



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.

SAPOL SAFER JOURNEYS REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY

Term 1 Week 8

2026

On Wednesday 4 March, Year 10–12 students from Allendale East Area School attended a major road safety event at the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre, Mount Gambier. Organised by South Australia Police (SAPOL) in partnership with SA Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Fire Service, this local event featured a simulated road crash scenario where students observed emergency services working together to respond to an accident. Students participated in interactive activities such as driving simulators, reaction tests and virtual reality challenges, which highlighted the dangers of distracted and impaired driving, speeding, and not wearing seatbelts. The program emphasised the “Fatal Five” causes of road trauma in South Australia. Keynote speakers, including crash survivors and emergency service professionals, shared powerful personal stories, helping students understand the real impact of risky behaviour behind the wheel. Students left the event with increased awareness about road safety and the importance of making responsible choices.

Ms Mitchell and Mr Berlin



IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 18 Governing Council Meeting - 5:30pm
- 19 Street Smart Incursion
SAPSASA Athletics Day (MGHS)
- 20 Feedlot Tour Excursion - Year 10/11
- 24 Pt Mac Community Complex - F/1 Class
- 30 Seaweed, A Celebration - Public Event
- 31 Year 7 & 10 Immunisation

APRIL

- 2 Glow and Grow Day - Celebrating Neurodiversity
Early Dismissal - Thursday 2:15pm

APRIL

- 3 **Good Friday - Public Holiday**
- 6 **Easter Monday - Public Holiday**
- 7 Walking the Seasons Excursion - Year 7
- 10 Last Day of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2:15pm
- 27 **Student Free Day - OSHC Available**
- 28 First Day of Term 2

MAY

- 4 GRIP - Student Leadership Conference
- 5 Year 10-12 Integrated Learning

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INTERGRATED LEARNING

The Year 10/11 Integrated Learning class recently visited the new Limestone Coast Technical College in Mount Gambier as part of their exploration of future pathways and vocational learning opportunities. Several students are already enrolled in courses at the college, so the excursion provided a valuable opportunity to see the facilities first-hand and gain a better understanding of what the college offers. During the visit, students explored the campus, learned about the range of programs available, and discussed how the college supports both local students and those travelling from further away, including accommodation options for regional students. One of the highlights of the day was trying the welding simulator using a virtual helmet, which students found both challenging and engaging. The group also had the chance to meet a familiar face in ex Allendale teacher, Mr Hamilton, which helped make the experience feel more familiar and welcoming. As the college will host the students for their immersion week later in the year, the visit was a great opportunity to become comfortable with the environment and reduce some of the nerves before returning for a longer stay. Overall, the excursion was an enjoyable and worthwhile experience that gave students a clearer picture of the technical training opportunities available in the Limestone Coast region.

Mr Berlin



YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS NETWORK SA

Is your young person eager to make a difference in their community? The Young Changemakers Network SA is seeking enthusiastic students aged 14 to 17 to join a youth-driven leadership program. Through hands-on workshops, inspiring guest speakers, and group activities at two exciting Adelaide summits, participants will develop advocacy and leadership skills while connecting with peers from across the state. Travel costs for regional students are covered to ensure everyone can participate.

Supported by experienced mentors, students will gain practical experience in leading community projects, build long-lasting friendships, and become part of a strong network of young leaders passionate about positive change. No prior leadership experience is required—just a willingness to get involved and learn. Applications close Sunday, 22 March. For more information or to apply, visit the Young Changemakers Network SA website or speak to your school's student wellbeing leader.

Young
Changemakers
Network SA

**Applications are now
open to become a
Changemaker!**

scan the QR code to apply



Young Changemakers Network SA is a network for young South Australians aged 14 to 17 who want to create change in their communities.

Changemakers can expect:

- 2 full-day summits each year
- Workshops and skill-building opportunities
- Action tailored to local communities
- An end-of-year party recognising young people's contributions.



find out more at
ccyp.com.au/changemakers



Interschool 2026



STAND LIKE STONE FOUNDATION

Thanks to the generosity of private donors, Stand Like Stone are pleased to provide our school with six Back to School vouchers. This year, Stand Like Stone is distributing vouchers to public schools and area schools across the Limestone Coast, due to the generous support of local people and businesses. Since the program began in 2005, more than \$700,000 in vouchers have been distributed, thanks to the support of our local donors. This initiative was originally supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) until recent years, after which it has become a solely community-led Stand Like Stone program in the Limestone Coast. Back to School vouchers are intended to assist families with essential school items such as uniforms, clothing, shoes, school bags, and stationery—items that help ensure children can participate fully in their learning. If you would like to self-nominate, or nominate a family who might benefit from receiving a voucher, please contact the Principal, Kylie Smith-Oakley, directly at kylie.smithoakley836@schools.sa.edu.au by Friday, 20 March 2026.

WELCOME DIMITY



Welcome to Dimity!

We are delighted to welcome Dimity to our school community as our new canteen lady. Dimity brings both skill and enthusiasm to our canteen, and she is also the proud parent of three students at our school. Dimity is passionate about providing delicious options for our students and is eager to contribute to the friendly and welcoming environment we value here. Her commitment to our school and her warm, caring nature make her a wonderful addition to our team.

Please join us in making Dimity feel right at home as she begins this new role. We look forward to the positive energy, creative ideas, and genuine care she will bring to our canteen and our students.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are pleased to introduce the members of the Allendale East Area School Governing Council for 2026. Our Governing Council plays a vital role in shaping the direction of our school, representing the views of families, and supporting a positive learning environment for all students. The council is made up of dedicated parents, community members, and staff who volunteer their time and expertise to help guide school decision-making, policy development, and ongoing improvement. Their collaboration ensures that our students have access to high-quality education and a supportive school community.

Our 2026 Governing Council members are:

- Lisa McGregor (Chairperson)
- Kelly Lampard
- Rodney Virgo
- Rebecca Kurzman
- Michael Black
- Jemima Hanna
- Katie Bramley

We look forward to working together throughout the year and thank each member for their commitment to Allendale East Area School.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Lisa McGregor for stepping up and taking on the role of Governing Council Chairperson. Taking on the responsibilities of Chairperson is a significant undertaking. Thank you, Lisa.

SPORTS DAY / INTERSCHOOL HELPERS

Thank You to Our Amazing Sports Day and Interschool Sports Day Volunteers!

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer who assisted during Sports Day and Interschool Sports Day. Your willingness to contribute your time and effort ensured the success of these important events in our school calendar. Whether you spent the day working in the canteen, helped organise and run events on the field, or supported the smooth operation behind the scenes, your involvement made a significant difference.

A very special thank you to our wonderful helpers: Dale Byrne, Richard Ferguson, Hayden Gower, David, Ash MacDonald, Dimity Wastell, Katie Bramley, Lisa McGregor, Kelly Lampard, Katrina Jones, Bianca Fife, and Nikita Grosvenor.

We would also like to extend our thanks to any other volunteers who helped out on these days—please know your support has been truly valued and appreciated.

Thanks to your dedication, our students, staff, and families enjoyed well-organised, safe, and memorable Sports Days and Interschool Sports Day. Volunteering is often a behind-the-scenes role, but your actions and positive attitudes did not go unnoticed. The sense of community, encouragement, and teamwork you brought to these days truly enriched the experience for everyone involved.

Your efforts helped create an uplifting and supportive atmosphere where students could challenge themselves, display their talents, and celebrate school spirit. We are truly fortunate to have such a caring and generous group of volunteers as part of our school community.

Your support is deeply valued and genuinely appreciated. Thank you once again for everything you do to make these days a highlight for our students.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

We welcome all enquiries!

Contact us at the front office on 8738 7218 or reach out to OSHC directly by phone or text at 0447 414 652. You can also email us at dl.0751.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

OSHC Operating Hours:

Monday to Friday, 3:15 PM – 6:00 PM

We also offer Vacation Care during school holidays and on student-free days.

Vacation Care Operating Hours:

Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

(excluding public holidays)

If you have any questions or would like to make a booking, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to supporting your family!



DRAKES COMMUNITY DOLLARS

Support Allendale East Area School with Drakes Community Dollars!

Did you know that by shopping at Drakes Mount Gambier, you can support Allendale East Area School? For every \$2 you spend, Drakes donates 1 cent to a community group or charity—just select Allendale East Area School in the MyDrakes app!

It's a simple way to help our school community—every small contribution adds up to real support for our school. The more people who join in, the more funds we can raise together!

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