

# Albert Street Primary School

**Thursday 6th May** 

## **Community News**



What's On

**Friday 7th May** Mother's Day stall

Friday 14th May

Walk to school day—see newsletter for more information

Secondary Schools applications due

Tues 11th May to Fri 21st May

NAPLAN (Yr 3 and Yr 5)

Friday 11th June
Pupil Free day

Thursday 17th June
School Photos

Friday 18th June
Chocolate money due

Canteen Roster

Mon, Wed and Friday

Monday - Casie K

Wed - Moe Life Skills

Friday - Moe Life Skills

## <sub>A</sub> Partnership

Abby—Working with Mrs Douglas to complete a writing task together
Connie—For her think aloud during maths investigations building on others ideas

## Respect

Miss O—Being a great teacher and respecting our class

## A Optimism

Stephanie—Excellent application to writing tasks

Riley S—His focus and attitude toward his learning goals

Bella—Trying really hard in sounds write and with your practice folder

Bobby—Accepting challenges in your learning

## Pride

next story"
Jaymie—Working out it is quicker to count on from the larger number
Ava—Working really hard on learning her sounds and letters
Olivia—Taking responsibility for your learning by asking for help and asking for your headphones

Lyncoln—Using her knowledge to help her predict "what will happen in the





## Mother's Day stall—Tomorrow Friday 7th May

Our fundraising team have been hard at work preparing for our Mother's Day this Friday. Thank you to our families who donated a gift for the stall, this helps us to provide enough gifts for students to purchase. Gifts will range from 50 cents to \$5. Children will have the opportunity to purchase something from the stall on Friday morning. Happy Mother's Day for Sunday!

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,

### **Book breakfast**

Thank you to all our parents and carers who

registered and attended this event with their children. Our book breakfast was organised by Amy our library technician and sponsored by Lions Club and catered for by some of our staff members. Thanks



to Lee Demayo who has captured smiling faces with her photographic talents. Stay tuned for more photos in next weeks newsletter.

## Spare Change challenge

The JSC has organised this challenge as a fundraising activity to purchase sensory toys for the Wellbeing Hub. It has been great to see staff and students bringing a long any spare change they can find to add to the collection that is on display in each classroom.

### **Tutoring Program**

The DET has provided our school with funding to employ tutors to work with our students to assist them to catch up their numeracy and reading skills due to the extensive number of days of remote learning in 2020. Noel Maddocks, Anastasia Rossi and Jo Fraser have been employed as tutors for our school. Please access the Sentral Parent Portal to find a detailed letter outlining how the tutoring program is operating at our school.

Dr Monique Osborn

#### 1500 Metres Event

On Monday, 10 students represented Albert Street at the district 1500 metre event. They all performed very well. Abbie placed equal first in her age group and will go onto Division Athletics next Thursday in Warragul. Well done team and good luck Abbie.



## **Cross Country**

Last Friday, 9 students competed in the district cross country event held at Newborough East Primary school. As usual, our students showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all students, particularly Abbie who placed second and will go on to compete in the division event this Friday

## **Literacy Activities**

As part of the 1/2 unit's literacy learning, our 1/2 students have been completing a number of activities during their Literacy Rotations. The students are focussing on the Sound Write Literacy Program which involves reading and writing words and sentences. The students are making 3 letter words by matching 3 components of the picture and word together.



Our 1/2 unit has been working on addition and counting on. To strengthen their knowledge in this area, they have been playing a game called "Snake Races" which involves rolling a dice and adding blocks to their snake and watching it grow with each roll.



## State School Relief Applications—Prep Families

In the first week of this term, State School Relief applications were sent home to our Prep families. Families who qualified for CSEF at the beginning of the year are entitled to receive some FREE winter uniform. Please complete the applications and return ASAP so we can process the orders for you.



## Mother's Day

Don't forget our Mother's Day stall is tomorrow. Each child will be given an opportunity to purchase something for the special person in their lives. Gifts will range from 50c cents to \$5. The students really enjoy choosing their own gift and thank you to the families who donated a gift for our stall.

## **Cadbury Chocolate Drive**

Cadbury chocolates were distributed to each family last week. Thank you to Jonathon, Elektra and Ruby who have already sold their box and taken another to sell. This is a major fundraiser for our school. Each family will be invoiced \$60 (which is the value of the chocolates), so please ensure all monies are returned by Friday 18th June. Each family who sells their whole box of chocolates will be entered into a draw to win a fantastic prize.

### Art—Term 1

At Monday's assembly, Aurorah, Amber, Callum and Ruby talked about what the 1/2's had learnt in Art during term 1. They talked about the artist Wassily Kadinski and his love of colours and circles. The 1/2's made their own artwork and masks inspired by Wassily Kadinski. Pictured are Ruby and Callum with their artwork.



## National Walk Safely to School Day—Friday 14th May

On Friday May 14, ASPS will be participating in National Walk Safely to School Day. This event has been running for 21 years now and encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school.

Walking to school is a great way for students and parents to stay fit and healthy and spend time together.

This year we will have 2 meeting points. Both walks will commence at 8am, so please make sure you arrive on time!

Option 1: Meet Mrs Osborn and other staff at the Apex Park carpark OR

Option 2: Meet Mr Hall and other staff at the Botanical Gardens BBQ area.

At 8am, we will walk to school together. Parents are welcome to join us for this walk!

Upon arrival at school, students who participated in the walk will have the opportunity to enjoy a hot Milo together and receive a Walk to School tattoo transfer!



## **Secondary School Applications for 2022**

Last Thursday, year 6 families received an information pack containing transition paperwork for your child to attend secondary school in 2022. Please complete and return to your child's classroom teacher by Friday 14th May. The pack contains information about selecting a school, neighbourhood boundaries and lots of useful information and links. If you have any questions, please speak to Jacob Hall or Kieran Browne.

## Gates

A reminder that the yellow and blue gates are opened from 8:30am- 8:45am and 3:00pm-3:15pm each day. The front gate will be opened at 8:00am for students attending breakfast club. All other students to enter at 8:30am. A staff member will be in attendance to greet & sanitise and farewell your child each day. Please note that at times the front gate will be locked for incidents around student safety. You are welcome to call the office at any time if the front gate is locked. Thank you for your support by adhering to the aforementioned times.

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#### **EVERY DAY COUNTS**

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

## SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

### Getting in early

## IN VICTORIA SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 6 -17 YEARS BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL

## If your child is away

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind: Inform the school

- Speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work they need to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

## Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking
  for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational
  outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

#### **Further information**

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/studentmanagement/attendance/Pages/improve-attendance.aspx



