



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.

DAIRY CALVES ARRIVAL

Term 2 Week 4

2025

This year the 7/8 class are participating in the Cows Create Careers Program. The program engages and educates young people about careers in the Australian dairy industry. A project run by Jaydee Events, Cows Create Careers empowers students to explore the dairy industry in a practical way. Across the program students build both technical and transferrable skills through raising a calf, undertaking research and projects aligned to the curriculum and explore a variety of career opportunities in the dairy industry.

Cows Create Careers project objectives:

- Introduce students to the opportunities for both vocational and university pathways.
- Involve dairy farmers and industry advocates who have vision and dairy industry knowledge to encourage and support students with the project.
- Support students in making career decisions by providing and creating links to the education and employment sectors.

This year's calves, named 'Coco' and 'Pops,' have been supplied by Donovan's Dairy. We look forward to raising the calves for the next three four weeks.



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 21 National Simultaneous Story Time
- 21 Millicent National Trust Museum - 4/5 Class Excursion
- 26/27 YELP Camp Naracoorte
- 27 3/4/5 Students Gymnastics Excursion - Millicent
- 28 Mount Gambier City Library - 4/5 Students
- 28 YELP - Karst Spring Wetland - Pt MacDonnell Visitor
- 30 The Biggest Morning Tea - AEAS Gymnasium

JUNE

- 3 Moss Piglet Excursion - Sir Robert Helpmann

JUNE

- 4 Jam Band - Foundation - Year 6
- 6 3/4/5 Students Gymnastics Excursion - Millicent
- 9 **King's Birthday - Public Holiday**
- 11 Portland Excursion - 4/5 Students
- 20 **Student Free Day**
- 25-27 Ballarat Year 4/5 Camp

JULY

- 4 Last Day of Term 2 - 2:15pm dismissal

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STAFF UPDATES

Welcome, Holly Brown

We are delighted to welcome Holly Brown to our team at Allendale East Area School, as a Student Support Officer. We are excited to have you on board and look forward to the positive impact you will make throughout our school.

Welcome, Lily Oakley

Lily has joined the team of SSOs at Allendale East Area School to support backfilling behind support staff who are on leave at various times, completing teaching placements. Lily is studying speech pathology through Flinders University at the Mount Gambier campus and is also a friendly face behind the bar at The Ary Bistro. Lily will be working with both Primary and Secondary students on Monday and Wednesdays this term. We warmly welcome Lily to our school community and hope she enjoys her time with us.

Good Luck Hannah

We wish Hannah Seidel all the very best as she completes her enriching six-week university placement at Tenison Woods College with the Year 6 Class. Hannah is pursuing a Bachelor of Primary Education, and we look forward to her return to Allendale East Area School. We are excited for her to bring back new insights and skills.

Welcome, Ebony Williams

We are excited to welcome Ebony Williams to Allendale East Area School for her final teaching placement in our Foundation/Year 1 class. Ebony is pursuing her Bachelor of Primary Education at Flinders University and will be under the expert guidance of Tanielle Brooksby and Lucy Ridley. Having completed placements at Seaview Downs Primary School and Mitcham Primary School in Adelaide, Ebony brings valuable experience to our school. Originally from Kaniva, she has been awarded a scholarship for country placement in South Australia. We look forward to supporting Ebony in her journey and warmly welcome her to our community. Enjoy your time with us, Ebony.



Holly Brown



Lily Oakley



Hannah Seidel



Ebony Williams

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations Tanielle Brooksby for gaining her Lead Teacher Certification. Tanielle has undergone an intensive process to be accredited. From the Department for Education:- "Our aspiration is to become a world leading education system and to achieve our goal we need expert teachers. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tanielle on this achievement. Certification provides you with formal national recognition of the exemplary contribution that you are making to quality teaching and leadership in department schools." From Allendale staff, students and community, we are very proud of your achievement and applaud you for your outstanding work in education.



MIMOSA FARM TREES EXCURSION

On Thursday 8 May, the Environmental Student Leadership Team went on an excursion to visit Peter Feast at his nursery Mimosa Farm Trees. The Environment Team are keen to learn how to propagate and grow saplings from She-Oak seeds that have been given to them from the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. Mr Feast showed students around his farm, identifying different native species of trees and allowed students to collect some of their own seed pods and talked about what to do with them. Evie and Taya noted that you need to place the seed pods in a paper bag and put near a heater to keep warm and dry to pop the seed heads open. Austin wrote about how they learnt not to use a plastic bag because it keeps too much moisture in. Grace noted that the seed pods they collected were of the *Alloraspina Verticillata* variety which grows to 8m tall. We were all interested to find out that there are both male She-Oak and female She-Oak trees. Mel from the Landscape Board said a friend calls them She-Oak and He-Oaks. Taj asked "How can you tell?" We found out that the male has long yellowing brown flowers with pollen and the female has the seed pods, and Parker and Chelsea noted that it takes 4 - 5 years to identify if it is male or female. Mr Feast then took us to the nursery where his dog Yoda was eagerly waiting for us to play with him and get a pat. Students learnt about the seed propagation process and wrote notes in their workbooks. Mr Feast gave students a seed tray and a bag of seed raising mix to keep. Skyla noted they usually take 3-4 weeks to germinate but Niko mentioned it might take much longer in winter so we need to keep them somewhere warm. Raising the She(He)-Oaks will also be the project for the YELP group of students this year. Skyla, Taya, Parker & Taj have already started discussions with Mrs Tulak to see if they can re-vegetate some of the back area of Ag for the Led Steers. Stay tuned! **Kylie Hales and the Environmental Team**



GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

Sometimes it feels like staff have been around forever. We are so excited to announce and celebrate Thomas Male, who started with us at AEAS as an SSO in 2022, whilst studying to complete his teaching degree. His teaching career started early on a Special Authority to Teach concession, mid-year in 2024, which has paved the way for his position here at AEAS as a Year 4/5 teacher. We are thrilled to announce that Thomas has officially graduated and celebrated at his graduation ceremony last week



alongside Elly Maidment. Elly similarly has worked with the Department for Education as an SSO at MilLel Primary School, whilst studying to gain her degree. Elly relocated for a short period of time, further north of South Australia and returned to the area with her husband and son and have settled locally. We are delighted to have Elly's passion and energy for her chosen career pathway and appreciate how easily she has formed relationships with her colleagues, students and parents of the children she is currently working with. Congratulations Thomas and Elly for achieving your career goals, we love working alongside both of you.

SOUTH EAST CATTLE HANDLING

During week 1 Mrs Tulak and the Led Steer Team attended the South East Cattle Handling Workshop at the Mount Gambier Showgrounds. Over two days our students learnt lots of skills associated with farming and showing cattle. On the first day they learnt about meat cuts, breeding cattle and animal health with leading experts in the industry. From there, students rotated through hands on sessions in washing and drying cattle, structure, stall preparation, clipping, ringcraft and pastures and nutrition.



GENERATIONS IN JAZZ

Allendale East Area School had the pleasure of hosting students and staff from Mazenod College for the eighth time during the Generations in Jazz weekend, from 2-4 May 2025. Mazenod College have become cherished guests at our school. We were delighted to receive positive feedback from Mazenod College, highlighting how much they enjoyed their stay with us. Upon their arrival on Friday 2 May the Mazenod students graciously performed a show for our students, which was met with great enthusiasm. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and appreciated this opportunity. Additionally, we were thrilled to welcome a small group of 8 students from St Francis de Sales College in Mount Barker, South Australia, for the first time.



TUNA COMPETITION

Allendale East Area School were thrilled to be part of the community spirit by supporting the annual Port MacDonnell Tuna Competition! We cooked up delicious egg and bacon sandwiches for breakfast, which were available to competitors and community members from 6:30am to 9:00am each day. Despite the challenging weather conditions last week, our dedicated staff, parents, and volunteers braved the elements to provide this service. All proceeds raised go towards subsidising school camps and excursions planned for the upcoming weeks. We appreciated everyone who dropped by to grab a tasty egg and bacon sanga for just \$5.00. Your contribution made a difference! Thank you for supporting our school and community! And a massive thank you to our amazing volunteers Lisa McGregor, Katie and Oliver Bramley, Dianne Ferguson, Sam Taylor, Kylie Lannigan, Helen Egan, Greg Kain, Kylie Smith, Mel Reed, Elivia Stanley and Verity Rice. Thank you for bringing smiles and delicious bacon and egg sandwiches to our community!



THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Allendale East Area School warmly invite you to our upcoming Biggest Morning Tea on Friday, 30 May 2025. The event will be held in our school gymnasium, commencing at 10:30am. \$10 a ticket, available for purchase from the Front Office 8738 7218.

TUESDAY TAKE HOME MEALS

Take Home Meals for Tuesday 27 May 2025 are available for purchase - Creamy Chicken Pesto Pasta \$10 or Hearty Pepper Steak Goulash \$10. Please contact the Front Office 8738 2718. Orders will need to be placed by Friday 23 May 2025. All meals are prepared onsite by Canteen Manager/Chef Kylie Lannigan.