

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.

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Term 2 Week 6

2025

On Friday, 30 May 2025 our school proudly hosted the annual Biggest Morning Tea in the gymnasium, to raise funds for The Cancer Council. Thank you to Musician Brenton Williams who once again performed live music to our guests, and Kylie Hales for being a guest speaker for her charity 'Cottages 4 Country Care'. This event provided our Fundraising Student Leadership Team with a valuable opportunity to gain hands on experience in event management, customer service and fundraising. It was rewarding for the team to host not only families and friends of the school community and class mates, but also guests from Mount Gambier and beyond. When guests started to arrive our Fundraising Leadership Team warmly welcomed them and ensured everyone felt at home, they prepared tea and coffee and their friendly service was very much appreciated. Their efforts did not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work. The event was not only a delightful social gathering but also a meaningful opportunity to raise awareness and funds for a worthy cause. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of the day. Your presence and support are invaluable, and they help strengthen the bonds within our school community. We hope to keep growing this event and providing a rewarding experience for our students. We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$2237.10 for The Cancer Council.



IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- 3 Moss Piglet Excursion - Sir Robert Helpman Foundation - Year 5
- 4 Jam Band - Foundation - Year 6
- 9 **King's Birthday - Public Holiday**
- 11 Portland Excursion - 4/5 Students
- 12 3/4/5 Students Gymnastics Excursion - Millicent
- 20 **Student Free Day**
- 25-27 Ballarat Year 4/5 Camp

JULY

- 4 Last Day of Term 2 - 2:15pm dismissal
- 21 **Student Free Day**
- 22 First Day of Term 3

AUGUST

- 27 Wondervorse - Sir Robert Helpmann

SEPTEMBER

- 3 PPEP Talk

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SAPSASA ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Skyla Hopgood, Taj Vandeeper, Kade Grosvenor, and Hunter Livingston-Waters for qualifying for the State Athletic Championships in Adelaide on Monday, 22 September 2025. These talented students have been selected to compete in the following events, having qualified at the Lower South East SAPSASA Athletics held in March at Mount Gambier High:

- **Skyla Hopgood - 12 Year Old Girls: 800m, 1500m, and Relay.**
- **Taj Vandeeper - 11 Year Old Boys: Long Jump.**
- **Kade Grosvenor - 12 Year Old Boys: Shot Put, Discus.**
- **Hunter Livingston-Waters - 11 Year Old Boys: High Jump.**

We wish them all the best and are proud of their achievements. Good luck team!



Skyla
Hopgood



Kade
Grosvenor



Taj
Vandeeper



Hunter Livingston-
Waters

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

On Wednesday, 14 May 2025, our school community came together for a meaningful cause by celebrating "Do It For Dolly Day", in support of raising awareness and funds. Students and staff wore blue, transforming the school into a sea of blue, adding a splash of fun and purpose to the day. Our dedicated Fundraising and Community Group added to the excitement by crafting beautiful bracelets and ribbons, which were snapped up during recess and lunch. The atmosphere was filled joy as everyone joined hands to support this important cause. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the day a memorable success!



AUSLAN

As part of Investigations time this term the year 1-2 students have been learning Auslan. Last week we were lucky enough to have Kathleen Donhardt join us. She taught the students to sign the alphabet, how to sign their names, some colours and how to sign teacher and student. The students really enjoyed this and we are grateful to Kathleen for taking the time to share her knowledge and skills.

Student comments:

- I enjoyed signing my name and the alphabet – Cora
- I like signing 3d snakes – Patrick
- I liked learning the ABC and being able to sign my name – Nash
- I liked learning the ABC, Nash took photos of me signing and I made a pic-collage page – Ariana



INTEGRATED LEARNING CAREER IMMERSION

In Week 3, the Integrated Learning class explored local career pathways during a career immersion excursion to Mount Gambier, accompanied by Mr Berlin and Holly (SSO). The trip offered students firsthand experience of skills, qualifications, and workplace expectations across various industries. The day began at Whitty Engineering, where students learned about becoming a boilermaker or fitter and turner. Staff emphasised the importance of mathematics and the safety risks mobile phones pose on the job. Students engaged with a recently qualified apprentice, discussing career pathways and training. Next, the group visited Auto Care Mt Gambier, touring the car servicing workshop. They discovered the diverse roles required, from general servicing to maintaining Waratah harvesting equipment. Careers in the automotive industry were highlighted, including mechanical trades, customer communication, and parts interpretation. At the 4WD Supercentre, students observed the process of fitting and modifying vehicles. They learned about managing customer service, product ordering, and scheduling—key aspects of successful operations. Meanwhile, Emily Bowman toured Mount Gambier Airport, even starting an aircraft engine as part of a behind-the-scenes look into the role of an airline steward. The experience inspired students to reflect on their career goals, and each will present their learnings to the class.



YELP CAMP

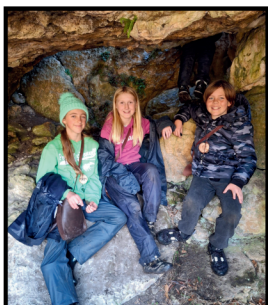
YELP Leadership Students together with Kylie Hales (SSO) saw the team travel once again to the Naracoorte Caves but this time for a 2-day camp. Skyla, Parker and Taya from the Year 6 Class were excited and looking forward to making some new friends. This camp was all about students learning how to be monitors of our environment, noticing change both good and bad and learning how everything is connected. The Limestone Coast Landscape Board developed this Earthkeepers Training Program designed with training manuals working through 4 key areas of learning; Knowledge, Experience, Yourself, Sharing. At this Forum #2, students gained knowledge of how all things are connected by 'Specs', Soli Specs, Water Specs and Air Specs. The specs that have been around on earth from the beginning of time are still the same specs that exist today which are cycled and re-cycled through everything on earth. Students also learnt about 'Munchlines'. The energy flow from the sun that goes into the 'Sun Munchers' (plants), which then travels into the 'Plant Munchers' (herbivore animals), and then into the Animal Munchers' (carnivore animals).

Comments from Camp

Taya - "I really like the Blindfold Walk because it brought us closer to nature. We were blindfolded, joined together in a line and placed on a tree. We then got spun around and had to go find our tree."

Skyla - "The best part of camp was EM's Walk. I really enjoyed being able to follow in her tracks by listening to her diary".

Parker - "I liked the Blindfold Walk but the Fossil Treasure hunt was the best part. We were given a map with a box number on it and had to follow the trail to find it. When we brought it back to the group we had to place the items under the correct timeline from thousands of years ago."



CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 9 May a team of 14 courageous AEAS students travelled to Naracoorte to compete in the SAPSASA Cross Country event. Students run varying distances according to age, and often the fields of competitors are large (100+), which can make the start of the race a bit hectic! In perfect calm sunny conditions, the students did their best - tackling rough terrain through pine forests that surround Naracoorte Primary school, up and down slopes and then finishing back on the school oval in front of excited school mates and parents, all cheering them on. It truly is a fabulously run event and I was very proud of the personal efforts of each student, and their exemplary personal /and group behaviour over the day. Thank you to the parents who travelled and supported, and to SSO Holly who helped me supervise and manage the logistics of the team - getting them to their event on time, taking photos and doing general supervision duties. - **Mrs Suzie Mitchell**

Results

8B - 46/73 - Kai - 7.37
9G - 31/93 - Zaylee - 7.19
9G - 65/93 - Cora - 8.39
9B - 62/104 - Niko - 7.04
9B - 83/104 - Logan - 8.05
9B - 91/104 - Leo - 8.31
10G - 61/80 - Joey - 11.55
10B - 33/100 - Quintin - 9.07
10B - 61/100 - Austin - 10.13
11G - 18/66 - Eva - 13.02
11B - 12/82 - Hunter - 11.10
11B - 61/82 - Harry - 14.31
11B - 65/82 - Shawn - 15.10
12G - 10/31 - Skyla - 12.24
12G - 14/31 - Ava - 14.44



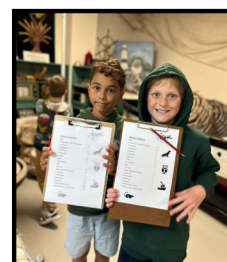
SAPSASA NETBALL



We would like to congratulate Year 6 Student Skyla Hopgood who has successfully been selected to represent the Lower South East SAPSASA Netball Team at the State Carnival in Adelaide during Week 9 of this term. We wish Skyla all the best and look forward to hearing about this amazing opportunity. Congratulations Skyla!

MARITIME MUSEUM & CAPE DOUGLAS LIGHT HOUSE

This term the 4/5 Class are working with Mrs Dowdell on a Learning Expedition. Learning Expeditions are a rich, in-depth learning experience where students explore a big idea or real-world topic (in this case, Shipwrecks of the Limestone Coast) over several weeks. Guided by curiosity and meaningful questions, students connect subjects like English, Science, History, and the Arts through hands-on projects, excursions, and expert engagement. At the end, they present their learning with a high-quality product or exhibition. It's a powerful way to make learning deep, purposeful, and memorable. Students have jumped straight into the world of Shipwrecks, with some exploration of the different types of ships in the 1800s, Mapping and Navigation, and the most recent find of a shipwreck in Robe. We have completed one Learning Expedition Excursion, to the Pt MacDonald Maritime Museum, where we spent time learning about the local history and some of the 20+ shipwrecks of the Limestone Coast. There is much more to come! - **Mrs Leah Dowdell**



STATE AG TEACHERS CONFERENCE

During Week 2, Mrs Tulak attended the State Ag Teachers Conference in Jamestown where she joined 75 other Ag Teachers from around SA for a program focused around 'Doing More with Less'. In an era of growing demand and limited resources, the future of farming lies in doing more with less. Through innovation, precision agriculture, and eco-friendly practices, today's farmers are maximizing yields while conserving water, energy, and soil health. Also by embracing cutting-edge AgTech solutions and climate-smart strategies, the industry is reducing inputs and waste, all while producing more food to feed a growing global population. Conference attendees were treated to guest speakers, workshops, industry visits and farm tours all aimed at building teachers knowledge and skills to apply practices in their classrooms.

