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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

3rd Cross Country at More Park for selected students
6th Sporting Schools – specific 3/4s 3:30 - 4:30pm S1
8th Last day of swimming
8th Sporting Schools – specific 1/2s 3:30 - 4:30pm S1
9th Mothers' Day Stall
13th Sporting Schools - 3/4s 3:30 4:30pm S2
14th – 16th NAPLAN Online year 3 and 5
15th Sporting Schools - 1/2s 3:30-4:30pm S2
20th Year 6 fund raising stalls
20th Sporting Schools - 3/4s 3:30 - 4:30pm S3
21st – 23rd School Dental Van
21st Year 6 fund raising stalls
21st School Council meeting
22nd National Simultaneous Story time
22nd Sporting Schools 1/2s 3:30 - 4:30pm S3
27th Sporting Schools - 3/4s 3:30 - 4:30pm S4
29th Cyber Bullying sessions for students/staff/parents
29th Sporting Schools - 1/2s 3:30 - 4:30pm S4
30th Year 5/6 excursion to Melbourne Zoo

June

3rd Sporting Schools - 3/4s 3:30 - 4:30pm S5
4th Foundation excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens
5th Sporting Schools - 1/2s 3:30-4:30pm S5
6th 1/2 excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens
10th Queen's Birthday public holiday - school closed
12th Sporting Schools - 1/2s 3:30 - 4:30pm S6
17th Sporting Schools - 3/4s 3:30 - 4:30pm S6
17th School Council meeting
24th Dental Van follow up
28th Early dismissal for end of term 2 at 2:30pm

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 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. Cross country training before 8:50am) that a particular staff member will supervise but supervision is only for that activity and not the general school yard.

NAPLAN

As I am sure you are aware, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students is held in May each year. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. In 2018, NAPLAN began transitioning from a paper based test to an online assessment (i.e., students complete the tests utilising a computer or tablet).

Our school is conducting NAPLAN Online in 2019. This means that from 14th – 24th May 2019, students at our school will undertake NAPLAN tests online in place of the paper tests. However, please note that our Year 3 students will continue to complete the Writing test as a paper test. Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental

Message from the Principal

Welcome

Welcome back to everyone for term 2. As you can see from the diary dates above, another full term of various activities to help support our students in their academic, physical, social and emotional learning. Please keep track of the dates and re check them when you get the next newsletter as sometimes, things change for various reasons. The dates are also on the school's website.

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

consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

While it is anticipated that NAPLAN Online will be successfully implemented in 2019, there are a range of contingencies in place to deal with the unlikely occurrence of significant issues.

These contingencies include extended testing windows and the printing of paper-based tests for all participating schools.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about NAPLAN Online, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Attitudes to School Survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Students from Year 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data

for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period 20th May – 7th June. The survey takes up to 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, me or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teacher/s/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

Building/Capital Works Update

We are hopeful that rooms 2 and 3 will be repaired later this term and during the next school holidays. We are reliant on that happening so we can decant the students in the 3/4 classrooms to these rooms. The 3/4 teachers are very much looking forward to being able to move their classes into the bigger spaces!

The capital works is on track. I have been meeting regularly with the project team and the next phase of the project is to go to tender which is due to happen in early June.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Williamson

Canteen



A reminder to parents that the canteen is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. EPTPOS facilities are available for parents who want to order lunches for their children at the counter in the mornings. Menus are available at the office or on the school's website.

Breakfast Club



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



School Production



This year's school production is being held at the regular venue – Quin Auditorium, Caroline Chisholm Catholic College in Braybrook.

The dates are as follows:

- Rehearsal at the venue – Tuesday 17th September from 4pm – 8pm (all students and staff required during school day and for the rehearsal)
- Performance – Wednesday 18th September at 6:30pm (all students and staff required at school and from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at venue).

The staff and students look forward to presenting one of our 'home-made' productions this year.

Dental Van



Most families that are interested in using the services of the school dental service have returned their forms. For

any families who still are wanting to use the dental service, tomorrow, FRIDAY 3rd MAY, is the final day for forms.

Mothers' Day Stall

Mother's Day is a celebration honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in

society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world. In Australia, Mothers' Day is celebrated on Sunday 12th May. Our students always like to do some special things for their mums!



The Albion Parents' Club are holding a Mothers' Day stall on Thursday 9th May. Students will be able to purchase gifts for their mums. Gifts range in price from \$2 to \$10.

Cyber Bullying Workshops

On Wednesday 29th May, we are having a full day of workshops focusing on Cyber Bullying. Students in all classes will attend a session during the day.

Staff will be attending an information session after school and then at 6 pm all families are invited to attend an information session. These workshops promise to provide information designed to keep students of all ages safe when using the internet.

More information will be provided to families in the next couple of weeks.

If you have any queries, see Jann Turner for further details.



Community News



Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House (KCNH) is a community managed neighbourhood house providing a diverse range of programs, workshops and activities to Brimbank and surrounding communities. KCNH is situated at Albion Eco-Living Centre at Selwyn Park.

OPEN DAY and COMMUNITY BARBECUE

Neighbourhood House Week 2019

Join us for a free community barbecue to celebrate Neighbourhood House Week and help with planting out the new bluestone bed in the community garden. Come along to say hello, meet others from the neighbourhood and find out what is happening at the House in term two. Neighbourhood House Week is a nationwide initiative to celebrate the role of neighbourhood houses in the community.

Sunday 5 May 2pm – 4pm

Everyone welcome!

Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House

61A Selwyn Street, Albion.

Click on the following link to download term 2 program guide.

https://www.kcnh.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Term-2-Program_2019.pdf

**Student Learning and Achievement Awards
Week ending 22nd March**

Prep A	Lareen - For working hard on all classroom tasks and for setting a good example for her peers.
Prep B	Persephone - For being a caring classmate by often giving kind words and encouragement to other students and Miss Townsend and for generously bringing in books for our classroom library.
12A	Jeremiah - For consistently showing our school values and for making a big improvement in his writing
12C	Riangeli - For being a very much valued member of 1/2C by always displaying our school values and for completing her work to the best of her ability.
34A	Eben - For always approaching his learning with enthusiasm and trying his absolute best with every task
34B	Tatjana - For making excellent contributions during our reading sessions.
56A	Dianna - For writing a concise and accurate summary on the black widow spider.
56B	Olive - For her continuous effort in completing all set tasks within the given timeframe. Christian - For his tremendous help during the Italian incursion.
Art	Fadumo 3/4A - For listening attentively to instructions and for working hard to create an excellent piece of artwork. Amiliyah 3/4B - For always focussing on her set task and for cleaning up efficiently at the end of each session.
PE	Joshua 1/2A, David M 3/4A and Harrison 5/6A - For attending all cross country training sessions that have been offered. Hamza 3/4A - For putting in a fantastic effort and running 16 laps of the oval during our cross country training session.
Library	The Whole Grade 1/2C - For displaying a tremendous improvement in their group work using the non-fiction books.
Italian	Yah PA - For doing a wonderful job of writing about her favourite part of pasta making. Brava! Trevor 1/2C- For doing a great job at writing about the spaghetti eating competition and eating gelato. Bravo!
Environment	Mayank 1/2B - For bringing in eggshells to put on our garden beds to help keep the bugs away.

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Week ending 29th March**

Prep A	Danial - For settling in well to his first term at school and for always being a happy and well-mannered student.
Prep B	Daniel - For showing the Albion Primary School values of learning and achievement by being a brave writer and having a go.
12A	Noah - For always displaying our school values and for writing an excellent recount of the story <i>'The Lunch Boxes'</i> .
12B	Aya - For excellent use of expression when reading and for remembering to change her voice at talking marks.
12C	Huy - For being an invaluable member of our classroom who is always respectful and always willing to assist his classmates especially during our ICT lessons.
34A	Merve - For working hard on her reading and comprehension strategies. Bella - For showing our school value of care by being a fantastic friend to all her classmates by always making sure they feel included and cared for.
34B	Kabir - For doing an excellent job with the setting out of data when graphing.
56A	Harrison - For displaying excellent leadership skills during sport practise.
56B	Brianna - For her wonderful work on converting units of measurement and for being able to support others when they needed help.
Art	Danial PA - For always having a positive attitude in the Art room and for creating a wonderful picture of <i>'Birds in a Nest'</i> using paint.
Italian	Tanisha PA - For doing a wonderful job of following all the rules and naming the body parts correctly as she played the <i>'The Body Part'</i> game. Brava! Joshua 1/2C - For writing a very, very detailed and excellent recount about our Pasta making incursion. Bravo!
Environment	Loza 1/2A and Sana 3/4A For bringing in eggshells to put on our garden beds to help keep the bugs away.