



Allendale East Area School Newsletter

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

SCHOOL CAPTAINS - 2025

Term 1 Week 6

2025

Congratulations to Our School Captains and Vice Captains! We are thrilled to announce the appointment of our new School Captains and Vice Captains for the year. Please join us in congratulating Emily Bowman and Joshua Virgo as our School Captains, and Tomas Dowdy and Brock Bowman as our Vice Captains. These outstanding students have been with us since the beginning of their schooling journey, and it is truly inspiring to see them step into these important leadership roles. Emily, Joshua, Tomas, and Brock have consistently demonstrated dedication and a passion for making a positive impact within our school community. Their journey from primary school students to high school leaders is a testament to their hard work and commitment to personal growth and development. As School Captains, Emily and Joshua will lead with enthusiasm, ensuring that the voices of all students are heard and valued. Their ability to inspire and motivate their peers is a critical part of the role and we are confident that they will represent our school with pride. Our Vice Captains, Tomas and Brock, bring a wealth of experience to their roles. Their collaborative spirit and ability to work alongside students and staff will undoubtedly contribute to an exciting and inclusive school environment. Congratulations once again to Emily, Joshua, Tomas, and Brock. We look forward to supporting you in your leadership journey and witnessing the wonderful contributions you will make to our school community. Together, we will continue to build a bright and promising future for all.



Emily Bowman



Joshua Virgo



Brock Bowman



Tomas Dowdy

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 10** Adelaide Cup - Public Holiday
- 11** School Photos
- 12-24** Naplan
- 14** Interschool Athletics- Kangaroo Inn Area School

MARCH

- 28** The Biggest Morning Tea

APRIL

- 11** End of Term 1 - Early Dismissal
- 28** Student Free Day

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YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS PROGRAM - YELP

On Tuesday 25 February, students Skyla, Parker, Taya and Taj went to the Naracoorte Caves for their first Forum as an introduction into the Young Environmental Leaders Program - YELP.

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board are passionate about providing opportunities for young people to learn about how we can all play our part to protect our environment and the world we live in. Our students really enjoyed this excursion, especially inside the Wonambi Visitor Centre and Bat Cave. At the end of the day, students broke off into their school groups for a Brainstorming session where lots of ideas were formed for this year's project.

Here's what the students had to say.

My favourite part of the YELP excursion was visiting the visitor centre. We saw life-sized ancient animals and fossils. They used animal skins to show what they looked like back then. It was really fascinating and cool. - **Skyla Hopgood**

I loved the Naracoorte Caves museum. I learned about a 500kg, 60m long goanna. Blanche Cave was amazing, at 13 degrees. We couldn't enter the Bat Cave to avoid disturbing the 30,000 bats there. - **Parker Byrne**

The museum with extinct animals was fascinating. I saw a huge, short-faced koala and kangaroos. Exploring the caves and watching bats on cameras was cool. After lunch, we did a team project and got cookies. - **Taya Vermey**

All schools explored models of ancient animals, reading facts. We toured the cave's entrance, observing limestone and windows. Deeper in, it got colder. After recess, we watched bats on TV at the Bat Centre. - **Taj Vandepeer**

Supporting young minds to experience nature in the Limestone Coast



AUTISM INCLUSION TEACHER

It is with great excitement that we announce our **Autism Inclusion Teacher** Foundation - Year 6, for 2025. Congratulations **Tanielle Brooksby**. We are excited that you are willing to take on this role. Some of the tasks that Tanielle will undertake are:-

- engage in formal and informal learning on Autism
- mentor and guide your staff to improve inclusive practices to support Autistic students
- network with other Autism Inclusion Teachers
- analyse data to develop a good understanding of what Autism looks like at our school
- talk with Autistic students and families to understand their perspectives and experiences.

This position is in addition to Tanielle's current role, we know how passionate she is about inclusion and look forward to her support throughout the year.



ANZAC CHOIR

Students from Mr. Thomas's Year 4/5 class, with support from Year 6 students in Ms. Reppin's class, are honoured to participate in the ANZAC Day dawn service at Port MacDonnell. This special choir performance will feature the song "Spirit of the ANZACS," paying tribute to the courage and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women. The students have just completed



their first rehearsal and will continue to practise diligently throughout Term 1 to deliver a moving rendition. Their harmonious voices will contribute to the community's commemoration, fostering a spirit of remembrance and unity. Join us in supporting these young performers as they honour our ANZAC heroes. **Mr Thomas Male**

HARMONY WEEK

What is Harmony Week?

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from different backgrounds. It's about **inclusiveness, respect** and a **sense of belonging**. The message of Harmony Week is **everyone belongs**. As part of our celebration, Allendale East Area School Staff and Students will be involved in activities and experiences that recognise the diversity of others. These celebrations will create the opportunity for all of us to think, talk about and recognise how our differences make Australia a great place to live.

Did you know?

- More than half (51.5 per cent) of Australian residents were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- Since 1945, more than 7.6 million people have migrated to Australia.
- Nearly every single country from around the world was represented in Australia's population in 2020.
- More than 150 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages are spoken in Australia
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Vietnamese, Cantonese and Punjabi.
- We identify with over 300 ancestries.



For Parents/Caregivers and Families:

- Please talk with your children about Harmony Week and their ancestry. Students will use their knowledge of their ancestry for an art activity, for Harmony Week.
- During Week 8, Term 1 there will be a special cultural menu available for order from the canteen. Keep an eye out for the order form.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards. Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing. The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how personal information about you and your child will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) and NAPLAN readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in March 2025.

If you have a child in the above mentioned years, please keep an eye out for the full NAPLAN - privacy collection notice that will be distributed as a hard copy this week.

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding the availability of school uniforms. Once our current stock is sold, uniforms will no longer be available for purchase directly from the school. This decision, made during a recent Governing Council Meeting, aims to minimise the stock and costs held by the school. For future purchases, starting from the end of March, uniforms will be available at Hip Pocket. Please note that the polo shirts have also changed in style due to stock availability. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this transition. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Community and Fundraising Student Leadership teams warmly invite you to Save the Date for our upcoming **Biggest Morning Tea** on **Friday, 28th March 2025**. The event will be held in our **school gymnasium**, commencing at **10:00am**. Join us for a delightful morning as we support the Cancer Council. For those who have attended before, we are sure you have enjoyed our hospitality. For newcomers, do yourself a favour and be part of this wonderful cause. We look forward to seeing you there!



CANTEEN

The 'Special' Lunch order deal for Monday, 17 March 2025 is **1 piece of Battered Fish (\$2.50), 10 Potato Gems (\$1.50), Choc Mint Slice (\$1.00)** and a **Fruit box (\$2.50)**. Please place orders by Friday, 14 March 2025 to guarantee your deal. Support for the School canteen is very much appreciated, particularly on special lunch order days. We invite you to share your thoughts on our canteen menu and lunch specials. Please feel free to suggest improvements and new options that you believe would enrich our menu. You can provide your feedback by emailing the school dl.0751.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

THE BAYSIDE FESTIVAL

The BaySide Festival was a tremendous success, thanks to the collective efforts of everyone involved. It's fantastic to know there was ample support, allowing for regular shift changes to keep everyone comfortable. Your commitment and hard work have not gone unnoticed and are deeply appreciated. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and the festival's success is a testament to your dedication and effort. Thank you for your outstanding work!