# 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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

Term 3 Week 4

The next few weeks will be very busy in and around the School, with many activities planned. Today marks the first day of **Science week (14-18 August)** with several learnings and activities planned for students over the next week. The School also welcomes **Nicholas Timmings - Winter Olympian-Skeleton)**, as part of the **Olympics Unleashed** program, visiting the School to speak to students (Year 4- 12) about his Olympic journey, building resilience and the importance of goal setting. The School's **Miniature Debutante Ball fundraiser** will round out the week (**Friday, 18 Aug)** prior to heading into **Book Week (19 - 25 August 2023)**.



# **BOOK WEEK - 19-25 AUGUST 2023**



Planning is well underway for this year's **Book Week** festivities! The **theme for 2023** is **"Read, Grow, Inspire"** and with a week filled with educational and fun activities, this year is sure to be as enjoyable as Book Week's gone by. While the program is just about confirmed, students can look forward to appropriately themed theatre performances by The Bell Shakespeare Players, stories from the Red Chair, Story Book Walks, competitions, puzzles and the colourful Book Week Parade. Made, borrowed, hired or bought - we can't wait to see the always wonderful costumes in the **Parade** - **Wednesday 23 August 2023 at 9.15am!** 

# ARRIVAL

We welcome **Sue Despea** to our School who will be working alongside Mel and Elivia in our front office. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sue and wish her the very best at Allendale East Area School.



## **IMPORTANT DATES**



#### LIMESTONE COAST JOBS & SKILLS SHOWCASE

Students in Year 9 to 11, accompanied by teachers Mr Rob Berlin and Ms April Hague, had the opportunity to recently attend the Limestone Coast Jobs and Skills Showcase to learn more about options for employment in the local region. Held at the Wulanda Recreation Centre, employer and training representatives from industries and local businesses including timber, manufacturing, engineering, earth moving, accounting firms and disability care providers had the opportunity to speak to "potential" employees about their respective workplace and the skills sought after in employees. There were certainly lots of opportunities for those who attended to get a glimpse into employment opportunities which may not have been considered as a future employment option. This type of excursion allows students to: connect their current learning to future career aspirations, challenge the student to consider how they might best use and develop their skills and abilities, to improve employment options in the local region. Footnote: Kimberly Clark had positions as production line operators with a yearly salary of **\$84**,000 for anyone who was interested! **Rob Berlin** 

#### **PLP CLASS AND - VOLUNTEERING**

In our PLP class recently, we started to plan our roster Volunteering for the Breakfast Club, that we will be starting on Monday, 31 July 2023. We started by discussing as a group what time we should arrive at the canteen, a rough outline of what we will be required to do and who we would need assistance from, to get a good idea about how the Breakfast Club currently operates. After a short discussion, we came up with the roster and worked together to create an email to send to Carla (Youth Worker). While we were eager to find out, Carla didn't reply immediately as she was in a class, but we all went for a short walk to find her. Carla walked us through what tasks we will be doing on our mornings in the Breakfast Club such as, cooking toast, buttering toast, making milo, collecting the primary class fruit bowls, giving the fruit a quick wash before refilling the bowl and taking back to each class etc. We look forward to supporting the school by participating in this volunteering capacity.





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#### FRIDAY FAIRY



The latest Friday Fairy Awards were presented to **Caitlyn Gunn** (image far left) for supporting the Minecraft Club junior primary students: assisting with log in, troubleshooting when an issue arises and for helping to pack up at the end of lunch. The second recipients: **Casey Vandepeer** and **Sofia Bramley** (image at right) for keeping our grounds clean and litter free.

#### Allendale East Area School Buddies

A number of older student's at AEAS have been taking extra special care of our younger students. On Friday, we captured **Annabelle Williams** (Foundation) & **Lucy Neale** (Year 7) enjoying each other's company at lunch time. It is pleasing to see our older students looking out for our younger students at school and within the community.



# **GRADUATE - CERTIFICATE III BUSINESS**

We take this opportunity to congratulate former student **Elivia Stanley** (pictured right) on the successful completion of the Certificate III in Business. Elivia's studies were completed over a period of twelve months, under the supervision of the School's Business Manager Mel Reed and Limestone Coast Training. Over the time, Elivia has been working in the Front Office approximately three days per week, however this time has increased to ensure the Front Office was adequately resourced. and has made a great contribution to our School. Having also worked in the classroom as School Support, Elivia would like to further her studies in the area of teaching and hopes to attend the local UniSA, rather than relocating. We wish Elivia all the best with her future study endeavours.



#### YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS





Two of the School's Year 11 students, **Angus Millard** (image: top left) and **Alicetyn Stanley** (image: bottom left) have been named as successful applicants for a Youth Opportunities Financial Support Scholarship. The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial assistance with the purchase of an item, or an opportunity that would ordinarily be out of reach of the student, with the aim to equip the student with enterprise skills, develop the student's wellbeing and resilience and to put the student into positive control of their own lives.

Angus has elected to use the Scholarship funds to undertake driving instruction and Alicetyn will direct her funds to the purchase of a new laptop. On behalf of Allendale East Areas School, congratulations to Angus and Alicetyn. We encourage all eligible students to submit an application as did Angus and Alicetyn when the Youth Opportunities or similar, suitable scholarships become available. You never know if you do not give it a go!

#### SAPSASA BASKETBALL

A team of Year 5/6 students (pictured right), recently competed in the Lower South East SAPSAPA basketball tournament at the Icehouse (4 August 2023). The team, coached by teacher Mr Mark Rumbelow, played 6 x 10 minute games, recording 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses.

Three members of the team participated in the tournament in 2022, with Mr Rumbelow remarking on the great level of improvement shown. Mr Rumbelow was also complimentary on the outstanding sportsmanship demonstrated over the course of the tournament by the team. Well done to the team for participating in such a fine manner!







#### Mark Rumbelow

#### SCHOOL CANTEEN

Over the past few weeks, you may have noticed the School canteen has been offering a "Special Lunch" on a Monday. The cost is \$5 and the special is advertised on the Governing Council FB page and also on Skoolbag. The purpose of this is two-fold - firstly, to offer a different menu option to the students and secondly, to encourage patronage of this very important School resource. While it is understood that many families may be experiencing a harder time financially with the higher cost of living expenses, it is important to support a resource such as the Canteen wherever possible. Canteen Manager Ange always has her thinking cap on, in an effort to bring nutrition and value to the menu. Support of the School canteen is encouraged whenever possible, to ensure the longevity of this resource for today and future Allendale East Area School generations.

## MINIATURE DEBUTANTE BALL

The School's Miniature Debutante Ball fundraiser event will be held this coming Friday, 18 August 2023 at 6.30 pm in the School gymnasium. Approximately 30 students from the Foundation class to the Year 6 classes, will be donning their finery following several weeks of training for the big event, under the watchful eye of trainer, Jayde. This family event is an excellent opportunity for the School and wider community to catchup, with the ticket price including a delicious homestyle supper. A raffle with fabulous prizes is currently running, with the draw taking place on the night. For all ticket sales and enquiries, please see the Front Office.

# PARENT SURVEY REMINDER





A reminder that the Department for Education Parent Survey closes at midnight on Sunday, 27 August 2023. It would be great to see if we can better previous survey participation numbers for the School.

The survey can be completed online, using the School's unique link:

https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/IRIK3FfhY\_11nbR7phz8kw2 with this information sent via Skoolbag. For further information, please see the Department's website or email your queries to education.parentsurvey@sa.gov.au

# MINECRAFT CLUB

The Minecraft club and other indoor activities have proven very popular as they cater for students when the weather is not conducive to outdoor activities. All activities offered are enjoyed under supervision. Minecraft has been a big hit, with Year 1 through to Year 12 students able to enjoy this activity, however a 1 - 2 sessions per week limit is placed on students in Year 1 and Year 2. Minecraft engages students in game-based learning, which is said to inspire "creative, inclusive learning through play." It certainly is a very popular activity with students regularly popping up to the office at lunch time to ask " is Minecraft" is open today.





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