

St. Albans East Primary School School Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Welcome back to Term 4 as we welcome some warmer weather. What a busy time of the year this is for our school! Welcome to all our students and families to what will be a busy and exciting term for all.

Staff have been busy planning and preparing inquiry units for students in Term 4. Our preps are investigating 'My Home, My World' developing an understanding that their home is part of a community and larger world. Grade 1-2 will be exploring 'Oh, the places you'll go!' making connections to different places in Australia and other countries. Our grade 3-4 students will explore geographic concepts about Australia related to climate, animals, vegetation, culture and population. Grade 5-6 will inquire into 'We are the world', investigating the different demographic, economic, social and cultural characteristics of countries.

Our 2-week swimming program is well underway. The swimming program is designed to increase opportunities for students to learn how to swim, and ensure they develop techniques and understanding around water safety.

Welcome back to our year 3- 4 students who stepped outside the classroom at Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh this week. Students not only had the opportunity to learn about themselves, but also developing teamwork and problem solving skills with their peers. Becoming self-reliant and working as team, whether it is sharing cabins, cleaning up or supporting one another in various activities.

ST ALBANS EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL PATRON AWARD

In 2015, the School Council introduced a new award called the St Albans East Primary School Patron Award. This award is to acknowledge the significant contributions an individual has made to the students and the learning community of St Albans East Primary School. Last year's inaugural SAEPS Patron was Pat Drury and Marion Breaks. Pat and Marion have volunteered at St Albans East each Tuesday and Thursday for over forty years!

Do you know someone who has made a positive contribution to the school?



Nominations are now open for the 2017 SAEPS Patron Award. Please contact the school if you wish to nominate someone for this award who meets the below criteria:

Candidates should not only have made a significant contribution to the school but no longer hold an official position at the school to avoid any conflict of interest. The successful SAEPS Patron will be announced at the Year 6 Graduation each year and will be invited to official school events such as anniversaries, presentations, opening ceremonies etc. from thereon. Their name will also be added to the new Honour Board displayed at the front office.

Please contact the school office for an official nomination form. Nominations must be received by Friday 10 November.

PRE PREP PROGRAM

Is your child enrolled to start prep at St Albans East next year?

If YES, we encourage you to bring your child to the school each Friday this term from 9am to 11:00am to participate in our First Steps Program. The focus of this program is to provide activities that will help to prepare your child for prep. Mrs. Vanessa Forster will be in direct contact with all families in the next week with further details.

Cup Day Holiday is on Tuesday 7 November. The school will be closed on this day.

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY

The school has two remaining Curriculum Days for 2017. These will be held on Monday 6 November and Friday 22 December. This will mean that the last day for students this year will be Thursday 21 December.

SUN SMART

A reminder that our SunSmart Policy is implemented in Term 4, requiring all students to wear a navy blue broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hat at all times, whilst outside. Hats can be purchased from the school office at any time.

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Please note that caps and bandanas are not appropriate, and as such are not part of the school uniform.

Our school rule is No Hat, No Play.... This means that students without a hat will be required to sit in a shaded place for the duration of the recess break.



PLANNING FOR 2018

We are currently starting our planning for 2018. If you are not returning in 2018, can you please let the office know so we can finalise our planning and have adequate staff. We welcome parents input helping us know their child as learners.

Therefore, if you are returning in 2018 and need to communicate any educational needs for your child for next year, please put it in writing, addressed to the Principal and marked confidential. Your information or request should centre around your child's learning and social needs.

2018 TRANSFER INFORMATION

Please fill out and return to the office by Friday 4th November 2017 if your child/ren are NOT returning to St Albans East Primary School next year.

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The following students, listed below, will NOT be returning to St Albans East PS in 2018.

Student/s Name/s:	Room No.

2018 ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child who will turn 5 by April 30 next year? If so, the child is eligible to start school and now is the time to enrol. Please contact the school on 9366 2071 to arrange an enrolment package to be sent home and to make an appointment to meet with me to discuss your child's start to school life. Children enrolled to start prep in 2018 are encouraged to attend the First Steps program that runs on a Friday morning from 9:15 to 10:15am. This program is part of our school's Orientation Program that assists the children to transition into school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 21 November at 7:00pm in the staffroom. I welcome parents to attend our School Council meetings as a guest. Please contact Paul Busuttil if you are interested in attending.

Paul Busuttil
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES		
Date	Event	Grade
23,24 & 26 October	Swimming	All
Monday 6 November	Curriculum Day (No students at school)	All
Tuesday 7 November	Melbourne Cup Day (School Closed)	All
21 December	Last Day for students Grade 6 Graduation	All Grade 6
22 December	Curriculum Day (No students at school)	All

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Pupil of the Week 2017			Term 4 - Week 2: 20-10-2017	
Year Level	Room	School Values	Comment	Student's Name
5/6	15 – Mr Mussel	Learning	For his work in our graphs and data unit.	Steven Micetic
5/6	16 – Mr Lin	Respect Learning	For setting into a new school and being brave with his learning.	Brandon Liumahetau
5/6	20 – Mrs Gatto	All	For his unique way to represent our class daily number.	Garang Maror
5/6	21 – Mr Gandy	Learning	For always trying her best at all of her learning	Ravneet Kaur
5/6	22 – Mr Zaitzev	Learning	For his great improvement in reading!	Nathaniel Sialaoa
3/4	1 – Ms Meehan	Learning	For her effort and enthusiasm in solving problems in Maths.	Makaila Kennedy-Lewar
3/4	4 – Mr Coleman	All	Making an excellent start at her new school. Welcome to SAEPS.	Hazel Arora
1/2	2 – Mrs Gooderham	All	For a great start to the term. Keep it up!	Justice Tolbert
1/2	9 – Ms Di Natale	Learning	For writing interesting reasons why dogs make the best pets. Well done!	Arman Shams
1/2	10 – Ms McCallum	All	For settling in to SAEPS with a positive attitude towards learning and making new friends.	Memory
1/2	11 – Ms Stefanidis	All	For his excellent recount about his school holidays.	Kenzie Nguyen
1/2	13 – Ms Dimitrijevic	Learning and Responsibility	For being an incredibly hard worker and achieving a reading level 18!	Peka Condon-Anderson
1/2	14 – Mrs Tran	Learning	For using different strategies to solve number problems. Well done!	Neon Khadka
Prep	17 – Ms Meddings	Learning and Responsibility	For concentrating during writing and identifying her capital letters.	Tatiana Almada
Prep	18 – Mrs Moodley	Learning	For using her sounds to write words for her sentences	Jenna Nguyen
PREP	18- Mrs Moodley	Learning	For being able to explain what he reads.	Vincent Duong Le
Prep	19 - Ms Briony Gorst	All	For not interrupting when others are talking and packing his things up when he has finished with them.	Zak Benhaddou
P.E.	P.E. – Mr Sherwill	All	For being a fantastic goal scorer in Hardball.	Sapa Isaako (rm 22)
Auslan	LOTE – Sonia	Learning and Responsibility	For staying on task and finishing all his work. Well done!	Dat Dang (rm 2)