

# 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.

## NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

In the final week of Term 2, the School marked the celebration of NAIDOC Week with many activities, to acknowledge and learn more about the history, culture and achievements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. The week opened with the Acknowledgment of Country and the Smoking Ceremony, officiated by Leah Dowdell (Site Leadership Team) and Uncle Ken (Jones) respectively and the unveiling of the School's collaborative artwork.



The Smoking Ceremony

Class story time and food tasting were the focus for Day 2; the Foundation class were entertained with "Why I Love Australia", the Year 1-2 class selected the "Bold Australian Girl" and the Year 3 Class enjoyed "Caring for Country". During each story time session, each class had the opportunity to experience Indigenous food tasting, with the sample plate selection including lemon myrtle cookies and scones with karkalla relish and the following jams: green ant, bush apple, finger lime, muntries and lemon myrtle and wild rosella.



School Collaborative Artwork

The Year 7-9 Pathways class hand made "Star Children", which are linked to the Dreaming Story of Indigenous People of Tasmania. "Dreaming" is the word used to explain how life came to be; the stories and beliefs behind creation. Dreaming is the past and also the present and the future, and is constantly evolving to explain events and changes today, such as floods, storms and occurrences in people's lives.



Indigenous Food Tasting



Indigenous Artefact Display



"Star Children" construction

For more NAIDOC week images, please see the Newsletter insert.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

- 1 Mount Gambier TAFE - Open Campus Day
- 9 Governing Council meeting
- 14-18 National Science Week
- 18 Miniature Debutante Ball
- 19-25 Book Week/"Paws for Books" Book Fair

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 - 29 PAT Testing

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## REVEGETATION EXCURSION

During Week 9, Mr Paul O'Connor's Year 4-5 class, accompanied by Mrs Deb Milstead, travelled to undertake tree planting as part of a natural revegetation regrowth plan to support the habitat of the threatened Red Tailed Black Cockatoo (RTBC). With a farmer setting aside a natural vegetation corridor running through his property, locals Bronwyn and Adam Perryman have spent time over the years educating local school students regarding the environment of the RTBC and ways to assist native wildlife. The seedlings to be planted have a great connection to the School, the Year 2 Class of 2022 (under the guidance of Bronwyn) having removed and germinated pod seeds from the Brown Stringybark, with Bronwyn kindly caring for the seedlings in readiness for planting days such as this .



The planting process is complete!



Students with a seedling, pre-planting

The weather was fine and sunny upon departure from the School, however after the Perryman's instruction on the seedling planting procedure, and as soon as the group moved to the planting operation, down came the rain. Despite the inclement weather, the group were not defeated, continuing with the digging of holes and planting. However, it became progressively more wet and cold, forcing a premature end to the excursion. Despite the weather, the group had fun learning about the RTBC and have a great deal of satisfaction from experiencing the journey of seed germination to planting the seedlings, in an area that will benefit the natural environment of our community.

**Paul O'Connor**

## 9 A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Nine of the School's Year 5-6 students recently competed in a mixed 9 a-side football tournament, held at Blue Lake Sports Park. Under the tutelage of teacher Mr Mark Rumbelow, and care of Carla Doody, the students played four modified games, recording two wins and two losses. Mr Rumbelow and Carla were particularly proud of the group, with their display of good sportsmanship and encouragement toward others, as many of the students never had played football before. Well done to the team.



The School team in action



The Allendale 9-a Side Mixed Football Team



...and some further action



## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

We extend a welcome to new students **Poppy Jeffery** - Year 2 who commenced school in Week 10 (T2) and to **Michael Mackenzie** - Year 11, **Bodhi Johnston** -Year 6 and sisters **Sienna** - Year 6 and **Evie Black** - Year 3, who have joined us at the start of Term 3. Former student **Nathaniel Abbott** - Year 11 has also rejoined the School community in (T3) Week 2. A very warm welcome to the students and their families!



**Poppy**



**Michael**



**Bodhi**



**Sienna**



**Evie**



**Nathaniel**



**Blake Miatke**



**Amarley Carter**



**Sarah Ritter**

In addition to the new students, three new Site Support staff **Blake Miatke**, **Sarah Ritter** and **Amarley Carter** joined the team and the School community during various stages of Term 2. We would like to take this opportunity to wish the trio every success for their time with the School.

With the arrivals, came some departures and we said goodbye to the following staff members at the end of Term 2 - **Tom Inglis** (Site Support), **Talia Thomson** (Site Support) and **Mark Kranz** (Groundsman). We would like to thank Tom, Talia and Mark for their contribution while at the School and wish each of them the very best with their future endeavours.



**Tom Inglis**



**Talia Thomson**



**Mark Kranz**

## AUTISM INCLUSION TEACHER UPDATE



As you may know, 2023 has seen the State Government fund a new, nation-leading initiative in all SA schools with the introduction of the **AUTISM INCLUSION TEACHER**. Each school across the state 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, **April Hague** (pictured left)!

Our site is actually funding one day per WEEK which is even better! I have been working at our site to build capacity and to support teachers to use evidence-based approaches with our students. I am keen to understand what the experience of school is for your autistic child. This term sees all AIT's focusing on the topic "Managing Environmental Factors to Decrease Student Anxiety" with 1 in 2 autistic children suffering from anxiety. The Student Free Day on Monday 24 July was so useful to support our work in this area and we learnt about for example, the impact of sensory processing on ALL students as well as strategies to soothe in moments of distress. As always, I welcome your involvement and contributions to this work at any time and would love to hear your perspectives in relation to your autistic child.

**April Hague**

## FRIDAY FAIRY



With Principal Kylie Smith scheduled to be away on the Friday, the Friday Fairy visit morphed into "Thankful Thursday" during Term 2 with two new awards given out. The first recipient was **Ben Virgo** - image (1) who voluntarily assisted another student and friend, with his School Community Service.



The joint recipients of the second "Thankful Thursday" award were **Ana Pettingill** image (2) pictured with the Friday Fairy and **Ava Spencer** who kindly purchased a donut for Ms Smith from the School canteen.

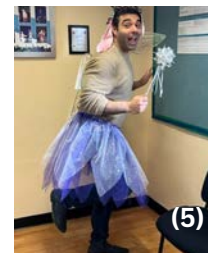


The final Friday Fairy award for Term 2 was given to the 9 members of the **School's 9-a side football team** - images (3) and (4) who competed in the mixed tournament. Teacher Mr Mark Rumbelow and Carla Doody (Youth Worker) who accompanied the team, were very proud and impressed with the way each team member applied themselves, particularly when some of the team had never played football before, their encouragement of one another and general sportsmanship.



On a lighter note, the Friday Fairy may have had a little competition during Term 2 to have the honour of spreading some magical dust onto our students.

Graduate teacher Steve - image (5) certainly looked the part, despite encountering a fairy wing malfunction!



## IN APPRECIATION

The School is always thankful for the support and assistance given by parents, caregivers or the School community when required. On occasion there is a little extra to do and we take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the efforts of parent and Governing Council committee member **Kylie Lannigan**. Kylie volunteered her time to prepare and serve the Term 2 special lunch order days (mocka dogs and dim sims) and also did some cooking for the NAIDOC week celebrations.

Thank you Kylie!



## CHAMPION SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

The School has received a Champion School Certificate to recognise the contribution of students and teachers, following participation for the fourth consecutive year in the Student Postcards initiative. The Commissioner for Children & Young People initiative provides children particularly the 8-12 year age groups, with an opportunity to let the Commissioner know what matters to them most and if they could, what they would like to change about their lives. Responses are written or drawn onto a supplied "postcard" which is then sent back to the Commissioner. Since the inception of the initiative (2019), 40,000 postcards have been received by the Commissioner. The School will again be involved in this great initiative in Term 3.