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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

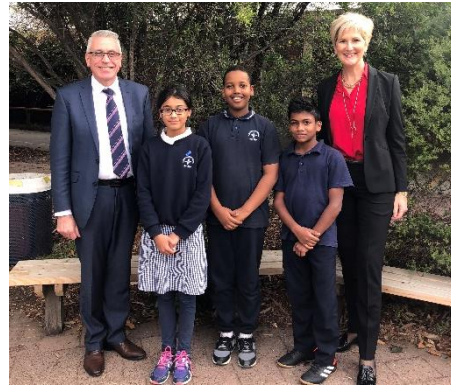
May

- 11th Interschool sport away vs Ardeer PS
- 14th Sporting Schools Hot Shot Tennis 3:30 – 4:30
- 15th NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing
- 16th NAPLAN – Reading
- 16th Sporting Schools Soccer 3:30 – 4:30
- 17th NAPLAN – Numeracy
- 18th Walk to School Day
- 18th Interschool sport home vs Sunshine Christian School
- 21st Sporting Schools Hot Shot Tennis 3:30 – 4:30
- 21st Education Week
- 21st Book Fair (for one week at this stage)
- 23rd National Simultaneous Storytime
- 23rd Sporting Schools Soccer 3:30 – 4:30
- 23rd-25th Year 4/5/6 Camp to Phillip Island
- 28th Sporting Schools Hot Shot Tennis 3:30 – 4:30
- 30th Sporting Schools Soccer 3:30 – 4:30
- 31st 12A, 12B, 12C science incursion

June

- 1st Interschool sport home v Mother of God PS
- 4th Sporting Schools Hot Shot Tennis 3:30 – 4:30
- 6th Sporting Schools Soccer 3:30 – 4:30
- 8th Interschool sport home v Glengala PS
- 15th Interschool sport away v Sunshine PS
- 28th Student reports sent home
- 29th Last day of term – *early dismissal at 2:30pm*

At this stage, I am not certain if the funding is for the repair of rooms 2 and 3 or for other school nominated works, as there are still people coming to check the rooms regularly. Hopefully, after a briefing next week, I will have more information.



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report.

For more information about the tests, please visit the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Whilst NAPLAN is a nation-wide series of tests, it is but one measure, taken on one day (for each of the tests), and is not the only way students are assessed. Formative assessment, which is information about what a student knows, understands and is able to do is used by both the teacher and the learner to determine where learners are in their learning and how to achieve learning goals. This type of assessment that is ongoing throughout a school year is very valuable to teachers and students in the learning process.

Australian Early Development Census

Between May and August this year, our school is taking part in the Australian Early Development

Message from the Principal

Secretary of Education Visit

The Secretary of the Department of Education, Gill Callister, and one of her Deputy Secretaries, Bruce Armstrong, visited our school on 4th May. They wanted to see what is happening in our school in terms of student learning and teacher capacity. They were also very interested in the state of rooms 2 and 3 and action was taken as soon as they saw them. As a consequence, Albion Primary School was named as one of the schools to receive funding for buildings and grounds as part of the state government's budget announcement (something that was not going to happen had they not seen the state of the rooms). We will be receiving \$1.3million.

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Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers record information, (including children's names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child's information to be excluded from the census, please contact me at school.

If you would like any more information about the AEDC, please refer to frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au or phone 1800 092 548

Riding to School and Bike Racks

As per our Riding to School policy, from now on, all students who wish to ride bicycles and scooters to school are required to sign an Albion Primary School bike and scooter agreement that is to be authorised by their parents/guardians. Once these forms have been returned to the school office, an



acceptance of application form will then be given to that child to take home and a tag put on their scooter or bike. Anyone else who intends to ride to school will need to collect a form from the office.

Thank you to the students who have brought back their Riding

to School Agreement.
Happy and safe riding!

Supervision of Students in the Yard Before and After School

Staff supervise children in the *school yard* 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.

Mothers' Day

A very happy Mothers' Day to all the mums (student parents, grandparents and staff) at Albion Primary School. I hope you are all appreciated and valued by your families for the wonderful people you are. Thank you for being a part of the Albion Primary School community.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Williamson

Breakfast Club



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



Community News

Albion and Friends Community Toy Library

Congratulations to the Toy Library.

At the Toy Libraries Australia National 2018 Awards night we received 'runner up' for the Small Toy Library of the Year.

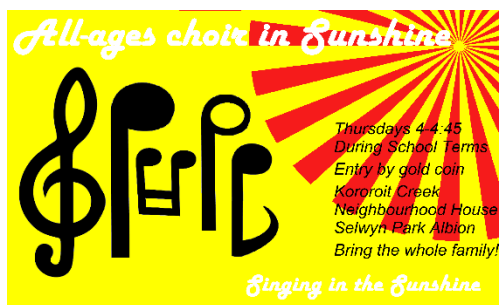
We are very proud and so grateful to our volunteers and our amazing venue, thanks Albion Primary School!

Bridey Lokhorst-Blight, President, AFCTL



All Ages Choir

Singing in the Sunshine All-Ages Choir will be an inclusive group open to members of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds. Cost to join/attend will be kept as low as possible to ensure that the opportunity is available to all regardless of income (entry by gold coin donation). The vision is to reap the benefits of singing and making music, provide some basic musical literacy and an introduction to vocal techniques, in a fun and relaxed environment. Sessions will be held after school on Thursdays at the Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House in Selwyn Park, Albion.



Community Soccer Hub



The Community Soccer Hub started on 28th April. The details are as follows:

Miniroos soccer (boys and girls 4-11 years)

Community Soccer Hub

Selwyn Park, Albion

Saturdays 11am-12noon

Runs from 28th April to 30th June

\$90*

info@communitysoccerhub.org.au

*Membership subsidies available if you have a valid health care card, concession card or if you are of an asylum seeker background.

The Power of One

The Power of One was presented to students on Thursday 3rd May. The message of the show was that every child has the power of one, the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it. They saw the roles in bullying (bully, target, bystander), types of bullying (physical, exclusion, cyber), types of bystander behaviour (watching, cheering, ignoring), and proper actions that should be taken. All staff and students took an oath and

signed a pledge board. The oath or pledge is as follows:

I will not bully others.

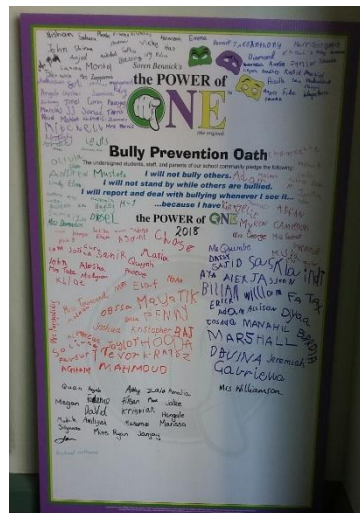
I will not stand by while others are bullied.

I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it...

Because I have...

THE POWER OF ONE

We all agreed to be 'upstanders' and not 'bystanders' if we see or hear bullying.



Mothers' Day

Thank you to the Parents' Club who organised the Mothers' Day stall so children could purchase something for their mums. The Parents' Club also have provided the gifts – one for each class – that will be drawn at assembly tomorrow from all the students' names.

Many thanks too, to LAZAT Malaysian Restaurant for providing some vouchers to be drawn as prizes.



Phuong from LAZAT has supported the school over the last couple of years and we very much appreciate that and look

forward to her continued support.

If you are looking for a nice meal out, please think of LAZAT Malaysian Restaurant, 495 Ballarat Road Sunshine.

Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Albion Primary School during Education Week from 21st May – 25th May (and perhaps the following week too).

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Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week Ending 27th April 2018



Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week Ending 4th May 2018



Parents and Cybersafety

Teaching your child to be cybersafe will help them to engage with the online world safely, responsibly and discerningly and can assist to protect them from online risks.

The following link has information pertaining to games, apps and social networking.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking>

There are also age restrictions on the various social media sites. The following diagram is from the esafety website and the link is as follows:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-on-social-media>

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

Is there an age limit for kids on social media?

Most social media services and apps require users to be 13 years old to join. **WHAT ABOUT APPS?** App stores set their own age ratings based on the app's content.

WHY 13? This is usually to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA)—a US law preventing the collection and storage of personal information from a child under 13.

Age Guide to Social Media

	SOCIAL MEDIA	TERMS OF USE - MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS	APP STORE RATING	GOOGLE PLAY RATING
ASK.fm	ASK.fm	13+	12+	12+
CLUB PENGUIN	Club Penguin	All ages (Directed at 6-14 year olds)	4+	G-General
EA	EA (Electronic Arts)	18+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	n/a	G-General
f	Facebook	13+	4+	12+
Messenger	Facebook Messenger	13+	4+	3+
Flickr	Flickr	13+	12+	12+
Foursquare	Foursquare	13+	4+	12+
G+	Google+	13+	17+	12+
Instagram	Instagram	13+	12+	12+
keek	Keek	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	12+	12+
k.	Kik	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	12+	12+
in	LinkedIn	14+	4+	3+
Minecraft	Minecraft	All ages (Parental permission required to create mojang account if user is under 13)	n/a	M-Mature (Pocket Edition)
Moshi Monsters	Moshi Monsters	All ages (Directed at 6-12 year olds. If user is under 13, parent's email is required)	4+	G-General
Pinterest	Pinterest	13+	12+	12+
S	Skype	18+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	4+	3+
Snapchat	Snapchat	13+	12+	12+
Spotafriend	Spotafriend	13-19 yrs only	17+	16+
Steam	Steam	13+	17+	12+
Tinder	Tinder	18+ (Facebook account required to register)	17+	18+
t	Tumblr	13+	17+	12+
Twitter	Twitter	13+	4+	12+
Vimeo	Vimeo	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	17+	12+
Vine	Vine	13+	17+	12+
WhatsApp	WhatsApp	16+	4+	3+
Yellow	Yellow	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	12+	12+
YouTube	YouTube	13+	17+	12+

* Age guide based on published Terms of Use and app store ratings as at April 2016.

www.esafety.gov.au

With our extremely busy lives, it is important not to lose sight of finding time to communicate with our children. As parents, talking with our children is very important.

parenting * ideas

insights

Talking to kids makes them smart

by Michael Grose



POSITIVE PARENTING



The links between school achievement and parents' ability to talk with kids from a young age are now well established.

The language stimulation children receive when they talk with parents is one factor. But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us as parents. It is through talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts while also gaining access to a window into their worlds and the way they think.

In the current age of digital distraction, talking with children and young people can be a challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, a plethora of screens competing for attention and kids that clam up at the first sign of a chat are some of the conversation blockers parents must overcome.

You need to be cunning, proactive and inventive to get some chat going at home. These are some ideas that will help.

1. Turn screens off. Are you competing with televisions, computers and electronic games for your kids' attention? If so, take control of the screens to create some conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you have a home full of young hard-core screen junkies.

2. Turn screens on. If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder, particularly for older children and teens. Topics can range from "Who's going to win *My Kitchen Rules*?" or "What happens to the winners of *My Kitchen Rules*?" to "What is the point of *My Kitchen Rules*?"



3. Have regular mealtimes. The family that eats together talks together. Meals are great social occasions – more than just refueling stops. They provide terrific opportunities for families to get together and talk. It's no coincidence that families who enjoy and appreciate food generally enjoy close relationships as well. However, for this to work it's important that meals are screen free, so turn off the television and ban phones at the table.

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