

St. Albans Primary School

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Important Dates

Wednesday 20th March

Family Maths Night

5.00 – 6.30 pm

Thursday 28th March:

Prep Dinner

Monday 1st – Wednesday

3rd April

3/4 Camp Golden Valley

Mornington Peninsula

Friday 5th April :

Last day of term 1.

Students finish at 1.30pm



Dear Community,

This week we held our Meet the Teacher meetings, these meetings are very important so we are very pleased that so many families took the time to meet their child's teacher and join us for our Community BBQ. The students enjoyed showing their families all the learning they have accomplished this term. The teachers and parents discussed the learning scheduled for Term 2 and ways in which we can all work together to ensure that students get the best outcome for their learning.

Just a reminder to parents that parking restrictions must be obeyed around the school precinct.

It is illegal to double park and park in driveways.

I am concerned that illegal parking and unsafe driveway may result in an injury to a child.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

On Monday 29th April we have our school photo day. An envelope will go home before the holidays, please make sure you put the correct money in the envelope as it goes straight to the photographer not the school. Please ensure your children are in full school uniform on the day.

Tracie Quigley

ACTING PRINCIPAL





STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

On Thursday the 28th February our State School Spectacular students travelled to Essendon Keilor College for our first round of dance rehearsals. Students had a lot of fun learning new choreography for the event that will be held on the 14th Of September at Hisense Arena. Miss Calleja is very proud of our student's dedication and motivation towards the program. We look forward to practicing all of our wonderful dances in weeks to come. Well done to our Spectacular Dancers! Our State School Spectacular dancers are:

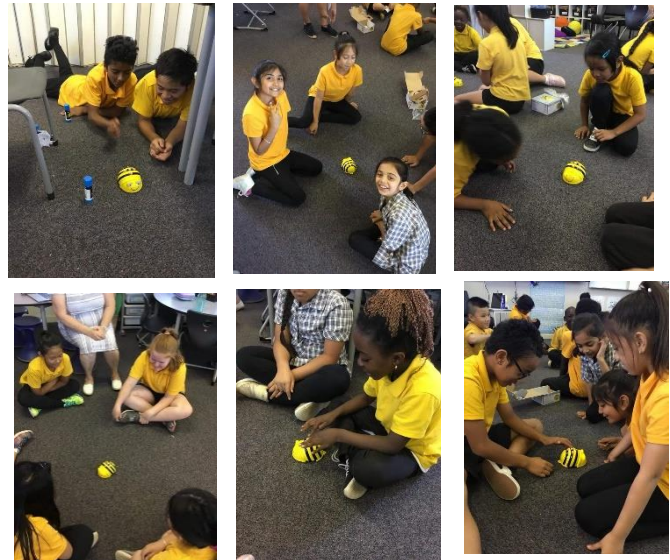
Our State School Spectacular dancers:

Sally	Lizette
Rose	Achol
Zahra	Joanne
Baylul	Mirai
Cynthia	Soi
Sia	Ngoc
Rahand	Mikailo
Mayank	Roza



3/4 and 5/6 NEWS

The year 3-6 students have begun their coding unit using Bee Bots. They are learning to code and program the Bee Bots to perform a task or set sequences.



1/2 NEWS

The grade 1/2s have been learning about emotion worry. After reading 'Silly Billy' by Anthony Browne the students created their own worry dolls to help them feel calm and safe when they are worried.

The 1/2s have also been learning about teamwork and how to work as a team. In teams, the students had to try and build the tallest standing tower. The students had to assign roles for each other and share their thoughts and ideas as a team.





FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

We are having a Family Maths Night on Wednesday 20th of March. The event will be from 5:00 – 6.30pm with lots of exciting Math games, activities, prizes and a free gelati for everyone. Bring the family along to enjoy a fun filled night.



BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that our Breakfast Club is open every day from 8:00am until 8:45am in the school hall. Children can choose from cereal, toast, fruit and juice. A gold coin donation is requested from students who attend the Breakfast Program.



CAMPS SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

Any families who are eligible to receive this funding should complete the CSEF form and return it to the office together with a copy of their Healthcare Card. If you require assistance in completing the form please contact the office.



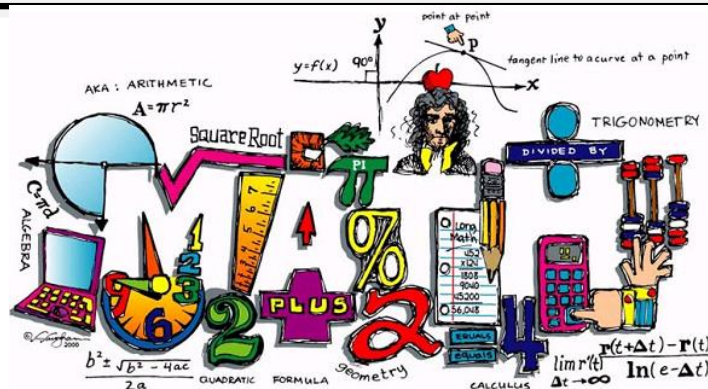
SCHOOL ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL TIMES

Parents please ensure that your child arrives at school by 8:50am and is collected by 3:20pm. No students should be on school grounds after 3:20pm unless they are part of a school organised activity.



SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder to all parents that students are to be in full school summer uniform. Uniforms can be purchased from the office at any time. If any parents are experiencing problems with uniforms please see the office as you may be eligible for assistance.



COMMUNITY HUB

The Community Hub is open every day and is a space for parents and carers to come together to be engaged with the school and the community at large. Our Hub Leader, Hang, runs free programs for parents during school hours such as English classes, cooking demonstrations and information sessions in the Community Room located on the Kate Street entrance.

What's On at the Community Hub in Term 1:

Basic English classes

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
9.30am – 10.30pm

Information Sessions for parents

Normally on Tuesdays, 2.30pm-3.20pm

Cooking Demonstrations

Every second Friday (first session 24th February)

KINDA KINDER

Every Wednesday between 2.20 – 3.20pm and Thursday, between 9am – 11am, we run a Kinda Kinder program in the library for pre-school children from 0-5 years. Children learn through play and creative activities as well as develop social skills through interaction with other children. This program is free of charge and children are asked to bring a light and healthy snack.



LITERACY NEWS

At St Albans Primary school, there is a whole school approach to improving literacy skills of all students and ensure literacy learning is of the highest quality in all classrooms for all students. This involves all staff working together with a literacy coach responding to student data then matching instruction to cater for the different needs of our learners.



What is currently happening in READING?

INDEPENDENT READING

Independent reading is when children have the opportunity to read for extended periods of time throughout the day, every day. Children will select their own reading materials from a wide variety of texts that they are able to read fluently and with ease. Independent reading is a quiet time where children can get 'lost' in a book or whatever they are reading. Teachers will work with students to monitor their reading ensuring they are reading to meet their individual needs and to improve their literacy skills.

Current research shows that it is necessary for children to read independently for a sustained period of time. This reading independence will be achieved slowly over the year with the support of classroom teachers.

In addition, your child will also work in a small reading group depending on their reading experience. This could be Modelled Reading, Shared Reading, Guided Reading, Reciprocal Teaching or take part in a Book Club. The focus for the reading may include help students learn a range of skills including:

- Comprehension
- Word work
- Monitoring meaning
- Phonics
- Fluency
- word prediction
- story prediction



You can help at home by reading with your child each night and encouraging them to talk about what they have read. Enclosed you will find a list of possible questions to help you with conversations about your child's reading. They are not intended to be used all at once or every time you read with your child. Use them at your discretion and where they are appropriate. Happy Reading!!

Mrs Mim Di Filippo
Literacy Leader



MEET THE TEACHER CONFERENCE/COMMUNITY BBQ



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