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ALLANSFORD ALIVE

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

KEY DATES

WEEK SIX

Friday 10th March
*School Athletics Sports

WEEK SEVEN

Monday 13th March Public Holiday – No school

Tuesday 14th March

*Parents' Club - AGM @ 7.30

*Parents' Club – Meeting @ 7.45

Wednesday 15th March NAPLAN Testing

Thursday 16th March NAPLAN Testing

WEEK EIGHT

Tuesday 21st March

*School Photographs

*School Council – AGM @ 7.30

*School Council – Meeting @ 8.00

WEEK TEN

Thursday 6th April

*Final Day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL CHATTER

This week, all students participated in an "Evacuation Emergency Drill'. The evacuation was performed safely and efficiently by all students and staff. It is important to practice these drill s so when the times comes to evacuate due to a real emergency, students and staff will know exactly what is required of them to make the situation safe.

Emergency Drill

Parents looking to volunteer and provide support in the classroom or on excursions will be required to ensure they provide the office with a current Working with Children's Check card.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK VICTORIA

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council had its first meeting of the year this week. The council received feedback from Parents' Club, the Finance and Facilities subcommittee and the principal. A hot topic for discussion was school camps and excursions. The "Time in Lieu' component of the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement has significantly impacted the cost of our camps. So much so, our current structure is not financially viable and workable under the framework of the new conditions for teachers. The next step is to have a further "Think Tank', open to parents to put forward a series of scenarios that School Council would like feedback on.

STUDENT LEADERS

Kayden (Year 6) did an amazing job in presenting last week's assembly.

Kayden started preparation early on Monday (I knew he was keen!). He checked and double checked to ensure he was perfectly organised. He spoke with great confidence and assurance.

Well done, Kayden!



THE VALUES AWARD

The "Values Award' is selected by our student leaders and presented to a child who has demonstrated the behaviours that model our school values. Last week's 'Values Award' was presented to Ewan (Year 6). Ewan was recognised for his efforts at our Buddy Night, even though his buddy was unable to attend due to illness, and for his efforts in assisting Hamish in maintaining our school grounds and the grounds of the Allansford Scout Hall. In doing so, Ewan is demonstrating what it means to be a responsible person and contributor to the local community.



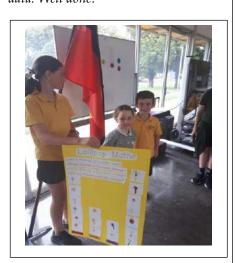
THE MELO AWARD

The "Melo Award' is presented to a child, or group, who models our school values and as result often helps those around them. Last week's "Melo Award' was presented to Logan (Year 4). Logan has been going out of his way to collect left out equipment, particularly sand-pit toys, collect rubbish on his return to class and to return clothing that has been left outside after recess and lunch. In doing so, Logan has demonstrated what it means to be a responsible student. Well done, Logan!



SHOWCASE - GRAPHS

Thanks to Teddy and Emma (Year One) for presenting and sharing their Lollipop Graph. The students have been learning how to collate and display data. Well done!



SHOWCASE - NUMBER CHAT

Congratulations Millar, April and Bailey (Year 2 students) for sharing their math's mini posters. The students shared their favourite number and then gave examples of this number in the real world. Well done!



SHOWCASE – UP - LEVELLING

Thanks to Taylor, Timmy and Cameron (Year 6) for sharing examples of how to up-level a basic sentence by including descriptive adjectives.



SHOWCASE - MATHS GAMES

Congratulations Lucy, Indy B, Kayden & Morgan (Year 3-4 students) for explaining their math's games. The two games focused on learning about adding numbers. My favourite was "Addition War. 'Well done!

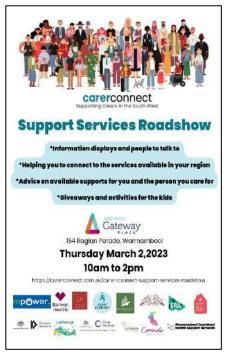


STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



COMMUNITY NEWS









PANCAKE DAY!

The smell wafting around our school yard on Tuesday morning was amazing...what a magnificent day for Pancake Day!

All of our students thoroughly enjoyed making and cooking their very own pancakes.

Thank you to our students, parents and staff for their efforts in making this day a positive experience for all!





FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

