



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.

BOOK WEEK 2023 - "READ, GROW, INSPIRE"

Term 3 Week 6



The annual **Book Week** festivities (theme) "**Read, Grow, Inspire**" commenced on Fri. 18 August with a 'virtual' visit from **author/illustrator Leigh Hobbs**, who introduced the F - Year 6 classes to his drawing style. Students then created their own character pieces of "Mr Hobb", "Old Tom", "Mr Chicken" and "Horrible Harriet", with students having the opportunity to ask the author questions. The second event, a "virtual" incursion with artist/illustrator **Kenny Chan**, - the "**Kenny Chan Manga Fest**", was attended by the Year 7 - 12 students, with an introduction to drawing "manga", a Japanese illustration style. The highlight of Book Week is always the **Book Week Parade** (Wed. 23 Aug) and fortunately the rain cleared in time for families/caregivers to join the event. It was encouraging and pleasing to see the students (and staff) don a costume, with some Year 5-6 students collaborating to attend as Gru, Minions, Agnes and Chipmunks. For more images, Parade Prize winners and student comments, please see the Newsletter insert. A pre-loved **Book Fair** followed the Parade, with an opportunity to purchase quality readers and pre-loved books. The "lollipop pull" proved very popular, with the "buy a lollipop, chose a book for free" concept. Proceeds from the Fair will be used to purchase a book for every class library. Classes also participated in "**Random Acts of Kindness**" **Jigsaw Puzzles**, which involved each class writing a kind note and "posting" a jigsaw puzzle to another class. The puzzle was then worked on as a team, with this activity promoting teamwork, persistence, gratitude and kindness. Other activities over the week included "Book in a Jar" competition, Book Week Poster Challenge and a Story Walk. The week's activities will feature on the School's Facebook page over the next few weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

30 Hospitality Industry Immersion Years 9/10-
9am to 1pm

SEPTEMBER

5 - 7 Lan Zhang - Chinese Teacher visit
20 Governing Council

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CAREER MILESTONE - MS SUZIE MITCHELL

On behalf of the School Community, we congratulate Assistant Principal **Ms Suzie Mitchell**, on reaching a **30 year career milestone** working with the Department of Education. This is certainly a magnificent achievement, and the School is fortunate to have an educator with a such experience within the School. Suzie joined AEAS as a teacher in 1999, and in addition to teaching, currently holds the role as the Assistant Principal. Known for her caring, empathetic nature, Suzie has a great rapport with the students, staff and School community and we have taken the opportunity to include comments sourced from some students:



Assistant Principal -
Ms Suzie Mitchell

Ms Mitchell has had a positive impact on many aspects of my schooling. This includes ensuring I do my best work, I have the subjects I want to do readily available to me, ensuring I have accomplished what I need for my future. Plus making sure that my grammar and spelling is correct. I would like to thank you for the impact you have had on my and many other students lives over your many years of service to the department. - Ava

Ms. Mitchell is a great teacher that thinks about her students present and future. I remember back during the transition from year 7 to year 8, she sat down and had a conversation with me about transitioning and whether I wanted to do it or because I wanted to follow my friends. After that, I seriously considered my options and decided to stay. I'm thankful to have stayed and the conversation we had because I really enjoy the classes we have here and the things that have been taught as well as the deeper friendships that I cultivated. Thank you, Ms. Mitchell. - Brianna

STATE TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four AEAS students **Kade Grosvenor, Oliver Fox, Zach Howard and Max Pitson** (Left to Right) will be representing the School in the **Lower South East Track and Field Athletics Team**. The students will join the other Lower South East school's team representatives, to compete at the **State Track and Field Championships** in Adelaide on Monday, 18 September 2023 at Stadium SA.

During the competition, all athletes will have an opportunity to be selected in the SA Track and Field team, which will then compete in the National Track and Field titles. We wish to congratulate our students, and wish them and the team every success at the Championships.



SAASLA AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Following an application submitted by **Principal Kylie Smith**, we are proud to announce that the School has been awarded a **South Australian Area School Leaders Association (SAASLA) High Commendation Award for Environmental Awareness**. In a "peer to peer" educational strategy, a team of students in Year 3 to Year 12, produced a video, created posters, undertook bin audits, School and beach cleanup activities, created resources and assisted students with learning about rubbish and the environment and developed strategies on what contributions can be made to reduce the problem. Peer to Peer learning helps students to solidify their own knowledge by teaching each other. The School also receives a prize of \$250 with the Award. Well done to all involved!



OLYMPICS UNLEASHED - NICK TIMMINGS VISIT



Image: Assistant Principal Suzie Mitchell introduces Winter Olympian Nick Timmings

Week 4 of this term kicked off, or should we say "sled-off", with a visit from **Nick Timmings - Winter Olympian** (Beijing, 2022), as part of the **Olympics Unleashed** program. Competing in the Men's Skeleton event, Nick spent time with the Year 4-6 and High School students, sharing his experience and journey to the Winter Olympics, which included facing challenges, the importance of chasing your dream and owning your passion.

The Skeleton event is not for the faint hearted, with the competitor running, then jumping on a sled (face down and headfirst), using only legs and shoulders to direct the sled. Teacher Ms Nicole Biggins described Nick as an inspirational speaker and believes the students had the opportunity to learn a lot from him. More images and student quotes from Nick's visit, please see Newsletter insert for Week 8.

MATES ON A MISSION - SKI FOR LIFE VISIT

Ben and Mike from **Ski for Life Mates on a Mission** - , paid a visit to AEAS School on Tuesday 15 August 2023. Ski for Life is an Australian charity, which raises awareness and promotes mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention. Affectionately referred to as the "Blind and Legless", Ben and Mike have faced their own challenges with Mike losing his legs and Ben losing his sight. Despite these challenges, the mates regrouped and travel around speaking about facing challenges in life and promoting resilience.



Ben and Mike - "Mates on a Mission" pictured with Year 11 - 12 students

The duo have been described as "educational" and "funny" and while life has not gone according to plan, they are not afraid to answer the hard questions. The major Ski for Life fundraiser is a team based, 456 km water skiing event held on the Murray River, between the towns of Murray Bridge and Renmark. Scheduled annually, unfortunately due to flooding the event was unable to take place this year.

ROTARY CLUB - DICTIONARY DONATION



Mr Gilbertson (Rotary -Mt Gambier West) with the Year 6 Students

The School's Year 3 Students have been the lucky recipients of a new dictionary, generously donated by the **Rotary Club - Mount Gambier West** and presented by Rotarian, Mr Gilbertson. The Rotary Club's dictionary donation has been a tradition for many years, and class teacher Mrs Gill O'Connor expressed the student's excitement and gratitude for the gift, adding that the dictionary will assist the students for both class and homework activities. A big thank you to the Rotary Club - Mt Gambier West for this valuable and ongoing contribution to the students and to the School.

AC CARE WINTER APPEAL

Some may be familiar with the call out from AC Care for the annual Winter Appeal. In response to the call out, a few weeks ago ten students from the Year 5-6 class (pictured right) made some knot rugs to donate to AC care for the appeal. Teacher **Ms Lucy Ridley** delivered the rugs to Park Drycleaners to hand on to AC Care. Ms Ridley said how much the students enjoyed making the rugs and they are keen to do more. We are sure the end recipients will certainly appreciate the rugs and the kindness with which they were made.



The Year 5 - 6 Rug Makers

STUDENTS AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Emily Bowman



Loretta Stanley

You may recall in the Week 4 newsletter, four students from the PLP class contributed an article regarding their "hands on" experience when involved in the School's Lunch Club. The Lunch Club is not the only area where students lend a hand. Each school day, two students are tasked with "Flag Duty", making sure the Australian and the Indigenous flag are up and flying. At the end of the school day, the same students take down the flags, making sure they are stored and ready to raise the next day.

AEAS MINIATURE DEB. BALL RAFFLE RESULTS

As part of the Miniature Debutante Ball fundraising activities, the raffle was drawn Friday, 18 August 2023 at the event, by Grant District Councillor Ms Kathryn Greene, Principal Ms Kylie Smith and Assistant Principal Ms Suzie Mitchell. Thank you to all who supported the raffle by selling and buying tickets, with a special thank you to the generous donors as listed below.

Where possible, please support those who support the School.

Prizes

- 1st:** \$100 voucher - **donated by Port MacDonnell Store**
- 2nd:** \$100 Coles Myer Voucher - **donated by Anonymous donor**
- 3rd:** Ten Pin Bowling Family Voucher - **donated by Kaboom Family Entertainment**
- 4th:** Periwinkles \$20 voucher & bottle of wine- **donated by Emma & Grant Fensom**
- 5th:** \$50 She's Apples voucher - **donated by Anonymous Donor**
- 6th:** \$50 fuel voucher - **donated by Allendale General Store**
- 7th:** \$50 Bay Pizzeria voucher - **donated by The Bay Pizzeria**
- 8th:** \$50 Bunnings voucher - **donated by Bunnings Mt Gambier**
- 9th:** \$50 meat voucher - **donated by Swallow Drive Meat Supply**
- 10th:** \$20 LUXE at the Bay voucher - **donated by LUXE at the Bay voucher**

Won by:

Arianna
Emily Osborne
Brianna Goodwin
Darcy
Ned Reed
Arianna
Sophie Ellis
Charlie Goodwin
Rochelle Fabris
Maddox Taylor

MINIATURE DEB. BALL FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

In addition to the generous raffle prize donors, we would like to thank and acknowledge the following for their contribution in making the night a success: **Debutantes, Parents/Caregivers of Debs., family/friends of Debs. in attendance, Jade Charlton** (trainer), **Kai levins** (photographer), **Robyn Scheer & Tanielle Brooksby** (bouquets), **RSL Ladies** (catering), **Angela & Mick Sullivan** - (Limestone Coast Party Hire), **Rhonda Jess** (Allendale Hall), **Barb Lightbody, Kim Thomas** (Big W), **Councillor Ms Kathryn Greene, Mel Reed** and the **AEAS Staff and volunteers** that assisted/attended. Without this tremendous support, the event would not have been possible.