

St. Albans East Primary School School Newsletter

Excellence in education



VISION

"We are committed to providing a *safe, inclusive and engaging* learning environment that nurtures *personal and academic excellence* as community-minded *life long learners*."

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Welcome to all of our new students, families and those returning to St Albans East Primary School. We have had a very smooth start to the New Year. It was lovely to see so many excited faces on the first day back for our Year One – Year Six students. It was also wonderful to welcome our 62 preps starting school for the first time and we welcome the new families to our school.

I have had the opportunity to visit all grades and meet a number of parents out in the yard; I encourage you to come and have a chat and check in with your child's homeroom teacher out in the yard afterschool.

The move to a new "COVID normal" continues, and we will commence with similar arrangements as we did last year, specifically:

- Students will be required to hand sanitise throughout the day
- Air purifiers to remain on throughout the day
- Ventilation in all learning spaces (window / doors open)
- If your child is sick, they must remain at home.

School Council Parent Nominations

It is that time of the year where I call upon parents to consider nominating for School Council. This is a great way of contributing to the school. School council meets for about an hour twice a term and sub-committees meet for ½ an hour twice a term. I urge you to consider nomination for our school council and am happy to meet with anyone to discuss what is involved in greater depth.

St Albans East Primary School is calling for nominations for the 2023 school council. We have 4 parent vacancies.

Please collect a nomination form from the office if you are interested. Nominations must be received by Friday 11 February by 4pm.

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Wednesday 22 February from 4:00 -6pm. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to visit their child's classroom, meet and chat with classroom and specialist teachers.

Swimming

The swimming program will be held early Term 2 – Monday 1 May to Friday 5 May. The five day program will be held at the Brimbank Aquatic and Wellness Centre. The program will provide an opportunity for students to develop basic water confidence and safety skills, mobility, stroke technique and enjoyment for swimming. Final payment is due Thursday 23 March. No late payments will be accepted after this date.

COMPASS – Parent Portal

COMPASS allows parents to access up-to-date meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Using COMPASS, you will be able to use many features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter and explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers
- Update your family details
- View your child's timetable
- Download and view your child's semester reports



Parents can access COMPASS online via our school website through the Parent Portal tab or can download the App to their phone. Parents requiring their unique username and password to access the parent portal on COMPASS, please contact office.

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Attendance

Arrive on time "It's not ok to be away"

One valuable way to enhance children's success in school is to ensure that children arrive on time and in time to prepare for the day ahead. It is a fact that lateness and low attendance affects your child's literacy and numeracy learning directly. St Albans East PS has identified student attendance at school as a priority area this year to support student learning and social development.

Picking Up Students After School

Parents are reminded that after school pick up times are from 3.15-3.30pm. Staff are out on duty until 3.30pm and supervising children. Supervision is not provided after this time. Please make the necessary arrangements for your child to walk home or be picked up by 3.30pm. If this is difficult, you may like to utilise Camp Australia (1300 105 343) who run a wonderful After School care program here at the school.

School Hats

School hats must be worn in Term 1 and can be purchased from the school office. The prices are \$13 for a Legionnaire or \$17 for a Wide Brimmed hat.

NAPLAN

All students in years 3 and 5 in schools across Australia will undertake NAPLAN testing in term 1 week beginning March 13 2023. Students have their skills assessed in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy. National tests results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning. Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests.

Students can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class. All students are encouraged to participate in the national tests and special provisions are made to meet the needs of individual students with special needs.

School Photos

School photos will be on Wednesday 29 March. Orders to be made directly to MSP, further information to come.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) 2023

If you are the holder of a valid, means tested Centrelink concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may

be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund payment.

Please note: This only applies to parents that are NEW TO THE SCHOOL. Our existing families will have their claims re-entered for 2023 and DO NOT need to fill in a new form.

If this applies to you, please fill in the form attached. You must then return this, together with a copy of your current Centrelink card that lists your child/children who attend St Albans East Primary School, to the school office for processing.

If your claim is successful, an amount of \$125 per child, per year will be paid to the school for you to use for your child's camps, sports and excursions.

Please return this form as soon as possible to ensure that the school receives the money for you to spend on your child's activities, in a timely manner.

Should you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Accident and Ambulance Insurance








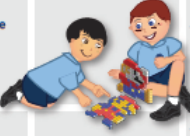


Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs. Parents and guardians can look into purchasing their own Accident Insurance.

Paul Busuttill Principal

Important Dates		
Date	Event	Grade
22 Feb	Meet the Teacher	Whole school
13 March	Labour Day Holiday	Whole school
15 -24 March	NAPLAN	Whole school
29 March	School Photos	Whole school
6 April	End of Term 1	Whole school
1-5 May	Swimming	Whole school

School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS)

Our four school values are RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, COOPERATION & LEARNING. These values describe the personal qualities we choose to guide our actions, the people we want to be, the manner in which we treat ourselves and others, and our interaction with the world around us. Our four school values provide the foundation for our SAEPS Matrix of Expected Behaviours. The Matrix clearly defines what behaviour is expected within different settings across the school. The Matrix is explicitly taught to all students and reinforced across the school.

 SAEPS Matrix of Expected Behaviours						
ASSEMBLY	OUTSIDE	CANTEEN	LEARNING SPACES	TOILETS	ONLINE	ALWAYS
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We stand and sing or sign the National Anthem We sit quietly and face the person who is speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We put rubbish in the bins  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use our manners 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We wait for our turn to talk We use an 'inside' voice We consider others opinions We ask before using other people's things 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We respect the privacy of others We keep the toilets clean We leave when we have finished 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We keep communication positive We seek permission before posting information about others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We care for others and ourselves We care for school property We use manners We are inclusive We seek help when needed
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We enter & exit quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We walk around corners We are SunSmart We eat in eating areas We use our year level playground We line up when the music starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use our own money We only buy food for ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We follow the morning routine We sit safely We put things away when finished We put our bags away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We flush the toilet We wash our hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We keep our personal details private We tell an adult if we feel uncomfortable We tell an adult if we see inappropriate content We ask permission to use other people's devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We listen and follow instructions We walk quietly We are on time We take hats off inside We keep our hands to ourselves We wear the correct school uniform
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We sit with our class in two straight lines We celebrate our classmates achievements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We help others in need We use the Wheel of Choice We play fairly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We wait for our turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We contribute to group tasks We share class materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We report inappropriate behaviour or damage 		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We participate in our Assembly Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We learn the rules of games We follow the rules of games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We put our lunch orders in the tub in the morning We know what we want to buy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We stay focused and on task We understand mistakes are part of learning We reflect on our learning We have a Growth Mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We remember to use the toilet at recess and lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use school devices for learning purposes 	