



St Albans East Primary School

Excellence in Education - Making a Difference

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5/6 Information Sheet, Term 2 2017



Talk with Us

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is a quick snapshot of what to expect for Term 2. We would like you to read through the following information with your children.

To achieve the best outcome for your child, it is essential that teachers and parents/guardians work together. We will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews later this term and encourage all parents to attend.

At St Albans East Primary, we value Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation and Learning. We provide learning opportunities and experiences which foster student growth in these areas.

St Albans East Primary School follows the Victorian Curriculum Standards. Students undertake at least an hour of Reading, Writing and Mathematics every day. In addition, Integrated Inquiry is undertaken throughout the week. Our focus for Term 2 this year in each learning area is as follows:

English

*Question answer relationships and summarising.
Narrative, Persuasive and Information Report Writing.*

Mathematics

*Measurement which includes volume, mass and capacity.
Probability and Data.
Financial maths.*

Inquiry

*Australian History
Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Program: Emotional Literacy*

Naplan

In week 4, all Grade 5 students will complete the National Assessment Program for English and Mathematics (NAPLAN). These tests cover reading, writing, spelling, language conventions and mathematics. Towards the end of the year, your child's results will be sent out to you. If you have any trouble reading or understanding your child's results, please feel free to come and discuss this with your child's classroom teacher.

Excursion

This term, students will have the opportunity to visit the Chinese Museum. This will help students to learn about Australia's history and immigration. We expect all students to participate as these support their learning.

Homework

All students have received a diary and are encouraged to continue to record their weekly homework, daily reading, reminders and special events. Homework may consist of spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, math, research, project work and unfinished class work.

Some project work will need to be done at home. Students will plan, research and present their project as required. Students are encouraged to work independently, show initiative (such as going to the library, or interviewing people, listening to the news) and PLAN and ORGANISE their time so that the work is completed by the due date without the last minute rush.

Homework is best undertaken in a quiet, well-lit area, free from distractions. They are encouraged to concentrate for blocks of at least half an hour. At this age, homework is set to help with developing good routines and habits for Secondary school.

In addition, it is essential that all students read for 30 minutes every night. It is recommended that students read aloud to an adult at least once a week and discuss what they have read in depth. You may like to ask them specific questions relating to what they have read as this will assist their understanding.

Students are also encouraged to work on Literacy Planet and Mathletics. This could be used as extra work if students wish to extend their skills.

Water Bottle & Brain Food

Students are encouraged to bring a bottle of water and healthy snacks such as cut up fruit, vegetables and cheese into the classroom each day. Children can eat these during class time. It is also important that your child has a good breakfast before coming to school. Please ensure that they come to school with lunch and snacks to see them through the day. Nuts and nut products are discouraged at school because of allergies.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open every day before school. If your child would like to attend, there is no cost.

Year 6 - 7 Transition

This term, students in Grade 6 will attend a 'St Albans Secondary School Taster Day' on the 4th of May.

Students will have an opportunity to see what secondary school is like for the day.

During the term you will also receive information regarding your preferences for your child's secondary school.

This needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

HATS

The school has a Sun Smart Policy which requires all students to wear their school hat until April 20.

NO HAT, NO PLAY!

Absences / School Starting Time / Newsletter

If your child is away for any reason, it is important that you send an absence notice with them when they return to school. Schools are required to keep track of absences. If you are travelling overseas for an extended time, please notify the office of your intentions. We encourage you to travel during the school holidays where possible, so it does not impact significantly on student learning.

The School Newsletter is produced fortnightly. It is important that you read this as it contains important information that may affect your child.

School Arrival Times

Students are **NOT** to arrive at school earlier than **8.45am**, as teachers are not on duty before this time.

Students are expected to enter their classrooms between 8.50 and 9.00am. This is a time for them to get organised for the school day, which begins at 9.00am.

Events Planner for Term 2

<i>Week 2</i>	<i>Excursion to Chinese Museum</i>
<i>Week 3</i>	<i>St Albans Secondary School Taster day</i>
<i>Week 4</i>	<i>NAPLAN Week</i>
<i>Week 11</i>	<i>Parent Teacher Interviews</i>

Thank You

5/6 teachers



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