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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

March

22nd 5/6 Interschool sport (BYE)

27th House cross country competition

28th Hat Parade

29th 5/6 interschool sport (home vs Sirius)

April

1st Pupil Free Day (no students at school)

3rd-5th 4/5/6 camp

5th Last day of term early dismissal at 2:30pm

23rd Term 2 Begins at 9:00am

25th ANZAC Day public holiday – school closed

29th Swimming starts for children in years 3 – 6

On Monday morning children were able to come dressed representing their family's cultural heritage but we all walked in harmony together to celebrate as one school and as part of the Australian community. We are all Australian but each have our own cultural identities. We celebrated that together. It was a lovely feeling of peace and harmony as we all walked together and sang – 'we are one, but we are many'.

(lyric from *I am Australian* by Bruce Woodley and Dobe Newton)



Message from the Principal

School Celebration

At Albion Primary School, we celebrate our cultural diversity all of the time but it had a special focus during this week as part of the Cultural Diversity Week celebrations. This year's theme was *Proud to Belong*. In light of recent events this celebration was more relevant than ever. Since the first traditional land owners Victoria's cultural diversity has continued to evolve. Migration has brought people from all over the world to settle in this wonderful country, Australia.

In Victoria alone, there are people from 200 countries and that speak over 260 languages. Today almost half Victorians are either born overseas or have one parent who was born overseas. Victoria is considered the most successful multicultural society in the world.

At Albion Primary School, 60 per cent of our student population has English as an additional language background and there are approximately 40 different languages spoken. We represent a truly multicultural community and I love that we celebrate that.

The day was followed up with our Family Fun evening where lots of families came along to celebrate together.



Food and music are common to so many cultures in terms of celebrations and at our family evening, it was certainly the case. Lots of delicious food shared, joyous dancing and some fun activities

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where mums, dads and children participated together.



As part of learning about the Italian culture, all children and staff participated in a pasta making incursion. We heard the lovely story of Jill's Nonna (grandmother) and how she came to Australia and the importance she placed in the sharing of food together with family and friends. The children then learned how to make pasta and participated in rolling the dough and putting it through the pasta machine to make tagliatelle. We hope that, as a family, you were able to or will share the food your children made.



To finish off our cultural celebrations, yesterday all children participated in the Mexican Hat Dance, enjoyed a performance by the prep students, watched a spaghetti eating competition (for

selected students in years 3 – 6 and then staff who volunteered) and enjoyed lemon gelato.



What has made me most proud this week has been the feedback I received from the Jill and her group of visiting teachers who presented the pasta making workshop. They thought our students were exceptional in their behaviour and the way they worked (older and younger students together) to help each other make the pasta. They stated that they had never been to a school (and they have been to a lot, they said) where it has been such a positive experience and that it was a credit to all of the students and staff.

I wrote in the previous newsletter that we regularly receive positive comments about the tone of the school. The comments from Jill proved again that the effort we put into the teaching of social and emotional skills and the expectations we have of our students in terms of positive behaviour is working.

Another example this week was from the basketball coach, Billy, who has been leading the after school basketball clinics. He also commented to me on Wednesday after the clinic finished that this was his favourite school because the children were so good to work with. Our literacy coach, Pam Bristow, also commented yesterday how much she loves coming here because the children are so eager to learn and because it is such a calm learning environment for them to learn in. She also works in a number of schools but said this was her favourite.

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I feel a great sense of pride in the students and staff when I receive feedback like I have during this week. Congratulations to everyone and keep up the great work. A great deal of thanks must also go to the parents who support what we do at Albion.

School Council News

At the first meeting of the new school council, Naomi Harper was elected President, Mohammed Sheikh was elected Vice President and Katie Connolly was elected Treasurer. Congratulations to these office bearers.

Bridey Lokhurst-Blight, from the Albion and Friends Community Toy Library was co-opted as a community representative.

The annual report was presented and will be available on the school's website in due course.

Neighbourhood Respect

Please be mindful and considerate to our school neighbours when dropping off and picking up children by not blocking driveways. Our neighbours need access in and out of their property.

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. 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.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Williamson

National Day of Action Against Bullying

Last Friday, we acknowledged the national *Say 'No' to Bullying* day. We had a day where children and staff could come dressed in something a little different. We also had students at assembly tell us

about some of the things they were learning about saying 'no' to bullying. At Albion, we say 'no' to bullying every day, not just the national day. We never accept bullying of any kind and staff hope that students feel comfortable to talk to them if they are being bullied or hurt in some way. If we know about what is happening, only then can we do something about it. We all have the power within us to stand up to bullies and stop bullying behaviour.

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools is: Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records) Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements where there is no power imbalance. (Power imbalance is a situation where one person or group has a significant advantage over another that enables them to coerce or mistreat another for their own ends.)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Whilst these behaviours are not considered appropriate, and there are consequences for them, they are not bullying.



Breakfast Club



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



(dependent on weather). Parents are most welcome to come and watch.

Hat Parade – Thursday 28th March

On Thursday 29th March, the Albion Parents' Group are running a decorated hat/bonnet parade.

All children are encouraged to create a decorated hat or bonnet of their choice. The use of recyclable materials is highly encouraged. If you celebrate Easter, it could be Easter related. However, any sort of decorated hat/bonnet is encouraged. We want as many children as possible to come to school with a decorated hat. We encourage parents to work with their children to create them. The parade will commence at approximately 2:30pm on the bat tennis courts or multi-purpose room (weather dependant) and we welcome parents to attend and view all the wonderful creations.



Some examples of previous year's hat parade

Canteen



Please support your school canteen!

If you want to keep this service, you need to use it. We are a small business and we cannot survive without you. We now offer EPTPOS for parents who order. We are open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Menu/price list is available on school website or at the office.

House Cross Country – Wednesday 27th March



On Wednesday 27th March students will compete in a House Cross Country challenge. Students will be asked to come to school wearing their house colours.

The clothing worn on

this day needs to be predominantly the colour of their house and suitable for running laps around the oval. Runners and school hats also need to be worn and children are encouraged to bring a water bottle. If you are unsure of your child's house colour, please feel free to ask your child's teacher. The four house colours at Albion PS are RED, BLUE, GOLD and GREEN. If students are unable to wear their house colour, please send them in their school uniform. It is not a casual clothes day, so only house colours or school uniform are to be worn.

Students have been practising running laps during their weekly PE lessons and some children have been practising on Mondays and Wednesdays before school in preparation for the challenge.

Students in grade Prep-2 will be encouraged to run a minimum of 2 laps and a maximum of 10 laps, students from grade 3-6 will be encouraged to run a minimum of 4 laps and a maximum of 15 laps. The running track is approximately 220m around. The challenge will take place after lunch at 2:20pm

School Dental Van

All students have received information regarding dental treatment at our school next term. In order to take up this service, it is important that forms are completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Please return the forms to classroom teacher or directly to the office. The dental van will visit the school in May.

Camp

We wish our students and staff going to camp on 3rd – 5th April a wonderful experience. Doka is a great camp and we look forward to hearing all about it when you get back.

Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week ending 8th March



Prep A	Maue - For working hard during our writing sessions.
Prep B	Jasmine - For being a positive role model in our classroom by completing routines and instructions quickly and for working hard on all learning activities, especially her Mrs Wishy- Washy recount.
12A	Phoebe - For making a fantastic start to school every day this week and trying her very best with every set task given to her.
12B	Diyaa - For putting in a consistent effort in all areas of her work, regardless of how hard the task is.
12C	Jukkah - For always trying his hardest at learning and for being an honest, caring and respectful student who is a delight to have in our class.
34A	Lillyan - For putting in an outstanding effort with her Superhero homework by producing a terrific written piece and a great illustration to go with it.
34B	Khalid - For putting in a consistent effort with his home reading.
56A	Fauzia - For having a go during all classroom tasks and for displaying more confidence when solving division equations.
56B	The Whole Class - For being caring role models during our Buddies sessions with the Prep students.
Art	Max (5/6A) - For always listening attentively and creating a wonderful portrait
PE	Judah (1/2B) - For being able to clap and catch the bean bag 9 times. Blessing (5/6A) - For being able to score level 10.10 on the Beep test.
Library	Silynnsa (5/6B) - For creating a wonderful 'Bird's Eye View' of the Library.
Italian	Jake (3/4B) - For doing a wonderful job of accurately completing a written task about himself. Fauzia (5/6A) - For working hard and putting a great effort into all set tasks.
Environment	Riangelie Cadua 1/2C - For bringing in eggshells to put around our chilli plants to help keep the bugs away.

Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week ending 15th March



Prep A	Harrison - For being an enthusiastic learner who always works hard on all classroom tasks.
Prep B	Declan - For being a generous and caring member of Prep B by bringing in scraps of food for our chickens and books for our Library.
12A	Joshua - For getting himself organized quickly when coming into the classroom & for being the first to sit down beautifully on the floor ready to learn.
12B	Cameron - For his excellent sentence building using conjunctions to link two short sentences together.
12C	Billan - For being a happy member of our classroom who always comes to school with a smile, completes her work to the best of her ability and always displays the values of care and respect.
34A	Bradley - For always challenging himself and showing terrific improvement in Mathematics.
34B	Aaron - For doing an excellent job when working with a thesaurus on our weekly words.
56A	Fide - For displaying more confidence to have a go during our maths discussions and for continuing to try her best at all times.
56B	Megan - For following the correct text structure and writing a great first draft persuasive text.
Art	Eben (3/4A) - For using one colour along with black and white to create an excellent monochromatic painting.
PE	David (3/4A) - For increasing by 24 points on his Beep test result from last year.
Library	Mudrik (5/6B) - For his enthusiastic explanation about his enjoyment of 'Ink Heart'.
Italian	Suwaydah (PB) - For singing and dancing with great enthusiasm Fadumo (3/4A) - For showing great enthusiasm and taking detailed notes on how to make pasta whilst watching the instructional video. Brava!
Environment	Chantelle (1/2C) - For bringing in eggshells to put on our garden beds to help keep the bugs away. Thank you!

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Pupil Free Day – Monday 1st April

On Monday 1st April, children DO NOT come to school. It is a pupil free day. Staff will be working with an external consultant on curriculum.

End of Term

This will be the last newsletter for the term.

School finishes on Friday 5th April at 2:30pm. The children on camp should arrive back at school at around 2:00pm

Please make arrangements to have all children picked up by 2:30pm.

Community News

