Dear Parents,

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 9th May. Details have been sent home. Children are expected to be in their full school uniform and will be required to wear a school jumper or jacket in the school photos. Please ensure that your child attends dressed appropriately on this day.

NAPLAN 2013
All Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia will participate in the Literacy and Numeracy testing on Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May. Year 3 and 5 students will all complete a Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Mathematics tasks that will be collected and sent to be graded externally. Parents will receive a written report about their child’s performance in these assessment tasks in September/October. We encourage all students participating in these assessments to be at school on NAPLAN assessment days next week. We expect every student to attend school on these days to participate in the assessment tasks.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May in the staffroom. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the same night as our regular school council meeting. At this meeting the Annual Report for 2012 and the recent School Financial Audit will be presented and all members of the community are welcome to attend. The Annual General Meeting will start at 7pm.

Mothers’ Day Stall
A Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Wednesday 8th May for all children to purchase gifts. We ask that you place money in a secure envelope for your child and hand it to the classroom teacher prior to school on the day. A reminder notice will be sent home next week.

School Arrival Time
I have already noticed that some children are arriving at school before 8:30 each day. This is not acceptable as they are left in the school unsupervised.

Students must not arrive at school until 8:45am. Supervision will be provided from 8:45am
The school will not take any responsibility for children who are in the yard unsupervised before 8:45am. Teachers are not required to be at school until 8:45 and therefore are not considered on official duty until that time.

The music starts at 8:50am. At this time we encourage the children to come into class and begin to prepare for their school day. We will not be bringing children into the buildings before this time.

Water and Fruit
Just a reminder that we continue to encourage all students to bring water and healthy brain foods such as cheese, cut up fruit and dried fruit to snack on during the day.

Student Absences
We often see an increase in student absences as the weather begins to change. Students should only stay home if they are genuinely sick. Please do not let your child stay home without a real reason. The students in this school have more days off than the rest of the state.

Parents are obligated to report absences. This can be done via
• A written letter of explanation
• A phone call
An email to the school email accounts: st.albans.east.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Parent Contact Details
Thank-you to the many families, who have checked, changed and returned the Student Information sheet sent out recently. This is much appreciated

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However, it was extremely surprising to receive about 150 of these back all needing changes to families details such as phone numbers. Can we remind you that it is important that every time you change any details such as an address or phone number that you notify the school immediately. We use these details to make contact with families in an emergency and there have been many occasions when we have not been able to contact anyone for a sick or injured child.

Have a great week!

Anne-Maree Kliman
Principal

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back!

Please help our school get as much equipment as we can by collecting as many stickers as possible. Place the sheets of stickers in the box at the office. Please ask your family and friends to collect stickers too!

Working Bee

It was great to have another successful working bee at our school on Monday 22nd May. We met new families and all worked together to make our school cleaner and safer for everyone. We were proud of our achievements and before going home we shared some cupcakes, biscuits and a drink.

Jobs completed include:
- sweeping around the whole school
- trimming bushes,
- cleaning out pits,
- raking playground mulch
- washing down walls and cleaning rooms and hallway in Building 1 and the Art Room.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came (apologies if I have missed anyone who may not have signed in.)

Families: Kimberly, Trudy, Hannah and Jenny Whitfield, Cang and Thanh Tran, Roy Leutenmayr, Marina Micetic, Zac Caruana, Michelle VanTaarling, Anson, Annie, Kelving and Hoa, Paul junior, Justin and Paul Singh, Hanh Lam, William and Alex Tran, Richard Tran, Susi, Jason Lam, Khang Nguyen, Thao. Vi (rm 8), Mary Ann, Alexander Gibson, Lui Ioane Ainiu, Iefata Levi, Steve and Greg King.

Staff: Sophie Stefanidis, Graham Sherwill, Carolyn Bowen, Drew Coleman, Joy Moodley, Annaliese Cronin.

Our next working bee will be in later in the year. More information closer to the date.

Many thanks,

Senka King
(Assistant Principal)
WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY: Each class will create a flag mosaic incorporating all the different countries from their classroom. Winners will be announced at Friday’s school assembly.

*Passport Bucket List: Students create their own passport and fill it with a wish-list of countries they’d like to visit each day. Students can include key facts and basic phrases in the language of each country.

*Word Play: Teach a song, rhyme or a chant in a different language.

*Grade 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion: Thursday 16th May

*Grade 3/4 CSIRO Incursion: Wednesday 22nd May
The Newsletter is now available on our Website!

We are fazing out printed copies of our Newsletter.
You can now receive the Newsletter via email rather than a paper copy.

Please visit our website and subscribe by pressing the button on the right above calendar.

Please save our trees and subscribe.
http://www.saeps.vic.edu.au/ this link will take you straight to our website.

Thanks
Jenny

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REMINDER FOR ALL GRADE 6 PARENTS
Recently I gave every grade 6 student an Enrolment form for Victorian State Secondary Schools in 2014, along with a letter of explanation. Could parents please make sure they complete the form and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.
It may be advantageous to contact some schools, to arrange a Tour or to attend an Information Session, as this decision is a very important one.
Please fill in 3 choices where indicated on the form, as your child may not receive your 1st preference.
Thank you
Bernie Phelan (Grade 6 Transition Coordinator)

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 6 STUDENTS AND PARENTS.
Keilor Downs Secondary College is holding an OPEN DAY / OPEN NIGHT on Thursday May 2 2013.

OPEN DAY tours are from 9.00 – 11.00am. OPEN NIGHT tours commence at 6.00pm, followed by presentations and discussions at 7.00pm.
To register your interest in the OPEN DAY / OPEN NIGHT, or if you require further information, you may call the school on 03 9365 8000
If you can’t attend the OPEN DAY / OPEN NIGHT, you are most welcome to contact the school and arrange a school tour.

SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) Registrations forms and information is available and can be accessed on the school’s website – www.kdc.vic.edu.au. A compulsory exam is to be held on Saturday May 4.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED
If you can spare a few hours between 10:30 am and 2:00 pm Monday – Friday
It would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the school office or Pania in the canteen to give your details and days you are available.

Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.
Mathletics Mathletes

Many of our students have been logging onto Mathletics and having a great time while learning. All of our students have been given their unique log-on and passwords by their classroom teachers. These can be used to log onto the Mathletics website, both at school and at home. If your child does not have their details, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Congratulations to the following Mathletes for the last couple of weeks ending Friday the 19th of April.

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A huge congratulations to our first gold medallist for 2013, Vi from Room 8

The web address for mathletics is: www.mathletics.com.au
St Albans East Primary School is holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Wednesday 8th May.

Don’t forget to bring your money along on Wednesday and pick up something special for Mum for Mother’s Day!

Things to remember:

- Please send money to school in an envelope, clearly marked with your child’s name, room no. and amount enclosed.
- Prices will be $5 and under.
Every Reader is a STAR!

Last week at St. Albans East Primary School we held our annual book fair. The theme was All Star Book Fair—Every Reader is a STAR!

Every year Scholastic donates a percentage of the total sales that we make into free books for our school.

It is my pleasure to announce that this year our school sold $2800 worth of books resulting in our school receiving $900 worth of new books for our school library!

A big thank you to all the parents, guardians, teachers and students who purchased books at our book fair. We appreciate your support and hope that you enjoy many happy hours reading your new books!

You are all stars!

Happy Reading!
Mrs Sneza Vasilevski
Acting Leading Teacher—Literacy Coach

A big thank you to the Literacy Student Action Team Members who demonstrated our school values of respect, cooperation, learning and responsibility whilst helping during our book fair. These amazing students made posters for the event over the school holidays. They also helped with setting up, sales, giving raffle tickets, tidying up, helping students choose books and many more jobs that needed to be done.

A big thank you to: Elif Tekin, Amy Bunny, Jahiani Condon-Anderson, Hannah Whitfield, Kimberley Whitfield, Anthony Le, Daysha Condon-Anderson, Anet Ford, Thony Tran, Amy Thai, Cindy Troung, Chelsea Tran, Kelly Ma, Elleni North-Coombes, Georgia North Coombes, Kathy Tran, Bethany-Anne Delaney, Phi-Phi Pham, Trisha Nguyen, Chiara Imela, Mai Nguyen, Christina Nguyen, Kirsty Smart, Holly Smart, Meysa Yilmaz, Mehak Gill and Jaz Salon.

Special Visitor - Clifford!

We were very lucky to have Clifford the Big Red Dog visit our book fair at recess on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Clifford told me that he enjoyed meeting the students at St. Albans East Primary School and that he hopes that you all continue to read lots of books at school and at home every day.
CERTIFICATE III
EDUCATION SUPPORT

CURRENTLY WORKING IN A SCHOOL?
LIKE A QUALIFICATION THAT VALUES
THE WORK THAT YOU DO?
PASSIONATE ABOUT ASSISTING
CHILDREN + YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE
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Certificate III Education Support
(CHC30812) is a qualification that
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18 week program starting in July,
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Runs 2 evenings a week on
campus, and recognises your
current work in schools.

You will study units within the four
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Education and Education Rules and
Regulations.

This course is located at the
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