A high performing system that improves the educational attainment and wellbeing of South Australia’s children and young people.


Welcome back to another action packed week at Allendale East Area School. Last week, students and staff were extremely busy delivering fabulous Skills for Success Programs which focus on a number of our site and state vision and priorities. I have had the pleasure of meeting with staff, students and many community members both formally and informally, and sense excitement in our conversations around future opportunities and partnerships that are being formed.

Conversations included a focus on:

* Higher Standards of Learning Achievement,
* Improved Health and Wellbeing,
* Improved Child Safety, and
* Engaging Children, Families and Communities.

This week, there continues to be a buzz in the air as our R-7 students commence swimming lessons and our secondary students put into practice their knowledge around planning for success, goal setting and focusing on individual and team related achievements.

I would like to publically congratulate our Allendale East Area School Sports Captains and Vice Captains on their appointment for 2016, what a wonderful honour that your peers have acknowledged your leadership skills. I wish you all the success in the upcoming weeks as you work hard alongside our Sports Advisory Committee in planning, organising, practising, and coaching our whole school towards a successful sports day.

While many wonderful things are happening, there will always be concerns. Last week as many of you probably have heard, a number of sites across three states received computerised telephone threats. In the case of our site receiving a threat, the Department for Education and Child Development have circulated a clear process for all sites to follow. Allendale East Area School Staff have received a copy of the process and all threats are taken seriously. In the event of receiving any threat, we ask for your patience and cooperation whilst we follow procedure in keeping your child safe. Please do not attend or phone the site, as it hinders the procedures. We will ensure that we provide information to the public as soon as practicable, and appreciate your support in all emergency situations.

If you have not already downloaded the Skoolbag App, please consider this as an opportunity to receive information and alerts quickly and efficiently.

I would like to thank you all for your support in getting the school off to a positive start this year and look forward to catching up with many of you in the coming weeks at the AGM and Information evening next week.

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere – Chinese Proverb

Kylie Smith
Principal

Secondary Information Night will be held on Monday, 22nd February / Week 4
At the Community Complex, Port MacDonnell - 6.00pm to 8.00pm

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Canteen News

Remember! The canteen is open 5 days a week for recess and lunch.

New Menus will be sent home with next week’s Newsletter …

Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

Term Dates

2016 TERM DATES
TERM 1 - 1st February - 15th April
TERM 2 - 2nd May - 8th July
TERM 3 - 25th July - 30th September
TERM 4 - 17th October - 16th December

Community Notices

ROAD SAFETY CALENDARS - We have 2016 Calendars available at the School Front Office for a gold coin donation. These were designed by Allendale East students of all ages and share some important safety messages. They have been professionally printed and have large squares to write notes in. Call in and have a look!

ALLENDALE KARATE - Resuming Term 1, 2016. Tuesdays: Port Mac Community Hall - 6.00-8.00pm. Fridays: Allendale School Gym. 6.00-6.30pm Juniors ages 5-7. 6.30-8.00pm Main class ages 8 and up. (Older students are welcome to join the junior class and continue on to 8.00pm). Beginners are always welcome - ‘you are never too young or too old to give karate a go’. Parents, you are also welcome to join with your kids - we have several families training together already. Contact: Ian McGregor - allendalekarate@gmail.com or phone 0419833031 or just come along on either night.

RELAY FOR LIFE - Jayne’s Possums … Have several fundraisers happening over the next few weeks, including - a Summer Disco for ages 6-12 on Sunday 21st February at City Hall, a Happy Hour on Friday 26th February at the South Aussie, and a High Tea at the Customs House on Sunday 28th February. We have flyers available at the School Front Office if anyone is interested in these events.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SALE - 1 Secondary school uniform size 8. Good, clean condition. Phone Barb on 0419623507.

QUIZ NIGHT - To be held at the Victoria Hotel on Wednesday 24th February at 8.30pm in the Shipwreck Bistro. $10.00 per person, with raffle proceeds going to Angel Flight. Get a group together and book a table on - 87382213 and make a night of it! Snitzel night in the Bistro from 6pm.

Sports Day Information

Congratulations to the brave students who accepted nominations to take on the important leadership role as a Sports Day captain and give a short speech on why they would be a good Sports day leader for their House colour. It takes great courage to do this so well done to all nominated students. The staff colour team leaders facilitated a well organised voting process which resulted in the following students being selected to represent in 2016.

The Captains and Vice Captains will passionately inspire, organise, manage and lead their House colour teams during the weeks of preparation in the lead up to the big day of competition SPORTS DAY! This will be held on - Friday 4th March WEEK 5.

Orange has now been victors for two years running and are pushing to make it three years in a row by winning in 2016! I’m excited to see the determination and effort of Lime and Purple participants to steal the glory by beating Orange to secure a team win.

I wish all the best for participants in striving to achieve to their best ability on the day.

Please Note: There will be a Sports Day Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 10th February at 3.30pm in the staffroom. We’d love to have parents involved in this important committee.

Melvin Chesser & Rachelle McKay

Margaux Terek / Natika Fensom
James Bald / Trent Ebejer

Aria Higgs / Lily Higgs
Kyle Cawthorne / Chris Sylvester

Jordan Mudford / Grady Hutchesson
Natasha Treacey / Jemma Hamilton-Rigney

“Always striving”
Noorla Yo-Long adventure programs are based around the practical application of life skills. They use a variety of activities as tools to provide opportunities for people to develop their skills. Some of these activities include: co-operative team building games, trust activities, initiative problems, and a low and high ropes challenge course. The program design is focused around an atmosphere that is fun, supportive and challenging. Programs challenge people to go beyond their perceived boundaries, to work with others, to problem solve and experience success individually and as a team.

Our year 11 and 12 students participated in challenges which gave them the opportunity to:

- try potentially difficult and/or frightening challenges in an atmosphere of care, support and safety
- ‘back off’ when performance pressures or self-doubt become too strong, knowing that an opportunity for the future attempt will always be available
- try difficult tasks, recognising that the attempt is more significant than performance result.

A fabulous day was had by all and the learning about self and others as team members is a unique experience each participant will take away and reflect on for life.

Grant Cuthbert / Year 11/12 Co-ordinator

Sports Day Polo Shirts - Orders, together with payment, need to be dropped at the Front Office by - This Friday, February 12th / Week 2. Spare forms available on request.

Thank you ...

Playgroup News ...

Playgroup is open on Fridays from 9.30am - 11.30am.

Please bring $2 and a piece of fruit.

We are looking for a new facilitator to give Briodie Wilson a break ...

Duties include : Opening up and locking up and collecting money.

Please contact Briodie on 0433514856 or the Kindy on 87387323 if you are keen to help out.

Thank you ...

IMPORTANT

School Photo Day will be - Thursday, 31st March.

Photo ordering packs will be sent home when we have received them.
Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.
All babies, children and young people 0-17 years are welcome to attend.
Phone your local School Dental Service clinic now for an appointment.
For clinic details visit - www.sadental.sa.gov.au.

Kirinari Kindy News ...

The AGM of the Governing Council of Kirinari Kindergarten will be held on Wednesday, 24th February, 2016 at 12noon at the Kindy. All welcome - including children!
This is your opportunity to join the Governing Council and have a real say in how the Kindy operates.
The Office Bearers and Committee for 2016 will be elected on this day.
Please Note: Our meetings are relaxed and the contribution of all members is valued!
A short general meeting will immediately follow the AGM.
For queries, please phone Michelle on - 87387323.

Ashton’s Book Club / Issue 1, 2016 - Closing date is Friday, 19th February, 2016.

Next week we are holding our Information Night & AGM evening for Parents and Teachers.
This information and chat session is really important to help give your child a good start to the year.
Children value their education and show respect for their school when they see their Parents doing the same and showing an interest in what is happening at school.

The program for next Monday night is as follows -

. 6.00pm / Governing Council Annual General Meeting - Library
. 6.30pm / Family Sausage Sizzle & Information Night Evening Introduction - Year 2/3 verandah
. 6.50pm / Reception/Year 1 Class Information
. 6.50pm / Year 5/6 & 6/7 Informal Class Information
. 7.10pm / Year 2/3 & 4/5 Class Information

Supervision of children is a Parent responsibility at out of hours functions. Please keep young children safe in the playground and respectful during any presentations.

During the evening, Teachers will have informal discussions with Parents about their classroom programs, classroom management and how to support your child with their learning.

It will be a great opportunity for you to be introduced to our new staff members, (including Principal), Leadership Team, and take time to look at your child’s new classroom.

We encourage Parents to attend the evening and to consider being part of the Governing Council for 2016, and I look forward to meeting as many families of our school community as possible.

A nomination form for Governing Council has been included with today’s Newsletter. Please return these by Friday, 12th February, 2016.

Kylie Smith/Principal