

Allendale East Area School Newsletter

Courage Excellence Respect



To build strong, diverse futures for all of our young people by providing quality education driven by needs, skill and aspirations.

LEADERSHIP - 2024

Term 1 Week 4

Student leadership provides the opportunity for students to take on active roles in the School community, while developing positive skills during the process. A reported benefit is increased student engagement, with students more likely to be engaged in their education and invested in the success of their school. The School has been a hive of activity over the first few weeks, with the Leadership selection including the nomination and voting process for some key leadership positions within the School for 2024. In addition to the **School Captain** and **School Vice-Captain** leadership positions, the **School Sports Captains/Vice Captains** and the **Environmental, Wellbeing** and **Fundraising** teams have now been selected. Well done to the students who had the courage to put themselves forward for nomination for any position. It was very pleasing to see and *'you never know, unless you have a go'*. Each student should be extremely proud of themselves for taking on this challenge, particularly those who nominated for the first time. Congratulations to the students who were successful in gaining a representative position. We wish you all the very best for the year ahead and know that you will fulfil your duties with **'Courage, Excellence and Respect'**.



Image: The majority of the 2024 Student Leadership team representatives.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2024

27 Road Awareness Program - Year 10-12

MARCH 2024

1 School Sports Day

11 Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup

MARCH 2024 (continued)

13-25 Naplan (to be confirm)

22 Inter-School Sports Day

25 **Student Free Day**

29 Good Friday

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LEADERSHIP - 2024 (continued from p.1)

School Co-Captains 2024 - Madison Gavin, Alicetyn Stanley and Vice Captain Michael Mackenzie



Madison Gavin

Following a successful year as the School Vice Captain in 2023, **Madison Gavin** set her sights on her goal to gain a position of School Captain in 2024. Madison has volunteered at School and in the community, and believes she can inject some fresh ideas and continue to make the School a better place for students to come. When not in school, Madison enjoys reading and watching motor racing and also has a part_time job, keeping her busy.



Alicetyn Stanley

Alicetyn Stanley has been a student at AEAS for the past three years and is a volunteer with the CFS cadets. Alicetyn was motivated to nominate for a School Captain position with the support of her family and friends and to prove to herself *“that it’s not that hard to achieve something; it just depends on how much you want it.”* Alicetyn’s goals are to win the 100m Sports Day event, to make her last year memorable for the community and hopes to lead Northumberland to victory for the third year in a row.



Michael Mackenzie

Vice Captain **Michael Mackenzie** is looking forward to the opportunity to assist others and make connections with fellow students. The motivation behind Michael’s nomination; to be involved within the School, to challenge himself and to improve his leadership skills. Michael enjoys a wide range of activities which include volleyball, cooking, singing, gaming and spending time with friends. With a passion for helping others, Michael hopes to be a positive role model and motivator for others.

Representative Teams



Environmental

Jaxon, Kade, Parker, Ava.

Absent: Mya, Zoe

Leader: Ms Kylie Hales



Wellbeing

Lucy, Sofia, Madison, Skyla.

Absent: Taj, Casey

Leader: Mrs Sarah Stratford



Fundraising

Emily, Ana, Eliza, Caitlyn,

Eva, Brianna.

Leader: Mrs Mel Reed

LEADERSHIP - SPORTS

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful with their nomination for **Sports Day House Captain and Vice Captains**. Wishing all three houses; **Douglas**, **Banks** and **Northumberland** all the very best with the sporting events.

DOUGLAS



Captains: Josh Virgo
Emily Bowman



Vice Captains: Brock Bowman,
Michael Mackenzie

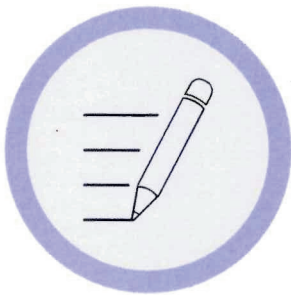


Brock (vc), Emily (c), Josh (c), absent: Michael

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

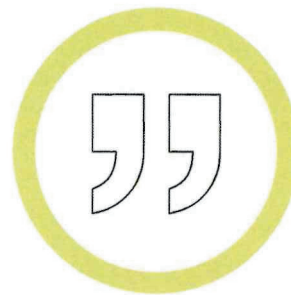
- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



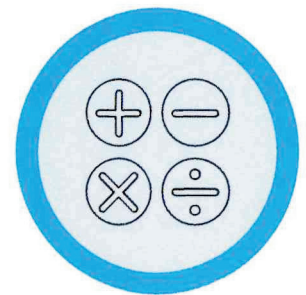
Writing



Reading



Conventions of language
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



Numeracy

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.

For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

LEADERSHIP - SPORTS (continued..)

BANKS



Captains: Aaliyah Howell,
Harrison Kennion



Vice Captains: Taj Manning,
Sharli Manning



Sharli (vc), Harrison (c), Taj (vc)
absent: Aaliyah (c)

NORTHUMBERLAND



Captains: Nathaniel Abbott,
Alicetyn Stanley



Vice Captain: Zoe Vandeeper,
absent: Ryleigh Atchison



Zoe (vc), Alicetyn (c), Ryleigh
(vc), Nathaniel (c)

In good sporting spirit and fun, let the games begin!

RAA REGIONAL SAFETY GRANT SUCCESS

In December 2023, an application was submitted on behalf of the School for a **RAA Regional Safety Grant** for the amount of \$8000, with the project purpose to provide First Aid Courses (Senior Students) and Mental Health and Wellbeing initiatives within the School. We are thrilled to announce that we have been notified of the School's success, amongst an extraordinary number of community groups. We now look forward to organising and delivering the courses and initiatives to our students. A big thank you to Mel Reed for preparing and lodging the application (in her own time) and to the RAA for the generous sponsorship.



GOVERNING COUNCIL

The **Governing Council (GC)** is a body that works collaboratively, to assist in the setting of policies and the direction for the School; determining the use of School finances and undertaking planning to identify and develop future opportunities, with two examples being in relation to resources and facilities. Thank you to all who attended last week's GC Annual General Meeting. It was very pleasing to see both new and some familiar faces expressing interest in being a part of the GC. We take this opportunity to thank the members of the 2023 GC for their time and contribution made to the School, and express a very warm welcome to the incoming GC members for 2024. The GC members: Rod Virgo (Chairperson), Kylie Lannigan, Kelly Lampard, Mel Reed, Kylie Smith, Suzie Mitchell, Bec. Kurzman, Michael Black, Sam Durcan and Melita O'Loughlin.

WELCOME - NEW STUDENTS



Ashton Mackenzie

We extend a very warm welcome to one of our new students **Ashton Mackenzie** (and family) who has transferred from McDonald Park School. Joining AEAS in Term 1, 2024, Ashton is in Year 7. Welcome Ashton - we wish you all the very best for the year ahead and your time at AEAS.

We will feature and share news of other new arrivals in future newsletters, once there has been an appropriate time for a photo opportunity.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**) is planned to take place on dates to be confirmed in March 2024. NAPLAN tests students' (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9) reading, writing and maths skills. An 'Information for Parents and Carers' flyer has been included with this Newsletter as an insert. If you do not receive or you require further information, please contact the Front Office.

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to parents/caregiver that **School Fees** are now **due and payable**. If you are experiencing difficulty with payment or have any queries, please contact Finance Officer, Mel Reed to discuss.

SPORTS DAY PRE-EVENT

With the 800 metre running events run and won, the focus now shifts to the next **Sports Day Pre-Events**. The 1500 metre running event is scheduled for **Tuesday, 20 February 2024** at **9.15am**, with the Hurdles (**11.15am**) and Fun Run (**12.25pm**) taking place on **Friday, 23 February 2024**. Parents/Caregivers and members of the School community are once again invited to attend to support the students. The School will also be seeking volunteers to assist with Sports Day on Friday, 1 March 2024. Volunteers do not require any special skill set to help out. As always, the more volunteers that we have the lighter the duty load on the day. Please contact the Front Office for further details.



Sports Day Action - 2023

GUITAR LESSONS



Students in readiness for the first guitar lesson

Could this photo include the next Taylor Swift or Ed Sheeran? Regardless of what the future may hold, it was heartening to see such an enthusiastic class for the first lesson for guitar for this year. Under the tutelage of experienced musician and guitar teacher Brenton Williams, the class will meet each Friday during the school year. Wishing the class a very enjoyable and fun year! We look forward to hearing some tunes.

CANTEEN SPECIAL

The '**Special**' Lunch order deal for **Monday, 26 February 2024** is a hotdog with cheese in a roll AND a Lifesaver icy pole. **Cost** of deal - **\$7.00!** Please place orders by **Friday, 23 February 2024** to guarantee your deal. Support for the School canteen is very much appreciated, particularly on special lunch order days.

