Better Buddies Day
In week 10, school reports go home. As per Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) requirements, achievement will be referenced to the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. It is important to understand that the DECD has specific guidelines and indicators that teachers are expected to allocate A to E grades in reference to the Achievement Standards. One of a number of key indicators for determining if a student has provided evidence of learning at the C Level is that they must demonstrate the capacity to apply knowledge, skills and understandings in new contexts. This indicator explicitly directs teachers to look for learning in new contexts. This is a transference skill and it demands that students are using the highest order of thinking skills, such as analysis, evaluation and synthesis.

The implication of this is that students must demonstrate learning that involves a high level of transference to new contexts, extensive understanding of key concepts and outstanding skill development to be an A level. With this interpretation of the A to E grades in relation to the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum it is critical that we all move our previous understanding A to E grades toward this new understanding. Therefore, a C grade, indicates that a student is working at the year level standard. It is also important to remember that effort and achievement are two different things. A student can have an excellent effort and achieve a C grade. Similarly, a student can have a satisfactory effort and achieve a B grade.

This term students in reception to year 6 and students in year 12, will receive full written reports. For students in years 7 to 11, a progress report will be provided. For all students, with the support of families, this is an opportunity for reflection. It is timely to consider such things as personal effort, commitment and prioritising. It is also a good time to consider what support may be needed for improvement. I urge students and /or families to approach teacher/s to discuss concerns they may have about progress. It is important that we work together to improve the learning outcomes for our children and young people.

Last Friday was Better Buddies Day. This program is designed to develop buddy systems in the school to help reduce bullying and create a friendly and caring school environment. This program is an initiative of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. Ardrossan Area School launched Better Buddies Day through an obstacle course that all students participated in. The school’s new Friendship Seat was also launched. The purpose of this seat is to provide an identified place to go if you feel lonely or sad or would just like someone to talk to. Buddies and members of our SRC and other interested students are then able to assist the student. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Leonie Peterson and our SRC for their efforts in implementing this program and for a very successful Better Buddies Day. Please keep an eye out in future newsletters for more information on the program and how AAS is using the program.

Congratulations to Brenda Garay, Georgia Stratton and Lesley Stratton on their outstanding representation of AAS as part of the SAASTA Power Cup held over the recent long weekend. The girls participated in this fantastic event at Adelaide Oval as part of their SAASTA program. While the combined team from Maitland Area School, Moonta Area School and Ardrossan Area School did not win the cup, they did win the best War Cry competition.

This week 6 of our year 10 students have been participating in the University of South Australia Rural Reconnect Program. These students are Kayla Harrison, Brodie Haylock, Georgia Kuhndt, Sebastian Lee, Lesley Stratton and Courtney Turner. I look forward to hearing about their experiences.

I would like to remind all students and their families that the Semester 2 timetable comes into effect at the start of week 9 this term.

Due to some ill health in the form of Shingles, I am working on a part-time basis. In my absence, Margaret Roads will be the Acting Principal.

Regards,

Karen Bond
Principal
From the Sports Desk………..

Open boys & girls basketball was played Wednesday 3rd June at Minlaton Basketball Stadium

Congratulations to Brooke Ottey & Georgia Kuhndt who have been selected to represent the YP Zone team

Zone Football results:

8/9 football – AAS Representative Cole Nicholson-Kalme
YP Zone - 4.7.31
Kadina - 10.9.69

It was an excellent match played in great spirits. There were some fantastic skills on display in windy conditions. All the boys representing YP Zone worked well as a team.

Open Footy – AAS representatives - Jack Hicks, Sebastian Lee, Wade Abbott

St Patricks vs YP Zone – YP Zone winners 74 - 3

The grand final was a nail biter, with the YP Zone losing to Thomas Moore College 26-33

It was a fantastic day with a very close grand final.

Better Buddies Day – SRC News

Ardrossan Area School, along with thousands around Australia, participated in National Buddy Day on Friday 12th June. Buddy Day is a national initiative developed by NAB and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to celebrate friendship and help raise awareness of bullying in Australian schools.

The students organised a special Buddy Obstacle Course, teaming older and younger students together for a cooperative and fun time. Our Better Buddy Friendship seat was also unveiled by Junior School Captain, Oscar Moore. Whenever children have no-one to play with during breaks, they can sit on this seat and someone will come over and invite them to join in their games. The idea of the seat is to support children in our school who experience feelings of isolation, or who are feeling lonely or sad. It is hoped that the seat will become a key factor in promoting friendship and kindness in students and help to build a sense of community in the school.

Student quotes from “Buddy Day”

I really like the buddy seat because it is special to me. I like the colours and I look at it every day at school. Mr Peterson painted it – Sebastian G

I think it is special you can sit on it if you are hurt or lonely – Maggie

The buddy seat is awesome. I love it! It is good for people to find friends- Zaiya & Dakoda

The buddy seat looks like Outer Space. It is cool & I like it because people can feel safe there and join some friends – Philip
**Merit Cards - Week 4**

| Reception  | Curtis O’Connor – for excellent effort in phonics  
| K Hocking  | Archie Teakle – for neat handwriting  
| Year 1  | Ashlee Clifford – for demonstrating great responsibility in her weekly job  
| K Eglinton  | Dylan Chapman – for showing enthusiasm in our ‘Directions’ Maths topic  
| Year 2/3  | Bella Chapman – for using initiative  
| J LeFeuvre  | Serenity Gorden – for imaginative and well thought out story writing  
| Year 3/4  | Corey Abbott – for increased effort in his reading  
| P Clark  | Anastasia Gorden – for going beyond what is expected of her in Maths  
| Year 5/6  | Lachlan Dayman – for being more on task and trying hard in lessons  
| A Nixon  | Ebony Wheare – for being very helpful and supportive to others  

**SAPSASA Cross Country**

Thursday 4th June, Caleb, Jemma, Tre, Jack and Ebony went to Oakbank race course. We didn’t expect to see so many people! When we were running there was mud flicking up and it was extremely slippery. It was a great experience but was a very exhausting day.

by Ebony, Jack & Tre

**Power Cup**

**Instrumental Music Camp @ Port Hughes**

Taliah, Shayna, Georgia, Alanna, Courtney & Leah all enjoyed the camp which concluded with an impressive concert on Tuesday night

**June**

15th – 16th  
IMS Camp  
16th – 18th  
Year 10 Rural Reconnect camp  
19th  
Year 9/10 Music Excursion  
19th  
JS Assembly hosted by Year 1  
22nd – 26th  
SAPSASA Hockey & Soccer week  
23rd  
Year 8 Immunisation  
29th  
Governing Council Meeting  

**July**

2nd  
Reports go home  
Assembly @ 1:40pm.  
3rd  
Early dismissal @ 2pm