



Community News

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AWARDS

Partnership

Trinity—Her kindness and initiative in helping Archer to complete his work, showing patience and leadership

River—Being the best big brother supporting his sister after having a scooter accident on the way to school

Optimism

Noah J—An amazing contribution to our class discussions in Year 3/4 on Monday!

Ruadhan—An amazing improvement in your focus and attitude towards your learning!

Zion—Approaching maths with a positive attitude. Well done!

Empress—Being able to maintain a calm, focused attitude while working through some difficult math problems

Pride

Levi—Impressing us all with his skip counting by 2's & his ability to confidently speak into the microphone! Well Done!

Violet—Her beautiful handwriting that blew us all away yesterday!

Jaxxon—Always putting in his best effort for his own learning

Charlotte P—Fantastic use of similes/metaphors in your poetry writing

Charlie—Your excellent work creating rhyming poetry

**Congratulations. We
are proud of you all**



From The Principal

Warrawee everyone,

PRINCIPALS' DAY

Principals are recognised each year in August for the leadership work that they undertake each day. Thank you to our fabulous staff and students who created an amazing video thanking me and Mrs Ernst, who was Acting Principal earlier this year. Some enjoyable comments from students about the work of a principal include “keeping students safe”, “caring for others”, “eating donuts in their office” and “attending to emails”. Please see our Facebook page for this amazing presentation. I must admit that both Mrs Ernst and I did shed a number of tears of happiness.

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

On Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August we welcome our Review Panel, Deborah Harry, Karen Smythe, Andrew Eastcott, Kelly Halliday and our School Council President Janelle Reed. The panel will spend these two days observing classroom instruction, speaking with staff and with selected students regarding our school's achievements and where we will take our school in the next four years. Panel members are also interested in speaking with parents/carers on Tuesday 11th August from 2.30pm to 3.00pm. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to participate in these discussions.

DISCO

We are excited that the disco will be happening on Thursday 20th August at 6.00pm—7.30pm. A kind reminder that disco notes were given out on Wednesday this week. If your child is attending it is important that the consent form and entry \$10 is handed in at the office prior to the disco. Students are welcome to bring a friend who is of the same grade level to the disco. Due to our Child Safe procedures parents/carers will not be able to stay for the disco unless they are Fundraising Committee volunteers. We have a number of school staff who will be attending to support students during this event. Please note that children (non school age and secondary school) are not permitted.

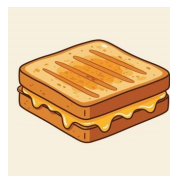
FISHING RODS

Once again the Victorian Fisheries Authority has partnered with the Department of Education for their Little Angler Kits initiative for Year 5s. The aim of this initiative is to actively encourage primary school age children to learn more about the art of fishing, marine life and the natural environment. Year 5s have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, Movement and Motor Development and safety considerations. All Year 5 students will be provided with a Little Angler Kit that contains a fishing rod, tackle tray, some tackle and a kids' guide to fishing. The tackle tray does include fishing hooks, which have been wrapped carefully and includes a safety message. We ask that students do not open their kits until they are at home under the supervision of an adult. Please forward any fishing photos that you may take whilst using the kit to the school.

Dr Monique Osborn

THANK YOU TO OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS

Albert Street Primary School would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful volunteers from **St Vincent de Paul** who generously prepare and deliver fresh cheese toasties to our school each week.



These toasties are available for students who may have forgotten their lunch or need a little extra support during the school day. While they may seem like a simple meal, they make a significant difference, ensuring that every child has something warm to eat and is ready to focus on their learning.

This ongoing act of kindness reflects the strong sense of community that surrounds our school. We are incredibly grateful for the time, care and generosity of the St Vincent de Paul volunteers, whose dedication helps support the wellbeing of our students each and every week.

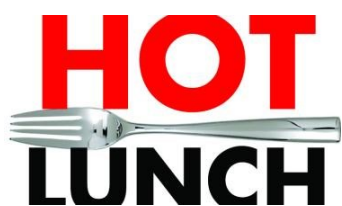
On behalf of our students, staff and families, thank you for your continued support. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES



Term 3

Monday 10th August	Stroll & Roll—8.15am Meet at:- Moore Street Kinder
Monday 10th August	54 Reasons Playgroup Runs every Monday 9.15am-11.15am
Monday 10th August	School Review—Day 1
Tuesday 11th August	School Review—Day 2 Parent Panel—2.30pm—3.00pm
Wednesday 12th August	District Basketball
Friday 14th August	Drumming Incursion
Thursday 20th August	School Disco—6.00pm—7.30pm
Thursday 20th August	Koori Young & Deadly Leaders Workshop
Friday 21st August	School Review—Day 3
Tuesday 25th August	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th August	Year 6 Lowanna Transition Day
Friday 28th August	Book Week Dress up Day & Costume Parade
Thursday 3rd September	ARTVO Excursion—Rotary Students
Friday 4th September	Father's Day Stall
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
Wednesday 16th September	Footy Colours & Special Lunch Day
Friday 18th September	Last Day of Term—2.00pm Finish



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.

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)**

ASSEMBLY CLASS ITEM—Year 2/3 Digital Technologies – Makey Makey Playdough Piano

Our Year 2/3 students have been exploring the exciting world of **Makey Makey** by creating their very own **Playdough Pianos**!

Using a Makey Makey invention kit, playdough, alligator clips and a computer, students discovered how everyday objects can become computer controls. They learned that the salty playdough can carry a tiny electrical current, allowing it to act like a piano key when connected to the Makey Makey.

Throughout the project, students investigated how electrical circuits work, explored the concepts of **inputs and outputs**, and developed their problem-solving skills by troubleshooting connections and testing their designs. They also learned about conductive materials and how technology and creativity can work together.

To celebrate their learning, students prepared and presented a short explanation of how their Playdough Piano works before demonstrating it for an audience. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explained complex ideas using their own words and proudly showcased their creations.

This hands-on activity combined science, technology, engineering and creativity, while encouraging teamwork, communication and critical thinking. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and curiosity our students showed throughout this engaging Digital Technologies unit.



Art Room News

Year 3/4 Visual Arts – Ancient Greece Comes to Life!

Our Year 3/4 artists are excited to begin creating their 3-D Ancient Greek amphora pots! Students have been exploring the art, culture and mythology of Ancient Greece, learning how decorated amphora vessels were used to tell stories and celebrate important events.

After practising traditional Greek patterns and learning about the Ancient Olympic Games, students watched highlights from the 2026 Commonwealth Games to inspire the sporting scenes for their designs.

The project is now underway, with students creating the papier-mâché base of their amphora sculptures. There were plenty of smiles (and messy hands!) as balloons were transformed into the foundations of these ambitious artworks.



Artist: Isabella Campbell Artist: Savannah Lancaster Artist: Emily Hayes



PRINCIPALS' DAY

Today we celebrate **Principal's Day** and recognise the incredible leadership, care and dedication of two amazing people who have guided our school this year.

A huge thank you to **Monique Osborn** for your ongoing commitment to Albert Street Primary School and for the positive impact you have on our students, staff and families every day.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to **Ann-Marie Ernst**, who stepped into the role of Acting Principal earlier this year, providing steady leadership, support and encouragement throughout the term.

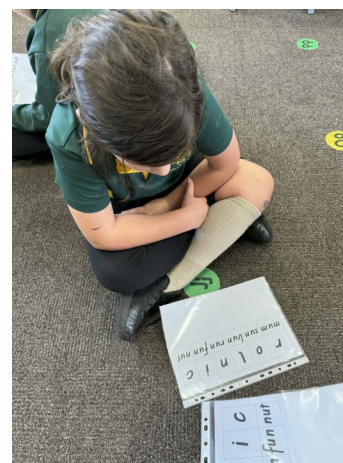
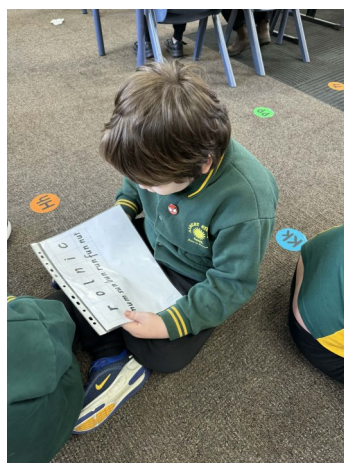
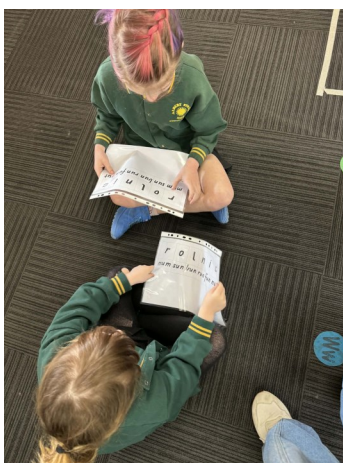
Check out the special video on our Facebook page, which features some of our wonderful students sharing their thanks and appreciation. We hope it brings a smile to your faces, just as you bring so many smiles to ours.

Please join us in wishing **Monique and Ann-Marie** a very happy **Principals' Day** and thanking them for everything they do to help our students learn, grow and thrive.



FLUENCY PAIRS READING

Prep/1 students participating in fluency pairs reading. The children read the same passage or words as many times as they can in one minute then swap partners.



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.

Celebrating 100 Days of School!

Our Prep/Grade 1 students recently celebrated an exciting milestone – **100 days of school!** While many schools celebrate by dressing up as grandparents, we decided to do something a little different this year. Instead, our class was transformed into a fun AI-generated cartoon, capturing everyone's unique features in a special keepsake to mark the occasion.

The day was filled with smiles, laughter and plenty of hands-on fun. Students enjoyed delicious cupcakes and took part in a range of engaging 100 Days activities, including creating colourful '100' glasses and decorating a special **100 Days photo frame** to capture the memories. It was a wonderful way to celebrate how much our Prep students have learned and grown over their first 100 days at school. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!



YEAR 5/6 COOKING CLASS

Our Year 5/6 students had a fantastic time in cooking this week, preparing a delicious spaghetti dish using fresh vegetables and herbs harvested straight from our school garden. They used parsley, broccoli, spinach and silverbeet, learning how fresh ingredients can be transformed into a healthy, nutritious meal. Throughout the lesson, students continued to develop their food preparation, cooking and teamwork skills while enjoying the rewards of cooking with produce they had grown themselves.



Hair Tied Back Reminder

We would like to remind families that, as outlined in our School Dress Code Policy, students with shoulder length or longer hair are required to have their hair tied back/up at all times while at school, regardless of gender. Students who arrive at school with their hair down will be requested to tie it up.

This requirement helps to restrict the spread of nits and lice and also supports student safety during classroom and outdoor activities.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting our school expectations.

HAIR TIED BACK, READY TO LEARN!

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety regardless of gender.

FOR SAFETY
Tied back hair helps keep everyone safe during all activities.

BE LICE AWARE
Tying hair back helps restrict the spread of nits and lice.

THANK YOU
for your support!



Week 5 - 5 Maddock

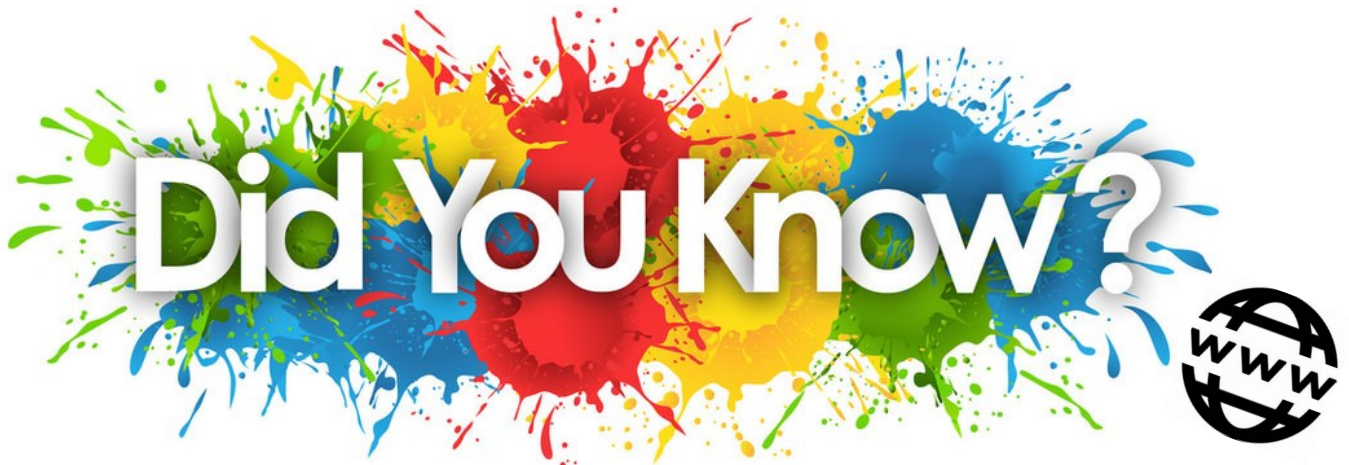
Week 6 - 6 Smith

Week 7 - 3/4 Hall

Week 8 - P/1 Hibbert

Week 9 - Maddock

Week 10 - 2/3 Burnett



Albert Street Primary School has a Website?

Stay Connected with Our School Website!

Don't miss out on all the latest happenings at our school! Visit our website to access the **weekly newsletter**, stay updated on **school policies**, and mark your calendars with **important upcoming dates**. Explore our vibrant **photo galleries** capturing school events, discover information about our **specialist programs**, and find all you need for **enrolment**. Your one-stop resource for everything related to our school is just a click away! Check it out today! www.aspsmoe.vic.edu.au



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.

SCHOOL BEANIES!!!

Keep warm this winter with our cosy school beanies, available for purchase from the office for just \$20 each.

Perfect for chilly mornings and playground adventures while showing off school pride! Grab yours before they disappear faster than a hot Milo on a frosty morning

Adult sizes also available.





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. 🌙 ✨

Screen time for your child – 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.



1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.

2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision-making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.

3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The [Raising Children Network](#) provides some useful tools and advice.

4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- all family members switch off at dinner time
- charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access

5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

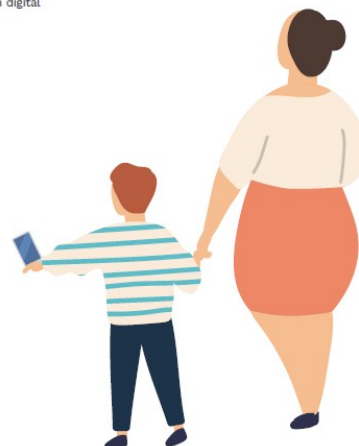
Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.

6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are robust products and device functions which allow you to see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child. Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with [Google Family Link](#) for Android devices or [parental controls](#) and [Screen Time](#) for iPhone/iPad.

7. Lead by example

Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device too.



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SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

FREE

54 reasons
Part of the Save the Children Australia Group

Play Based Learning Activities. Music and Story Time.
Parenting Support.
Craft & Art.
Sensory Activities.

Play2Learn Playgroups
Bringing Up Great Kids Program

Parent Coaching
(one on one support)



For more information: play2learn.vic@54reasons.org.au
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54 reasons Moe Office:
PH: 03 58 226700

Warragul Municipal Band invites young musicians and families to discover the excitement of playing in a brass band!

Join us at the Salvation Army, 120 Burke Street, Warragul for a special Come and Try Brass & Percussion Experience on Tuesday 11th August from 6:30 pm.

This free event is a great opportunity for children aged 8 years and above to:

- Try playing a range of brass and percussion instruments
- Learn about how a community band works
- Meet musicians and ask questions about learning an instrument
- Discover Warragul Municipal Band's education programs

The session will be led by newly appointed Training Band Director, Julia Curl, a VIT-registered classroom and instrumental music teacher with over 18 years' experience performing in bands and ensembles. Julia is passionate about helping young musicians develop their skills and confidence through music.

Following the Come and Try session, families are invited to stay and hear the Warragul Municipal Band Senior Band perform a free concert at 7:30 pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity to experience live brass music, learn more about joining a band, and discover the enjoyment of making music with others.

Venue: Salvation Army, 120 Burke Street, Warragul

Date: Tuesday 11th August

Come and Try: 6:30 pm

Free Concert: 7:30 pm

No experience necessary - just bring your curiosity and have a go!



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.

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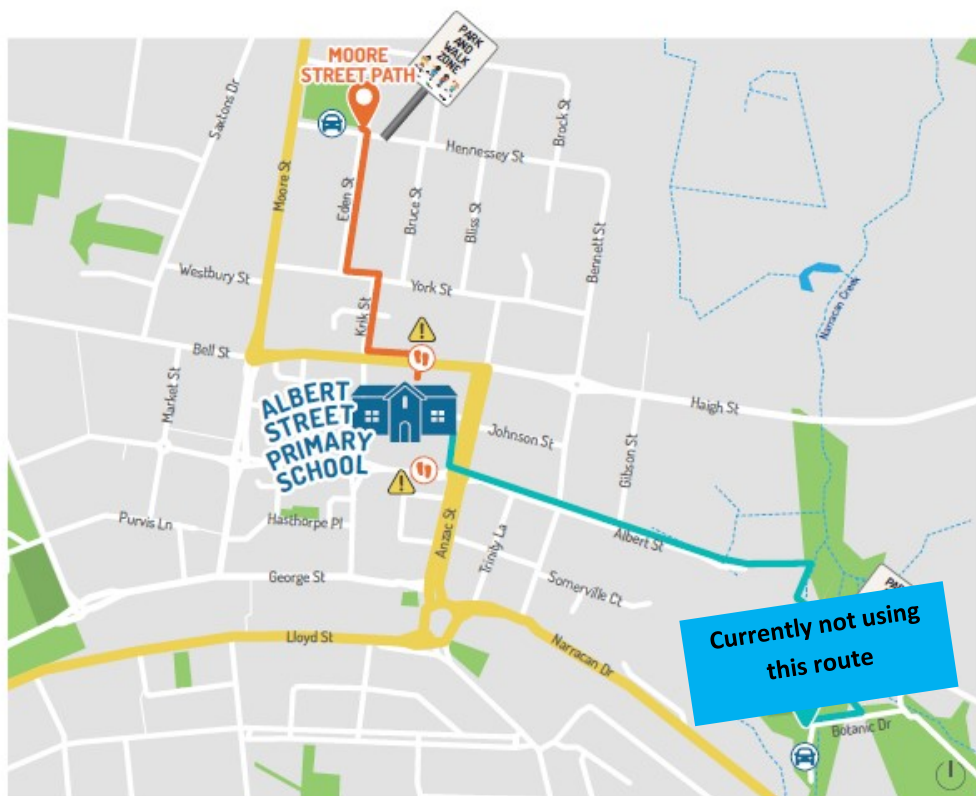
Moore Street path - 550m
2min ride/7min walk

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

