



IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY—It's Great Not to be Late as well.
Think "I can do it!" Confidence is the key.

Thursday

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"Achieving Together"

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Calendar of events

Next Week

Tues Feb 10th Grade 5/6 Pool Day

Coming Events

Wed Feb 18th Gr. 1/2 Classroom Helpers 2:30 pm

Fri Feb 20th School Swimming Sports

Tues Feb 24th School Council Meeting

CANTEEN

Mon M.L.S.

Tues S. Sultana

Wed M.L.S.

Thur C. Hibbs

Fri M. Ashworth

Birthdays for January

4 th	Jake	18 th	Megan
5 th	Sophie		Kasey
6 th	Ainslee	21 st	Seth
7 th	Michelle		Jonathan
9 th	Jemma	24 th	Veronica
	Matt	25 th	Matthew
10 th	Caitlyn		Canacia
	Maddison	26 th	Joshua
12 th	Zoe	28 th	Amy
15 th	Damien	29 th	Aimy
17 th	Paris	31 st	Daniel
	Abbey		
	Bethany		

Birthdays For February Week 1

1 st	Isabelle	5 th	Katherine
3 rd	Anne-Marie		Mikayla

We hope all these students had a very Happy Birthday and wish them well in 2009.



Story time on their first day at school, in Prep Aisbett.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

A WONDERFUL START TO THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR!

Thank you very much to everyone for making me feel so welcome at Albert St PS. I have been really impressed with the dedication and commitment of all staff, the friendly and helpful approach of the parents I've encountered and the attitude, application and fabulous manners of our students. Everyone is being incredibly patient with me when I mess up names too – sadly, this will continue all term as I have a very poor memory! It is clear that the school motto "Achieving Together" is very appropriate! Now the challenge will be to maintain the good work of this week all term.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

This year we have two additions to our staff – Kristy Timmer-Arends, who is teaching a 3/4 class and Anastasia Perikkentis who has a grade 1/2. Kristy and Anastasia were selected from a large group of graduate teachers because of the teaching knowledge and skill they demonstrated throughout their 4 years of teacher training and their intern year. Already it is apparent that the selection team did a top job! Kristy and Anastasia are very lucky to commence their teaching career at a school where there are many very skilled and talented teachers who will support and mentor them. To assist parents and other visitors to know who does what about the school we will place photos and roles of staff on a notice-board near the main office.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Our preps are doing a brilliant job settling in and making the huge adjustment to school life. Clearly their support teams have done a good job preparing them. We are also delighted to welcome several new students to our school – Jeffrey, Jordan and David in 3/4 Thomas, Zoe and Courtney in 3/4 Hobbin, Drew in 1/2 Perikkentis, Indi and Troy in 5/6 Houkamau, Cameron in 2/3 Murphy, Chelsea and Lana in 3/4 Timmer-Arends, Tracy in 5/6 Gamble, Dakota in 1/2 Koziell and Lexus in 1/2 Douglas/Ireland.

I hope our preps and other new students are feeling as welcome at Albert St PS as I am.

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

For the next few weeks we will be focusing on encouraging our students to be proactive in the way they approach other students and include them in their play. The yard duty teachers have been rewarding students they see behaving in a

friendly manner during our play-time breaks with tickets in a raffle and they have given out a lot of tickets! We will draw this on Monday at assembly and the winners will make fruit salad with me (and eat it!). At home, help your child to practice waking up with a big smile on their face and a good upright posture – this projects confidence and encourages others to warm to you.

STUDENT SAFETY

Some students are coming to school before we have supervision in place. Breakfast Club does not commence until 8:00 am. Please assist us by dropping children who are coming to Breakfast Club at the Anzac Rd gates. Breakfast Club finishes at 8:20 am.

It is lovely to see so many family members waiting to collect their children at the end of the school day – I've never encountered this impressive level of support at any other school. However, the crowds at the classroom doors can be very daunting, particularly for our younger students. Please help us to make the end of day reunion a pleasure for everyone by waiting outside the buildings – you could set up an agreed meeting place so the students develop independence.

If you see anything about the school that you think might pose a safety risk, please report it. The more people on the alert for possible hazards the better the chance that we will maintain a safe and happy environment for our students.



'BEAT THE BUZZER GAME'

Getting your children ready for school or to leave the house can be a challenge, but there are ways you can encourage them to cooperate.

The key to this game is rewarding your child for being on time and ready. Praising your child will make an enormous difference. Parents often don't feel like praising their child for being ready on time because it's behaviour that is expected. But if you don't praise it, then don't expect it!

How to play 'Beat the buzzer'

1. Explain that you want to introduce a game called 'Beat the buzzer' to help with getting ready in the mornings.
2. Establish a 'ready time': your child must be ready for school at this time.

3. Together, write a list of what your child needs to do in the morning. With younger children, you do the writing, but ask them to help you draw a picture for each one. Explain exactly what you expect them to do on their own and what you will help with. The list might look something like this:
 - eat breakfast
 - get dressed
 - brush teeth/wash face/brush hair
 - pack bag
 - put on jacket/hat/shoes.
4. Once you have a list that you are both happy with, put it up where your child can check it throughout the morning.
5. Explain to your child what will happen if they are ready on time, and what will happen if they are not ready on time.
6. Choose some special rewards for beating the buzzer. You can make a simple chart of success with ticks or stickers. Activities with mum or dad are often the most effective rewards.
7. Appropriate consequences for not being ready may be not being allowed to watch TV or going to bed 10-15 minutes earlier.
8. Set the timer and leave your child to it. Let him know that you have set the kitchen timer for the required amount of time. Now it's up to him.

BREAKY CLUB

Breaky Club is up and running again from 8:00 am until 8:20 am. This is free to all children attending our school. If you would like to join the volunteers who help with breakfast every morning, please come in and see Leonie Koziell.

We are grateful for any donations of strawberry and raspberry jam, vegemite, Cream Cheese and Sultana Bran, Rice Bubbles, Weet Bix and Corn Flakes.

The children drink Milo and apple juice, which can also be donated. Many, many thanks to those parents and other interested persons who have already donated, your help is greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN

Once again we are asking for parent/family volunteers to assist us in our canteen. If you are able to help out please fill in the tear off slip at the back of this newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

Without your help our canteen will not be able to supply lunches to students.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child's schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child's education up to the age of 16.

The allowance is paid in two installments throughout the year; the first installment from March onwards and the second installment from August onwards. Half of the payment is paid to the school and half to the parent or guardian.

You need to submit your EMA application to your child's school by **27 February 2009**, in time for the first installment. Application forms are available from schools.

To be eligible for EMA you must have a concession card. Applications can be made at the school office.

SCHOOL RELIEF FUND

Each year our students raise funds for children in Victorian schools who are not able to afford equipment or uniform to attend school. Every classroom has a money box that students can put small amounts of coin into and a trophy is awarded to the classroom that raises the highest amount each week. Collection will begin next Wednesday.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday February 13th. Orders and money should be brought to school in an envelope or zip lock bag with the students name clearly printed on the outside.

FUNDRAISING

Our school holds several fundraising events which help us to deliver a better learning environment for our students. Shortly we will be asking for donations for our Easter Raffle which will be drawn during the last week of this term. We also have a Christmas raffle, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, a chocolate drive and several others events. Without these fund raising events our resources are stretched so we do rely on them for the added extras for our school. We are looking for members for our fundraising committee so please give some thought to joining us for a cuppa and a chat. Notice of the next meeting will be in next weeks newsletter.

UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

Upon enrolment we seek permission from parents to use student images in press releases, the website and in publicity for the school. In relation to the website, only group

images are used and individual students are not identified by name.
 We are currently updating our data base of students with press release permission. If **you do not wish** for your child's image to be used in the media please complete the reply slip overleaf so that we can maintain our database.

**TRUenergy Yallourn
 Fun Run/Walk
 Sunday 22 February 2009**

All proceeds donated to Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Inc. (GARDS)
 Park at Yallourn Power Station and grab the FREE bus to the registration/start point at the Moe Botanical Gardens, then run or walk along the Moe-Yallourn Rail Trail to the Power Station.

**Adults \$10, Families \$20
 Students/Concession \$5**
 Starts at Moe Botanical Gardens
 Registration from 9:30 am
 Runner start at 10:30 am
 Walkers start at 11:00 am

**BBQ Lunch
 Free children's Entertainment**

Raise funds for GARDS and be in the running to WIN up to \$500 of free electricity or gas for yourself, your school or your club!
 (Winners must be TRUenergy gas or electricity customers)
 For entry and sponsorship forms or more information on this community event, contact Meredith Bowden on 5128 2960

Prep's on their First Day



Investigating the school and

Dancing to the music in class.



ALBERT STREET MEDIA RELEASE SLIP

Child's/Children's Name:

I do not wish my child's/children's image to be used in media releases.

Parents Name: Date:

Signature:

CANTEEN HELPER

Canteen volunteers are needed for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If you can help, please fill out this slip and return it to the office as soon as possible.

I, can help in the canteen on

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday | <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly |

Signed: