



# 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.

## BARBARA HOCKING MEMORIAL AWARD

Term 2 Week 4

### Allendale East Area School for the WIN!!!

As you may have seen on the School Facebook page, the School has been announced as a recipient of a Barbara Hocking Memorial Award, as part of R U OK? day. Nominated in the Education category by Tracey Wanganeen, the prestigious awards are named in honour of the late Barbara Hocking (OAM), one of Australia's leading advocates for people affected by mental illness. The surprise announcement was made at a virtual (online) awards ceremony on Wednesday, 10 May 2023, and a replay has been made available on the School's Facebook page. You can find the exciting news being shared from the 4.10 - 6 minute mark.

This award has certainly been a TEAM effort, with the Wellbeing Team, all staff and students contributing to this award and recognition.

We can all play our part by ensuring that we regularly check-in and remain connected with the School and the community. Thank you to Tracey Wanganeen for nominating the School and a big congratulations and thank you to all!

Pictured celebrating the Award: Back row L-R: **Carla Doody** (Youth Worker), **Caitlyn Gunn**, **Brock Bowman**, **Evie Jones**, **Jack McGregor**, **Ava Spencer**, **Sarah Stratford** (Teacher)  
Front row L-R - **Kia MacDonald**, **Annabelle Williams**, **Tyler Fox**



## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY 2023

- 24 National Simultaneous Story Time
- 25 Biggest Morning Tea - Allendale Hall
- 22 - 23\* YELP camp - Naracoorte Caves  
(\*date change)

### JUNE 2023

- 6 - 7 Chinese Teacher visit to School
- 8 - 9 Great South West Walk Camp
- 13 Queen's Birthday holiday (no school)
- 14 Jam Band visit
- 14 Governing Council Meeting

### JULY 2023

- 3 - 7 NAIDOC Week
- 8 Quiz Night

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## AUTISM INCLUSION TEACHER



2023 has seen the State Government fund a new, nation-leading initiative in all SA schools with the introduction of the "Autism Inclusion Teacher" (AIT). Each School has appointed an educator into the AIT role for a minimum of one day per fortnight, and at Allendale East Area School, that person is me!

Many of you will know me as an Art Teacher, but over my 25 years in teaching, I have held various roles in Special Education and Counselling, and I bring some lived experience working with autistic children and teenagers to the position. I am passionate about promoting inclusion and providing support for autistic children in education.

### April Hague

As part of this role, I will be working with teachers and SSOs to build capacity and to support the use of evidence-based approaches with our students. This capacity building began on our Student Free Day (1 May 2023). I conducted a workshop and introduced a Planning Tool and where teachers could collaborate with their SSOs on strategies for working with students that were focused on the child's strengths and interests. We will be building on this in the future, looking carefully at adjustments to support our students around connection to community, social skills, sensory processing and much more. Monday's session was valued by staff because it allowed time for those vital conversations between support workers and teachers, where the whole team around the child could collaborate and communicate in a focused and meaningful way. One of my priorities this year is to work with staff as well as families and caregivers to improve inclusivity, focusing on your children's strengths, in a culturally responsive way, and I welcome your involvement and contributions to this at any time.

## RURAL YOUTH AMBASSADOR

It was with great excitement and pride that we learned the news of Year 11 student Angus Millard being selected as an Ambassador in the Region's South Australian Rural Youth Ambassadors Program for 2023.

Angus was chosen from over 20 nominations from rural education communities, and such is the popularity of the program, the organiser's need to keep the numbers at a manageable level while ensuring a wide range of South Australian communities are represented.

The program will run from 29 May 2023 until 2 November 2023, and Angus will participate in forums and discussions to explore key areas of interest relating to rural life and education. Angus will also have the opportunity to further develop his leadership and ambassadorship skills, while taking part in other planned activities.

Angus first commitment is to attend the four-day Orientation forum in Adelaide (29 May-1 June 2023), with the agenda also including participation in the "Violence in Schools" - Student Forum.

We are sure Angus will represent the School and the Allendale East rural youth with pride.



Angus Millard

## SAPSASA REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to **Kade Gilmore** (left), **TJ Howard** (centre) and **Oliver Fox** (right) in gaining selection in the Lower South East SAPSASA football team. The representative team, coached by Heath McShane (Reidy Park PS), will take part in the State Australian Rules Football Carnival, played in Adelaide from Monday 22 May - Wednesday 24 May 2023.

Prior to selection, all players were required to attend the trial process, ran over a period of 5-6 weeks. Given the number of talented young footballers across the region, it is certainly a great achievement to make the final team! Should the team win the Carnival, they will then be crowned as State Champions.

We wish the boys and the team every success over the coming three days.



## LED STEER TEAM EXCURSION

In Week One of Term 2, as part of the School's Led Steer elective program, the Led Steer Team attended the South East Cattle Handling Workshop with Mrs Tulak. The two day workshop (4-5 May 2023) held at the Mt Gambier Showgrounds, provided the Led Steer Team and 70 other students from around the region, the opportunity to learn important skills in agriculture and handling livestock.

Students started with a working dog demonstration and a session on meat cuts, where two sheep carcasses were processed to show the different cuts from around the animal. Following that, the students rotated through lectures and activities on leading cattle, washing and drying, structure, clipping, nutrition, and halter making. The skills gained will be well utilised in the Led Steer Program, when preparing the School steers for upcoming shows.



Photo above  
**Caitlyn Gunn - Clipping**

Dani Tulak



Photos L-R  
**Kia MacDonald**  
**Tyler McKenna**  
**Ryleigh Atchison**

## OUTDOOR ED -AQUATICS CAMP

On Wednesday 10 May 2023, the Outdoor Ed crew ventured off on camp, the destination - Murraylands Aquatic Centre, Murray Bridge. With the river now returning to pre-flood levels, it was awesome to see the Murray River in such great condition. The clarity of the water has certainly been improved, with the large clean out. The camp had a sailing focus, with students learning a variety of skills, including how to rig the boats, points of sail, turning and even capsizing. The crew was very fortunate to have Mother Nature on our side, with the sun shining brightly for all three days and very manageable winds, although the nights were a little frosty! The students were also provided with the opportunity to participate in a couple of extra aquatic sessions. These included wind surfing, stand up paddle boarding and kayaking. The Outdoor Ed crew had a great time, learning new skills and also overcoming challenges, which was great to see!

Mark Rumbelow - Outdoor Education Teacher



## CROSS COUNTRY-NARACOORTE ATHLETICS

Friday 12 May 2023, eleven students from Allendale East Area School travelled to Naracoorte Primary School to participate in the 2023 South East Cross Country Carnival.

The Cross-Country Trails range in distance from 1,300 metres for the 8-9 year olds all the way to 2,500 metres for the 11-12 year old participants. Some of our students were very nervous because they knew they had a long way to run, over some rough terrain.

During the day, our students were busy cheering on other participants from our school while they waited their turn. The AEAS students all had a great time and every one of them gave their best during the race. A special mention goes to Zach Howard who finished his race in the top ten – great effort Zach! We also had two students finish in fourteenth place in their race; Skyla Hopgood and Parker Byrne. Well done!!

After packing up our shade tent we jumped back on the bus to return home. After their busy and eventful day, I am sure that there were many students who came home tired and ready for a quiet night.

I would like to thank our students for being great ambassadors for our school over the whole day and I would also like to thank our relief teacher, Tamara Janeway, for supporting us.

Paul O'Connor - Year 4/5 Teacher



Photos **Lincoln Jones** (top)  
**Skyla Hopgood** (below L) **Max Pitson** (below R)

