



Important Dates

Friday 10th November:

1/2 Excursion to Animal Land Children's Farm

Saturday 11th November:

Remembrance Day. 1 minute silence at 11am to remember those who have served and those who have died in all wars and peacekeeping operations.

Tuesday 14th November:

Prep Zoo Excursion

Thursday 30th November:

3/4 Sun Theatre Excursion

Friday 1st December:

Step Into Prep Parent Information Session

Monday 4th December:

5/6 Big Day Out Excursion

Tuesday 5th December:

Prep Breakfast

Thursday 7th December:

School Concert

Friday 8th December:

Class End of Year Parties

Tuesday 12th December:

Year 6 Secondary School Orientation Day
Year 6 Graduation

Friday 15th December:

Final Assembly & Whole School Picnic

Tuesday 19th December:

Last day of Term 4, students dismissed at 1:30pm



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Community,

Our 2024 Prep transition Program has begun. What a pleasure it has been seeing all the preschoolers beginning their formal education journey. Our 2024 Prep students will attend our school each Friday from 9am until 11am.

The end of the year is coming fast, soon our year 6 students will be graduating, we will be having our end of year celebrations and students will be meeting their 2024 teachers. Every Thursday our students have "Step Up" a program developed to help students get ready for the next year and on the last session they will know who their 2024 classmates will be.

At this time of year, we ask parents to let us know their plans for 2024 so that classes for next year can be organised correctly. A note was sent home asking you to indicate whether your children will be returning to St Albans Primary School next year. Please make sure you return this note to the office if you have not already done so. It is important we know who will be at our school so that we can make sure each student has a friend or familiar face in their new classrooms.

Last week our 1/2 students had their tea and sleepover, it was a lovely evening for all the students who attended. We have added photos at the end of this newsletter for all our parents to see just how much fun they all had. The sleepover is to help our students who will be going into year three be ready for the 3/4 camp they will attend next year.

November is a busy month for our students, the 1/2's will be attending an excursion to Animal Lands Children's Farm tomorrow, the Prep students will be attending the Zoo next Tuesday and the 3/4 students will be having a day at the Sun Theatre on the 30th of this month. We know they will enjoy these special days away from school and they are also valuable learning experiences for our students. Our 5/6 students will have their end of year excursion "Big Day Out" in December.

We will also have our school concert on Thursday 7th of December where we will also announce our Christmas Raffle winners. Tickets for the raffle and the concert will go home soon. Our last event for 2023 is our whole school picnic. Hopefully all our families can join us for this final celebration of 2023.

We will send home an end of year newsletter in December with photos of most of these events for you all to enjoy later in December.

Take care.

Joanne Richmond
PRINCIPAL

Establishing a Culturally Safe Environment

At St Albans Primary School we are committed to establishing an inclusive and culturally safe school where the strengths of Aboriginal culture, values and practices are respected.

We think about how every student can have a positive experience in a safe environment. For Aboriginal students, we recognise the link between Aboriginal culture, identity and safety and actively create opportunities for Aboriginal students and the Aboriginal community to have a voice and presence in our school planning, policies, and activities.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Plan outlines the measures we have in place to maintain an inclusive and culturally safe school for Aboriginal children and students.

The plan can be viewed on our school website.

School Policies

School policies are available for all families to read on our school website. Please visit www.stalbps.vic.edu.au to read our school policies, find information and view photos of our staff, students and school.

Student Supervision

Student safety at St Albans Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised from 8:40am until 8:50am, students then go to their classrooms

After school: School grounds are supervised from 3:20pm until 3:40pm.

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice, breakfast program).

Parents/carers are encouraged to contact Joanne Richmond or Hang Bui on 9366 2832 or OSHClub on 1300 395 735 or 0407 121 679 for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy please check our school website www.stalbps.vic.edu.au. This policy includes St Albans Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

Market Day 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended Market Day, everyone had a wonderful time. A big thank you to all those staff, students & families who donated their time and skills to the market day stalls. Our year 5/6 students had a chance to experience consumerism in action and did a wonderful job doing so. Well done to all the families, students and staff who took the time and put in the effort to make the day a big success.

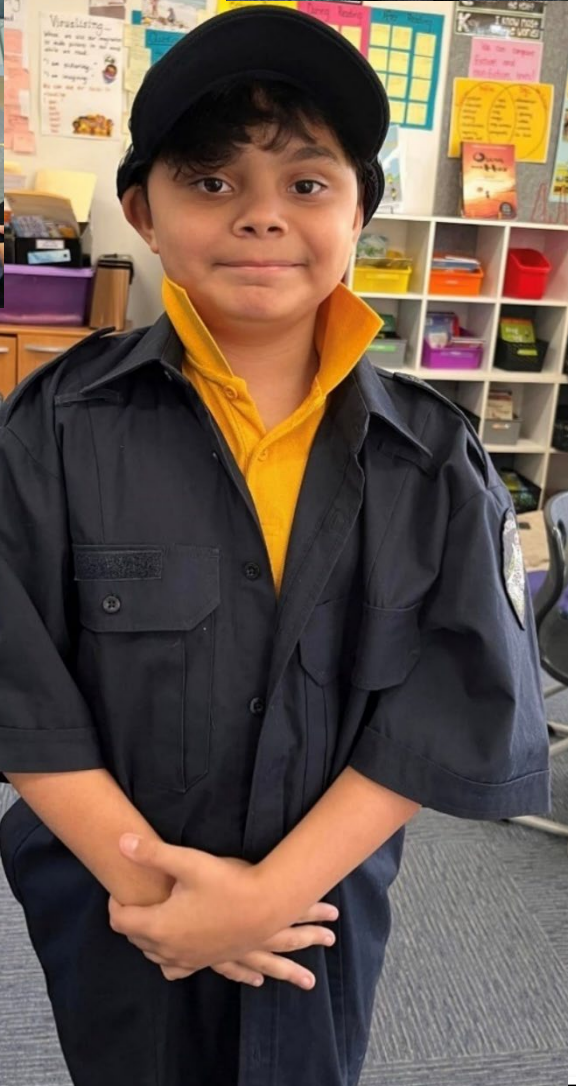




Prep to Year 2 visit from Caroline Springs Police

The P-2 students loved having three constables from Caroline Springs police station visit the school on Wednesday. The students got the opportunity to dress up as police officers, tour the police van, hear and see the police siren being used and they learnt all about the equipment police use and have on their vests. They also learned how to march like the officers who train at the police academy.





Christmas Hamper Raffle Donations

A note has also gone home requesting donations for our end of year raffle. Watergardens Shopping Centre has kindly donated a few items to our hampers. They have some wonderful activities planned for the school holidays, you can learn all about them here: <https://watergardens/Christmas> or search Watergardens in you search browser.

The items we are requesting for donation must be new, sealed and clearly within their use by date. If you know of a company or business who would be happy to donate items to our hampers, we would really appreciate the donation. We would love to be able to make this year's raffle better than ever before. Every year we raffle off quite a few hampers so many families have an opportunity to win.

Raffle tickets for the hampers will be sent home in a few weeks. The hampers will be on display in the office once they have been made up. Thank you to everyone who donates to our hampers and good luck for the draw.

1/2 Sleep Over

