Dear Parents,

Wow…. There is now only 5 weeks left of the school year and we are busy making plans for the 2016 school year. Currently teachers are developing grade lists – this is a task that takes a great deal of time and a significant amount of consideration goes into how new grades are formed. This includes a student’s academic, social and emotional needs. In addition to this we need to consider ensuring that there is a mix of student abilities, students with special needs and students who are part of our English as Another Language Program (EAL). Please speak directly with Ricky Potter or myself if you have any questions about this process.

Painting

There will be some disruption to classrooms and the school that has started this week as we have started our painting program. This will involve grades being relocated to the Library and the Performing Arts room whilst their respective classroom is being painted. The paint is water based with only minimal oil based being used in some areas. The department of Education’s regulations around painting have been assessed as part of our planning process to ensure that we are meeting compliance requirements. This has needed to start now and will conclude just before school resumes next year. School Council has approved the painting of Buildings 1 and 2. We are very excited to begin this building refresh program.

Education State

You may have heard or seen regular information in the media about the Victorian Government’s Education State initiative. Significant investment both financial and human form part of this initiative. There are new whole of government targets that have been set and schools will be using a slightly new planning tool to develop its Annual Implementation Plan. I will provide further details about the Education State in the next newsletter.

2016 Prep Enrolments

Have you got a child turning 5 before April 30 next year? If so they are due to be enrolled at school. Please contact the office to collect an enrolment pack. The school will be conducting an orientation program in November so it is important that your child is enrolled to be included as part of this program.

Pre Prep Program

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

If YES, we will be starting an extended prep-prep program in a couple of weeks and will be personally inviting enrolled students to attend. The focus of this program will be on providing activities once a week on a Friday that will help prepare next year’s preps for school.

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**Important Dates**

- 10 & 17 November – 3/4’s St Martin’s Theatre Incursion
- 23 November & 18 December – Curriculum Day
- No Students at school on these days
- Year 6 State Orientation Day—8 December
- Year 6 Graduation—15 December

**Canteen Roster**

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Visit our web site at [www.saeps.vic.edu.au](http://www.saeps.vic.edu.au)
Mrs. Ashlea Potter will be in direct contact with all families in the next week with further details.

**Prep Orientation**
Our Prep orientation program started Thursday 5th November for all our 2016 Preps. It was great to be able to meet with our new families.

Are you moving on in 2016?...... *Please notify the school as soon as possible if you are moving schools in 2016 as we are about to start our planning for 2016.*

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Term 4 Curriculum Day** - Our final Curriculum Day Monday 23rd November & Friday 18th December

**School Concert**
Once again we are having an end of year school Christmas concert where each grade will perform a Christmas act. This year’s concert will be held in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us for the concert. A letter with the time and date will be sent home soon.

At the concert we will be making a presentation to St. Vincent DePaul’s of non-perishable and bathroom items. We ask that all families send a grocery item along to school preferable a bathroom product i.e. soap, shampoo, toothpaste.

**Year Six Graduation**
Our Year 6 graduation is being held on Tuesday December 15.

**Year 6 State Orientation Day**
All our Year 6 students will be involved in the state wide *Year 7 Transition* day on Tuesday 8th December. On this day they attend their 2016 secondary school for the whole day.

Anne-Maree Kliman
Principal