

St. Albans Primary School

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Important Dates

Monday 8th March:

Labour Day Public Holiday,
no students to attend

Monday 29th - Wednesday 31st March:

3 /4 camp cottages by the
sea

Thursday 01st April:

Last day of Term 1, 1:30pm
finish

Dear Community,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I extend a special welcome to our Preps, new students and their families. I hope you enjoy your time at St Albans Primary School as we work together to develop your child academically, socially and emotionally. If families have any questions or queries please feel free to contact the office.

I would also like to welcome back all our staff a special welcome back to Ms de la Harpe who returns from working overseas for the last 12 months.

This year we are working to ensure we continue to be a COVID safe school.

Parents and guardians are allowed on site for drop off and pickups you must ensure that you follow COVID safe behaviors including social distancing and wearing a face mask when you are on the school premises.

I would like to remind families that students enter their classrooms at 8:50am to prepare for the day's learning. To maximise learning opportunities, it is best for the children to arrive before this time so they are organised to begin classes at 9:00. The school day ends at 3:20pm. All children must be collected by 3:20pm.

The car park and school grounds are out of bounds for everyone except the staff of St Albans Primary School. Parking in driveways is a traffic offence and the local Council will give fines to anyone found stopping their car in a driveway. The local council often has inspectors around our school so to avoid a fine please make sure to follow all road rules when driving and parking around our school.

We have a council supervised crossing on Kate Street, please ensure you cross at the flags.

I know everyone will be very happy to be back at school and we are looking forward to a great year of learning and friendships.

Joanne Richmond
PRINCIPAL



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.

NO HAT NO PLAY!

Just a reminder that we are a Sun Smart School which means that hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Students who do not have a hat may purchase one from the office for \$10. If students do not have a hat the "No Hat No Play" policy will be enforced and students will be required to sit in a shaded area in the school.



**Are you interested in a
Learning for Life
Scholarship for your
child/children to help them
achieve their goals?**

Do you have:

☐ A Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card;

☐ Attend school regularly (80% and above)

**We have scholarships available at
SAPS in 2021! If you are eligible,
please go to see the front office to fill
out an application.**

*The Smith Family can help with:
money to help with school costs;
support to improve attendance;
educational programs and more.*

Or contact us on 0458 726 834



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:

Kinda Kinder

Mondays 9-11am in the Library. First Kinda Kinder is on Monday 8th February

Sing and Grow

Learning through music with a musician

10am -11am, Thursdays (8 weeks), commencing Thursday 4th February. Jamieson Street Reserve (or school library on cold and wet days)

Neighbourhood Walks

Exercise while exploring St Albans neighbourhood together.

10-12pm, Fridays commencing Friday 12th February.

Coming programs at the Community Hub to be announced:

English classes for beginners

Sewing classes

Cooking with parents.

Please let Hub leader. Hang Bui (93662832) know if you are interested



COVID



The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID19) is between adults.

During drop -off and pick-up of your child remember to keep 1.5 metres between yourself and other adults if you can't you need to wear your mask.

Masks must be worn when entering school grounds.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Restrictions remain in place.

Please do not enter if you or your child have any of the following symptoms: Fever, Shortness of breath, flu like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat or runny nose.



OFFICE

Please remember to update the office if you have moved or changed your phone number and you must call the office if your child is sick.

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 the Instructional Literacy leader and Learning Specialist responding to student data then matching instruction to cater for the different needs of our learners.

What is currently happening in READING?

Teachers are working with students diligently setting up their reading classroom. This involves selecting books for their classroom library and the students setting up their individual book boxes filled with texts of choice for Independent reading.

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.

You can help at home by reading with your child each night and encouraging them to talk about what they have read.

Happy Reading!!

Ms Melissa Day
Instructional Leader Literacy



WELCOME TO OUR PREPS

Our Prep students have enjoyed an exciting first week at school. They have all settled well into their classrooms and have already made new friendships. A reminder to parents that Prep students will finish at 2:30pm next week.

