

Albert Street Primary School Community News Thursday 29th October



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What's On

Monday 2nd November Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 3rd November Melb Cup Public Holiday

Thursday 5th November School Photos

Friday 13th November Fun Run

Friday 13th November Parent Opinion Survey due

Thursday 3rd December Pupil Free Day

Canteen and Breakfast Club

There will be no canteen or breakfast club until advised further





Jakobie—Organising a game that included "everyone" at lunchtime William—Organising a game that included "everyone" at lunchtime Bella S—Being a caring classmate

Aurorah—Working well with Peyton on your seeds in space video task

Peyton—Working well with Aurorah on your seed in space video task Respect

Kara—Showing respect in all areas of the school





Alice—Settling back into school so well Cooper—Always trying your best in all of your work All of 3/4 O'Regan—Your positive return to school and attendance Kiarna R—Your persistence to solve algebra equations

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Charlie—Your increased effort in your handwriting

Nate—Always putting in your best effort in every class

Dante McDonald—For making some great number stories using B.O.D.M.A.S

Makayla Turner— for making great progress with number stories using B.O.D.M.A.S.

Bobby—Your great inferring what David's mum wold say in our story

Partnership





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The community of Albert Street PS Moe encourages everyone to dare to dream and reach their potential in supportive, caring environments. Together we recognise and celebrate our success.

We value Partnership, Respect, Optimism and Pride.

Warrawee Everyone,

School Council News

Nearly all of our School Council members met on Tuesday evening via Webex. The priorities for developing our Annual Improvement Plan for 2021 were discussed and they will be based on the health and wellbeing of students and staff, supporting students with catch up learning and re-connecting the school community. The cost of Essential Student Learning Items for 2021 was discussed and School Council has endorsed a \$5 increment and therefore we are seeking a payment of \$175.00 per student. Families who will have a valid concession card on January 28th 2021 will be required to bring their documentation on supply collection day next year, and we will be seeking a payment of \$20 from these families. More detailed information will be distributed this term.

Gates/Early Pick-ups

Please note that we are currently receiving numerous calls from parents requiring an early pick up for their children for appointments. It is understandable that sometimes appointment can only be made during school hours, however we are asking that you notify the school in advance (or as soon as you are aware of the appointment) via Sentral parent portal.

It is greatly appreciated if you need to pick up your child after lunch that you do so between 2:30pm and 2:45pm. Organising children to pack up and organising staff to open gates disrupts many staff members as they are preparing for the end of the school day. Please don't be offended if we cannot exit your child immediately if no prior notice has been provided.

Dr Monique Osborn

School Photos—Thursday November 5th

We are so very pleased that the latest COVID guidelines from the DET allows us to conduct school photos for 2020. This will take place on Thursday 5th November. Please ensure students are in full school uniform and are looking their best! Sibling photo packs are available from the office. Photo envelopes need to be brought to school on the day with payment enclosed, no change will be given as envelopes are given straight to the photographers.



Chicken Pox

We have a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in our junior unit. Chicken Pox is Chickenpox (also called varicella) causes an itchy, blistering skin rash and mild fever. It is usually a mild disease that lasts for a short time in healthy children, but it can be more severe in adults.

The main symptom is an itchy red rash that turns into blisters, which then burst and crust over. Chickenpox can also cause flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache and sore throat.

Symptoms usually start about two weeks after catching chickenpox. The symptoms stay from between 10 to 21 days.

Chickenpox is very contagious. It spreads easily through families, childcare centres and schools.

If you would like further information please visit <u>https://</u> www.health.gov.au/health-topics/chickenpox-varicella

Book Fair is Coming! Opens Thursday

This years book fair will be run a little differently due to the COVID restrictions placed on schools. Books will be available to purchase from Friday 20th November until Thursday 26th November with children browsing and bringing home their wishlists. Amy will publish photos of the books on Facebook to help you chose if you would like to make a purchase. Amy will also be sharing stories from the book fair with the children to help them chose!

Fundraising—Fun Run Friday 13th November

The Fun Run is fast approaching. Don't forget to collect as many sponsors as you can to receive great rewards. Sponsors can also donate online, to set this up follow the instructions in the fun run catalogue. Extra sponsorship forms are available at the office. Get your white t-shirt ready and help our fundraising team raise money to resurface one of our basketball courts.



Albert Street Primary School is a Child Safe Community At Albert Street we promote diversity and tolerance in a welcoming environment



Operation Christmas Child

Last year we as a school community, we took part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. Together we managed to donate approximately 23 boxes. I'm hoping that we can do even better this year, because as hard as this year has been for us, COVID-19 has made life even harder for those already struggling in those communities that receive these Christmas Gifts. In 2019 Shoeboxes from Australia and New Zealand went to some remote communities in Cambodia, Fiji, Philippines and Papua New Guinea. Our contribution went towards the 45,094 boxes packed in Victoria and destined to warm the hearts of thousands of children who had never received a Christmas Gift before. That small gift of love will remain in their memory, when they felt the love of complete strangers and knew they were important. So, let's beat last years' record. Closing on Friday 13th November.

Can you help by doing one of the following:

- dropping in a goodie or two into the baskets during learning pack collection on Fridays, <u>or</u>
- put together a box from your family, <u>or</u>
- maybe donate \$10 towards the cost of sending a box overseas

Have Your Say ! Parent Opinion Survey—Due by 13th November

Thank you to the 7 families who have completed the Parent Opinion Survey. This survey is an important opportunity for parents to have their say about their school and provide valuable feedback to improve education and assist us with workforce planning for 2021. This year's survey is being conducted online, so please take the time to complete the survey. Login details and instructions are available on the Sentra Parent Portal. If you require any assistance or have any questions please give us a call or communicate via the Portal. The survey is open until Nov 13th.

Reminders

Sentral—Absences

Did you know you can now notify the school of absences using the parent portal? Please ensure you load the absence or call the school prior to 9:00 am if your child is absent. You can also load absences in advance if you have an upcoming holiday or appointment.

Spare Clothes

On the odd occasion children do require a change of clothes at school, whether that be a toileting accident or just getting wet out in the yard. To save calls home, we ask that you put a change of clothes in your child's bag along with underwear and socks and a plastic bag.

Hats

Please ensure your child has a hat at school to wear whilst outside. If your child does not have a hat, they can be purchased from the office for \$15.

Gates/Late arrivals/Early Pickups

All gates are locked at 8:45am. If your child is late to school (after 8:45am), or needs to attend an appointment, parents must make telephone contact with the school on arrival. Late arrivals/Early pickups will be via the front gate only.

Family Pick ups and drop offs

- A-G Yellow Gate
- H-O Green Gate (Front)
 - P-Z Blue Gate

Ph: 03 5127 1966 Website: aspsmoe.vic.edu.au E-mail: moe.ps.albert@education.gov.au Mail: PO Box 274, Moe, 3825





Key messages from the Department of Health and Human Services

This Halloween there are some actions you can take to keep your friends, family and community safe, while still enjoying yourself.

- If you have any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) get tested and stay at home. By staying at home this Halloween, you help to keep your friends, family and community safe.
- Wear a face mask with your costume, but remember that a costume mask that is part of your Halloween costume is not a substitute for a face mask. Consider making your own mask and decorating it.

Keep at least 1.5 metres between yourself and people you don't live with. This means no hugging or kissing when greeting people. **Don't share food or drinks.**

Trick or Treating

While we can't celebrate in the normal ways we would, there are alternative options

- Have a Halloween party outside in a public place. You can catch up with a group of up to ten people (including yourself). Babies under 12 months age aren't included in the ten-person limit. An outdoor public place means an area accessible to everyone, including local parks and beaches.
- Do a Halloween scavenger hunt by giving children a list of Halloween-themed things to look for as they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance. Just like eye-spy! The limit of ten people (including yourself) applies to scavenger hunts.
- Carve or decorate pumpkins with members of your household.
- Decorate your house.
- Have a virtual costume party or party with friends and family on video chat.
- Have a Halloween movie night with your household.

Create an around the house trick or treat or scavenger hunt for your household

Handing out lollies or candy

Coronavirus is still with us and celebrating at home is the safest way to mark Halloween this year. If you do trick or treat, you need to stay safe. It is safer not to hand out lollies or candy to trick-or-treaters this Halloween. This is because the virus can spread on surfaces, including food or packaging.

Under current restrictions traditional trick or treating where you knock on someone's door is not permitted. If you can't resist handing out lollies this year you can do so by having candy available outside of your home.

- Don't use communal bowls for lollies or candy. Putting lollies in a shared bowl will mean everyone is touching the same food and surfaces which isn't safe.
- Instead, put individually wrapped lollies or candy in bags for non-contact collection.
- Place bags on your fence, at your front gate or outside your home for collection.

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before preparing the bags or individually wrapped lollies or candy.



"Dare to Dream"