

# 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*."

### Reporting to Parents Day 3 Way Student Led Conference Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 9:00 -6:30pm

Reporting to Parents Day will occur at the end of Term 2. This is a student free day, however students will be required to attend Student Led Conferences with their parents. Students will have the opportunity to engage in discussions that is reflective on their current learning goals and learning needs moving into semester two.

Reports will be available via COMPASS end term 2. Please place this in your diary as we encourage all families to attend to discuss their child/children's progress.

### Building Works Update

Building works are progressing well. Last week we have received handover of portables and demolition works of the hall have now been completed. We continue to work closely with the VSBA and architects to ensure to timely implementation of the program.

Mr Paul Busuttil  
**PRINCIPAL**

As we approach the end of term 2, we are beginning to observe increased cases of influenza. This coupled with teacher shortages to replace staff has continue to present challenges in the day-to-day operation of the school. We will continue to manage and respond to ensure that minimal impact is had on students and their learning.

We continue to take preventative measures to reduce the spread of flu and COVID -19. Students and staff are encouraged to:

- Wash and sanitise hands regularly.
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Use of air purifiers in classrooms.
- Maximise external ventilation.
- Stay home if unwell.
- Available face mask for student, staff, and visitors

The last day of term 2 is **FRIDAY 23 June**. Students will be finish school at 1:30pm, please make appropriate arrangements for your child to be pick up.

**Students return to school on  
Monday 10 July for the start of Term 3.**

### PREP ENROLMENTS 2024

Prep enrolments for 2024 have already commenced. If you have a child who will be coming to our school for the first time in 2024, please complete an enrolment form, (available from the office), at your earliest convenience.

### Important Dates

Date	Event	Grade
<b>12 June</b>	Kings Birthday Holiday	Whole School
<b>21 June</b>	Reports available COMPASS	Whole School
<b>22 June</b>	Reporting to Parents Day	Whole School
<b>23 June</b>	Last Day of Term 2	Whole School
<b>10 July</b>	Start of Term 3	Whole School

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# Celebrating our Learning

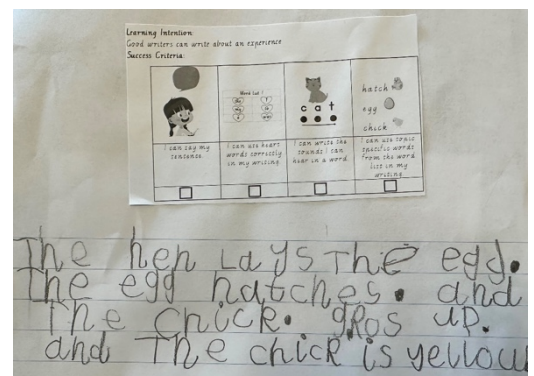
On Friday the 26th May the Prep students went on an excursion to Bundoora Park Farm. Students took part in feeding goats, chickens, cows and sheep. Students also learnt about what a sheep needs to live and survive, such as needing water, food and shelter. Students went on a safari ride where we got up close to kangaroos and emus. They also learnt about sustainability and created their own pot plant out of newspaper and planted a seed in their newly created pot.

On Friday I went  
to the farm. I went  
on the bus. I sat  
with slim. At the farm  
I saw a sheep. I saw  
a horse. I saw a  
pig in the mud.



## Henny Penny Hatching

Over the past 2 weeks the Prep students have been hatching chicks in their classroom. The Prep students were excited to witness ten chicks hatch in their classroom and watch them grow from baby chicks to larger chicks who are now growing their big feathers. As part of their Inquiry unit students have been investigating what our chicks need to grow and stay healthy.





# Education Week

Celebrating public education



Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. This year we celebrated Education Week from Sunday 14 May to Saturday 20 May. This year's theme was 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education. At St Albans East Primary we celebrated Education Week in the following ways;

## Year Prep:

Our prep students participated in a 'Why Walk activity'. Students explored different movements such as crawling, running, stretching, skipping, stomping and rolling.



## Grade 1/2:

Our Grade 1/2s, celebrated Education Week with a game by STEAMDANCE from The Australian Ballet-'STOP, GO, UP, DOWN' routine. This game warmed us up and to get ready for learning. It encouraged us to be aware of the space of others and ourselves as we walked around. We needed to listen, think quickly and respond to instructions.

## Grade 3/4:

Grade 3/4 classes participated in a dance instruction recorded online by The Australian Ballet. Students followed the steps performed by the character Wilay, whose name means 'possum' in Wiradjuri language. This activity was purposely chosen to connect with our inquiry unit this term, First Contacts, where students have explored a variety of First Nations' languages. It also was a chance for students to move their bodies and have some fun!



## Grade 5/6:

The Grade 5/6s focused on 'Activating' their learning through movement and making. Each class talked about the importance of public education and how we can motivate ourselves to learn in different ways. Some classes celebrated this by playing dance games, movement games or creating their very own movie trailers. We also introduced Minecraft into Maths this week, to engage the students in learning about length, area and volume, by making their very own 'Maths Houses!' Students had a lot of fun!