



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

21st February 2020

DIARY DATES

February

28th 5/6 interschool sport (away vs St Peter's)

March

2nd Year 6 fund raiser

3rd Year 6 fund raiser

6th 5/6 interschool sport (catch up if required)

9th Public Holiday - school closed

11th Fun Family Evening 5:00pm – 7:00pm

12th Cyberbullying incursion

13th 5/6 interschool sport (home vs St Theresa's)

16th School Council meeting 6:00pm

18th Italian incursion for all students

18th House Cross Country event

19th School review day 1

20th National Day of Action Against Bullying

20th 5/6 interschool sport (home vs Sirius)

23rd – 27th Cultural Diversity Week

25th – 27th 4/5/6 camp

26th School review day 2

27th 5/6 Interschool sport (BYE)

27th Last day of term – early dismissal at 2:30

April

14th Term 2 Begins at 9:00am

17th Hat Parade

May

5th Mothers' Day stall

times for those who could not make Monday's meetings). We had a 90% attendance rate.

If you were unable to attend last Monday 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.

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. 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! It's like an app but better. You can save dates from the website directly into your mobile phone's calendar.

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.

Message from the Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences



Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who took the time to meet with classroom teachers on Monday 17th February (and at other pre-arranged

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

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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. Ball games are not permitted before and after school.

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/or 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: paper aeroplanes, 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, the house captains are planning other sorts of activities such as music and dance competitions. Each house also 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 these 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 2020 are:

Blue House

Megan Holmes
Diamond Tran

Gold House

Max Acosta-Cormick
Maryan Sheikh

Green House

Amalia Vanderreyden
Faayaz Khondkar

Red House

Mudrik Ahmed
Ayaanuddin Mohammed

School Council News

A reminder that there are three parent positions vacant this year. There will also be a casual vacancy to fill for one year due to the resignation of one of the parent members. Current members of the school council are able to stand for re-election.

The timeline for the process is as follows:

- Monday 24th February – Close of nominations 4:00pm
- Wednesday 26th February – List of candidates and nominators will be displayed
- Monday 2nd March – Ballot papers distributed (only if number of nominations exceeds number of vacancies)
- Tuesday 10th March – Close of ballot
- Wednesday 11th March – Counting of votes and declaration of ballot
- Monday 16th March – Meeting to co-opt Community Members and the first meeting of the new School Council

Nomination are available from the office up to and including Monday 24th February at 3:59pm.

There may be times when decisions taken do not suit everyone but please be assured that we use the guiding principle of '*what is best for the children?*' when making them.

Car Park

The car park is for **staff parking only**.

Children are not permitted to walk through the carpark, even with adults. Your children are taught this rule at school and we often see and hear children tell the adult they are with that they are not allowed to go through the car park, but the adult takes them anyway. We have cars going in and out of the car park all throughout the day. It is not a safe practice. Please help your child to do the right thing by following this school rule.

Parking is available for drop-offs and pick-ups in Adelaide, Albury, and Derrimut Streets. Children are to use the pedestrian gates for entry and exit to the school. The only exception is for staff who have students at the school.

School Crossing

We are noticing, and have had reports, that a number of children are crossing Adelaide Street at the speed hump at the Australia Post letter box outside the Kindergarten rather than using the much safer option of the school crossing. If you or your child/children are crossing Adelaide Street or parking on the opposite side to the school in Adelaide Street, please use the school crossing. Parents, please remind your children to use the crossing and model this behaviour if you are with them. Teachers have been asked to also remind students of this important safety issue.

Building Works

While the ceiling, floor and painting of the corridor in Block C is being done, we have had to temporarily move the 5/6 classes into the Library. This has affected our library program. Mrs Tikulin is teaching her classes in the classrooms until this work is complete. Music classes are also 'roaming'. We have also had to suspend student and family borrowing during this time. Hopefully the Library will be back to normal by the start of March and our year 5/6 classes will be back in their classrooms. In the meantime, I thank everyone for their understanding during the disruptions that the building works are creating.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Williamson

Policies

At the school council meeting last Monday evening, a number of policies were approved. They included Visitors; Mobile Phones (students); Camps and Excursions policy; Digital Technologies (internet, social media, digital devices) that also includes the Acceptable Use Agreement. All of these policies are available to view on the school's website. If you are unable to access the website and would like to read any of the policies, please see Mrs Williamson at school.

Other policies are available on request.



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 the program using the school's bikes. The promotion of safe riding practices is part of the program.

If children want to ride their own bike or scooter to school, parents need to complete a student application for riding to school. They can be obtained from the office. As part of the application, bikes and scooters are name tagged so that we know which parents have signed the application.

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. If you have a new bike or scooter and have already have accepted application, you will need a new tag for your bike or scooter.

Breakfast Club



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



Canteen



A new canteen menu and price list was sent to families with email addresses and a hard copy sent home with students whose families do not have an email address.

Weekly specials will be on offer. This week's was Chop Suey. Next week's will be Honey Soy Chicken and rice for \$4.50.

Keep your eye on the board at the front of the canteen for future specials. The canteen is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

School Banking

All students are able to participate in school banking. School banking at Albion Primary School is through the Commonwealth Bank. Banking day will be Tuesdays this year and it has started. Any child with an existing school banking account can send their bank book and money to school on Tuesdays.

If you would like to set up an account for your child, please come to the office to get some forms.

School Values



Students, staff and parents are all a part of the Albion Primary School community. It is an expectation that all of us demonstrate the school values in our dealings with each other. The school's *Statement of Values* (that can be found on our website) outlines rights and responsibilities of all members of the school community.

School Camp

Places are now closed for the year 4/5/6 camp, being held from 25th – 27th March at Doxa in Malmsbury. Notes have gone home for the students who returned the initial notice and deposit.

Community News

Victoria University Secondary College

Open House

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Morning Campus Tours
 9:00am Tour 1
 10:10am Tour 2

6:00pm Welcome and Information
 6:15pm Presentation by College Principal
 6:30pm Interactive Tours

Held in C Block at Junior Campus, Deer Park

COME ALONG TO VIEW THE PLANS FOR OUR NEW SCHOOL.
 CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE THIS YEAR.

Junior Campus P 03 9363 1155
 88 Billingham Rd, Deer Park VIC 3023

Senior Campus P 03 8312 0200
 5A Jamieson St, St Albans VIC 3021

Trade Training Centre P 03 8312 0200
 43 Ken Jordan Rd, Cairnlea VIC 3023

www.vusc.vic.edu.au

Create The Future

What is Bedwetting?

Families can often drive themselves crazy trying to find a reason for their child's bed wetting (nocturnal enuresis). Bed wetting is a sleep problem, that is a problem with the child not being able to rouse from their sleep if they need to wee during the night.

NightOllie Bedwetting Alarm can mean the end of bedwetting. The end of bedwetting means happy child, less laundry, less frustration, and the end of embarrassment. Night Ollie ensures children and teenagers enjoy the freedom of camps and sleepovers and assists in the regaining of self-confidence through accessing our family friendly Night Ollie Bedwetting Alarm.

Visit

<http://nightollie.com/> for more information

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**Student Learning and Achievement Awards
Week ending 7th February 2020**



12A	Rehkik- For making a great start to the school year by participating in all our class discussions.
12B	All - For trying hard to improve his spelling and for sharing his work enthusiastically with others.
12C	Mies - For her great participation during our class discussions.
12D	Marshall - For showing care and courtesy towards his classmates and for helping out wherever he can.
34A	The Whole Grade - For making a wonderful start to the school year.
34B	Fredrick - For making an excellent start to the year by attempting all set tasks.
56A	Saadat - For trying his very best to complete most set tasks on time. Well done on a great start to the year and keep it up!
56B	Filsan - For being extremely helpful in our first 2 weeks of term and for completing her work to a high standard and in a timely manner.
Italian	Megan 1/2C - For doing a wonderful job of answering so many questions during our class discussions. Judah Malagaoma 3/4B For making a great start to our Italian lessons by following directions and completing all set tasks. Bravo!

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12A	Ngatau - For always trying his best and having a go at all set tasks.
12B	Willow - For applying new knowledge to her independent work and for always trying her best to do what is right.
12C	Erick - For demonstrating our school value of learning by always trying his best when completing his work.
12D	Hamza - For always displaying an excellent effort towards his learning tasks, contributing to our mini lessons and for taking risks with his learning by always having a go and displaying a great attitude and growth mindset.
34A	Abby - For displaying wonderful enthusiasm for your learning by always listening carefully to others and for regularly contributing your thoughts and ideas in the classroom.
34B	Hamza - For making great contributions during our class discussions.
56A	Subha - For settling in well to Grade 5 and for trying hard to set some working goals for herself.
56B	Diamond - For consistently displaying our school values, producing outstanding work and for being an exceptional role model to her peers - a quiet achiever!
Art	Rehkik 1/2A - For listening attentively and taking pride and care in the presentation of her drawing book.
PE	Megan 5/6A - For showing great enthusiasm during her PE lesson and getting involved in the basketball game.
Library	Thomas 3/4A - For sharing his insight into the book 'Boy' being a shortlisted book with his sister.
Italian	Rehan 1/2C - For correctly naming all the characters around the tree in Italian. Aya 1/2D - For following instructions carefully and doing a wonderful job of correctly labelling the picture of the family.

MUMS, DADS, BROTHERS, SISTERS,
GRANDPARENTSFAMILY MEMBERS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Family Fun Evening

**WEDNESDAY
11TH MARCH
5:00PM—7:00PM**

ALBION PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

*BRING YOUR OWN:
PICNIC FOOD AND DRINKS (NON-ALCOHOLIC)
RUG AND/OR CHAIRS*

CHILDREN ARE TO BE SUPERVISED BY PARENTS SO STAFF
CAN SOCIALISE TOO

THERE WILL BE SIMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR
FAMILIES TO ENJOY TOGETHER

We hope we will see everyone there!

An opportunity for families and staff to get together
in a less formal situation.



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