



# 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.

**WELCOME BACK - KYLIE SMITH**

**Term 1 Week 2**

**2025**

As we embark on another exciting year, I am thrilled to welcome each of you back to our innovative school community. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, I am confident that 2025 will be a year of growth, learning, and positive experiences for all.

### **Building a Positive School Community**

At Allendale East Area School, we believe that a strong, positive community is the foundation of successful education. This year, we are committed to fostering an environment where every student, teacher, and family member feels valued and supported. Here are some key ingredients we believe are essential in building this community:

#### **Respect and Inclusion:**

We strive to create a culture where diversity is celebrated, and every individual feels respected and included. By embracing our differences, we enrich our learning experiences and build a more cohesive community.

#### **Collaboration and Communication:**

Open and honest communication is vital. We encourage collaboration between students, teachers, and parents to ensure that everyone's voice is heard and valued. This partnership is crucial in supporting our students' academic and personal growth.

#### **Engagement and Participation:**

Active participation in school activities, events, and decision-making processes strengthens our community bonds. We invite you to engage with us through various opportunities, from volunteering to attending school events.

#### **Support and Wellbeing:**

The wellbeing of our students and staff is a top priority. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where everyone can thrive. Our support services are always available to assist with any challenges that may arise.

#### **Our Vision for 2025**

This year, we aim to build on our successes and continue to innovate in our teaching and learning practices. We are excited to introduce new programs and initiatives that will enhance our students' educational experiences and prepare them for the future.

We also look forward to strengthening our connections with the wider community. By working together, we can create a supportive network that benefits not only our school but also the community at large.

#### **Join Us on This Journey**

As we move forward, I invite each of you to be an active participant in our school community. Your involvement and support are invaluable to us, and together, we can create an environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Allendale East Area School. I am excited about the possibilities that 2025 holds and look forward to working with you to make this year a memorable and successful one.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 7** Year 6 Survivor Challenge
- 11** Governing Council AGM  
Open Classroom Tour for Parents  
Sausage Sizzle for Parents & Students  
- Community Garden

### **FEBRUARY**

- 13** Police & Community + Bullying & Violence Workshop
- 20/21** A Big Blue Boat - Susea Spray Author Visit
- 28** School Sports Day
- MARCH**
- 11** School Photos

## **Allendale Contact Information**

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## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

On Australia Day representatives from our Leadership and Led Steer Team were chosen to attend the Barn Palais for lunch to celebrate the DC of Grant Australia Day Awards. Our student representatives were Eliza Lannigan, Mya Coutts, Ryleigh Atchison, Asha Atchison, Sienna Black, Eva Hape and myself, Skyla Hopgood. We travelled to the event held, at The Barn, in the community bus with Mel and met Mrs Tulak and Mrs Stratford. When they arrived, we headed into The Barn where we saw beautifully decorated tables with a small goodie bag with chocolates, soap and Mrs Tulak's preserves. Mayor Kylie Boston then took the stage and gave a welcome speech as well as outlining the proceedings for the day, then lunch was served. The menu was an alternate drop, meaning we could either get an aged porterhouse steak finished with Diane sauce, or a marinated Chicken Florentine with spinach and cherry tomatoes. I was really hoping to get the steak and then a few minutes later I got a steak put in front of me! I was really happy and it was delicious!!! After lunch we listened to guest speaker Emma Brunton and then it was time for dessert. For dessert it was another alternate drop and we could either have a honey nougat semifreddo toasted with almonds and drizzled with a berry compote, or a vanilla bean pannacotta with liquored strawberries. I didn't really mind what I got because they both sounded delicious. When the dessert was served, I got the vanilla bean pannacotta which was really good. After we had finished dessert, it was time for the Award Ceremony. First, they called out the Led Steer students, so Sienna, Asha and Ryleigh walked up to the stage to receive their awards, which was a Certificate and an Australian flag pin. As they stood up on stage the cameraman took photos and they walked off. Next, there were a lot of other people who got awards and read speeches, then finally the AEAS Leadership Team got called and we walked on stage. They read a small speech about what we had done for the school and the community like our donation to Foodbank and our Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. We got our photos taken and as well received a Certificate of Appreciation. We had further photos taken at the photo wall and then headed home. I had a great time and I was honoured to be able to receive this award.

Skyla Hopgood





## FROM NEW BEGINNINGS TO THE FINAL JOURNEY

As the educational journey for 5 reception students commences, two Year 12 students now embark on their final year with AEAS. A blank canvas awaits the final Year 12 students, for each to make their own individual mark and work towards their chosen goals for life following secondary education. We wish all students from Foundation right through to Year 12, a year full of learning, friendship, fun and the creation of many happy memories. Go well!



Emily Bowman



Loretah Stanley

## FAREWELL

We would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff members who have recently left our school community. Their contributions have been invaluable, and their presence will be greatly missed.

Throughout their time with us, these individuals have demonstrated unwavering commitment to our students and the broader school community. Their passion for education and dedication to fostering a nurturing learning environment have left a lasting impact on all of us.

We extend our sincere thanks to each of them for their hard work, creativity, and the positive influence they have had on our students' lives and wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.



Caroline Hodgett  
Naracoorte South Primary  
School



Kezia Feast  
Reidy Park Primary School



Paul O'Connor  
Long Service Leave



Nicole Biggins  
12 Months Leave



April Hauge  
12 Months Leave

## SCHOOL SAFETY

As we head into Week 2 of the School term, we would like to remind all students, parents/caregivers of several of the School safety messages. **Sun Safety** - We are experiencing regular visits of students to the Front Office, requesting to borrow a hat to enable them to partake in outside activities in break times. **Please ensure your student has a clearly labelled hat packed each day** as there are a limited number of spares and considering hygiene, it is preferable that hats are not shared. **Devices with Wheels** - A reminder that any device with wheels (ie: bikes, scooters, skateboards) are not to be used at School at any time. **School Drop Off/Pickup** - While reminders have been included in previous newsletters/Facebook posts, unsafe driver behaviour is still occurring. **Restricted speed limits do apply to school zones and in the interest of safety for all, please use an alternative to U-turns within 50m of any drop off zones.**



## SCHOOL FEES

As students make their way back into the classroom, the invoices for School fees were sent out in student packs last Friday. Fees for 2025 are as follows: **Foundation - Year 6 \$330\*** and **Year 7 - 12 \$410\***, with fees covering all printed and electronic materials, stationery items, student consumables, use of materials whereby the student takes ownership of final product and library use. Please note: excursion costs are not included in fee payment. Fees are able to be paid via instalments (ie: weekly/fortnightly) and direct credits can be set up for payment into the School account. School Card\*\* Need to be applied for each year, with paper application forms available from the School Front Office. For those who prefer to apply; electronically, the following website is where you need to go to apply <https://www.sa.gov.au>. If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Finance Officer Mel Reed for a confidential chat.

## CANTEEN

Kylie Lannigan will again be offering some great **lunch specials during each term**, so please keep an eye out on Facebook, Audiri and flyers sent home. A reminder in relation to Canteen payment: as we become more of a "cashless" society and the Canteen being unable to offer accounts, any purchases requiring EFT payment will need the amount paid into the School Canteen account prior to the lunch order day if transferring funds for student credit, please be sure to use the **Canteen account (BSB:105-002 Acc: 134787940)**. As funds generally take two business days to appear in the account, please email payment confirmation to Mel.Reed889@schools.sa.edu.au. Unfortunately, credit cannot be extended until the transferred funds appear. **The School Canteen provides a valuable resource, which needs the School community's support to ensure it is here to serve students and staff in years to come. All support for the Canteen is very much appreciated.**

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The first Issue of Scholastic Book Club for 2025 has just been made available to students. 2 Issues are sent out each Term. Book Club provides families with an affordable and convenient way to bring children's literature into their homes. Each issue contains curated, age-appropriate titles carefully selected and levelled by a dedicated team of professional book lovers. Scholastic has proudly partnered with Australian schools and educators for over 50 years. For every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 15% of the order value to support educational resources via its Scholastic Rewards program.

There are 2 ways to order:

- fill out the order form on the back of the Issue, return and pay at the School's Front Office;  
OR
- via LOOP order, online at [Scholastic.com.au](https://www.scholastic.com.au). Select Book Club – Book Club Parents and follow the instructions listed.

**Wednesday, 12 February 2025 is the cut-off date for Issue 1 orders.**

Happy Reading!

