



Albion Primary School

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Our purpose is to educate all of our children and enable them to become effective members of society.

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DIARY DATES

February

24th Interschool Sport Away game Mother of God PS

March

3rd Interschool Sport Home game St Peter's
6th Preps commence full time
10th Interschool Sport Away game Sunshine PS
13th Labour Day Public Holiday
15th Family Fun evening picnic 5:30 – 7:30
17th Interschool Sport Away game Sunshine Christian School at Sunshine North PS
17th Mini student performing arts concert 2:45pm at school (assembly area)
20th School Council
21st Interschool sport Away game Ardeer PS
22nd – 24th Year 4/5/6 camp to Echuca
31st End of Term -2:30pm Dismissal

April

18th (Tuesday) Term 2 Begins
21st Interschool Cross Country event at More Park
25th ANZAC Day public holiday
26th Swimming program commences (8 days)

Supervision of Students in the Yard Before and After School

Staff supervise children in the school grounds before school from 8:50 to 9:00 am and after school from 3:20 to 3:35 pm. Outside of these times supervision is the responsibility of parents/guardians. If children want to use the playground (even during the supervised times above) they must be supervised by their own parent or guardian.

Message from the Acting Principal

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to the parents who attended the P – 2 information sessions and the 3 – 6 information

interviews this week. Children enjoy and take pride in having their parents show an interest in their schooling. It is important to keep the communication flowing between school and home. Teachers are always happy to talk to you about your child at a mutually convenient time. Please see your child's teacher to arrange such a time. If you can't get to the school, a phone call works well too. The teacher may have to call you back at a time when they do not have students in their care but they will always get back to you if you require them to.

Weekly Whole School Assembly

Our weekly whole school assembly will be held on most Friday afternoons commencing at approximately 3:00pm in the Village (P – 2 classroom building).

Parents are most welcome to attend.

Arriving On Time

It is most important that students participate fully in the school's programs and I would ask parents to make sure that their children are at school ready to commence work by 9:00am. Late arrival means that your child will miss out on lesson and activity introductions and interrupt the learning of other children. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated. However, if you are running late, it is better for your child to come to school than not come at all for that day.

School Council

Nominations for school council were opened on Monday 20th February.

The timeline for the remaining process is as follows:

- Monday 27th February – Close of nominations
- Wednesday 1st March – List of candidates and nominators will be displayed
- Monday 6th March – Ballot papers distributed (only if number of nominations exceeds number of vacancies)
- Tuesday 14th March – Close of ballot

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- Wednesday 15th March – Counting of votes and declaration of ballot
- Monday 20th March – Meeting to co-opt Community Members and the first meeting of the new School Council

Prep Children

A reminder that prep children commence full time attendance from Monday 6th March.

School Toilets

The toilet block between the library and canteen is for student use only. Parents who need to use a bathroom while at school are to use the bathroom located near the main office.

Regards

Adrienne Williamson

School Website

<http://www.albionps.vic.edu.au>

You are able to access current information, newsletters, school calendar, notes for excursions, complete online absence notes and find out about our school's policies and other information.

Take the time to have a look at it and we'd love your feedback. It is a continuing work in progress and things will be updated on a regular basis, so put the link into your favourites and keep visiting.

Our school website is also mobile friendly! It's like an app but better. You can save dates from the website directly into your mobile phone's calendar – no copying and pasting.

Please visit our website and view the short video on the home page. We are sure you will love how easy it will be keeping up to date with all that is going on at school. There are also some instructions on how to put the app on at the office.

eSafety



There is a parent's guide to online safety in various languages – English, Vietnamese, Arabic, Chinese, Greek and Italian.

There are tips for parents with young children and teens. There are also tips for parental controls for computers, tablets and smart phones, gaming consoles, internet service providers, streaming services and web browsers and filtering software. Follow the link to the parent page –

<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/online-risks/cyberbullying>

Head lice and Nits

We have had a number of cases of head lice and nits. Unfortunately, they are a pre-school and primary school irritation, due to the nature of the way children play and interact.

Parents need to be vigilant in checking their child's/children's hair regularly. We appreciate it if you let us know if you have had an outbreak. We then check that class and siblings classes (if applicable) to try to keep on top of it all.

An information page is provided on our web site. Head checks will be conducted if head lice are observed or suspected. Most parents have given the school permission for head lice inspections so that staff can examine a child's head for the presence of head lice. For those parents who have not given their permission to examine a child's head, visual checks (observations without physically touching a child's head) can be made without parental consent. If a child is examined or observed to have live head lice in their hair, they must be excluded from school until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.

It is important to understand that treatment does NOT kill the eggs (nits). Unless ALL eggs are physically removed from the hair shaft, the eggs will hatch and the cycle of live head lice laying more eggs will start again. Regularly checking your child's hair is vital. If your child does have live head lice or nits (eggs), please complete the necessary treatment and removal of eggs and then inform the school.

Fun Family Evening

Monday 15th March
5:30pm – 7:30pm

We invite all families to BYO picnic dinner and come along to have some fun together as a school community. There will be some activities that you can join in with and the opportunity to get together in a social situation. A separate poster will be sent home about this event closer to the date.

Albion and Friends Community Toy Library



Did you know we have a toy library onsite at Albion Primary School? It is located in the Bristol building (the smallest school building closest to the basketball ring). It is open on Friday mornings from 9:00am – 11:00am.

This Friday there is a special Vietnamese/English bilingual music session *Music to Play By* on February 24th at 9:15am – 11am. Come and try the new musical toy collection until 10am when there will be songs, musical games and activities in Vietnamese and English. Morning tea is provided. "**Âm nhạc để chơi**"

Xin mời các quý đồng hương, thân hữu hãy đến tham gia và thử bộ sưu tập đồ chơi âm nhạc mới của chúng tôi tới 10 giờ. Cùng có những bài hát, trò chơi âm nhạc, cùng các hoạt động cho tiếng Viet và tiếng anh.

Địa điểm Albion and Friends Community Toy Library

Vào ngày thứ sáu 24/2/17

Từ 9.15 tới 11 giờ sáng.

Trà được cung cấp buổi sang

School Banking

Please be aware that Student Banking day will be Tuesday this year.

If you are new to Albion and would like your child to start student banking, please see Jan at the office.

Breakfast Club



Every day
8:40am - 8:55am
All students welcome



School Production

Our school production is going to be held towards the end of term 3 this year rather than in term 4. Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Performing Arts

There will be mini concert on Friday 17th March at approximately 2:45pm as part of the school assembly. We invite parents to attend. All students are participating in this mini concert.

School Wide Positive Behaviours



Students have been learning about the school values and behaviours we expect to see in the classroom and non-classroom areas (eg. lining up areas, assembly, canteen, under breezeways, etc.) A new reward system has started at the school for students. Jigsaw pieces, indicating the school's values, are being given when students are 'caught' demonstrating the expected behaviours. The students are aiming to collect all pieces of the jigsaw in order to complete the puzzle and be awarded a special certificate and prize. The more puzzles they complete, the higher level of prize is awarded.

Community Organisation Fliers

Every now and then, community organisations send fliers to school and ask that they be distributed to families. The school is happy to inform parents about the activities and organisations within the community. However, it is important to note that it is up to parents to investigate and follow up information about them so you can make informed decisions. The school is not endorsing any of the activities or organisations, purely providing the information so that families can make the decisions.

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**Student Learning and Achievement Awards
10th February 2017**



**Student Learning and Achievement Awards
17th February 2017**



P/1A	Eben Holmes	For being an excellent role model for the younger students in our class & for beginning to take the initiative to help them. Thank you for your kindness, Eben!
P/1B	Mehak Sharma	For being a fantastic role model in our grade & for always offering to help others. Congratulations on a fabulous start to the year, Mehak!
1/2A	Amiliyah Mataia	For working independently & completing all set tasks with five-star writing & drawing. Well done on a wonderful effort Amiliyah!
1/2B	Anthony Arciprete	For showing care towards others & for always his using manners. Well done & keep it up Anthony!
3/4A	Silynnsa Lafaale Falefata	For adjusting to her new grade with respect for her teachers, peers, routine & fancy new classroom. Well done & keep working hard Silynnsa!
3/4B	Savannah Kerowa	For having a fantastic start to Grade 4. Congratulations on being an organised, focused and conscientious learner Savannah!
5/6A	Joel Carter	For demonstrating respectful behaviour towards his teachers and class mates. Well done and keep it up Joel!
5/6B	Jake Blacker	For working hard & making excellent use of his time when completing all set tasks. Well done & keep up the great work, Jake!

P/1A	An Tran	For being an excellent listener who follows instructions, works hard on all set tasks & always tries his best to do the right thing. Well done on a great start to to your first year of school. An!
P/1B	Alisa Sahrish	For displaying a dedicated approach to her learning & for putting in her best effort with all set tasks. Congratulations on a fabulous start to your Prep year Alisa!
1/2A	Austin Skinner	For doing a great job of persevering with his work & modelling the correct classroom behaviours. Well done & keep it up!
1/2B	Taha Tanvir	For being a magnificent mathematician & conscientiously immersing herself in all tasks. Well done & keep up the great work, Taha!
3/4A	Fide Kazim	For demonstrating mature Grade 3 behaviour when working independently & in small groups & for starting her work right away & staying focused until the end. Well done on a magnificent effort Fide!
3/4B	Mohamed Abdullah	For always taking care to do very neat handwriting when completing classroom tasks. Well done & keep it up Mohamed!
5/6A	Haylee Bissett	For always striving to achieve her best with all classroom activities. Well done on a fantastic effort Haylee!
5/6B	Maryanna Belicka	For concentrating hard & applying herself during our Maths sessions. Well done Maryanna!
PE	Suiti Fangaaake 5/6B	For demonstrating wonderful leadership skills during her PE lesson, Leadership program & Hot Shots tennis sessions. Congratulations Suiti!
ITALIAN	Zaid Mohammed 1/2B	For reading new Italian words independently. Sei bravissimo Zaid!