



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 10

To recognise the annual **RUOK? Day** (Thursday, 14 September 2023) the School Wellbeing Team organised special activities for Staff and students, to raise awareness around wellbeing, bring attention to the importance of keeping an eye on one another, and to ask the question **"RUOK?"**. Group activities included a BBQ sausage (or hotdog) lunch in the Community Garden, where Staff and students came together, to inspire and empower everyone to connect with different people around them and to start conversations. In the week leading up to **RUOK? Day**, all students were able to get involved in a rock painting activity, whereby they could decorate a rock and include a message of positivity and hope, to be placed in the gardens around the school for other students to find and enjoy. The Wellbeing Team felt this idea as an opportunity to add something to the school environment that continued to show the importance of "checking in" whilst also providing students who may be struggling with a message of hope and positivity. In the days afterwards, many students have been seen picking the rocks up, reading the message, enjoying the creativity of others and sharing the messages with those around them. Students were also given the opportunity to **"wear a splash of yellow"** for a gold coin donation. While **RUOK? Day** is marked annually, it is important to remember and to remind others that any day is a good day to check in and start a conversation. For more images on the **RUOK? Day** activities, please check the insert with this newsletter.



Images from RUOK? Day

Sarah Stratford

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

20 Mt Gambier Show Day (School Closed)

25 Governing Council Meeting

NOVEMBER

17 November - Splendour - Splash of Colour and Slime - Community Event

22 Governing Council Meeting & Dinner

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Year 11 student **Angus Millard** was recently presented with a \$500 academic scholarship, generously sponsored by the District of Grant Council. The Council Scholarship is aimed at encouraging students to complete Year 12 secondary schooling and to progress to university study. The Scholarship is open to Year 10 to Year 12 students, who reside in the District Council of



Grant area and attend a local secondary school. Selection criteria includes the applicant's written response to specific questions, academic results, school attendance and the student's observation of the school Code of Conduct and Values. Angus' scholarship was presented by Mayor Kylie Boston, on behalf of the Council.
Image: (from left) **Mayor Kylie Boston, Scholarship recipient Angus Millard and School Principal Kylie Smith.**

AEAS SCHOOL CHOIR

On Wednesday, 13 September 2023, the **School Choir representatives** travelled to Reidy Park Primary School to take part in a rehearsal for the South East Primary Schools Music Festival. While the School choir is regularly trained by teacher Ms Lucy Ridley, the combined Choir rehearsal was directed by the Festival's Music Director, Ms Shylie Harrison. During the rehearsal, the Choir sang through each song which will be performed and the soloists were able to practice in readiness for the performance, which is scheduled during Week 2 of Term 4.



Nine of the ten members of the AEAS choir group

The Musical Director spoke to the group in regard to her expectations of the Choir, the format of the Concert and what she believed the performance will be like. With Term 4 fast approaching, the Choir members have been tasked with "polishing" the songs, to practice the difficult parts and to especially learn any of the words which are not familiar to them. Ms Ridley reported that the students were well behaved, sang beautifully and had a great time. We look forward to hearing more about the Choir and the Festival in coming weeks.

Ms Lucy Ridley

YEAR 11 AGRICULTURE EXCURSION



The **Year 11 Agriculture class** visited the **UDC** (Union Dairy Company) powdered milk plant at Penola, on Friday, 15 September 2023. Accompanied by Mrs Tulak and Mr Berlin, the students had a tour of the plant, learning about the production and packing of powdered milk and Anhydrous Milk Fat (AMF) products. By seeing the amazing automation first-hand at work within the plant, this assists the students to understand the role of technology in agriculture production. The plant is *"a state-of-the-art milk processing facility and one of the newest in the southern hemisphere. With an annual processing capacity of 300 million litres of raw milk, the purpose-built factory incorporates a variety of product-specific plants."** The students were very fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the plant to enrich their agricultural studies and are very thankful to the team at UDC.



Mrs Dani Tulak

*ref: <https://udcmilk.com.au/the-plant/>

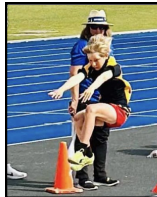
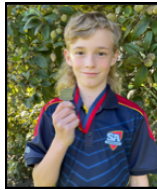
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER - MANDATORY TRAINING

For any person (eg parent, caregiver, friend, relative, community member) to work as a volunteer with children or young people, there is some mandatory training that is required, prior to volunteer work taking place. One such training requirement is **RRHAN** training - **RRHAN** is an acronym for **R**esponding to **R**isk of **H**arm, **A**buse and **N**eglect.



A **free RRHAN course (for volunteers)** has been arranged at School for anyone interested. The **two hour session** will commence at **1.15 pm** on **Tuesday 26 September 2023**. With this type of training becoming mandatory to volunteer in many workplaces and government organisations, this is an ideal opportunity to tick this training off. More details can be obtained by phoning the Front Office.

STATE TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



AEAS students **Zach Howard**, **Kade Grosvenor**, **Oliver Fox** and **Max Pitson** recently represented the School and the Lower South East, when competing at the State Track and Field Championship in Adelaide (Monday, 16 September 2023), as members of the Lower South East Track and Field Athletics Team. **Zach (first image left)** had a successful meet; 100m sprint (3rd), 200m sprint (2nd), high jump (2nd) and was a member of the Under 10 relay team (4th) and a member of the Under 11 relay team, which placed 1st in one of the heats. Due to the number of Under 11 relay teams, the fastest times in the heats dictated the final placings (overall 4th place). **Kade (second image left)** participated in the shotput and placed 7th. It has been reported that Kade really enjoyed the experience, displaying great sportsmanship and cheering on his team-mates. **Max (third image left)** ran in the 100m sprint in an eye-catching performance, finishing a very close 2nd in the Division One - 100 m final with a time of 14.53 seconds, just ahead of teammate Zac Howard (3rd place). **Oliver (fourth image left)** competed in long jump placing 4th and the high jump event placing 5th. Highlights of Oliver's experience was seeing so many great young athletes and making plenty of new friendships. We are certainly proud of the four students, both in their initial selection and also their performances in Adelaide. Thank you to the parents and students who kindly provided information on the event for inclusion in the Newsletter.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP NOMINATION

Following his selection in the Lower South East Track and Field team, which competed at the School Sport SA Track and Field State Championship in Adelaide, student **Max Pitson** has been nominated for South Australian team selection to compete at the School Sport Australia Championship. Max's nomination is based on his personal State Championship results, where he finished a close second in the Division One - 100m final (14.53 seconds) and comparisons to the historical average of individual event results from previous Australian Championships. The Australian Championship event will be held on 23-27 November 2023 in Launceston, Tasmania, with Max aiming to compete in the 100m sprint. He may also have the opportunity to qualify for additional events, which include the 200m sprint and 4 x 100 m relay. Congratulations to Max on his nomination and wishing him all the best with final selection and the Championship.



Max Pitson

WOMEN IN TRADES EXPO

MEGT & Bunnings are presenting a free Women In Trades Career Expo. at 4.00 pm Wednesday, 25 October 2023. This event would be ideal for females thinking about entering a career in trades. Guests will include Louise Azzopardi (MEGT Ambassador for Women in Trades), along with Mel Davis (Program Manager for Empowering Women in Trades), and a panel of guests to share their experience as successful women in trades. This is an opportunity to discover the potential career paths, explore apprenticeship opportunities, and network with like-minded individuals who share a passion for trades. For female students just starting out, or for someone looking for a change in careers, this workshop will provide valuable insights and inspiration to help you succeed. This **free Mt Gambier event** has been created by Eventbrite, with the link as follows:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-women-in-trades-event-tickets-715858450897?aff=odeieiemailshare&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=checkoutwidget>

FRIDAY FAIRY

Tyler Neale (pictured right) is the latest recipient of the Friday Fairy award, for his willingness to volunteer his services at Breakfast Club (with his sister Lucy) on a day that a staff member was absent due to illness. Tyler returned the next day to Breakfast Club, assisting SSO Amarley as a new member to our site, and Amarley's first manager shift flying solo. Tyler is noticed as a student that applies random acts of kindness on many occasions; for this we appreciate his kindness and support and encourage him to continue to use his influence in a positive manner.



Kylie Smith

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY EVENT

SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY - 17 NOVEMBER 2023

The School will be holding an event "Splendour - Splash of Colour and Slime Colour Run" and the whole community is invited! There will be something for everyone at the twilight event including stalls, activities, food and drinks AND, prizes. T-shirts can now be ordered for the Colour Run, with **t-shirt orders** (with payment) **closing Friday, 3 November 2023**. For more details, please call the Front Office.



Splash of Colour and Slime
(Colour Run) T-Shirt Order
Form

Splendour 17th November, 2023

For Splendour and the Splash of Colour and Slime (Colour Run) we will be selling white t-shirts for students to wear for the Colour Run. There will be two options available.

Number of: Plain T-shirt \$6 each Size

Number of: White T-Shirt with Logo \$15 each Size

Student's name: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Total money enclosed: _____

All money and orders to be returned to the Front Office by November 3, 2023
For Splendour our stall will be held in the primary courtyard area
There will be a supply of paint markers for the students to decorate their T-shirts

Available in sizes:
6 - 16 (kids)
XS - L (Adults)

OSHC VACATION CARE PROGRAM

With the Term 3 School Holidays fast approaching, there is no better time than right now to check out the fantastic OSHC Vacation Care Program. Program information has been sent home via the class teacher, with a program/booking form also included with this newsletter. If you require further information, please call: **Sharon ph: 0447 414 652**

OSHC Vacation Care Program **bookings are required by Friday, 29 September 2023.**

Allendale OSHC October Vacation Care Program				
Monday 2/10	Tuesday 3/10	Wednesday 4/10	Thursday 5/10	Friday 6/10
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	SENSORY DAY Slime Gloop Playdough Finger Painting Handprints	CHINA DAY Fried Rice Spring Rolls Lantern Making	PYJAMA DAY Movies Popcorn Board Games	WHEELS DAY BYO Scooters, Bikes, RollerBlade skates, skateboards SAFETY GEAR
Monday 9/10	Tuesday 10/10	Wednesday 11/10	Thursday 12/10	Friday 13/10
ARTS & CRAFT DAY Rock Painting Box Construction Textured Brush Painting	SPORTS DAY Running Races Obstacle Course Ball Games Make Medals 1", 2", 3" Zapper Doggers	EXCURSION TO PT McDONNELL Visit Library, Playground Picnic Lunch	CAKE DOUGHNUT MAKING Hand Puppet Making Puppet Show	DISCO/DANCE PARTY Party Games Make Your Own Party Hat