From The Principal
Welcome to the 2015 School Year.

A warm welcome to Albert St Families for another exciting year of learning and teaching. We trust you have had a safe and relaxing time with family and friends. It has been wonderful catching up with children and parents in between assessment interview times. We also welcome our new families to Albert St Primary School. Some have arrived from across Victoria, interstate as well as overseas. Our school community is a very inclusive one and it will not take long before you become familiar with it. We are also excited to welcome our new prep children who I am sure are very familiar with the school due to our extensive transition program.

Thank you to
• Kim Palmer and family who have worked and volunteered their time to maintain our grounds. The gardens and ovals have been attended to and look fabulous for the start of the school year. Kim and his family have also assisted myself and Maria Kangelaris over the school holidays to clean out the art room ready for 2015.
• Linda Edwards & Elisabeth Kurzawa and families have also volunteered their time to water the plants for the Community Garden during the holidays. We will continue planting and creating the Community Garden area this year.

Staff Welcome
This year we welcome Kieran Browne who will be our PE specialist this year. Kieran is very familiar with the school community, having completed his 4th year as a pre service teacher with Lisa Douglas and 1/2 D in 2014.

Breakfast Club
Our school community values the importance for Breakfast Club to give children a positive start to the day. Breakfast Club is coordinated by our Chaplain Suzanne and is operated by parents, staff and local community members who volunteer their time to ensure it operates each day. Breakfast Club which operates from the canteen commences at 8:00am every day. If you are interested in volunteering to help with a breakfast club session (7:50am- 8:30am) each week for term 1, please leave your details at the office.

Calendar of Events

Mon 16th February
Interschool Swimming
Sports notices due

Thur 19th February
Interschool Swimming
Sports

All Wednesdays in February Preps not in attendance.

Canteen
Canteen will commence Tues 9th February 2015.
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The canteen will not be operating next week until Moe Life Skills commence work with us to order stock and prepare for the year. Canteen will commence on Monday 9th February. If you are interested in volunteering to help with canteen – lunch orders (11am-2pm) or recess (10:30am-11:15am) please leave your details at the office. There are a few days available to choose from.

Uniforms
A kind reminder to all parents - please ensure that children are appropriately dressed for school. Uniforms (new and second hand can be purchased from the school at the office). Children must wear a school hat at all times they are out in the yard this term, in accordance with our Sunsmart Policy. Children without hats will be asked to play undercover, those who continuously are found without a hat will need to remain inside. Also please ensure your child’s hats and jackets are clearly named. We would prefer to return lost items to their owners.

Education Supplies Pick Up
A thank you to all parents who organised the pick up and labelling of supplies for the beginning of the school year, this has assisted teachers immensely. For those families who have not yet collected their supplies this can now be done through the office.

Assessment Interviews
As you know we commenced the school year with 2 days of testing. These days were approved by School Council as DET pupil free for testing purposes. The individual 30 minute session was an important time for teachers to meet and greet their grade as well as collecting data on numeracy and literacy knowledge and skills. If your child was unable to attend their allotted session, please contact their classroom teacher to arrange another time as soon as possible.

Prep children attendance
As per DET guidelines, Prep children do not attend classes on Wednesdays (4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th) during February. Wednesdays are a designated testing day for Preps. Classroom teacher, Rhonda Gamble will be issuing appointment times for testing early next week. This testing will focus on literacy skills.

Year 6 Jackets
Julie Pearman and Jacob Hall have redistributed notices regarding Year 6 jackets for those families interested in purchasing them. A prompt reply is greatly appreciated.

Monique Osborn

Interschool Swimming Sports
The interschool swimming sports will be held on Thursday 19th February 2015. A notice was sent out today to participating students. 

All notices and money must be returned to the classroom teacher (not the office) by Monday 16th February.

Welcome Preps!

Staff and students at Albert Street would like to welcome our new preps for 2015. We are sure they will have an enjoyable first few days with us and continue to be a great part of our school community.