



Community News

Issue No 26 — Friday 4th September 2026



AWARDS

Partnership

Charlotte L—Always following classroom routines and being ready to learn

Boiyan—Always helping out a friend when needed

Mason N—Being an active learner who listens, thinks and remembers. You do an excellent job of recalling previous learning and using it to help you understand new concepts

Respect

Jasman—Inviting Mrs Leeson to play handball and following the ASPS handball rules

Mason N—Inviting Mrs Leeson to play handball and following the ASPS handball rules

Optimism

Mrs Leeson—Joining in with handball and supporting players to follow the ASPS handball rules

Nina—Your consistent enthusiasm and engagement in Maths groups

Harrison—Your excellent attitude towards your learning

Dustin—Having an awesome attitude towards learning over the past month

Aleeyah—For bravely overcoming her nerves when entering the 2/3 class this week for her Sounds Write session. Well done

Pride

Deejay—Stepping up for sustainability work in the JSC initiative

Octavia—How well you have worked in Sounds Write since we have started extended code. Great work

Ash—How well you have worked in Sounds Write since we have started extended code. Great work

Congratulations. We are proud of you all



From The Principal

Warrawee everyone,

ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE STUDENTS

On Wednesday the Rotary students prepared a three course lunch for staff as part of a Fundraiser for Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day and to develop their skills in food handling and serving. A range of delicious foods were served and the feedback from staff was extremely positive. Rotarians Robin and Roger were invited to take part in this special lunch. Thank you to Bek and students for undertaking this project. See photos within this newsletter.



On Thursday this week our Rotary students attended ARTVO in Melbourne, which was organised by Bek as a celebration of the numerous projects they have completed for the Rotary Community Service Award Program. Nurse Tori and I had the opportunity to attend with Bek and the students. We caught the train and tram to reach our venue and our students upheld the School Values throughout the day. Some amazing photos were taken at ARTVO where students and staff had the opportunity to become part of the artworks on display. The students are creating a presentation using one of the artworks they are involved in, which will be shared with the school community. See photos within this newsletter.

DONATION OF NECTARINE TREES

Thank you to staff member Amanda who has donated five bare rooted nectarine trees, which she and Noel have planted near the Community Garden. We look forward to these trees growing and fruiting so that the nectarines can be used in cooking or part of fruit breaks for our students.



UNIFORM REMINDERS

It has been noted that a number of students are attending school and not respecting the ASPS dress code. A reminder that hoodies are not to be worn over or under school shirts as they are not part of school uniform. Students will be asked to remove them if they are worn. Coloured jumpers, pants and socks are also not part of the ASPS dress code. We ask that you support your child in selecting the correct school wear prior to leaving the house at the start of the day. A reminder that we do have second hand uniform to assist those families that need it.

SUNSMART

As part of the Department of Education SunSmart Policy students are now required to wear sun smart hats from Week 6 of Term 3. Thank you to all those families that have helped their children find their sun hat. Those students not wearing appropriate sun smart hats will be asked to play undercover. If you require a new hat please see the office where they can be purchased for \$15.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to Ash, Shelley, Nicole, Deb and Casie for preparing and selling items at our Father's Day Stall today. Also to Deb who collected a range of activity sheets from Coles to distribute to students today. Students were very excited to purchase gifts for their very special person. Lets hope they can keep them in a good hiding spot until Sunday.

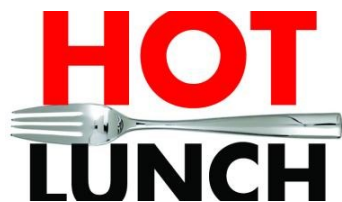
RUOK? DAY

Jacob Hall as Student Engagement Leader and Mental Health in Schools Leader has prepared an activity for our students for RUOK? Day on Thursday next week, 10th September. His focus is Albert Street's Garden of Kindness and we ask that students wear something yellow on this day.

ENROLMENT

We have enjoyed sharing our school community with families who are interested in enrolling their children for next year. Albert Street continue to hold tours for students interested in enrolling for 2027. If you are aware of anyone considering our school for their children please ask them to contact the office for a tour appointment.

Dr Monique Osborn



A kind reminder to parents/carers that if your child is expecting a hot lunch please ensure this is delivered **at or after 1.15pm**. To avoid disappointment we cannot accept requests for your child to leave the classroom early to eat a hot lunch. You can appreciate that this is frustrating for the teachers and also important that students are not missing out on their learning time.

IMPORTANT DATES



Term 3

Monday 7th September	Stroll & Roll—8.15am Meet at:- Moore Street Kinder
Monday 7th September	54 Reasons Playgroup Runs every Monday 9.15am-11.15am
Monday 7th September	Bike Ed—Years 2-6
Tuesday 8th September	Fundraising Committee Meeting—8.45am
Wednesday 9th September	Community Campfire Conversations—APEX Park— 4.00-6.00pm
Thursday 10th September	RUOK? Day—Wear yellow 
Friday 11th September 	Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day
Monday 14th September	Bike Ed—Whole School
Tuesday 15th September	Division Athletics—Selected students
Wednesday 16th September	Footy Colours & Special Lunch Day 
Friday 18th September	Last Day of Term—2.00pm Finish

Term 4

Monday 5th October	Student Free Day
Tuesday 6th October	First day of term for Students
Tuesday 27th October	School Council Meeting—6.30pm
Friday 30th October	Day for Daniel—Wear Red 
Monday 2nd November	Student Free Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No Students
Tuesday 24th November	School Council Meeting—6.00pm
Friday 4th December	Gumbuya World Excursion—Years 5-6
Friday 4th December	Inflatable World Excursion—P-4
Tuesday 8th December	Statewide Transition Day
Friday 11th December	Community Picnic / Colour Run
Tuesday 15th December	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term—1.00pm Finish

Gates/Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups

All gates are locked at 8:45am. If your child is late to school (after 8:45am), or needs to attend an appointment, access will be via the front gate only. At times the gate will be locked for incidents around student safety. Should the gate be locked, please call the office.

Family Pick Ups and Drop Offs

A-G— **Yellow Gate (Anzac St)**
H-O— **Green Gate (Front)**
P-Z— **Blue Gate (Kirk St)**



Our Years 2–6 students have continued their Bike Ed adventure this week, and things are really starting to get moving! This week our focus was "Eyes Up!"

After working on bike control and confidence in Week 1, students were challenged to start thinking more like real road users. Through a series of fun, fast-paced challenges, they practised responding to traffic signals, STOP and GIVE WAY signs, other riders, and unexpected changes around them.

Our Traffic Lights challenge had students practising their braking and reaction skills, the mini road taught us how to be aware of who and what was around you, while the Obstacle Course was voted activity of the day.

Students who are still developing their riding skills continued to work at their own pace, while our more experienced riders were challenged to think beyond simply following instructions.

It's wonderful to see our students becoming more confident, encouraging one another, and discovering that being a great bike rider isn't about being the fastest — it's about being aware, responsible and making safe choices.



Start the day the right way at **Breakfast Club**. Students are warmly invited to come along for a healthy breakfast in a relaxed and welcoming space before the bell. It's a great opportunity to fuel up, connect with friends and begin the day feeling settled and ready to learn. All students are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

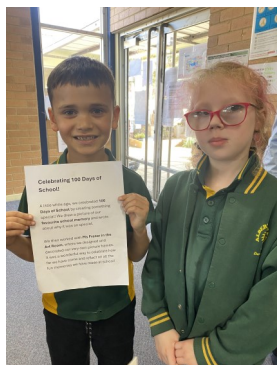
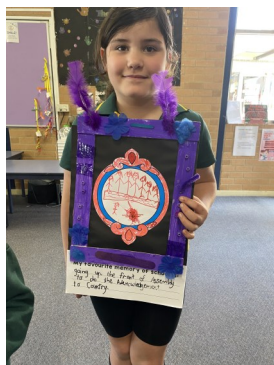
Breakfast club is open 8:30—8:45am—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

ASSEMBLY CLASS ITEM—P/1 HIBBERT

Celebrating 100 days of school

A little while ago, we celebrated **100 Days of School** by creating something special! We drew a picture of our **favourite school memory** and wrote about why it was so special.

We then worked with **Mrs Fraser in the Art Room**, where we designed and decorated our very own picture frames. It was a wonderful way to celebrate how far we have come and reflect on all the fun memories we have made at school



Book Week Reading Snake



To wrap up our **Book Week celebrations** last Friday, all of our students came together for a special **Reading Snake**!

Students selected one of their favourite picture story books before finding a partner and settling in to enjoy some shared reading. Together, our readers stretched out to create a wonderful “snake” of students, books and stories.

It was a lovely way to finish a fantastic week celebrating this year’s Book Week theme, **“Symphony of Stories”**, and most importantly, the joy that comes from sharing a good book with someone else.

A big thank you to our students and staff for embracing Book Week and helping make it such an enjoyable celebration of reading!



HATS ON, ALBERT STREET!



With the warmer and sunnier days beginning to creep back in, it’s time for a reminder that **school hats are now required every day!**

As part of our **SunSmart Policy**, from **mid-August (beginning of Week 6, Term 3) until 30 April**, all students must wear a sun protective hat that shades the **face, neck and ears** for all outdoor activities.

Please make sure your child’s school hat is in their bag each day and clearly labelled with their name.

Students who do not have an appropriate hat will need to remain in designated shaded areas during outdoor play.

A hat in the bag means they’re ready for the playground!

JSC BRING IT BACK PROJECT

Our Junior School Council representatives **Ellouise, DeeJay, Uri and Lillith** recently presented the **Bring It Back Project**, a fantastic recycling initiative aimed at reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.

As part of the project, our school will be **collecting used stationery items** that would normally be thrown away. These items will then be returned to **Officeworks for recycling**, giving them a second life rather than sending them to landfill.

A big thank you to our JSC students for helping to lead the way and encouraging our school community to think carefully about how we dispose of everyday items. **Small changes can make a big difference!**



ROTARY STAFF LUNCHEON

Our Rotary students put their culinary skills to the test on Wednesday when they prepared and served a delicious three-course luncheon for our staff which was their main Rotary project for the year.

From planning and preparing the menu to cooking, plating and serving, the students took on every part of the experience. They worked together as a team, communicated with one another and showed fantastic organisation throughout the day.

Most importantly, the students demonstrated some wonderful real-world skills — following recipes, managing time, working safely in the kitchen, problem-solving when things didn't quite go to plan, and confidently serving our staff.

A huge congratulations to our Rotary students for their hard work, teamwork and commitment. They should be incredibly proud of themselves — and we hope our customers were happy with their meals.

Well done Rotary, Miss Bek is very proud!



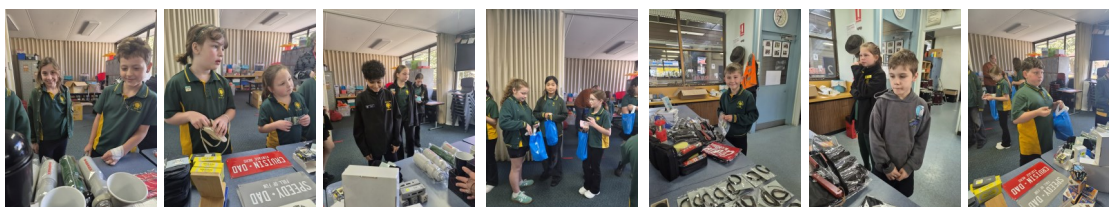
Father's Day Stall

Our **Father's Day Stall** was held today, with students excitedly choosing special gifts for their dads, grandfathers and other important people in their lives.

There was plenty of careful consideration as students browsed the wonderful selection of gifts, making sure they found just the right one to take home. We're sure there will be some very happy recipients this Father's Day!

A huge **thank you to our Fundraising Committee and volunteers** for organising the stall, purchasing and preparing the gifts, and helping our students with their shopping today. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

We wish all of the **dads, grandfathers and special people** in our Albert Street Primary School community a very **Happy Father's Day** for Sunday!





Week 9 - 5 Maddock

Week 10 - 2/3 Burnett

DIGI-TECH

During Digital Technologies, students have been learning about AI chatbots and how they can be used safely and responsibly as a tool for learning and creativity.

Students explored the importance of writing a clear and detailed prompt to help an AI chatbot understand exactly what they want it to create. We discussed how including specific information, instructions and success criteria can lead to a much better result.

To put their prompting skills into practice, students created a prompt that asked the AI to write a personalised poem about themselves. They provided information such as their personality, hobbies, interests and aspirations, while also giving instructions about the style of the poem. Students then reviewed the AI-generated poem to see how well it followed their prompt.

Throughout the lesson, we reinforced that AI does not replace our own thinking. Students need to check AI-generated information, think critically about the responses they receive and avoid sharing private or personal information online.

It was a fun and engaging way to explore how good prompts + critical thinking = better AI results!

Seth H's poem is shown here as an example of what was created. Well done Seth!

Seth the Quirky, Kind and Clever

Seth is funny, kind and quirky too,
With lots of laughter in all that he'll do.
A cheerful character, happy and bright,
Spreading good vibes from morning to night.

He's baking away with a whisk in his hand,
Making tasty treats that are perfectly planned.
With delicious delights and a sprinkle of fun,
Baking is something he loves to get done!

Gaming with friends brings a smile to his face,
Laughing together in a happy place.
His friends and his family mean so much,
Their love is a treasure he values a bunch.

And most important, his mum's always there,
Someone he loves with a heart full of care.
She brings him happiness, warm and true,
And is someone important to Seth through and through.

One day Seth hopes to stream and shine,
Sharing his fun in his own quirky style.
A funny, kind streamer—that's his dream,
Seth is ready to follow his bright, happy stream!

Glasses for Kids Program – State Schools' Relief

We are pleased to advise that our school will be participating in the **State Schools' Relief Glasses for Kids** program on **Tuesday, 27 October 2026**.

The Glasses for Kids program provides eligible students with access to **vision screening and, where required, free glasses**, helping to ensure that vision difficulties do not become a barrier to learning.

Information forms are being sent home today with the eldest student in each family from Prep to Year 3. We encourage families to read the information provided and consider whether they would like their child to participate.

Expressions of interest must be returned to the school by Friday, 11 September 2026.

Please ensure forms are returned by the due date so that we can provide participation details to State Schools' Relief.

If you have any questions about the program or require another copy of the information, please contact the school office.

Our Rotary students had an incredible day in Melbourne yesterday, stepping into a world of colour, creativity and optical illusions at ARTVO!

The students (along with Miss Bek, Mrs. Osborn and Nurse Tori) had an absolute ball exploring the interactive artwork, where they became part of the exhibits themselves.

We travelled by train to Melbourne and caught a tram to Docklands

From posing for hilarious photos to stepping into completely different worlds, there were plenty of laughs, surprises and “wait... is that real?!” moments throughout the day.

The experience was a fantastic opportunity for our students to get creative, think outside the box and work together, while also building their confidence and enjoying an experience outside of the school environment.

And, of course, there were plenty of photos taken along the way!

A huge thank you to our Rotary students for being such fantastic representatives of our school.

Their enthusiasm, behaviour and willingness to give everything a go made for a truly memorable day.

Check out our Facebook page for a wonderful video created to celebrate this day.



5/6 Cooking Fun!

What an exciting cooking session! Our 5/6 students whipped up a delicious vegetable fried rice, packed full of an abundance of fresh greens freshly picked from our very own school garden!

It was wonderful to see our students harvesting, preparing and cooking ingredients they had grown themselves. A true garden-to-plate experience!

What a delicious way to learn, cook and enjoy the rewards of our garden!

And big thank you to our wonderful volunteers for helping our students in the kitchen



Community Pantry



A reminder to all families that we have a Community Pantry that can be accessed by parents. Our pantry items are primarily provided by FoodBank and we welcome families to take what you need! The food items available include cereals, soups, fruit cups, spaghetti, baked beans, tuna, honey, vegemite, milk and bread (in freezer). We also have feminine hygiene items and toothpaste. Just around the corner we usually have fresh fruit such as apples, pears, and oranges.

There are also second-hand uniform items for \$3 each.

Gippsland's Biggest P.J. DAY

Slip on your comfiest PJs and help make a difference!

Albert Street Primary School is proud to support Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day!

By wearing your pyjamas and making a donation, you'll be helping support local Gippsland families, children, and community services that provide care and assistance to those who need it most!

How you can help
 Wear your favourite pyjamas

Donate any amount you can give (reception at Albert Street Primary School)

Encourage friends and family to get involved
 Whether it's fluffy slippers, superhero PJs, dressing gowns, or crazy socks, every pair of pyjamas helps show that our community cares.

Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day is on September 11, 2026

Take a photo of you or your business in their pjs and send it through to bek.harkensee@education.vic.gov.au to go into the draw for a prize!

Together, we can turn a simple pair of pyjamas into warmth, support, and hope for local families.

Let's fill our school with kindness, colour, and comfy clothes as we support Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day! Wear your PJs. Make a donation. Change a life. 🌟

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STROLL & ROLL

Active Travel to School



Stroll & Roll Program—8.15am every Monday

Our Stroll & Roll Program is a great way for students to start the day with fresh air, movement and connection with friends.

Students are encouraged to walk or ride to school from a nearby meeting point at **Moore Street Kinder**, where students will be accompanied safely to school by our staff.

Stroll & Roll promotes healthy habits, road safety awareness and a positive start to the school day. We love seeing our students arrive smiling, energised and ready to learn.

We encourage families to get involved and make Stroll & Roll part of their regular school routine



Look out for Park and Walk Zones.



Don't forget to **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** when you are crossing the road.

Legend

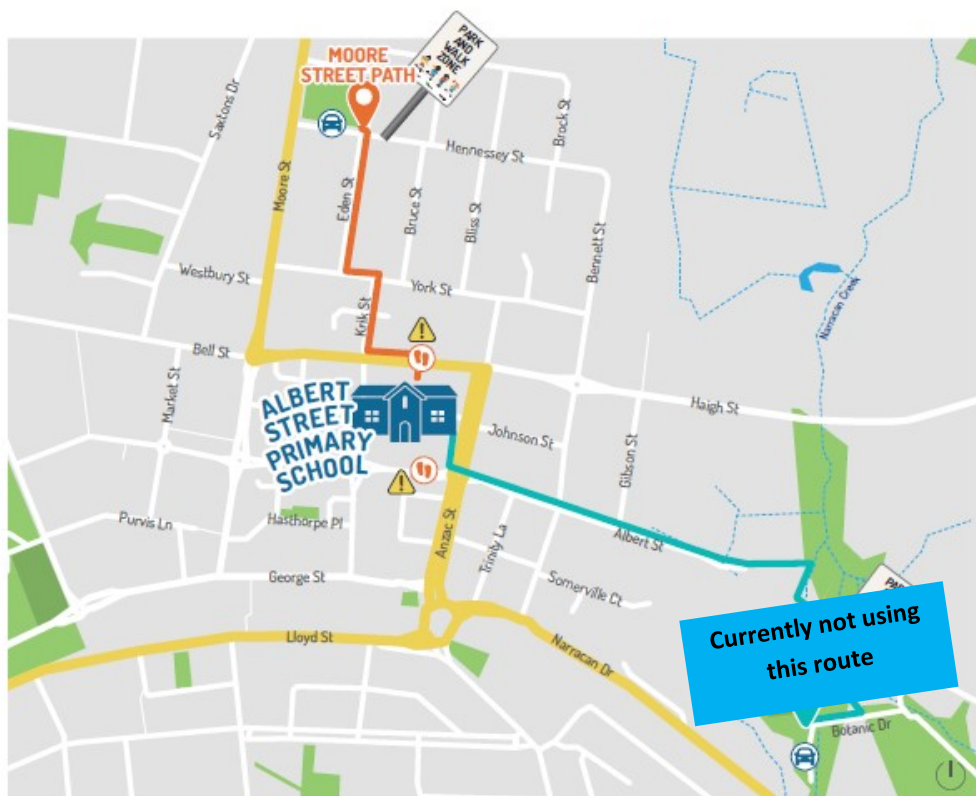
Moore Street path - 550m
2min ride/7min walk

3min ride/12min walk

School crossing

Parking area

Adults must help you cross the road here:
Haigh St and Albert St crossings



For more information scan the QR code or visit our website.
www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/StrollandRoll



Canteen Menu & Price List

Available Friday Only



Hot Food

Popcorn chicken	\$ 4.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$ 0.70
Party Pies	\$ 0.95
Party Sausage Roll	\$ 0.95
Hot dog	\$ 3.20
Dim Sims - Fried/Steamed	\$ 0.95
Chicken Burger <u>w</u> lettuce/cheese/mayo	\$ 4.80
Cheeseburger	\$ 4.80
Ham & cheese croissant	\$ 3.90
Cheese croissant	\$ 3.30
Ham & pineapple pizza	\$ 4.50
Bacon & cheese pizza	\$ 4.50
Nachos	\$ 5.70
- add Sour Cream	\$ 0.30
- add Guacamole	\$ 1.00
Mini Spring roll	\$ 1.00
Mini Potato Cake	\$ 0.50
Fish and Chips	\$ 6.00
Parma and Chips	\$ 7.50
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$ 6.50
Bucket of chips	\$ 3.00

Turkish Roll - Toasted

Chicken, Cheese, Mayo	\$ 6.50
- add Avocado	\$ 1.00
- add Bacon	\$ 1.00
Salami, Cheese	\$ 6.00

Sauce

Tomato / BBQ / Soy Sauce	\$ 0.20
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Drinks

Milk

Chocolate / Strawberry / Plain	\$ 2.00
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Fruit juice

Apple / Apple & Blackcurrant / Orange	\$ 1.20
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Sandwiches/White or Wholemeal

Cheese & Vegemite	\$ 3.00
Ham & cheese	\$ 3.50
Egg & lettuce	\$ 3.50
Ham & salad	\$ 5.00
Chicken & salad	\$ 5.00

Rolls/White or Wholemeal

Cheese & Vegemite	\$ 3.00
Ham & cheese	\$ 3.80
Egg & lettuce	\$ 4.00
Ham & salad	\$ 6.00
Chicken & salad	\$ 6.00
- add Avocado	\$ 1.00

Wraps/White or Wholemeal

Ham & cheese	\$ 3.50
Egg & lettuce	\$ 4.00
Ham & salad	\$ 6.00
Chicken & salad	\$ 6.00
- add Avocado	\$ 1.00

Yoghurt/Ice Cream/Jelly

Yoghurt - French Vanilla	\$ 2.00
Yoghurt - Strawberry	\$ 2.00
Ice Cream - Vanilla	\$ 2.80
Ice Cream - Chocolate	\$ 3.00
Frog in the Pond	\$ 2.00

Snacks

Vanilla Sprinkle Cake	\$ 2.00
Chocolate Cake	\$ 2.00
Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$ 1.00
Smartie Cookie	\$ 1.00

Canteen—How to Order

We are happy to be bringing Canteen lunches to school for your children to enjoy.

We have all the instructions stepped out for you to make it easy to use our app.

If at any time you have any problems navigating it, please don't hesitate to contact me by text message. Once you have the app set up, it couldn't be easier to order.

****Please note the following****

For catering purposes, orders will need to be submitted via the app by **12:00pm on the Thursday** for delivery of Friday orders.

If you do put an order in and your child is unable to attend school on the Friday, please text me on 0432 966 982 by 9:00am, and I can hold it until the following week.

Please ensure you place **your child's name and room number** in the **checkout box** as noted in the instructions.

Many thanks,

Heather

HW Food Service

0432 966 982

Room 5
Prep/Year 1 – Miss Hibbert
Room 6
Year 2/3 - Mr Burnett
Room 7
Year 3/4 – Mr Hall
Room 3
Year 5 – Mr Maddock
Room 4
Year 6 – Ms Smith

