New School Garden beds
Danielle Westbrook

The 6/7 class planted out the new veggie plot on Friday 25/7. During the term students will be learning about vegetable production, gardening techniques and horticulture. This is being run in conjunction with the food and fibre curriculum and science units.

Bunnings Hardware have kindly donated seedlings and fruit trees for the first planting, we thank them for this.

Eventually produce that is grown will be used in the kitchen to teach students about healthy eating and diets. The garden will continue to expand in the coming months so that more primary classes can access the facilities.
ALLENDALE EAST TENNIS CLUB offers Tennis for women of all standards. Teams of 4 play 3 sets of doubles on a Saturday afternoon. Courts, clubrooms and surrounds are well-maintained and generously supported by local businesses. The next season will start mid October and conclude mid March. If you would like to play in a very social atmosphere please contact Carol Smith 0427854554 or dncsmith@internode.on.net
Team nominations are due mid September.

CYBER SAFETY AWARENESS FREE PARENT SESSION (Help Protect Your Children) on Tuesday, August 12 at 7.30pm - 9.00pm at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex.

For Sale—Gorgeous Mini Lop Bunnies $40.00ea—Call Kylie on 0428143950

SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS

The School Musical “Annie Junior” will be held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on Wednesday, September 10 (Week 8) with two performances – a Matinee (full dress rehearsal for all students) and an Evening Performance (for Parents / Caregivers, Community Members etc). Ticket information will be available in a few weeks.

The Senior Performing Arts Group have been working on their parts since the beginning of this year and are progressing well. In Week 4 this term, they will be given the opportunity to work with Eliza Lovell (Acting Mentor) for a full day workshop at the school.

What makes our School Musical special is that it involves the whole school (primary and secondary) performing on stage. The R-7 classes have started learning their dance routines for the musical. The primary students are showing great enthusiasm which is wonderful.

“Annie Junior” is set in 1933, in an orphanage, an institution for the care of orphans. Children would earn their keep. Life in orphanages was often deplorable with poor conditions. The 1930’s saw a shift in thinking – people no longer felt work was good for children, and decided homes should be emphasized over institutions. These were the beginnings of what is now called the foster care system, in which the state pays foster parents to board orphaned children on a temporary basis until the children can be formally adopted.

The performance will be lots of fun and very entertaining. There are moments of heartache, silliness, and witty humour.

Your primary aged child/ren will be sent home with a letter this week regarding costume requirements.

For more information please see your child’s class teacher or Kath Miller in the Front Office.
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

**Second hand clothing**
The Governing Council second hand clothing store is becoming quite popular with new families and also existing families. Larger sizes in jumpers and polo shirts are needed to replenish the shelves. If you have any clothes in good condition please bring them (washed) to the front office. Anyone with spare time to sort or label shelves would be appreciated. The store is located in the Junior Primary corridor first door on the left.

**School Grounds Improvements**
Our New Science block verandah is finally being built. Work commenced during the school holidays and hopefully it should be completed within the coming weeks. We received a grant from DECD to get the rusty old verandah replaced as it was deemed to be dangerous. More photos as the work progresses.

Solid walling has been placed behind all of the basketball rings in the gym. This was funded by our 2013 maintenance grant monies. The rest of the lower half of the gym walls will eventually be replaced using our remaining 2014 maintenance grant monies.

The paving around the courts has come to a stand still because of the weather. We are hoping to progress with this starting next holidays. In the mean time Brian has planted lawn to help make the space a bit more attractive.

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**Literacy Competitions!!!!**

Students of all ages are advised of two competitions available to enter. 2014 Spring Poetry Festival – open to all ages and poetry to be about any topic. This is run by the South Australian English Teachers Association; winners are published in the annual Spring Poetry Festival anthology. We have had one winner previously. Entries close Friday 8th August. Entry forms available from the Front Office.

Write4fun - This is a story writing or poetry competition, open to all students and with no set theme. There is prize money for individuals and schools and other prizes to be won, so please see the poster outside the Front Office. Entries close Sunday 31st August. Entry forms available from the Front Office.

Any queries please see Ms Suzie Mitchell - Literacy Coordinator.
Reception - Miss Breanna - Taite Jenkin for having success with his sight words.
Reception / Year 1 - Miss Tanielle / Mrs Telford - Tia Moulden for having a fantastic try in writing.
Year 2 - Mrs Neu - Madison Gavin for excellent results on her Lexile test
Year 3/4 - Mrs Sporton - Nathan Heinrich for his effort and commitment to literacy tasks, in particular, taking pride in presenting neat work.
Year 3/4 - Mrs O’Connor - Kobi Buckingham for successfully organising his fun day stall’s photographs and presenting them in a professional manner.
Year 5/6 - Mrs Newby / Mrs Biggins - Shandeen Balshaw for putting an excellent effort into all Quicksmart activities
Year 6/7 - Mrs Murdoch - Keagan Feast for using great mathematical arguments when solving problems

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Allendale students competed with students from Mount Gambier schools and other schools in the Limestone Coast. Students designed and tested hovercrafts, model planes, catapults and air powered cars. The major event was designing a bridge out of lightweight materials that could carry the greatest weight. The students had an excellent time, exploring and sharing ideas with one another and other students.