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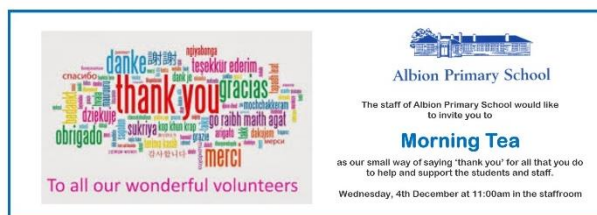
25th – Sporting Schools Yr 3 – 6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
27th – Sporting Schools Yr P/1 Soccer Clinic 4:30
29th – Foundation 2020 transition session (4)
29th – Foundation 2019 Late Tea at school

December

- 2nd – 13th Swimming program F – 2
- 2nd – Sporting Schools Yr 3 -6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
- 4th – Volunteers' Morning Tea
- 4th – Sporting Schools Yr P/1 Soccer Clinic 4:30
- 9th – Sporting Schools Yr 3 -6 Soccer Clinic 4:30
- 9th – School Council Meeting
- 10th – Year 6 – 7 Orientation Day
- 10th – 'Step Up' day
- 12th – Canteen Meal Deal
- 12th - Year 6 graduation dinner
- 16th – Awards and year 6 graduation ceremony
- 18th – Year 6 graduation excursion
- 19th – Student reports and class placements home
- 20th – 1:00pm dismissal

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the school will be participating in the school review process in term one, 2020. As part of the process, we provide all members of the school community the opportunity to give feedback. Included with this newsletter is a question sheet for parents. Please take the time to think about and complete your answers and return it to the main office by Friday 29th November. Your thoughts and opinions are important. This feedback is about the school as a whole rather than feedback about individuals.

Volunteers' Morning Tea



Message from the Principal

**School Grounds Working Bee – Saturday 23rd
November 9:00 – 12:00pm.**

Thank you to the families who have indicated they are able to help on Saturday.

We are working on improving the school grounds and the school's biodiversity by creating an outdoor indigenous butterfly-bee-bird-sensory-maths garden. The school community working bee is this Saturday, 23rd November from 9:00am – 12:00pm to be followed with a BBQ for the volunteers.

Please note that students who attend must be supervised by their parent/s.

I look forward to working on this together with members of the school community.

Over the course of the year, we have many people – parents, grandparents and friends – assist the school in many different ways: school council members, classroom helpers, attending excursions, helping out at BBQs, hearing children read, gardening, supporting our parents' club, student banking, etc. As a small token of our appreciation, the staff would like to invite you to attend a morning tea on Wednesday, 4th December at 11:00am in the staffroom. We understand that some of you may not be able to attend, however, please know that we appreciate the time you give to helping the school, the staff and the students.

2020 Foundation (Prep) Student Transition

The final transition session for our 2020 foundation students is on Friday 29th November. This includes an information session for parents and a presentation by and to our new preps, followed by morning tea.

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

Year 6 – 7 Transition

A focus for the teachers of year 6 students is to prepare them for secondary school throughout the year. On top of what is happening in the classrooms, a special transition session is being held at school for the students on 28th November. The year 6 students also participate in the region wide orientation day at their secondary school on 10th December.

Across School Transition

K – F and year 6 – 7 are considered major transitions for our students. However, we also consider the students who are transitioning to the next year level at Albion.

On 10th December (the same day the year 6 students attend their secondary school), the rest of the school will be having a 'step up' day where they experience a day at their next year level. After three years in the 'village' our year 2 students make a move into another part of the school. The transition from year 2 to year 3 can be daunting for some children. A lot more independence is required from the students. Year 4 to year 5 is also a big transition. The level of independence changes again. The step up day provides a chance for students to experience their new level before the start of the new school year and hopefully, will reduce some of the anxiety that can come with transitioning.

School Council News

School councils are required to approve or be consulted on various policies throughout the year. At Monday night's meeting, school council approved policies for Parent Payments (more information further in newsletter) and School Purchase Card. Council were consulted but also approved the Student Wellbeing and Engagement and Attendance policies. Apart from the School Purchase Card, the policies are available to view on the school's website (along with various other policies). You are also able to request to view policies at school.

School Council also approved the purchase of new basketball towers. At the latest playground safety audit, it was recommended that we replace the towers in the near future. The new towers have been ordered and they will be installed as soon as possible.

Due to price increases from the uniform supplier, school council approved an increase of between \$1 and \$4 for most items on our

school uniform list. The cost of uniform still remains as one of the lowest for schools in the network.

2020 Planning

The class structure for 2020 will be as follows:

2 x Foundation classes

4 x 1/2 classes

2 x 3/4 classes

2 x 5/6 classes.

I ask parents to let me know if your child/children is/are not returning to Albion Primary School next year. If you have a child who is commencing foundation (prep) in 2020, please make sure you have completed their enrolment. Similarly, if you know of anyone who is intending to send their child to Albion Primary School in 2020, please let them know that they need to enrol their child urgently.

Placement of Children in Classes for 2020

Our strategy for the placement of children in classes is quite straightforward.

Placement is based on educational grounds in what is best for the individual student as well as the group.

We endeavour to have a spread of gender, special needs and talents, leadership qualities and personalities in each class. Increasingly we have found friendship groups less important and harder to satisfy. Obviously this is considered in the process but it is well down the priority list in the placement of students.

If you have sound educational reasons as to a certain consideration regarding the placement of your child, you are invited to submit a written request to me by Friday 29th November.

Please note nominating a teacher for your child is not part of the consideration.

Once classes have been developed it is extremely difficult to change as it causes a 'ripple effect' across the rest of the classes.

Parent Payments for Essential Items

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, school council approved the Parent Payment policy. This policy is in line with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 that allows schools to



charge parents for 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 has remained unchanged for at least the last nine 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 2020, are eligible for the Albion Primary School's Education Assistance (SEA). This covers the cost of the 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.

Notes and information about parent payments for the 2020 school year will be given out next week.

You can find the Parent Payment policy on the school's website as well as other information pertaining to parent payments 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 Australia. Your card may be cancelled and therefore, you will be ineligible for CSEF for your child. Also, there may be difficulties with payments if your child is not in school at the start of the school year.

Student Leadership



All students in years 4 and 5 have met with Mrs Ryan, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Turner about school leadership positions. We ask the students to ask of themselves:

- Do I make an effort to work on my leadership skills during the year?
- What makes a good leader?
- Would I be a good leader?
- Do I consider others before myself?
- Can I make decisions?
- Am I organised?
- Do I persist and work at things when the going gets tough?
- Do I listen to the opinions of other students?
- Am I respectful?
- Am I caring?
- Am I fair?
- Am I honest?
- Am I responsible?
- Am I kind?
- Am I willing to help others?
- Am I a good sport?

These are the qualities staff look for in our house captains and students with specific responsibilities.

Students are able to nominate themselves and then all students vote via secret ballot for the nominated students. Voting takes place on 6th December during house meetings. There will be no assembly on this day. Results are announced at the school's awards night on Monday 16th December.

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 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

Recycle Week 11th – 15th November

Well done and thank you to everyone who supported *Recycle Week* last week.

The 'swap shop' was a huge hit and was a great way to recycle some once loved clothing, toys and books.

Many thanks to Mrs Ryan and Florian Cadua for all of the work they did to ensure its success.

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.

Community News

Sunshine United Cricket Club, Selwyn Park, Albion

The U11s now are able to field a team. Their home games are at Albion Primary School on some Friday evenings.

If there is anyone else at the school who would like to participate, please call Alison on 0412 970 813 or email caruanasmith62@optusnet.com.au

HOMEWORK CLUB (Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House, Selwyn Park, Albion)

Our school community has been invited to participate in a survey to gather interest in a proposed homework club in 2020. If you would like to show an expression of interest, please fill in the survey and return to the school office. Please note the proposed homework club is not part of our school program but an opportunity that our families are invited to be part of, independently organised and run by the Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House.

Student Learning and Achievement Awards Week ending 15th November 2019



Prep A	Maui & Kiet - For being able to accurately read over 300 of the most commonly used words.
Prep B	All - For making an excellent start at Albion Primary School by settling in quickly and for showing the Albion values of <i>'learning and respect'</i> .
12A	Samantha - For always working hard in every subject area & for showing a big improvement with her reading and writing.
12B	Favour - For showing an amazing improvement with her reading and writing.
12C	Billan - For always trying her best in class, following class and school rules and for being a good friend to her peers.
34A	Ruby & Misra - For displaying the school values of <i>'care and respect'</i> when dealing with members of the community during our excursion to Scienceworks.
34B	Zac - For working hard and writing a great narrative about <i>'The Restaurant'</i> .
56A	Janae - For showing great enthusiasm during shared reading & for writing a concise summary on volcanos.
56B	Jimel - For demonstrating great dedication towards his reading and for showing improvements with using reading strategies to help him decode words.
Art	Lucas PA - For taking extra care with his cutting skills, helping his peers & getting materials ready for the next class.
PE	Trevor 1/2C - For always giving his personal best during all Physical Education lessons.
Library	Hooda 1/2A - For her amazing recount of the memory prompts in <i>'Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge'</i> .
Italian	Bardia 1/2C - For doing an excellent job of correctly copying all of our key words from the story about the parrot. Stacey 5/6A - For listening to instructions carefully before proceeding with the task of identifying masculine and feminine nouns.
Environment	Thomas 1/2B & Saskia 1/2C - For bringing in eggshells to put on our garden beds. Flo - For assisting in the Albion Recycle Shop.