Welcome back to all families. We have a few new families to the district, along with our new Reception Students, and we wish them all many enjoyable and successful years at Allendale School.

We are excited to start the year with 28 Reception Students, and have kept class numbers low by having a Reception class as well as a Reception / Year 1 class. We also have a large number of students in the Senior class with 23 Year 11/12 students.

A special welcome to Halaena Hogg who will be teaching the Reception / Year 1 class with Tanielle Brooksby, and is replacing Helen Hamilton who is on sick leave. We are pleased to have Sarah Stratford, Rachelle McKay and Leonie Feast as part of our permanent staff now.

The year will begin with all classes taking time to build relationships and set goals through the Skills for Success Program during the first week. The Child Protection Curriculum is an important aspect of all Reception to Year 12 Curriculum and forms a great base for our beginning year programs. This years’ main topics are ‘Right to be Safe’ and ‘Relationships’ some of which will be woven into the Skills for success programs during week one.

Hats / Reception to Year 7 - All Reception to Year 7 students were given a new school hat by Governing Council last year. To keep in line with Sun Safe polices, the Governing Council has changed the uniform policy to include brimmed hats for all Reception to Year 7 students. The blue brimmed hat is part of school uniform and can be purchased cheaply from school if it needs replacing. Please ensure your child has a labelled blue hat so they can go outside during play or lesson times.

All Reception to Year 12 students are expected to wear hats when outside during Terms 1 and 4.

Last year’s Year 12 students have all successfully moved into a variety of pathways, including Flinders University, Apprenticeships and employment. We are proud of the high success rate of AEAS students achieving their SACE and gaining employment or entrance into Tertiary study.

We wish all families a happy and successful start to the year and look forward to meeting you all at our school Acquaintance Night on Monday, February 10th / Week 3.

Beth Mahony / Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

30th January Year 8 to 12 ID Photos 10th March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
3rd - 7th February Swimming / Reception - Year 7 14th March Interschool at Lucindale
10th February Acquaintance Night / AGM 17th - 21st March Reception - Year 7 Interviews
25th February Year 8/9 Infojection Session 19th March Year 8 Immunisations
28th February Sports Day
3rd - 7th March Year 8-12 Interviews

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to everyone from our long Christmas break.  
Due to swimming next week, specials will start again in Week 3 of this Term.  
Canteen will still be open next week at both Recess and Lunchtimes.  
Don’t forget on these hot days, we have a range of Icy Poles and Frozen Oranges available …
If anyone has spare time, extra help is always welcome in the canteen.  
I will be ringing parents in the next few weeks to fill my Sports Day Canteen Roster.  
All help on this busy day is much appreciated.
Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

Community Notices

**Allendale Martial Arts Academy** - Develop Self Discipline, Improve Fitness, Learn Self Defence, Increased Flexibility, More Energy… Term 1: Classes restart on Friday, 31st January through to 11th April.
For further information, a flyer is available from School Front Office or contact Ian McGregor on 0419 833 031.
Email — AllendaleKarate@gmail.com or Facebook - www.facebook.com/AllendaleMartialArtsAcademy

OSHC News …

This year’s Vacation Care Program had small numbers each day, but children and staff participated in a range of fun, exciting and educational experiences.  
Week 1 saw children involved in making a variety of Christmas decorations, making reindeer biscuits and making Santa stop here signs. During Week 2 children participated in a nature scavenger hunt, art display, movie day and wii challenge. Week 3 was all about Walking with Dinosaurs, although our excursion was cancelled due to the extreme weather, children learnt about dinosaurs in our local area, made dinosaur skeletons, became Palaeontologists, made a dinosaur mural, dinosaur habitat diorama and cooked fossil biscuits. During Week 4 children made slime, learnt the Chinese New Year - Year of the Horse, had a disco and participated in Australia Day Activities.
Thank you to all families who were part of the Vacation Care program.
We look forward to seeing you next holidays and during after school OSHC.

Judith Whitehead / OSHC Director

OSHC Bookings …

We are now taking bookings for after school OSHC. We are open Tuesday to Friday from 3:15pm to 6:15pm. Please ring Judith on 0409012668 or drop into the OSHC room to book your child in and collect an Enrolment Pack. We welcome new families at any time throughout the term.
We will also have a Vacation Care Program operating in the April School Holidays.
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.

At the end of 2013, Active8 Programs across our state were officially wound up as the State Government elected to fund new alternative programs. Active8 ran very successfully at our school for 13 years and was a popular, engaging and worthwhile program for our students. I am disappointed that this has occurred, but also happy to report that we will continue to provide an almost identical teaching and learning program from 2014 onward.

The existing Active8 Arts Enterprise group will be re-named "Performing Arts" and we will continue to produce musicals and other performances, with myself, Katherine Miller and Lucy Ridley at the helm.

The State Government Funding through Active8 was very substantial, but the school will endeavour to support as many activities as possible, with a little more support from families needed to attend camps etc. These will obviously be negotiated with families.

I am pleased to announce that our Performing Arts students will begin working on a production of "Annie" the Musical early this Term and we look forward to involving all Reception to Year 7 classes in this. I am very excited about this show and can't wait to get started with our enthusiastic group.

I will also continue to support the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program at our school and existing participants can see me at any time for assistance with their record-keeping etc. If your child is involved with Community Service activities and is interested in enrolling in the Award, please give me a call at the school.

April Hague
Performing Arts Teacher

Students Keeping Cool At School!
Swimming 2014

Swimming will be at the Aquatic Centre, Margaret Street, Mount Gambier for Reception to Year 7 classes in Term 1 / Week 2. An information letter, together with an Invoice were posted home last week.

Please Note: Payment is due no later than Friday, 31st January. Parents can arrange payment by instalments by talking with Hope Bliss at the school’s Front Office.

Australia Day Young Citizen Of The Year Award

AEAS 2013 School Captain Brittany Naismith was honoured to receive the Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Award for the Grant District Council. A very worthy recipient, Brittany has shown remarkable resilience, determination and maturity in the way she has approached her studies and journey in life, overcoming many obstacles to live independently and finish year 12. She has volunteered for the SAPOL Blue light, fundraised for Grant District Council, promoted their Geared to Drive program, supports the Youth Advisory Committee, and selected for the International Leadership camp in Melbourne.

Brittany chose to travel from Mount Gambier to AEAS for three years because of the support gained from staff and smaller classes, stating “I wouldn’t change a thing about Allendale School, I love it.” She has been accepted into Flinders Uni to study Criminology and Psychology through an Arts Degree. Congratulations Brittany on your achievements and Award.

We are proud of you and wish you continued success.

CATASTROPHIC FIRE ALERT

As notified last year in bus notes and Newsletters, if a Catastrophic Fire Day alert is announced prior to the day, all bus runs are cancelled, but Allendale School remains open. In future, please be alert to the warnings and if unsure, ring the School for information from 7.45am onwards.

Children have been cool and safe at school today with classrooms and library open during lunch. All class rooms are air conditioned.

ASHTON’S BOOK CLUB / ISSUE 1
CLOSING DATE - FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2014.

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

TERM DATES FOR 2014

Term 1  28th January - 11th April
Term 2  28th April - 4th July
Term 3  21st July - 26th September
Term 4  13th October - 12th December

“An Enterprising Community”