



## 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

#### July

26<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van

27<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van

#### August

1<sup>st</sup> Parent/Teacher/Student conferences – not a normal school day. Students come with parent to conference only.

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3/4 Hoop time (selected students)

7<sup>th</sup> Mindset Assembly (The NED Show)

9<sup>th</sup> EcoLink Incursion 34A and 34B

10<sup>th</sup> Australian Girls' Choir trial

17<sup>th</sup> District Athletics carnival at Newport Park

22<sup>nd</sup> Book Week activity day

#### September

13<sup>th</sup> Incursion for 56A and 56B

14<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Hoop Time (selected students)

19<sup>th</sup> Art Show

21<sup>st</sup> End of term 2:30 dismissal

parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

The survey is conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the time frame above on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. The survey results will be communicated to parents through annual reporting

Please come and talk to me if you would like more information.

### Message from the Principal

Welcome back to everyone for term 3. I trust you all had a restful break and are ready for another term of purposeful and exciting teaching and learning and some great whole school activities, culminating with our Art Show.

#### Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

On Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, Parent/Teacher and Student conferences will be held to discuss student academic progress. These conferences are from 11:30am – 7:00pm. Time allocations will be sent home tomorrow. However, please note that *children do not come to school for a normal school day. They only come to school for the 15 minute allocated conference time.*

#### Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected

#### 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.

*Our Values: Respect, Honesty, Care, Learning and Achievement*

## Staffing

Lorraine Parnis returns from leave on Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Stokes who has worked in 56A and 12B last term. She will be back in September in the Library when Mrs Tikulin takes leave.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Williamson

## Attendance

Thank you to the parents/guardians who inform the school if their child is absent. There are a number of ways you can do this:

- Phone the school on the morning of absence (either leave a message or speak to staff member)
- Use the school's website absence note (click on it in, fill it in and submit it)

It is very important to let the school know if your child is away. You must supply a reason for the absence. It is your responsibility to do that.

If you have not let the school know about an absence, schools have to contact parents. If we cannot reach the parent, the emergency contact has to be called.

If your child is late for school (after the bell has gone is considered late), your child, or you, must go through the office to ensure they are marked present on the school roll.

## SIDS and Kids

Thank you to everyone for supporting Junior School Council and their efforts in raising money for SIDS and Kids. The final total raised was \$271.

## Keyboard Music Lessons



Have you heard that music has a very beneficial and enhancing effects on literacy and numeracy learning?

Of course, there are other benefits, such as hand and eye coordination, improving memory and most of all, an appreciation of music.

Thomas Keleman from *Key-to-Key* has been providing keyboard music lessons at Albion Primary School for many years. There are group lessons (up to 5 children). The duration of each

lesson is 30 minutes. Thomas offers the *first two lessons free of charge as trial lessons* and only then, if your child wishes to continue, an enrolment form needs to be filled in and signed and fees paid. Group lessons are \$10 per session. Individual lessons are also available.

If you think your child might be interested in music lessons – group or individual, please *contact Thomas on 0422 347 285 or send him an email on [key.2.key@hotmail.com](mailto:key.2.key@hotmail.com)*

## School Uniform



Albion Primary School does have a student dress code and the expectation is that students wear school uniform to school. The uniform colours are navy blue and white. Tops (jackets, windcheaters, polo shirt) have the school logo on them and can only be purchased from the school. Bottoms (skirts, skorts, shorts, track pants, pants) are to be plain navy blue and may be purchased elsewhere but we do have stock at school. Navy and white school dresses are available at the school but also can be purchased elsewhere. Shoes must cover children's feet and toes but can be school shoes or runners. Hair that is shoulder length or longer needs to be tied up. Jewellery (other than small stud/sleeper earrings and medical alert jewellery), make up and nail polish are for home use and are not to be worn at school on general school days.

Thank you to the children and families who do follow our school dress code.

If any families are experiencing difficulties in supplying school uniform, please talk to your child's classroom teacher, Mrs Turner, Ms Murray or Mrs Williamson at school. There are ways we can assist. We also have a small stock of second hand uniforms at the school. We rely on ex-students' uniforms or outgrown uniforms for the second hand stock, so what we do have in stock varies at different times.

### Life Education Van

The Life Education Van is here at Albion Primary School today and tomorrow. Specially trained educators are presenting health and safety messaging through tactile and multisensory activities. Each class is involved in a session that is designed to intrigue and excite the children, to capture their imagination and have a lasting impact! The sessions are geared for the specific age group with age appropriate content.

Feedback from some of the students includes:

'We learnt the names of the parts of the body that are inside our bodies.' Gabriella, Prep

'We have to keep our bodies clean by having a shower or a bath every day.' Joshua, Prep

'We played a little game called *The Passing Game* to learn about the names of the body parts like heart and muscles. Vegetables and fruit are healthy to eat and we should eat lots of them.' Hirmewi, Prep

'There was a bit of magic! When the light turned off, we had to rub our hands and we made body part soup! Carrots, radishes and fruit are good for us and our bodies need them to be healthy.' Noah, Prep

'Brush your teeth two times a day. Agham, Prep

'Vegetables are healthy for us. We should eat more of them.' Raj, Prep

(Only the Prep students had been through the van at the time of writing.)



### The NED Show – Mindset Assembly

Having a positive mindset can make a huge difference to student learning and social and emotional development. As part of the school's commitment to developing students' wellbeing, on 7<sup>th</sup> August, The NED Show is visiting our school. The performance uses storytelling, humour, illusions and yo-yo tricks to inspire and motivate children to:

**N**ever give up

**E**ncourage others

**D**o your best

Albion Primary School gets this assembly at no cost to students or the school because we are hosting it as a 'pay-it-forward' sale. Another school has assisted our school in having this event and so we would like to help too. After the show, yo-yos and accessories will be on sale. The money raised goes to help another school have this mindset assembly at their school.

A note about this event will go home on Monday.

### Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week Ending 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018



From back row left - right:

Nishan, Dianna, Ivy, Hamzah, Filsan, Keshav  
Mehak, Fide, An, Mahsa, Gurnoor, Marisa  
Manahil, Daisy, Taylor