



# 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 HAS BEEN HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

Term 4 - Week 2



District Council & AEAS representatives at the official unveiling of the collaborative signage



AEAS Environmental Committee members with Mayor Boston, Deputy Mayor Dukalskis



Former AEAS student Hudson Terrick, Assistant Principal Suzie Mitchell, AEAS Environmental Committee members, teacher Sarah Stratford.

You may have seen in local print media, the exciting partnership between the AEAS and the District Council of Grant ("Council"), in an effort to highlight the issues and raise environmental awareness, in relation to waste disposal and using specifically designated bins around the ocean in a bid to protect sea life. Three sign installations have been developed and installed at the Port MacDonnell and Blackfellows Caves boat ramps, with each sign incorporating artwork created by AEAS students of all ages, which convey environmental messaging. In addition to the inclusion of student artwork, the new signage also includes messaging regarding the general use of the boat ramp and the new digital boat ramp permit system, which has now replaced the physical boat ramp ticketing machines. The official unveiling of the new signage took place on Wednesday, 27 September 2023 at Port MacDonnell, with School Environmental Committee students (Tanner Jones, Milah Staples, Mya Coutts, Emily Osborne, Flint Jones), Assistant Principal Suzie Mitchell, teachers Sarah Stratford and Thomas Male and past AEAS Environmental Committee member Hudson Terrick joining Mayor Kylie Boston, Deputy Mayor Megan Dukalskis and several executive Council members at the ceremony. This collaborative venture is certainly something that the School can be proud of, with Mayor Boston acknowledging the importance of continual engagement with young people and seeing classroom learnings transfer into the "real world environment". A huge well done to all involved with this project!

## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

- 20 Mt Gambier Show Day (School Closed)
- 25 Governing Council Meeting
- 25 Mental Health Awareness Month Community Event -  
- please see page 4 of Newsletter

### NOVEMBER

- 13 Student Free Day (School Closed)
- 15 AEAS Awards Day
- 17 School/Community Event -  
**Splendour - Splash of Colour and Slime**
- 22 Governing Council Meeting & Dinner
- 24 Years 12 Graduation Dinner

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## OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

Accompanied by teachers Mark Rumbelow, Rob Berlin and SSO Sarah Ritter, a group of our secondary students have participated in a two day bushwalking camp in the Grampians National Park (25- 26 September 2023). The bush walk started at the Cassidy Gap Road trailhead, with the trekkers firstly walking up Signal Peak (780m above sea level) and then Mount Abrupt (823m above sea level), before setting up camp at the Mud-Dadjug campsite. The following day, the group made their way down from Mud-Dadjug to the meeting point, the Piccaninny carpark where the group was collected and returned to School. In total, the bush walkers covered approximately 13 kilometres over steep and difficult terrain, which was a huge achievement. The views were spectacular and well worth the fatigued legs and sore shoulders, although some may disagree.

Mark Rumbelow



## YEAR 11 AGRICULTURE FEEDLOT TOUR

On Wednesday, 27 September 2023 the Year 11 Agriculture students, along with teacher Mrs Dani Tulak and Mr Graney, were provided with the opportunity to tour the Thomas Foods Community Heroes Feedlot at Tintinara. Over the course of the day, the group toured the feedlot with the students able to assist with assembling the stock rations. A further highlight for the group was to watch and experience the culinary talents of celebrity Masterchef Callum Hann, prepare and cook lunch for them. The afternoon schedule included a panel discussion in relation to the various career pathways within the agricultural sector, with Ben Davies giving an insight into his role as a livestock buyer. The feedlot tour was made possible by Kelly Nankivell and the Southern Cross feedlot team, and the School is extremely grateful to the team for providing the tour group with the opportunity to learn about and discover potential careers and pathways into the agricultural sector.

Dani. Tulak



Celebrity Chef Callum Hann  
with AEAS Ag. students



At the feed bunker

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

We extend a warm welcome to the School's newest staff member, **Nick Ruwoldt**. Employed in the role of gardener, Nick commenced his employment with the school on 3 October 2023. Nick has lived in Yahl most of his life working on a family farm, whilst he worked at an Australian AgriBusiness Manager for a global chemical company for the past 20 years.



## SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Following on from his stellar performance at the SA School Sport Track and Field Championship in Adelaide (18 September 2023), and nomination for the 100m sprint event for the School Sport Championship, AEAS Year 4 student Max Pitson has been selected in the South Australian Track and Field (12 years and Under) team. Max and the SA team will now compete at the School Sport Championship, to be held in Launceston, Tasmania from 23-27 November 2023. Max is training hard in preparation, and while he will be competing in the 100m sprint, there may be an opportunity for Max to qualify for the 200m and the 4 x 100m relay. As a School community, we are extremely proud of Max and we wish him and the SA team all the best in Launceston. We will be sure to provide an update on Max's experience in Tasmania once the Championship.



Max Pitson pictured at the SA School Sport Track and Field Championship in Adelaide (September 2023)

## SAPSASA GOLF - BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

During Term 2, AEAS student Oliver (Oli) Fox competed in the SAPSASA golf Lower South East qualifying day at the Penola golf course. Oli's score from this event then allowed him to proceed to the SAPSASA South East qualifying day at Naracoorte, against other school students from the Lower, Mid and Upper South East. Over the course of the day, the players attended skill development sessions (chipping, putting, pitching and long game practice), prior to a nine hole golf round on a modified course. Oli and eight other students then qualified to represent the South East in the 12&Under State Championship. Held at the West Beach Parks course (7-8 September 2023), 124 players competed at the Championship on the short course, with Oli finishing the event in a very credible 19th position with a score of 70, a 6 shot improvement from his first day. Congratulations Oli on representing the South East and also the great result at the Championship.



A very proud Oli Fox at the SAPSASA Golf 12& Under State Championship

## RED CROSS PILLOWCASE PROGRAM

Students in Year 1- Year 6, are scheduled to participate in the Red Cross Pillowcase Program, in late October. Facilitated by the Red Cross, the Pillowcase Program is a disaster resilience education program. which is designed to help

children prepare for, cope with, and respond to an emergency. The program will be age-appropriate and will include a discussion about the importance of being prepared, and interactive activities to assist students to prepare for emergencies and to consider what to pack in an "emergency kit". The Red Cross encourages all of us to be prepared for the emergencies that life can throw at us and we will share some of the Red Cross very handy hints for emergency planning following the event. If you have any queries about the program, please contact the Front Office.

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## SCHOOL CANTEEN - REMINDER

A reminder that **each Monday**, the **Canteen** is **open at RECESS only**. As introduced last term, a **"lunch special"** will be offered each Monday, with orders to be placed prior to the Monday of the particular lunch special. Order forms are available from the Front Office and also each classroom. If you have any queries, please contact Ange at the Canteen or leave a message at the Front Office.



The menu for the lunch specials for this term: **30 Oct - Pizza, 6 Nov - Macaroni Cheese, 13 Nov - Hot Dogs, 20 Nov- Fried Rice, 27 Nov - Lasagne, 4 Dec - Sausage rolls & mini pies.** A reminder will be sent out each week via Skoolbag. Please see pre-order forms for more details!

## SPLATACULAR COLOUR RUN T SHIRT ORDERS

With time flying by, a reminder that t-shirts can be ordered for the Splatacular Colour Run, part of the School's Splendour event to be held on Friday, 17 November 2023. **T-shirt orders** (with payment) will **close on Friday, 3 November 2023**. For more details, please call the Front Office.

## STAFF MEMBER'S NEW ARRIVAL



We would like to congratulate SSO **Brooke Williams**, Raymondo and Banks on the safe arrival of their daughter and sister, Ziggy Cate Stanton. Ziggy (pictured at left with big brother Banks) was welcomed to the world at 11.50am, 10 September 2023 weighing in at 8lb 4 oz (or 3.741 kgs). If the image is anything to go by, Banks is absolutely besotted with his new little sister. On behalf of the School community, we wish our newest and potential future student Ziggy a happy and healthy life.

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT

October is Mental Health Awareness month and to further raise awareness in relation to mental health, resilience speaker **Chris Blowes** has been engaged to appear at a community event (**Wednesday, 25 October 2023, 6.30pm**) at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex. Chris is a survivor of a shark attack, and he has courageously transformed his life changing experience into a source of motivational resilience. Cleve Area School had the privilege of hosting Chris last year, and they couldn't praise his presentation enough, with it reported "that the impact it had on the children was truly remarkable." Thanks to the generous support of the BayTown Group Association, Chris has been secured for an after-hours event at the Community Complex, as outlined in the promotional material.

A promotional poster for a mental health awareness event. It features a photograph of Chris Blowes, a man with a prosthetic leg, standing outdoors with a surfboard. The text on the poster includes: "To raise awareness for Mental Health Month 2023", "GUEST SPEAKER", "CHRIS BLOWES", "Left as an above knee amputee from a shark attack, Chris' future on the tools looked doubtful but he wasn't going to let his newfound disability prevent him from doing the things he loved - including surfing. Now disability advocate, Australian Para Surf Champion, Co-author of the book Gough Inside and Keynote Speaker, Chris showcases how returning to work after trauma not only gave him purpose, but allowed him to find joy and happiness.", "6:30PM | 25TH OCTOBER", "Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell", "Bookings essential | (08) 8738 3000", and logos for sponsors including FRRR, NSW TAFE Learning, Port MacDonnell, and Grant.

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Chris has assured the organiser's that his presentation is suitable for middle and upper school audiences, so we are eager to spread the word within our Schools and reach as many interested individuals as possible. **Bookings are essential - please phone 87 383 000** To learn more about Chris and his message, please visit his website <https://www.chrisblowes.com.au/>