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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

March

- 12th **Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)**
14th Sporting Schools after school clinic (Rugby)
16th Interschool Sport (BYE)
16th National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
19th – 23rd Cultural Diversity Week
19th Cultural ceremony and harmony walk
19th School Council annual meeting
19th Sporting Schools after school clinic (T?T)
20th Italian activities
21st Sporting Schools after school clinic (Rugby)
21st Cultural Dress up day
21st **Family Fun evening picnic 5:30 – 7:30**
23rd Interschool sport Away game vs Albion Nth PS
26th Sporting Schools after school clinic (T?T)
28th House Cross-Country activity (wear house colours or school uniform only)
29th Hat Parade
29^h **End of Term -2:30pm Dismissal**
- #### April
- 16th Term 2 Begins
20th District Cross Country at More Park
- #### May
- 3rd Power of One Anti Bullying interactive performance
15th NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing (for students in years 3 and 5)
16th NAPLAN – Reading
17th NAPLAN – Numeracy
23rd-24th Year 4/5/6 Camp to Phillip Island

School Council

As the number of vacancies equalled the number of nominations, there was no need to hold a ballot. Mat Holmes and Andrea Murray have been elected

to School Council for a two year period. The first meeting of the new council will be held on Monday 19th March at 6:00pm where new office bearers will be elected. At this meeting, community members will also be nominated for School Council.

The school's annual report will be presented. Any parent who would like to attend is very welcome. Please let me know if you will be in attendance on that evening.

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 it is 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 your phone at the office.

Cultural Diversity Week

We celebrate the many different cultures we have at Albion Primary School always. However, during Cultural Diversity Week 19th – 23rd March, we have different activities that highlight some of the cultures represented at Albion. Some of the activities are as follows:

Monday 19th – Cultural ceremony and harmony walk around the oval.

Message from the Principal

Family fun Evening Wednesday 21st March 5:30pm – 7:30pm

We invite the whole school community to come along to our Family Fun Evening on Wednesday 21st March from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. There is a picture of the flier later in the newsletter with further information. It is a wonderful way to socialise with other families and staff and we look forward to seeing as many of you as we can.

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Tuesday 20th – Italian songs, gelato and spaghetti eating competition (some year 5/6 students).

Wednesday 21st – Cultural dress up day, Italian folk dances, school picnic with some other cultural performances.

Thursday 22nd – What's in a Name? Origin of students' names.

Friday 23rd – games from around the world.

Emergency Management

As part of school processes, schools are required to have emergency drills. On Wednesday 14th March, we will be having an evacuation drill. It is so students and staff know what they have to do should an emergency actually take place.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence



Friday 16th March is a day set aside nationally for a day of action against bullying and violence. Students at Albion Primary School will be participating in activities to do with the prevention of bullying and violence. Throughout the year, students and staff work on a program that addresses rights, resilience and respectful relationships that also addresses bullying and violence – it is not just a 'one off' event.

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools is as follows:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)

- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts need to be addressed and resolved.

At Albion Primary School, we take bullying issues and issues of conflict very seriously. Once we know about an issue, we work with the students involved and keep their parents informed.

Everything we do at Albion centres around the school's values of respect, care, honesty, learning and achievement.

If you do have any concerns about your child around bullying or violence, please see your child's classroom teacher or Mrs Turner or me at any time.

Supervision of Students in the Yard Before and After School

Staff supervise children in the *school grounds* before school from 8:50 to 9:00am and after school from 3:20 to 3:35pm. Outside of these times, supervision is the responsibility of parents or guardians. If children want to use the playground equipment or be in the garden with the chickens (even during the times above) they must be supervised by their own parent or guardian. Once children have been picked up in the afternoon, and they remain in the school grounds, supervision is the responsibility of the person who picked them up. Children who attend breakfast club are supervised by staff inside. At times, we also have special activities (such as practising for the House Cross-Country before 8:50am) that a particular staff member will supervise but supervision is only for that activity and not the general school yard.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Williamson

Breakfast Club



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



House Challenges

All students are placed in one of four houses – Blue, Gold, Green and Red House. Siblings are placed in the same house. Throughout this term we have begun inviting all students to participate in Friday lunchtime house challenges. So far we have had a paper aeroplane challenge, skipping challenge, basketball dribbling challenge and a tunnel ball challenge.

The whole school also came together a couple of weeks ago, during parent teacher interviews and had a paper aeroplane fly off in their house against students in their year level. It was great to see the students enjoy the afternoon, making their aeroplane with other house members and flying their aeroplane representing their house!

On *Wednesday 28th March* students will compete in a *House Cross Country* challenge. Students will be asked to come to school wearing their house colours. The clothing worn on this day needs to be predominantly the colour of their house and suitable for running laps around the oval. Runners also need to be worn and children are encouraged to bring a water bottle. If you are unsure of your child's house colour, please feel free to ask your child's teacher. If students are unable to wear their house colour, please send them in their school uniform. It is **not** a casual clothes day, so only house colours should be worn.

Students have begun practising running laps during their PE lessons this week in preparation for the House Cross Country challenge. Students in grade Prep-2 will be required to run a minimum of 2 laps and a maximum of 10 laps. Students from grade 3-6 will be required to run a minimum of 4 laps and a maximum of 15 laps. The oval is approximately 220m around the track.

The time of the challenge will be confirmed closer to the date. It would be great to see families utilise the oval before and after school, assisting their child with practises.

Many thanks to Mrs Ryan and our house captains for their work and support in these house competitions.

Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week Ending 2nd March 2018

PA	Aya Issa	For completing all tasks to the best of her ability & for always trying to make sure that she goes over & above what is expected. Well done on having such a great attitude to your learning, Aya!
PB	Noah Handley	For being a great contributor to our class discussions, always concentrating well on his work & for being an excellent role model in Prep B. Well done on a wonderful achievement, Noah!
1/2A	Eben Holmes	For always trying his best in all learning areas, being a great listener & for being an excellent role model for his classmates. Well done & keep up the great work, Eben!
1/2B	Myron Ahmed	For producing a 5-star quality letter for the Community Helpers who came to visit us by following the correct structure of a letter, asking interesting questions & drawing an amazing picture to match. Well done on a super effort, Myron!
1/2C	Ekamjot Saini	For writing a detailed recount about her weekend & for editing her writing to check for mistakes. Keep up the great work, Ekam!
3/4A	Hangale Tulimaiau	For working hard & making use of classroom maths materials to develop a deeper understanding of large numbers. Well done & keep up the great work, Hangale!
	Amalia Vanderreyden	For displaying kindness & care towards others in our classroom in so many different ways. You have made many new friends already this year & are a wonderful role model to others. Well done Amalia!
3/4B	Anthony Arciprete	For working hard & putting in a great effort when writing his persuasive text. Well done & keep it up, Anthony!
	Kabir Kinger	For writing a great introduction to his story. Well done on a super effort, Kabir!
5/6A	Sharmarke Abdi	For having a go during classroom discussions & for beginning to display organizational skills during set tasks. Keep up your great effort, Sharmake!
5/6B	Amjed Osman	For using his knowledge of perimeter to answer problem solving questions in multiple ways. Well done & keep it up, Amjed!



**MUMS, DADS, BROTHERS, SISTERS,
GRANDPARENTSFAMILY MEMBERS**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Family Fun Evening

**WEDNESDAY 21ST
MARCH**

5:30PM—7:30PM

ALBION PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

***BYO
PICNIC FOOD AND DRINKS (NON-ALCOHOLIC)
RUG AND/OR CHAIRS***

**CHILDREN ARE TO BE SUPERVISED BY PARENTS
SO STAFF CAN SOCIALISE TOO**

**THERE WILL BE SIMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR
FAMILIES TO ENJOY TOGETHER**

We hope we will see everyone there!

***An opportunity for families and staff to get together
in a less formal situation.***



Parenting Ideas

The school is lucky to be able to access parenting ideas and tips from Dr Jodi Richardson. Enclosed with this newsletter is an article about anxiety in primary school children. It provides some great tips and ways parents can help their children.

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