



## 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

#### October

29<sup>th</sup> Rock Ed workshops (re school production)

30<sup>th</sup> Rock Ed workshops (re school production)

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> Rock Ed workshops (re school production)

5<sup>th</sup> *Pupil Free Day – No school for students*

6<sup>th</sup> *Melbourne Cup Day public holiday (closed)*

9<sup>th</sup> Foundation transition session 1

12<sup>th</sup> Years 3 – 6 incursion

16<sup>th</sup> Foundation transition session 2

19<sup>th</sup> School council meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> Run4Fun Colour Explosion

23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation transition session 3

23<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 transition workshop at school

23<sup>rd</sup> Year 1/2 excursion

24<sup>th</sup> State election (school is a polling booth)

27<sup>th</sup> Rock Ed workshops (re school production)

29<sup>th</sup> Rock Ed workshops (re school production)

30<sup>th</sup> Foundation transition session 4 and parent information session

#### December

3<sup>rd</sup> Swimming commences

6<sup>th</sup> Year 6 transition workshop at school

10<sup>th</sup> School council meeting

11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 orientation day at secondary school

11<sup>th</sup> 'Step Up' Day (in school transition)

14<sup>th</sup> Last day of swimming

17<sup>th</sup> School production, awards night, graduation

19<sup>th</sup> Year 6 graduation excursion

19<sup>th</sup> Year 1 – 3 day camp

21<sup>st</sup> Last day of school year **1:00pm** dismissal

### Capital Works

Planning work has commenced on the \$1.3m to be used for capital works. There are tight time lines with building most likely commencing in September/October 2019. It is an exciting time for the school community.

### 2019 Planning

Staff will begin discussing the organisation of classes for next year. I ask parents to let me know if your child/children is/are not returning to Albion Primary School next year as accurate numbers are crucial for our planning. (This of course does not apply to our year 6 students who will be going on to secondary school in 2019.)

If you have a child who is commencing foundation (prep) in 2019, please make sure you have completed an enrolment. Only children who have enrolled participate in the K – F transition. Similarly, if you know of anyone who is intending to send their child to Albion Primary School in 2019, please let them know that they need to enrol their child as quickly as possible.

### School Council News

In line with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, school council approved the parent payment policy and the school level parent payment charges for 2019 essential items that are required for all students to support their learning. School council decided to keep the cost at \$105 per student (the price remained unchanged for at least the last eight years). Parents are responsible for the payment of items students take possession of, and activities and services that Albion Primary School considers essential. (This includes book packs, classroom and specialist class materials and school uniform.)

Parents who have a current health care or pension card with each named Albion student on it, as of the first day of term one in 2019, are eligible for the Albion Primary School's Education Assistance (SEA). This covers the cost of book pack, classroom and specialist materials at the above amount. Those students who are named on health or pension cards are also eligible for the Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF), to help cover the cost of school activities.

### Message from the Principal

#### Pupil Free Day and Public Holiday

A reminder that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November is a pupil free day. Staff will be at school working on reports but students do *not* come to school on this day.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November is a public holiday and the school is closed.

#### Diary Dates

The diary dates are being added to as activities become known. Please check them and add them to your calendar and diary.

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

Notes and information about parent payments for the 2019 school year will be handed out in the next week or so.

You can find the Parent Payment policy on the school's website as well as other information pertaining to including frequently asked questions.

### **CSEF - Health Care and Pension Cards**

To be eligible for the CSEF, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government Victorian primary or secondary school must on the first day of term one, OR on the first day of term two:

- be an eligible beneficiary and holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card OR
- be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder OR
- be a temporary foster parent, AND
- submit an application to the school by the due date.

If you have a health care or pension card, it is important to understand that there are limits on how long your card remains current if you travel outside of Australia. If you travel for more than six weeks, your card may be cancelled and therefore, you will be ineligible for CSEF for your child.

### **2019 Foundation (Prep) Student Transition**

Our K – F transition sessions start in November. As stated above, only children who have enrolled are able to attend the transition sessions.

The dates for the sessions are as follows:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am – 11:00am  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am – 11:00am  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9:30am – 11:00am  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am – 11:00am (includes a parent/carer information session).

We look forward to officially meeting our new students and their families and welcoming them to the Albion Primary School community.

### **Parent Opinion Survey**

Thank you to the randomly selected sample of parents who completed the survey. We have had some great feedback in all summary areas of the survey – community engagement in learning, school ethos and environment, cognitive engagement, student development, student safety, connection and progression. Of the nineteen factors that form a part of the summary areas, all but four had improvement from last year. This is a great endorsement of the work we are doing at Albion Primary School.

### **Parent Information**

At Albion Primary School, staff are always happy to talk to parents about their children, about what is happening in the school. We value everyone's input and want you to feel comfortable in approaching the staff.



If you require an interpreter, we are able to organise onsite interpreters at a mutually convenient time or telephone interpreters on call. Schools use the Victorian Interpreting and Translation Services (VITS).

### **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 (eg. athletics training 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

### **eSafety**



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

The eSafety page of the Australian Government's Office of the eSafety Commissioner provides all sorts of help and support for parents in helping them to understand and monitor what their children are doing online.

Online safeguards such as filters, parental controls and searching online safely can be explored on the above link.

Some information from the site is as follows:

### *What are parental controls?*

Parental control tools help parents monitor and limit what their children do online. There are many tools available and they all offer different functions, with some even allowing parents to limit the time children spend on specific websites or games.

Currently there are more effective tools for use with PCs and Macs than with mobile, tablet devices and game consoles. Additional parental supervision is required with these.

### *What do parental controls do?*

Every parental control tool is different. Most tools:

- can block children from accessing specific websites, protocols or applications
- filter different kinds of content, like sexual content
- allow parents to monitor use with reports on sites accessed, the length of time and frequency of access
- can be used to set time limits, blocking access after a set time—handy if you are not home and want to limit the time your child spends on a game or social media
- allow parents to change the tool settings to reflect each child's age and skills.

### *Do parental controls block all bad stuff?*

It is essential to note that no parental control tool is 100 per cent effective. It is important to understand the nature of devices that children are using, and also talk to them about staying safe online and being aware of the behaviours of themselves and others.

Parental control tools tend to be better at blocking 'adult' or sexual content than other types of harmful content, such as content that may promote self-harm, eating disorders, violence, drugs, gambling, racism and terrorism. Parental control tools have difficulty filtering content within social media sites and messaging services, including video messaging services like Skype.

## Junior School Council News

The Junior School Council are planning to organise a fund raiser for State Schools' Relief, a charity that supports families in government schools. Albion



*Confidence  
to connect*

Primary School calls on this charity on numerous occasions to support students and families at our school. We welcome the opportunity to give back to State Schools' Relief so they can continue their work.

## Albion Parents' Club News

The Albion Parents' Club have regular meetings on Tuesdays just after school starts, usually in the staffroom.

During this term, the members will be participating in various craft activities such as jewellery making and origami. They would love it if some parents who are interested in crafts could join them on Tuesday mornings. Come along and have a chat to other parents or grandparents, participate in some craft activities, make some new friends. Everyone is welcome. This week they were learning how to make book art. To be a part of the parents' group, you do need to have a Working With Children Check Card (WWCC). All people who come in to the school to volunteer, must have a current WWCC. That is part of how we make our school a safe place for our students. It is part of the Child Safe policy.



We have sent home information about our next major fund raiser

– Run4Fun **Colour Explosion**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the school will be running for fun, but with colour explosions happening around the oval. It was a great success last year and we wanted to have another go this year.



## Community News

A lovely day was had on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Albion and friends community family-friendly garage/car boot sale. The weather was perfect – not too hot or cold, no wind or rain – there were lots of treasures to be found, music playing and a lovely atmosphere. Thanks to those who got involved.

## School Production

The main characters have had a couple of read throughs and are working on developing their characters.

The lead singers have been selected from each of the classes as the classes have been learning their songs.

We look forward to starting movement rehearsals with everyone on Monday.

**Student Learning and Achievement Awards  
Week Ending 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Prep A	Billan Mohamed - For working hard and making sure that all her writing tasks are completed on time. Well done on using your time wisely!
Prep B	Soliana Shaweno - For consistently displaying the Albion Primary School values of learning and respect, by demonstrating excellent behaviour and for always working steadily with all given tasks.
12A	Loza Tarekegn - For demonstrating through discussions, an excellent understanding of books read during shared and guided reading.
12B	Myron Ahmed and Thomas Connolly For doing a wonderful job of describing and drawing minibeasts after hunting for them in the garden.
12C	Chase Raynes - For making logical and relevant predictions of texts during guided reading groups.
34A	Max Acosta Cormick For making a fantastic start to Term 4. It is so wonderful to see you so enthusiastic about all your learning Angela Cadua For demonstrating excellent mathematical thinking when working on converting fractions to decimals. Filsan Mohammed For writing a well-structured letter with a lot of engaging and relevant content. Jake Smith For working hard and completing an entire page of writing in one session.
34B	Kabir Kinger For working hard on his writer's journal and for including a great photo of himself with a snake. Well done!
56A	Jimel Paye and Mitchell Fielden For being actively involved in all classroom activities and for showing a great improvement in your overall attitude to learning.
56B	Nishan Singh -For demonstrating a great dedication to his learning and for being more focussed during whole class discussions.
Italian	Nusaiba Aysha 1/2A - For a great start to our new unit 'Aiuto! Un Topo! (Help! a Rat!) Amjed Osman 5/6B - For immersing himself in the creation of two different word searches using the Italian alphabet.
Library	Faayaz Khondkar 5/6A - For his imaginative writing piece about the crayons and for presenting it so well to the class.
Art	Jorden Bourke-Cullen 1/2A - For persisting and completing her paper weaving activity successfully. Adam Chami Bridges 12B - For making a wonderful choice of paper weaving colours-red, white and blue. Well done on concentrating and working so hard during our lesson.



**Student Learning and Achievement Awards  
Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Prep A	Adam Yohanis - For being a brave learner who takes on feedback given by his teachers to improve his reading and writing skills.
Prep B	Raisa Monshi - For your excellent and enthusiastic start to your new school. Welcome!
12A	Jorden Bourke-Cullen - For her enthusiasm and dedication shown during all learning tasks.
12B	An Nguyen & Janina Mitchell - For trying hard with their visualisation techniques and adding lots of details when drawing or writing about what they have visualised
12C	Agami Golder - For displaying improved concentration during writing sessions which has enabled him to produce a high quality recount and procedural text.
34A	Zaid Mohammed - For demonstrating improved concentration and work habits in the classroom. Subha Ahsan - For concentrating well to assist in making a PowerPoint slideshow about her favourite Bengali cartoon 'Nonte Fonte', in preparation for her oral presentation.
34B	Emma Nguyen - For doing a great job of setting out her work beautifully in her books.
56A	Bella Bisson - For presenting an excellent PowerPoint presentation on different emotions. It was very informative, accompanied by a very detailed model.
56B	Sahara Sheik - For asking great questions while reading to ensure she gains a deeper understanding of the text.
Italian	Hayley Zapparoni 1/2A - For being a positive and caring member of our Italian class who conscientiously follows all instructions and makes great contributions to our class discussions. Hao Chung 5/6B - For his enthusiastic and consistent effort in practising Italian online and achieving a high standard and for being able to translate all of the numbers from 1-100 to English during our class game of Tombola (bingo).
Library	Mitchell Fielden 5/6A - For working independently to complete his book review.
Art	Judah Malagaoma 1/2C - For doing a wonderful job of explaining and assisting a fellow classmate with her paper weaving. The Whole Grade 3/4A - For staying focussed and cleaning up the art room efficiently and quietly. Congratulations!

