



ALLANSFORD & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL No3

Safe, Respectful & Responsible Learners

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KEY DATES

Allansford and District Primary School has been built on the traditional lands of the Peek Whurrong people of the Eastern Maar Nation and wish to acknowledge them as the custodians of the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and extend that to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



TERM 4 - 2025

WEEK ELEVEN

Wednesday 17th:

Assembly at 2.45pm

Last day of classes-3.30pm finish

Sausage sizzle and milkshake lunch

Reports live on Compass: 4:30pm

TERM 1 - 2026

WEEK ONE

Tuesday 27th:

Staff return

Wednesday 28th:

First day for all students

Friday 30th:

Assembly 3pm

WEEK TWO

Tuesday 3rd:

Geelong Cats Visit

WEEK FIVE

Thursday 26th:

School Photos

**Phones & Smart watches are
not to be used at school.**

ALLANSFORD ALIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we come to the end of the school year I'd like to say that I do feel very fortunate to have started here at Allansford and District Primary School which has a great school community.

The year has been filled with learning, challenges, achievements, and memorable moments, and I am very proud of all that our school community has accomplished together.

To our students: thank you for your commitment to learning and for the positive spirit you bring to our school each day. Congratulations to the Year 6's who had a great Graduation evening last night. To our families: thank you for your ongoing support, partnership, and trust—you play a vital role in our students' success.

Good luck to Ms Murphy as she heads to Alvie Primary School. Thanks for your fine contribution to the school over the past six months. Best wishes also to Mrs Arnott who is about to start a semester of long service leave.

I'd like to thank all of our hard-working staff for their dedication and commitment to our students throughout the year.

As we begin the Christmas holiday period, I encourage everyone to take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. May the holidays be a time of relaxation and joy.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, refreshed and ready for new opportunities and challenges. Until then, I wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Warm Regards,

Gavin Young

Principal



STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations Myla for a well organised assembly.



School Values

Our school has four key values which guide our daily practices:

Be Safe + Be Respectful + Be Responsible + Be a Learner

'I think it's important to be respectful to all students, staff and helpers.'

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations on the fantastic efforts you have all shown for a huge range of skills and achievements.

You should be proud of your achievements – ***We certainly are!***



Our **"Values Award"** is presented to a student demonstrating our school values. This was awarded to **Jed**, who has demonstrated responsibility by having pride in our school and for working hard to act on and be more aware of what is right and wrong, becoming a great leader. **Congratulations** Jed.

The **'Melo Award'** is presented to a student or students who have made a positive choice to help an individual or group.

This award was presented to

Kolby for being a great friend.

In challenging times he is able to stay cool, calm and supportive.

He has stood up and has been honest, considered, balanced and understanding. **Congratulations** Kolby.



SHOWCASES



1/2A shared their symmetry work.



1/2B students shared their stories.



Year 4 Hootime students shared their Hootime experience.

The **'Wellbeing Award'** is presented by our Wellbeing SALT Group and is to recognise someone who has been identified as looking after the health and wellbeing of themselves or others by being inclusive. This award went to **Ella**, for helping and supporting her friends when they need it.

Congratulations Ella.



2026 STAFF PROFILE

Principal → Gavin Young

Business Manager → Andrea Lyon

Administration Support → Mandy Dalton

Education Support → Deb Henry
→ Jeannette McArdle

Foundation → Wendy Reinheimer

Year 1/2A → Narelle McLaren /Carolynne Sheppard

Year 1/2B → Kate Marquand

Year 3/4A → Samantha Couch

Year 3/4B → Rose White

Year 5/6A → Niall Dwyer

Year 5/6B → Amanda McMahon

Japanese Specialist → Gemma Sheldon

STEAM Specialist → Carolynne Sheppard

PE Specialist → Billy Rock

Art Specialist → Jane Dowie

Mental Health Wellbeing Leader → Fiona Isles

Disability Inclusion Co-ordinator → Penny O'Dwyer

PARENTS' CLUB – END OF YEAR PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the 2025 School year comes to a close, I would like to thank each and every family, friend and teacher who contributed to making the year a success.

We are very proud to announce this year's achievements.

Major Achievements & Activities for 2026

Fundraising Initiatives

- Colour Run – a huge success, raising \$6,831 profit.
- Easter Raffle
- Bunnings bake stall – raising \$1,283
- Election day BBQ and cake stall

Community Events

- Artist in Residence / School performance which included a raffle
- Food supplied for Sports day, busy bee brunch
- Mother's Day and Father's Day stall
- Hot dog day, Milkshake Day and soon, Sausage and Milkshake day.
- Volunteer support as required, such as cutting up fruit for Walk to School Day, Toastie Tuesday, Naplan Morning Tea and preparation of sandwiches for children who don't have lunch.

Support for the School

- Parents' club have ordered a new drinking fountain, with bottle refill stations which will replace the dated system at the west end of the multi.
- Sphero's are being purchased for the STEAM Program.
- New laptops have been purchased for one classroom.
- A new fridge was purchased for Breakfast club and sick bay area.
- A new TV screen was purchased for meeting use in the principal's office.
- Phonic books for Foundation to Grade 2.
- As well as our usual yearly expenditure items: Teacher requisites, transition and graduation events, Book Week, assistance with the bus costs for the 5/6 camp.

Financial Summary

- We received a \$5,000 donation from the Ray and Joyce Uebergang Foundation towards purchasing laptops.
- We received a \$5,000 donation from Saputo Dairy Australia towards the new drinking fountain.
- We also applied for and received \$500 from the Midfield Group.

Looking Ahead

We'd love to see more parents and friends join us. Parents' Club is about helping if and when you are able to. We would love to have more parents jump on board to help us in 2026.

In 2026, we aim to contribute towards improvements for student learning and playground upgrades.

We hope all families have a wonderful and safe summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2026.

President

Allira Summerville – Parents' Club President

Wellbeing Words of Wisdom.

Dear Parents and families,

The Mental Health in Primary School has been a new initiative for the school in 2025. The school's Wellbeing profile has lifted with the increased support from the position and the current staff working in this space.

The program will run again in 2026, with a greater emphasis on individual and small group support with social and emotional learning. The MHiPS program aligns well with the Footstep Program which also will be in its second year in 2026.

The Wellbeing Team is currently investigating psychological support to the school, from an outside agency, around individual and group counselling services to our students and families. This may be offered either face to face or via telehealth.

If this is something that you might like to participate in next year, please contact me early in Term 1 next year. We will have more information around this opportunity by the beginning of 2026.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the program so far. Thank you to the Wellbeing SALT team who has helped myself and the Wellbeing Team run some student focused activities throughout the year. These students have shown great leadership skills and have been a positive asset to the school.

Best wishes to all the Grade 6 students who are transitioning to secondary college next year. Welcome to the new Foundation students who will be attending Allansford and District Primary School in 2026.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Fiona Isles and the Wellbeing Team.



WARRNAMBOOL TRAVEL KICKBACK

Allansford & District Primary School is pleased to partner with Warrnambool Travel for 2025 as part of a Kickback Program to raise funds for our school.

For every booking made by an Allansford and District Primary School community member, including grand-parents, Warrnambool Travel will offer 1% of each booking as a donation back to the school at the end of the school year.

For example, if we have multiple families book holidays, adding to a grand total of \$30,000 this would equate to a donation of \$300.

The more bookings that come from the Allansford school, the more funds raised, with all monies going toward updating the school's digital devices.

We thank Warrnambool Travel's commitment to giving back to the local community.

This partnership has been endorsed by our Allansford & District Primary School Council, and we invite all extended families looking to book a holiday through a travel agency to please consider Warrnambool Travel.

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