



**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 1 - 2026

WEEK EIGHT

Wednesday 18th:

School Photos

WEEK NINE

Monday 23rd:

Senior Cross Country @ Premier Speedway

Wednesday 25th:
STUDENT FREE DAY

Staff at Numeracy Community of Practice PD

Friday 27th:

Family Fun Night 🎵🎵
5.30 - 7.00pm



WEEK TEN

Monday 30th:

District Athletics

Thursday 2nd:

Final day of term - 2.30pm finish

TERM 2

Monday 20th:

First day of term 2

ZOOPER DOOPERS

Can be purchased at lunchtime on Wednesdays in Term 1 for \$1.

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

ALLANSFORD ALIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

REMINDER - STUDENT FREE DAY

Wednesday 25th March:

Staff attending Numeracy Community of Practice PD

STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations Jemma and Henry for leading 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

"We think being safe is an important value because if it's being followed then no one would get hurt."

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 Harvey for helping F/1/2 students learn and revise the Gaga rules. Congratulations Harvey.*

The **'Melo Award'** is presented each week to a person who has made a positive choice to help an individual or group. This was awarded to *Charli H* who was helping another student do their work and making them happy. *Congratulations Charli.*



FRIENDLY REMINDERS



The **Wellbeing Award** went to Edward who has been helping to pick up rubbish around the school, and was cheering everyone on at the Athletic Sports. *Congratulations* Edward.

SHOWCASES

★ Students from Miss White's class shared their Persuasive Texts.

★ Foundation and Year 6 Buddies Matilda, Rachel and Mabel, Eliza and Phoebe, and Edward and Chloe, spoke about the Buddy Night.

★ Year 3/4 presented labelled diagrams from their STEAM class.



School Council

Last night we had our first School Council meeting with our 2026 group.

We welcome Sarah Langman, Matthew Maddison, Matthew Gower, Niah Dwyer and Allira Summerville to the group.

Matt Solly is our new President, Allira is our Vice-President with Kirsty van Ginneken our Secretary and Andrea Lyon our Treasurer. Renae Blake, Narelle McLaren, Tracey Patterson and Rebecca Hunt are staying on and we thank all these people for committing to the important role in overseeing the governance of our school.

Working Bee

Thank you for all those parents who contributed to our working bee last Friday. There was quite a lot achieved including: new sand for sand pit spread, Multi gutters cleaned out, some of the inside glass panels cleaned in the multi, hedges trimmed, weeding, mowing and trimming, garden plans underway, undercoat on cubby and gaga pit on Sunday (by two of our families) as well as plans being made to fix areas out the front of 3/ 4 parents, staff and kids chipping in to help improve our school.

Books for Sale in the Multi

In tidying up the library we have decided to part with many books to allow space for new books to come in. Most of these books are in good condition and we would be happy if parents were to purchase some of these books for a gold coin donation by next Tuesday.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Please **SAVE THE DATE**

Friday the 27th of March (2nd Last Friday of Term) 5.30- 7pm

Activities will include classroom visits, student led activities, family themed dress up, BBQ and ADPS HAS TALENT Show!

Our Aim for the night is: to bring the ADPS Community together and welcome our new teachers, students and their families.

Each family there will get a GOLD BEE TICKET with 'goals' to be hole punched.

There will be one big prize at the end of the night for a family with all their ticket holes punched.

To get the holes punched you can:

- Dress up as a family to our **Country Fair** Theme
- Parents visit classrooms and see their kids work
- Parents/kids take part in at least one of the student run activities
- Be present for '**ADPS HAS TALENT**' show.

Timeframe 5:30 (in no particular order)

- Kids show parents through classrooms
- Have BBQ tea (optional for families)
- Take part in at least one of the activities
- 6:30 ADPS Has Talent (on the school oval).



WARRNAMBOOL TRAVEL KICKBACK

Allansford & District Primary School is pleased to partner with Warrnambool Travel for 2026 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 grandparents, 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.

Warrnambool Travel Manager: Joshua Campbell

Phone: 03 55612233

Email: travel@wbooltravel.com.au



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

March 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 Somers Camp
2 Somers Camp	3 Somers Camp	4 Somers Camp	5	6	7	8
9 Labour Day Public Holiday	10 Foundation & Year 6 Buddy Night 5.30-7.00pm	11 NAPLAN testing begins	12 ADPS Sports Day @ Brauerander	13 Assembly at 2:30pm Working Bee from 3pm 	14	15
16 NAPLAN testing	17 NAPLAN testing School Council Meeting	18 School Photos 	19	20 Harmony Day	21	22
23 Senior Cross Country Years 3-6 at Premier Speedway	24	25 Student Free Day Numeracy PD	26	27 Family Fun Night 5.30pm-7pm 	28	29
30	31 District Athletics					

April 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2 Last day of Term 1 2:30pm finish	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 TERM 2 First Day of Term 2	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Smile Dental Week	28	29	30			



EASTER RAFFLE COMING SOON!



OUR ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE WILL BE
DRAWN AT THE END OF TERM!

❖ WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS ❖

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS — BIG OR SMALL —
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND HELP
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

🐰 DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT
THE SCHOOL OFFICE. 🐰

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!



ALLANSFORD AND DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL – GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION 2026

Parents Club are excited to invite you to our Online Goods of Services Auction.

To join, visit this Link: <https://www.32auctions.com/ADPS>



Or scan the QR code:

Start: The website will go live from 7pm on Monday 16th March 2026.

End: Friday 27th March 7pm with Extended bidding.

How does Extended Bidding work?

If an item receives a bid during the final 3 minutes of the auction, the item end time will be extended to allow for 3 additional minutes of bidding. This process repeats until no new bids are received during the final 3 minutes of the item bidding window or the auction has been extended for a maximum of 30 minutes beyond the original end time. When an auction is extended, you'll see Extended Bidding messages displayed throughout the auction with a link for easily viewing all of the extended items.

Here's a taste of some of the things on offer:



**1 Term of Dancing
and a Cartwheel
Mat**



**DRAKE
FLAME & WATER**
**1 x Gas Heater
Service**



**12 x Small Square Bales
of Hay**



**SOUTH WEST
FIREWOOD
SUPPLIES**
**1m Blue Gum
Firewood -
Delivered**



**PJ Glass - \$750
Voucher**



**Family Games
Night
Packages**



**7m of Bant's Quarry
material delivered by
Bulldog Excavations**



**Family Swim
Passes**

PARENTS' CLUB



The Cally - \$50 Voucher



4 hours of excavator/truck work in the local area



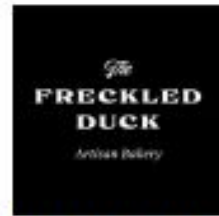
\$50 Totally Workwear Vouchers



Melbourne Museum - adult passes



Bruder 1/16 Scale JCB 5CX Backhoe Loader



Freckled Duck vouchers



Painters Pack & \$200 Hammond's Paints voucher



Bulk Billed - Women's health consult



Rebalance Osteopathy - \$140 Voucher



Pizza Vouchers



Waitress the Musical Tickets



Bar and Café Voucher



Builders Pencil Set



Dune 4WD 37L Heavy Duty Icebox



Matchbox Fire Rescue Hauler



Pet Food Shop Voucher



Cake Voucher



Light Bar - Bade Ness Rural



Stainless Steel Security Screen Door installed



5m3 of seasoned Cyprus

PARENTS' CLUB



**Family Games
Night package**



Toy Hamper



**2025 Signed Guernsey
with certificate of
Authenticity**



**Vogue – Coffee
table books**



Wine and Candle Hampers

We thank all of our sponsors/donors:

PJ Glass (Sam Hutchinson)
Alambie Farms (Family of Hunter and Kiah Hall)
Mepunga Wines (Barry Clarke)
Callesen Contracting
The Mahood Family
The Summerville Family
The Maddison Family
Anonymous School Families
Agrimac Warrnambool
Melbourne Museum
Pontings Warrnambool
Bulldog Excavations and Bant's Quarry
Stella Windows and Doors
Wilson's Warrnambool and District Real Estate

Totally Workwear
The Cally Hotel
Her Majesty's theatre
HER Health Hub Warrnambool
Peppers Pizza
Bade Ness Rural
South West Firewood Supplies
Dance Blitz Studios
JMB Transport
Rhianna's Cakes by Design
Aquazone
Rebalance Osteopathy
Hammond's Paints
Toyworld Warrnambool

If you have any questions or your family would like to donate an item, please contact Parents Club President - Allira Summerville on 0488 618 906.

Understanding our Emotion Triggers

Emotions can sometimes feel like a mystery, but when students understand why they feel a certain way, they are better able to manage challenges and make positive choices.

At school, we use the **Zones of Regulation** to help students recognise their emotions and what triggers them. For example, students might feel frustrated when a task is difficult (Yellow Zone) or optimistic and eager when something fun is planned (Green Zone). By identifying these triggers, students begin to understand their reactions and feel more in control.

Knowing the cause of emotions also helps children communicate more clearly. If they realise they are tired and unfocused (Blue Zone), they can express that they need a break. If they recognise they are overwhelmed (Red Zone), they can pause, ask questions, or seek support rather than react impulsively.

By developing this self-awareness, students build confidence in managing their emotions, strengthening relationships, and staying engaged in learning.

You might like to continue this conversation and learning at home by:



Modelling your own triggers out loud:
"I'm in the Yellow Zone
because I'm rushing and feeling flustered."

Asking:
"What happened that put you in that zone?"
to help your child notice what caused the feeling.



Noticing positive triggers too, like fun plans or success, to help your child recognise what supports their Green Zone.

Using stories or real-life moments
to wonder together:
"What made that character feel that way?"



Inclusion and ways we can be inclusive

This fortnight, students are learning about ways to be inclusive. Inclusion means making others feel welcome, safe, and part of the group, regardless of their background, abilities, or culture.

Students are exploring practical ways to include others, such as:

- Listening and showing respect for different ideas and feelings
- Inviting classmates to join activities or games
- Showing curiosity and kindness towards different cultures or abilities
- Helping all students feel part of the class community

By practising inclusion, students build empathy, friendships, and a sense of belonging, helping everyone feel valued at school.

You might like to continue this conversation and learning at home by:

Talk about differences and similarities

Ask your child what makes people unique and what they have in common with others.

Discuss everyday scenarios

For example, how to include someone new, someone with a different ability, or someone from another culture.

Reflect on feelings

Ask: "How would we feel if we were left out?" or "What could we do to help someone feel included?"

Model inclusive behaviour

Show kindness and respect in your own interactions, and explain your actions to your child.

Celebrate small acts of inclusion

Notice and praise your child when they make someone feel welcome or help someone join in.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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 financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and 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 excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card [or support](#) an out of home care [student](#) you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly 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 \$400 for all 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.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



**THE 2026 WARRNAMBOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
SPEECH & DRAMA
EISTEDDFOD**
CELEBRATING YOUNG VOICES, TALENT, AND EXPRESSION!

DATES:
MONDAY 25th to
FRIDAY 29th of MAY 2026

VENUE:
ST. PIUS X HALL, MORRIS ROAD

HIGHLIGHTS:
POEMS: SOLO OR WITH FRIENDS
SPEECHES AND MONOLOGUES
GROUP PERFORMANCES
IMPROMPTU AND PREPARED READING!

ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION FOR SPECTATORS
ENTRIES via stardom.com.au (Dates TBA)

INQUIRIES: 0438579844 or
warrnambool.speechd.eisteddfod@gmail.com

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RETURNS FOR 2026

COME & TRY DAYS
SATURDAY 21ST & 28TH OF MARCH
BOYS AGED 4-9 & GIRLS AGED 4-12

JONES OVAL
10:00AM TO 11:00AM

REGISTER NOW
www.brauer.vic.edu.au/open-night/

AT COBDEN MINI GOLF **FREE**

**Easter
EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

**EASTER EGG
HUNTS -**

11AM - KIDS UP TO GRADE 2.
12.30PM - KIDS GRADE 3 & ABOVE.

**& VISIT FROM
EASTER
BUNNY**

**SUNDAY
5TH
APRIL**

**OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH**

REGISTER NOW
4:30pm for a 5:00pm Start

OPEN NIGHT - 25TH MARCH 2026

4:30pm - Arrival and collection of Information Pack. Car parking attendants will assist with parking.

5:00pm - Open Night Performance followed by a student led Information Session in the Stalker Auditorium.

5:30pm - Interactive student led tours of the College will depart from the Auditorium to view the facilities and classes from all Key Learning Areas.

7:30pm - Anticipated conclusion.

Come along and discover the student opportunities that Brauer College offers.

YEAR 7 2027 SCHOOL TOURS

We have School Tours running for families that are not able to attend the Open Night.

- Tuesday 31st March 2026 @ 4:15pm
- Wednesday 1st April 2026 @ 9:15am
- Friday 24th April 2026 @ 9:30am
- Wednesday 29th April 2026 @ 4:15pm
- Friday 1st May 2026 @ 9:15am
- Monday 4th May 2026 @ 9:30am

Please register by visiting our website:
<http://www.brauer.vic.edu.au/open-night/>

We hope to see you all!
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