



Allansford and District Primary School
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KEY DATES

WEEK THREE

Tuesday 14th February

*Foundation Buddy Night

Wednesday 15th February

*Parents' Club – Meeting @ 7.30

WEEK FOUR

Tuesday 21st February

*School Council – Meeting @ 7.30

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

NAPLAN Testing

WEEK EIGHT

Tuesday 21st March

*School Council – AGM @ 7.30

*School Council – Meeting @ 8.00

Thursday 24th March

*School Photographs

WEEK TEN

Thursday 6th April

*Final Day of Term 1

ALLANSFORD ALIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL CHATTER

The start to the 2023 school year has been very positive, with our new Foundation students having an excellent first week of school. I wish to thank our "Big Buddies" for playing such an important part in their primary transition.



The start of the year has shown positive attendance rates. I congratulate all parents in having their child or children at school ready to learn. Every child has a better opportunity to learn and grow when they attend school regularly and they are at school on time. Remember, every absence requires an explanation. Please use our skoolbag app for absence notification.



Our Child Safety Code of Conduct sets out the expected behaviour of adults with children and young people in our school. All Allansford and District Primary School staff, volunteers, contractors, service providers, school council members and any other adult involved in child-connected work must follow the Child Safety Code of Conduct. The Child Safety Code of Conduct applies to all physical and online environments used by students.

STUDENT LEADERS

Each week, a student leader facilitates our whole school assembly. They recount the events of the week, talk about up-coming events, organize student showcases, celebrate birthdays and students of the week. A lot of work goes into the presentation over the week. Charlie (Year 6) did an amazing job in presenting the first assembly of the year. Well done, Charlie!



NEW PLAYGROUND

Our new playground was opened this week by our Parents' Club President, Kate Membrey. It is the culmination of many fundraisers and much valued community support over many years. It is a testament to our loyal community to achieve such a great outcome for our current and future students.



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 the Foundation class for their outstanding effort in helping each other in and out of the classroom. It was collected by Mia (Foundation) on the behalf of the whole class.



SHOWCASE - MINDMAP

Thanks to Ayden, Henry, Stella, Myla and Gus (Year 3-4) for sharing their mind map on what it means to be a "Good Learner. Well done!



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 Levi (Year 2) for his efforts in umpiring a football game among his peers and in doing so showed great respect and a sense of responsibility.



SHOWCASE - RECOUNT

Congratulations Finn (Year 5) on your magnificent holiday recount. It featured a detailed recount of his speedway experiences. It showcased extensive vocabulary, varied sentence openers and excellent use of punctuation. Students across the school are in the process of writing a recount of their holiday highlights.



SHOWCASE - HOUSE SONGS

Thanks to our Year 2 students who sang the Allansford House group theme songs. The chants for Allandale, Shipley, Tooram and Sherwood were sung loudly and proudly for all to hear.

SHOWCASE HOUSE SONGS & QUOTES

Thanks to Will and Sophie (Year 6) for sharing their "Brag Bags" with the audience. They shared their favourite colours, foods, movies, hobbies, sports pets and possible future jobs.

Thanks also to Lexi and Tanner for sharing their "inspirational Quotes" and for explaining what they mean to them. Well done!



FOUNDATION BUDDY NIGHT

On Tuesday 14th February, all 2023 Foundation students and their families are invited to a Buddy Night at the NRMA Hopkins River Caravan Park from 6.00 -7.30.

Families have the opportunity to meet their child's Big Buddy and enjoy a jump on the pillow, a game of mini-golf or a hit of tennis.

Families are requested to bring a picnic tea (e.g. homemade, pizza, fish and chips). It is a great opportunity to meet other families in a small, confined setting.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Safe



Respectful



Responsible



A Learner

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year, we are seeking 6 parents to nominate for School Council. We have **6 parents finishing** their two year 'Term of Office'. We thank Renee Prendergast, Kirsty Van Ginneken, Renae Blake, Pete Janes and Karen Limburg for their time on School Council and hope they also reconsider nominating for a further term.
Matt Adams, Tracey Patterson and Ali Bannister have one more year on council.

We also have 2 members of staff finishing their two-year term of office. We thank Mrs. Arnott and Mrs McLaren for their time on School Council.
Being on school council is a great way to get involved and have a real say in what your school is doing for its students. You get to both learn a lot and contribute a lot.

ELECTION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Allansford & District Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office on:

Tuesday 22nd February 2023 and must be lodged by **4.00 pm on Wednesday 1st March 2022.**

If we receive more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will occur. The ballot will close at **4.00 pm on Monday 6th March 2022.**

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

(6) Parent Category vacancies for a two-year term of office

Parent member-From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025.

(2) DET employee members for a two-year term of office

DET employee member-From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025.

GEELONG CATS

Many thanks to the Geelong Cats for visiting ADPS on Monday. We had a combination of male and female players who have represented Geelong in both the AFL mens' and womens' competition.
They were well organised and made all students feel welcome, despite who they barracked for! A crowd favourite was Isaac Smith who has played in 5 premierships teams.



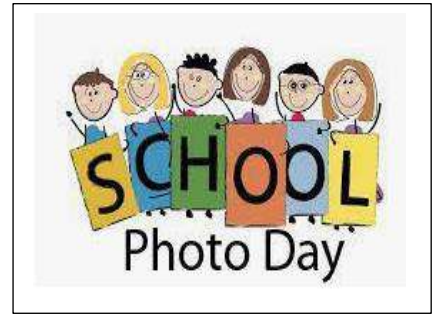
PARENTS' CLUB

The first Parents' Club meeting will be held at school next Wednesday 15th February at 7.30 pm. Usually it is the second Tuesday of the month but with next Tuesday being our "Buddy Night" we have scheduled it for a Wednesday. Please come along and be a part of a dynamic group that provide great support for our students and school resources.



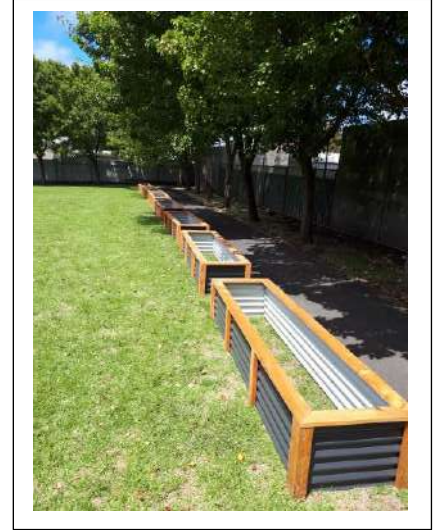
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs are scheduled for Thursday 24th March (Week 8).



RAISED GARDEN BEDS

We have acquired 8 new raised garden beds for our school grounds. We have purchased 6 of these, whilst two have been donated. One by a current family and the other by the maker, Craig Walker, who resides in Hamilton. The idea is that each class will have a garden bed to plant, grow and hopefully eat that produce. The final placement of the garden beds is still being decided. The more hands on the better!



PLANT 
GROW 
EAT 

SCHOOL HATS

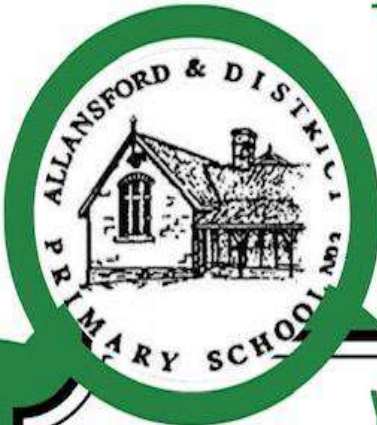
Replacement school hats can be purchased from the office for \$22.



BUDDY NIGHT

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

6.00PM - 7.30PM



YOU ARE INVITED

We invite all of our Foundation students and parents, along with our student leader big buddies to attend our Buddy Night. Parents of student leaders are encouraged to attend.



MEET THE BUDDIES

It is a great opportunity for parents of our younger students to meet their child's big buddies. It is also a great chance for our student leaders to connect with their buddies outside the school environment.



BIG 4 NRMA JUBILEE PARK CARAVAN PARK, ALLANSFORD

Parents and students will be required to check in with ADPS staff on arrival.

6.00pm - 7.30pm



FUN ACTIVITIES

Bring along a picnic, pizza or chips for dinner and enjoy the use of the parks mini-golf, tennis court and jumping pillow.
Bring a picnic rug if you wish.





THANK YOU! PARENTS' CLUB

We love our new
playground!



PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.
- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.
- All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information \(FOI\) application](#).

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by 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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

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.

