



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Community,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful break. It is nice to see all the families again after returning from holidays. I'd also like to remind everyone about the importance of attending school every day, school has been disrupted over the last few years and so now more than ever attending class every day, is extremely important. If your child is sick, then absences can't be helped but please try and keep your child's attendance at school above 80%. Further information on how absences and lateness affect your child's education is attached.

The students have settled back well and are all looking forward to a range of exciting new learning experiences in Term 4. This will include our 1/2 Sleepover, Prep Dinner & Disco, 3/4 Doxa Camp & Year 6 Graduation and Big Day Out.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2023. If you have a school aged child for 2023, please contact the office so we can discuss the enrolment process with you. Every Friday we have our Step into Prep program running in Dblock and so far, it has been a wonderful start for our future Prep students. Our Prep to Year 5 students will also be involved in a Step-Up program every second week. The classes they attend during step up may not be the class they are in next year; we are currently working on 2023 class placements and have not yet decided on where children will be placed.

At this time of year, we ask parents to let us know their plans for 2023. A note has been sent home asking you to indicate whether your children will be returning to St Albans Primary School next year. If you have not yet returned this note, please do so as soon as possible. This information is required so that we can work out classes for 2023.

Just a reminder to all families that we have a whole school assembly each Friday in the hall at 2:50pm, weather permitting. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Joanne Richmond
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**Monday 31st October & Tuesday 1st
November**

Curriculum Day & Public Holiday

No school for students

Important Dates

Wednesday 26th October:
Chess Competition for select
students 8am – 3:20pm

Thursday 27th October:
1/2 Sleepover

Friday 28th October:
Step Into Prep 9am – 11am

Monday 31st October:
Curriculum Day – Report
writing – No School

Tuesday 1st November:
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
– No School

Friday 4th November:
Step into Prep 9am – 11am

Thursday 10th November: Prep
Dinner and Disco

Tuesday 15th November:
Toasty Fundraiser for State
School's Relief

Thursday 17th November:
SSG Meetings & 1/2 Soccer
Clinic

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE EARLY

SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves.

Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.

Good attendance will help children do well in high school, tertiary education and at work

What you can do

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpack the night before
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots
- Introduce your child to teachers and classmates before school starts to help transition
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
- Keep in mind complaints of a stomach-ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not necessarily a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session