

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.



SA RURAL YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Term 1 Week 8

2025

AEAS students have had much success when nominating for a position as a SA Rural Youth Ambassador, with having at least one student representing the School and area for the last four years. We are thrilled to announce the successful representation continues, with Year 11 student Tomas Dowdy having been offered a place in the program for 2025. The Rural Youth Ambassador program was developed by the Country Education Partnership (2011) forming a key element with the larger 'Rural Inspire' initiative. Developed to provide young people within rural communities the opportunity to develop their ambassadorial skills and capacity, Tomas' program will include taking part in three Face to Face forums in Adelaide throughout the year. In addition to the personal development component for each ambassador, the program empowers each to think and act within a complex environment and contribute to the discussions and deliberations on issues which are influencing both their lives and their learning, within a partnership framework at a local, state and national level. The highlight of the program is the presentation of the Rural Youth Ambassadors to key stakeholders, governments and education sectors. While participating in the program, the youth ambassadors are encouraged to focus on one or two key areas via an 'Action Research Project', whereby a specific improvement initiative within their rural and remote communities is identified. We look forward to hearing all about Tomas' journey within the program and will be sure to keep everyone updated. To be chosen as an ambassador in a very popular program is a huge accolade and we again congratulate Tomas on his selection. We know that Tomas will do us proud!



IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

12-24 Naplan

20 Harmony Day Celebrations

APRIL

11 End of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2.15pm

28 Student Free Day

29 First Day of Term 2

MAY

9 Cross Country - Naracoorte

21 National Simultaneous Story Time

30 Biggest Morning Tea

JUNE

3 Moss Piglet Excursion

9 King's Birthday - Public Holiday

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LEADERSHIP GROUPS

Student leadership is an incredible opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the school community while developing essential skills. This year, the buzz around campus has been electric as we've completed the leadership selection process for 2025. With nominations and voting wrapped up, we're thrilled to introduce the new members of the Environmental - YELP, Community - Fundraising teams. A heartfelt congratulations to all the students who bravely put themselves forward for nomination. Your enthusiasm and willingness to get involved are truly commendable. As the saying goes, "Great things never come from comfort zones!" Each of you should be immensely proud of your efforts, especially those who took the plunge for the first time. Your courage to step up and participate is a testament to your dedication and passion for making a difference. To those who have successfully secured a representative position, congratulations! We are excited to see the positive impact you will make in your roles. Your leadership journey is just beginning, and we are confident you will carry out your duties with "Courage, Excellence, and Respect." As you embark on this exciting adventure, remember that your contributions will shape the future of our school community. We wish you all the best for the year ahead and look forward to seeing the innovative ideas and initiatives you will bring to life. Here's to a successful and engaging year filled with growth, collaboration, and achievement. Let's make 2025 a year to remember!

Environmental and YELP

Grace Moore
Chelsea Grosvenor
Niko Slotegraaf
Parker Byrne
Taya Vermey
Taj Vandeppeer
Skyla Hopgood
Austin Hopgood
Evie Black



Community and Fundraising

Zoe Vandeppeer
Eva Hape
Molly Coutts
Ava Spencer
Kai Connell
Londyn Whitaker
Zarli Noble
Leo McGregor
Cora Hape
Asta Staples



Sarah Stratford



Mel Reed



Kylie Hales

We are also excited to announce that Kylie Hales will be leading the Environmental and YELP group. Meanwhile, Mel Reed and Sarah Stratford will be at the helm of the Community and Well-being group. Their endless dedication will be instrumental in organising upcoming events such as Harmony Week and The Biggest Morning Tea, a cherished event at Allendale East Area School. These initiatives promise to bring our community together and create lasting, positive impacts. We are confident that both groups will thrive and make significant contributions.

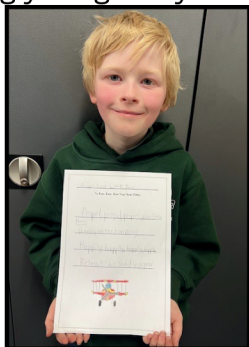
Interschool Sports 2025

Thank you to all the staff who supported Kangaroo Inn Area School in hosting Interschool Sports Day, your dedication and hard work made the event a success. A special thank you to all the students who participated and represented our school with enthusiasm, courage and sportsmanship. Your efforts and spirit are truly commendable.



SUSEA SPRAY - VISITING AUTHOR

Susea Spray, the delightful author of children's picture books, made a splash at Allendale East Area School on Thursday, 20th and Friday, 21st February 2025. As a retired Junior Primary and Reading Recovery Educator, Susea now sails the world on a yacht with her husband, turning her oceanic adventures into enchanting stories about a boat, a girl, and the sea. During her visit, Susea captivated the students with tales of her own thrilling voyages, sharing fascinating sailing tips like why summer cyclones make sailing tricky. Her adventures are destined to become picture book stories, though she playfully admits she's still waiting for the perfect words to sail her way. Susea also engaged the students in a lively workshop, helping them craft their own rhyme stories. It was a creative and fun-filled experience, sparking imaginations and inspiring young storytellers to set sail on their own literary journeys!



3/4 Class Rhyme Stories

Theodore Fox - Propel propel propel your little plane gently on the runway, happily happily happily
happily retract the landing gear.

Steven Richards - Fly fly fly your plane roughly in the air, crashing crashing crashing crashing in the
thunderstorm all the way to Perth.

GOVERNING COUNCIL THANK YOU AND WELCOME

Thank You, Rodney Virgo! On behalf of Allendale East Area School and our entire school community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rodney Virgo for his exceptional service as Chairperson and committee member of the Allendale East Area School Governing Council. Rodney has been a pillar of strength and a dedicated leader, contributing significantly to our school's growth and success over the past decade. His leadership and commitment have been instrumental in fostering a positive and inclusive environment for our students, staff, and families. Rodney's passion for education and support have left a lasting impact on everyone he has worked with. As Rodney steps down from his Chair position, we celebrate his achievements and express our deepest appreciation for his countless hours of hard work and dedication. His legacy will continue to inspire us all. Thank you, Rodney, for your invaluable contributions, you are an admired member of our school community.



Rodney Virgo

We are delighted to announce that Kylie Lannigan has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Governing Council. With great appreciation, we welcome her to this important role, where her leadership and dedication will undoubtedly benefit our school community. Kylie brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our school. Her involvement in various school activities has always been marked by enthusiasm and a genuine desire to make a positive impact. As Chairperson, Kylie will work closely with the council to support our school's mission and goals, ensuring that we continue to provide a nurturing and effective learning environment for all students. In addition to her new responsibilities, Kylie will continue to serve as the Canteen Manager. Her dual roles demonstrate her remarkable ability to balance multiple commitments while maintaining a focus on the well-being of our students and staff. Her ongoing dedication to the canteen ensures that it remains a vibrant and essential part of our school community. We look forward to the positive changes and continued success that Kylie's leadership will bring. Please join us in welcoming her to this important position and supporting her in her efforts to enhance our school.



Kylie Lannigan

1/2 CLASS HEALTH

The 1/2 class have been learning about positive personal qualities during Health this term. They are developing skills that enable them to see the positive qualities in themselves and others. In Week 5, the students awarded each other with Super Friend certificates where they could share what makes their friend a Super Friend! The students loved the activity, and everyone went home with a certificate that was awarded by one of their peers.

- Mrs Elly Maidment



EXCITING LEARNING IN THE 4/5 CLASS

Mr Thomas and Mrs Dowdell's Year 4/5 class at Allendale East Area School have been diving into the world of digital technologies! This week, our young tech enthusiasts explored the fascinating realms of hardware and software. The highlight of their learning journey was the hands-on experience of deconstructing an old computer tower. Students eagerly examined the various components, gaining a deeper understanding of how computers work from the inside out.

We're proud of our students' curiosity and enthusiasm for learning about the technology that shapes our world. Keep up the great work, Year 4/5! - Mr Thomas Male



NEW STUDENTS

Welcome back, Eliza and Zaria Shephard. We are thrilled to have you return to our school community. We wish you a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and new friendships. Your presence enriches our school, and we are excited to see all the wonderful things you both achieve!



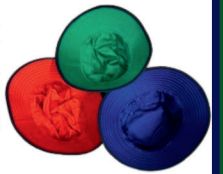
Zaria Shephard



Eliza Shephard

BUCKET HATS

We are pleased to announce that bucket hats are once again available for purchase at the front office. These hats are perfect for sun protection and are a great addition to your school uniform. Additionally, if you have any gently used bucket hats in clean and good condition that you no longer need, we would appreciate your donations. Your contributions help support our school community.



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ian Bramley, Rodney Virgo, Natasha Sanderson, Lisa McGregor, Kelly Lampard, Heather Frances, Kerry Ann, Jenna Griffiths, Sarah Kain, Bianca Fife, Brian Jackson and Ava Grosvenor who volunteered in the canteen on Sports Day. Your dedication and hard work ensured that everyone was well-fed and energised throughout the event. Your support made the day a great success, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your time and effort!

CANTEEN

The 'Special' Lunch order deal for Monday, 24 March 2025 is **1 Soft Shell Beef Taco Boat with Cheese (\$3.50), Salad - Tomato, Lettuce and Cucumber (\$1.50)**, choice of **Salsa and Sour Cream, Chocolate or Strawberry Milk (\$2.50)**. Please place orders by Friday, 21 March 2025 to guarantee your deal.