of morning tea to share would be appreciated). There will be a lucky door prize, raffles and Cancer Council mugs available. Gloria Jeans have kindly offered to come and make cappuccinos which will be available for $3.00 each on the morning. All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Council. If possible, please reply with numbers attending to Lynette on 87382512 by Friday, 9th May, 2014. Please come along and make your cup count in the fight against cancer. Meals available in the Shipwreck Bistro from 12.00noon.

SWINGING WITH THE STARS 2014 - Will be held at The Barn Palais on Saturday, 21st June at 6.00pm. Tickets $80 per person. Includes dinner prepared by the chefs at The Barn Palais and some surprise elements! Showcasing the fancy footwork of 8 local starts. Visit www.standlikestone.com.au to find out who the stars are this year. Tickets available from Chapmans Newsagency. This is the major fundraising event for the Stand Like Stone Foundation. Funds raised are added to the Foundation’s Trust Funds are used to support charitable projects in the Limestone Coast.

WEED ID & COMMUNITY HERBARIUM WORKSHOP - To be held on Thursday, 22nd May from 10.30am - 3.30pm (2 sessions available). Meet at the Community Nursery Site, Vansittart Park, Mount Gambier. Lunch and snacks provided. For further information, please contact Becky McCann 0429685401 or ask at the School Front Office for a flyer.

IMPORTANT... NET SET GO

We need a minimum of 10 people. At this stage we have 8. If you wish to join, please register by this Wednesday, 14th May so this activity can go ahead. Further information available from the Front Office.

Net Set Go is being held at Allendale East Area School. It is for girls and boys aged between 5-7 years old. This is a Netball related after school activity. Breanna Ransom will be the staff member present, and Narelle Lewis will assist with the Netball Coaching. All children are required to have an adult present for all sessions and help with activities. All participants will receive an official Net Set Go pack including a netball, t-shirt and participation medal. Cost is $60.00.

It will be held from Thursday, 22nd May / Week 4 / Term 2 until Thursday, 14th August / Week 4 / Term 3.

Breanna Ransom / Co-ordinator

ASHTON’S BOOK CLUB / ISSUE 3 - CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY, 16TH MAY, 2014.

OSHC WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE STUDENT FREE DAY. PLEASE CONTACT FRONT OFFICE IF REQUIRED.

“Always striving”
PORT MACDONNELL FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 11 TEAM ... THERE WILL BE NO GAMES UNTIL THE 31ST MAY.
Thank you. Jason Smith

IMPORTANT STUDENT FREE DAY
AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM GEOGRAPHY
Friday, 23rd May / Week 4

TERM DATES FOR 2014
Term 2  28th April - 4th July
Term 3  21st July - 26th September
Term 4  13th October - 12th December

-** FUN DAY !
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY
3RD JULY / WEEK 10
THEME IS ... CAREERS
More information will be sent home in the next few weeks ...

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Year 11 Food And Hospitality Easter Fundraiser

Last Term, the Year 11’s Food and Hospitality class decided to have an Easter Fundraiser as their assessment. This consisted of making marshmallow and chocolate packs.

This was very successful. We raised $150 in total.

We would like to thank the students and teachers who brought these packs to help fundraise for Mount Gambier Foodbank.

Taylor Wilsmore / Emma Wade / Eathen Whitehead / Hameda

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GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Last Thursday the Senior Student Representative Council (SRC), Ms Newby and Di Bailey-Walters, our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, were honoured to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Mount Gambier.

The conference taught us ways that we are able to be better leaders at school and in the local community. We learnt that we could further develop our integrity to make sure that our words match our actions.

The day consisted of several sessions including, “The School Yard Superhero”, “Lead like a Strawberry, not like a Watermelon”, “Leadership Everest: Succeeding in Student Leadership”, “Bringing Our Ideas Alive” and some interactive challenges and games in “Loud Noises”.

It was an inspiring day and we look forward to helping make our school an even better place to be.

Gill Newby

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This is what the SRC students had to say at the end of the day ...

“My favourite part of the show was “Loud Noises”, where we got to interact with each other and play leadership games.” Jet, Year 5

“My favourite part was when we learnt how to be a strawberry leader, not a watermelon leader. A watermelon leader is where you’re different on the inside and the outside, and a strawberry leader is where you’re the same on both sides.” Amber, Year 5

“We got to learn how to be a be a great leader and some good ways to act as a leader. We also got to play some games and to go up on stage.” Holly, Year 7

“My favourite part of the show was “Loud Noises”, which was where we played games and every school got a chance to play. I learnt that leaders need integrity and how to speak to people I don’t know.” Lewis, Year 7

“The GRIP conference was an interactive presentation, greatly enjoyed by everyone involved, teaching us in a unique way to be better leaders.” Ruby, Year 8

“The whole experience at being present at the conference was fun and a great learning program. Learning to be a better leader at school was really enjoyable..” Jayde, Year 10
Allendale School hosted 56 of the Jazz performers from the Generations in Jazz Festival this weekend. The staff and students from Salesian College and Santa Maria College in Melbourne were a fantastic group who really appreciated the facilities we provided for their stay. Air beds were supplied and set up the Performing Arts room and the Year 5/6 double class for students to sleep in, with access to the Home Ec room and Canteen area for breakfasts. Our cleaner Cindy, along with Brian and his pressure cleaner did a wonderful job of preparing the showers and toilets for a large group. School Captains Sally and Libby welcomed the students and showed them around the school.

Many thanks to Lisa Gavin, Deb Breen and Tracy Bald for cutting up fruit and preparing food for the breakfasts, and Theresa Moulden for encouraging the Tourist Association to donate Port MacDonnell shopping bags full of local information for each student. Woolworths and She’s Apples were very generous in their donations of produce and vouchers which helped to make this a successful fundraiser.

Sunday morning was an early start as we fired up the barbie to cook our guests a hot breakfast to fuel them up for their final day of Jazz. Scott Jenkin, Legh Jenkin and Mark Day did a professional job of bacon and eggs before heading home to help their own children prepare Mother’s Day breakfast for the family. Sally McBain, Felicity Tracey, Claire Heinrich-Wanke, Annie and Deb Breen also gave up Mother’s Day morning to cook, clean and mingle with the visitors.

A huge thank you to all who helped make this a successful fundraiser and community event and also a great connection with other schools. We hope to show photos and results of the student’s performances at the Festival in our next newsletter when we receive communication from the Colleges.

IMPORTANT - NAPLAN THIS WEEK

Naplan testing will occur this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Students who are absent on those days will have the opportunity to do a catch up test on Friday.

Please ensure your child has plenty of sleep and a good breakfast to give them the best possible chance of achieving to the best of their ability.

Beth Mahony / Principal