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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

November

8th – Foundation 2020 transition session (1)
~~11th – 15th – Book Fair – Cancelled~~
11th – 15th Recycling Week
11th – Sporting Schools Yr 3 -6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
13th – Sporting Schools Yr P/1 Soccer Clinic 4:30
14th – Year 3/4 excursion
15th – Foundation 2020 transition session (2)
18th – School Council Meeting
18th – Sporting Schools Yr 3 -6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
20th – Sporting Schools Yr P/1 Soccer Clinic 4:30
22nd – Foundation 2020 transition session (3)
23rd – School grounds working bee
25th – Sporting Schools Yr 3 -6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
27th – Sporting Schools Yr 3 -6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
29th – Foundation 2020 transition session (4)
29th – Foundation 2019 Dinner

December

2nd – 13th Swimming program F – 2
2nd – Sporting Schools Yr 3 -6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
4th – Sporting Schools Yr P/1 Soccer Clinic 4:30
9th – Sporting Schools Yr 3 -6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
9th – School Council Meeting
12th – Year 6 graduation dinner
16th – Awards and year 6 graduation ceremony
18th – Year 6 graduation excursion
20th – 1:00pm dismissal

Every review informs the development of an evidence-based and collaborative four-year School Strategic Plan that guides each school's improvement journey.

To construct a School Strategic Plan, schools evaluate current practices and receive feedback from educational experts, school leaders, the school community and its students.

There are also minimum standards a school has to meet in terms of policies and documentation.

Albion Primary School is scheduled for its review in term one, 2020. Consequently, a number of forums will be held for parents, staff and students as we move into our self-evaluation phase of the review process.

I look forward to participating in this process with the entire school community.

2020 Newsletters

We currently 'push' the newsletter through our website to families with an email address, however, we still print enough hard copies for all families.

In order to help reduce the school's waste in terms of the amount of paper and printing the school does, the 2020 newsletter will only be printed for the families who do not have an email address. If you have an email address but have not provided the school with it, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible.

2020 Foundation (Prep) Student Transition

We welcomed our most of our 2020 foundation students to school today with the first of four transition sessions.

If you have, or know of anyone who has, a child beginning school next year, please make sure you complete and enrolment form and provide the necessary documentation (proof of birthdate with a birth certificate, passport or

Message from the Principal

School Review

Every four years, a school goes through a process of review. The way the Department of Education and Training conduct these reviews is constantly evolving and changing.

The current school review model for Victorian government schools aims to improve learning outcomes, promote excellence across the curriculum and enhance the health and well-being of students. In order for all students to have the opportunity for high achievement, schools have to plan for it.

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

Immicard and immunisation certificate) to your child can participate in the transition program. The dates for the remaining sessions are as follows:

1. Friday 8th November 9:30am – 11:00am
2. Friday 15th November 9:30am – 11:00am
3. Friday 22nd November 9:30am – 11:00am
4. Friday 29th November 9:30am – 11:00am
(Session 4 includes a parent/carer information session).

Building Works

This week I met with the project manager, a Victorian Schools Building Authority representative and the building contractor who will be doing the works. Works will now commence after school finishes for the year. Work will begin on Block C (staffroom building) and then progress to Block A (administration building). There will be more movement of specialist areas and the staff will have to move while works are happening.

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. 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

Recycling Week 11th – 15th November

A special note went home on Wednesday regarding Recycling Week. The week 11th – 15th November is an opportunity for Albion PS to celebrate what we already do as far as recycling and wiping out waste as well as introducing some new and exciting ideas. Students will experience firsthand the recycling of clothes, toys and books and introducing some new recycling initiatives that may continue for future years!

- **Recycle clothing** – bring maximum 5 pieces of clean, undamaged but unwanted clothes to recycle – get a token for each piece, which allows you to purchase a piece back if you choose to.
- **Recycle unwanted toys** - bring maximum 5 clean, undamaged but unwanted toys to recycle – get a token for each toy, which allows you to purchase something if you choose to.
- **Recycle unwanted books** - bring maximum 5 clean, undamaged but unwanted books to recycle – get a token for each book, which allows you to purchase something if you choose to.

On Wednesday and Friday, items can be 'purchased' with tokens at lunchtime and after school.



Is Styrofoam recyclable?—The simple answer to this short question is NO! The detailed answer goes something like this: Styrofoam products, such as Styrofoam cups, cannot be recycled because the material in itself is not biodegradable.



Soft Plastic Bags - separate and send to Safeway or Coles supermarkets – Red-Cycle will

take it to Replas who turn it into recycled outdoor furniture.

Plastic bags are a very tricky material to recycle. Try using cloth grocery bags, instead, when you go grocery shopping. The school is sending its soft plastic back to the supermarket.

School Grounds Working Bee

Following on from the work in improving the school's biodiversity, we have scheduled a school community working bee for Saturday 23rd November from 9:00am – 12:00pm to be followed with a BBQ for the volunteers. A note will go home with more details in the near future but we will be working on the outdoor indigenous butterfly-bee-bird-sensory-maths garden.

Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Students and staff from Albion PS participated in the *Aussie Backyard Bird Count* held from Monday 21st – Friday 25th October. It involved observing and counting the birds that were in the school yard we saw within a 20 minute period, during different times in that week. Our results will help Bird Life Australia develop an understanding of local birds, whilst getting to know the wildlife on our doorstep! During the week we completed thirteen 20 minute counts by 20 students and 3 staff. We saw 18 different species of birds which included; Rock Dove, Spotted Dove, Crested Pigeon, Silver Gull, Galah, Little Corella, Red-Rumped Parrot, Noisy Miner, Little Wattlebird, New Holland Honeyeater, Australian Magpie, Magpie-Lark, Little Raven, Welcome Swallow, Common Starling, Common Myna, Common Blackbird and the House Sparrow. With many of us being novice bird watchers, it was an interesting exercise learning to name birds as they flew into and out of the school grounds. We also heard some interesting bird sounds and often watched birds chasing each other. Our results were logged into the official *Aussie Backyard Bird Count* and will also be added to our Biodiversity audit that was conducted in August. The next step will be to add some bird boxes into our school grounds to help with nesting!

Community News



Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week ending 25th October 2019



Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week ending 1st November 2019



