



## 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.*

**Newsletter No. 2**

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

### DIARY DATES

#### February

22<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Club welcome morning  
28<sup>th</sup> School Census Day

#### March

1<sup>st</sup> 5/6 interschool sport (away vs Mother of God)  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> School Nurse to see Prep students  
11<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday - school closed  
15<sup>th</sup> National Day of Action Against Bullying  
15<sup>th</sup> 5/6 interschool sport (home vs Sunshine)  
18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Cultural Diversity Week  
**18<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Evening 5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
20<sup>th</sup> Pasta making incursion for all students  
22<sup>nd</sup> 5/6 Interschool sport (BYE)  
29<sup>th</sup> 5/6 interschool sport (home vs Sirius)

#### April

**1<sup>st</sup> Pupil Free Day (no students at school)**  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 4/5/6 camp  
5<sup>th</sup> Last day of term early dismissal at 2:30pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Term 2 Begins at 9:00am

### Parents' Club

The Parents' Club are having a 'welcome morning' on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9:00am and invite all parents/grandparents to come along. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents/grandparents, have some refreshments together and find out a bit more about the school and its activities.

### Student Enrolment Information

Student enrolment information was given to parents to check at the parent/teacher interview on the spot or to take home. Alternatively, it may have been sent home with your child. If the information has gone home, I ask that you check it, update if necessary and sign and return the information to school as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up to date enrolment data for school census day on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### School Council

The timeline for school council election process for 2019 was outlined in the last newsletter. Nominations for school council have been called. If you are interested in being on school council, please collect a nomination form from the office. There are 5 positions vacant – 3 for a two year tenure and 2 for a one year tenure. The nominations close on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm. The timeline for the process is outlined for you again below:

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Call for nominations
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm – Close of nominations
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – List of candidates and nominators will be displayed
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Ballot papers distributed (only if number of nominations exceeds number of vacancies)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Close of ballot
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Counting of votes and declaration of ballot
- Date to be confirmed for meeting to co-opt Community Members and the first meeting of the new School Council (but must be held before 31<sup>st</sup> March).

### Message from the Principal

#### Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who took the time to meet with classroom teachers on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February (and at other pre-arranged times for those who could not make Wednesday's meetings). We had a 90% attendance rate.

If you were unable to attend on Wednesday and have not organised to meet with your child's teacher, please talk to them so you can make a mutually agreeable time. It is important to us that we have this time with you so we can work together to support your child's learning and school experience.



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## Student Leadership

### House Captains

Albion Primary School has a strong tradition of house competitions. Our houses are Blue House, Gold House, Green House and Red House. Each house has elected house captains – usually year 5 and 6 students.

Each student is placed into a house group based on their age. We try to have the house groups as evenly balanced as we can in terms of gender and the number of students in each age group. Siblings are placed in the same house.

There are lunch time house sporting competitions (for example: house basketball, house dodgeball, house rugby). Students are able to represent their house in these competitions. We also have a school athletics day when students represent their house to compete in track and field events. The winning house is presented with the Albion Primary School House Athletics Shield.

As well as sporting competitions between the houses, each house competes to gain house points for a variety of reasons. The winning house is presented with the house shield at our annual awards evening.

House captains are assigned areas of responsibility each term and it is up to the house captains to organise themselves to carry out the responsibilities.

At the end of each year, students in years 4 and 5 have the opportunity to nominate themselves for the house captain role for the following year. The new captains are announced at the school's annual awards evening.

Our student leaders were presented with their house captain badges at assembly today. The house captains for 2019 are:

#### **Blue House**

Vicky Truong  
Blessing Harris

#### **Green House**

John Angelo Cadua  
Janae Hogarth

#### **Gold House**

Nilakshay Saini  
Hamzah Sheikh

#### **Red House**

Bella Bisson  
Sahara Sheikh

### Junior School Council (JSC)

The Junior School Council is made up of two representatives from each class from Year 1 - Year 6, voted in by their class peers. They are also a part of the student leadership body.

The JSC organise fund raising events for causes they feel a connection to and that are worth contributing to. The organisations they have assisted in the past include:

- Cancer Council of Australia

- Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal
- SIDS Foundation
- Cerebral Palsy Foundation
- State Schools' Relief
- Pet House Shelter
- Children's Cancer Foundation
- Farmers' Relief

The Junior School Councillors will be announced in the next newsletter.

As well as our house captains and JSC, we have some students who have positions of responsibility. They have specific tasks that help staff and students around the school. These are as follows:

#### **Art Room Leaders**

Megan Holmes and Madhushika Mathiyalagan

#### **Library Leaders**

Dianna Shirvani and Fide Kazim

#### **Sport Equipment Leaders**

Mudrik Ahmed, Silynnsa Lafaele Falefata and Jimel Paye

#### **Technology Leaders**

Onjishnu Ahasan and Marcus Arciprete

#### **Communications Leaders**

Ruby Nemet, Mudrik Ahmed

These children were presented with their badges at assembly.

### 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! 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.

### 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**

### Policies



The school has a *Riding to School – Bicycle and Scooter* policy. Albion Primary School is a bicycle education school with children in years 4 – 6 participating in it. The promotion of safe riding practices is part of the program.

If children want to ride a bike or scooter to school, parents need to complete a student application for riding to school. They can be obtained from the office.

Some children have had their applications accepted but have yet to ride their bike or scooter to school and therefore, do not have their bike/scooter tags. Let Mrs Williamson know when you next ride to school so the tag can be put on the bike/scooter.

### Fun Family Evening

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**5:00pm – 7:00pm**

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. Separate information will be sent home about this event closer to the date.

### Breakfast Club



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



### Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week ending 8<sup>th</sup> February



Prep A	<i>No award presented this week.</i>
Prep B	<i>No award presented this week.</i>
12A	Lewis - For making a fantastic start to the school year by demonstrating our school values and for putting in his best effort with all of his work.
12B	Jasmine - For always being willing to help others when she sees a need and for working hard on all set tasks.
12C	Saskia and An - For doing a wonderful job of displaying all of the school values and for being brilliant assets and role models in the classroom.
34A	Ruby - For settling in well to her new school and for trying her best with all set tasks. Welcome Ruby!
34B	Ambriellah - For taking great care and putting a lot of thought into the setting out of her work.
56A	Nishan - For demonstrating the ability to make the correct choices when commencing set tasks.
56B	Olive and Ayaan - For doing a wonderful job of settling into their new school and classroom routines and for fitting in well with the Albion Primary School values.
Art	<i>No award presented this week.</i>
PE	<i>No award presented this week.</i>
Library	Gurnoor 3/4B - For making great choices about the books she borrows from the Library.
Italian	<i>No award presented this week.</i>

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## Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week ending 15<sup>th</sup> February



Prep A	<i>No award presented this week.</i>
Prep B	<i>No award presented this week.</i>
12A	Daisy - For always putting in her best effort when working on a task and for showing care and kindness towards others.
12B	Cameron - For setting himself a personal writing goal and working hard to achieve it.
12C	Joshua - For always displaying the school values and for being a model student in 1/2C who works really well and does not distract others.
34A	Kristian - For being brave and not being afraid of making mistakes as part of his mathematics learning.
34B	David - For settling in well and making a great start to his new school.
56A	Junior - For beginning the year with a positive attitude towards his learning.
56B	Sharmake - For settling in well to Grade 6 and for being an enthusiastic and engaged member of our class.
Art	Safiya 3/4B - For readily listening to suggestions and for applying it to her artwork in a positive manner.
PE	Angelo - For always giving his personal best in all PE lessons.
Library	Diamond 5/6A - For doing a wonderful job of sharing and recommending a book that she is reading.
Italian	<i>No award presented this week.</i>
Environment	Leah 1/2B - For bringing in eggshells and bottle top lids for our vegetable garden. Thank you, Leah!

## Community News

### Albion and Friends Community Toy Library



Did you know Albion and Friends are running a toy library from Albion Primary School?

Albion and Friends Community Toy Library is a community, volunteer-run toy library.

Regular opening hours are Tuesdays 2:30pm – 4:30pm and Fridays from 9:15am - 11:00am. Entry is via the side gate on Adelaide Street (just before the oval) between the two cream-coloured buildings.

Toys are mainly for children aged 0-6 years.

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



Western Health

Joan Kirner Women's and Children's

### Seeking Volunteers

Volunteer Information sessions are being held for interested community members:

- If you can commit to a minimum of at least 12 months volunteering
- Can complete at least 1 x 2 – 3 hour shift per week
- Can supply a Working with Children's Check and attend mandatory training sessions
- Can commit to attending ongoing free training

Please come to the information sessions being held at Sunshine Hospital, Furlong Road, St Albans

- 14<sup>th</sup> March– 6pm -7pm or
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30am -11.30am

We need your support for the following roles:

- Way finding
- Social support for families
- Tea & Coffee and newspaper trolley
- Activities for children
- Fundraising

Bookings are essential to attend the sessions  
RSVP to [volunteer@wh.org.au](mailto:volunteer@wh.org.au) or 83959096

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