

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,

As we begin to feel the chill of the colder weather, we also find ourselves nearing the halfway point of Term 2. It's a busy and productive time across the school, with teaching staff deeply engaged in delivering rigorous and purposeful teaching and learning programs. Teachers are now turning their focus to the important task of student assessment and report writing. This process allows staff to reflect on student growth, celebrate achievements, and identify next steps in learning as we head into the second half of the year.

Works Around our School

We're excited to share some recent and upcoming developments around the school grounds that continue to enhance our learning and play environments. Over the past few months, we've introduced new play areas and added fresh line marking across various parts of the school, helping to promote active play and provide structured recreational spaces for our students.

Looking ahead, we have more improvements scheduled for the upcoming holiday break. A shade sail will be installed over the sandpit, providing a much-needed sun-safe space for students to enjoy year-round. We have also in the preliminary planning phase of our Kitchen Garden program. This marks an exciting step toward creating an engaging and hands-on outdoor learning space where students can develop practical skills and a deeper understanding of sustainability, nutrition, and science.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our students' experience at school.

Reporting to Parents Day

3 Way Student Led Conference

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 9:00 -6:30pm

Reporting to Parents Day will take place at the end of Term 2. Please note that this is a student-free day, however students are expected to attend their scheduled **Student-Led Conferences** alongside their parents or carers. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on their learning achievements so far and to discuss their progress, learning goals, and areas for growth as they head into Semester Two. We strongly encourage all families to attend and participate in these important conversations about their child's learning journey. Please mark the date in your diary.

Student Attitudes to School Survey

Each year, our Year 4, 5 and 6 students complete an important survey from the Department of Education. This survey gives us important information about the connections our students have with our school, the teachers and their peers. It also gives us information about behaviour and how engaged they are in their learning. Students will be completing this survey in the next few weeks.

Important Dates		
Date	Event	Grade
Fridays	Interschool Sport	Grade 6
21 May	Organ Pipes	Grade 5
22 May	Bowery Theatre	Gr 3
28 May	School Photos	Whole School
17 June	Sovereign Hill	Grade 6
27 June	Aquarium	Grade 1
2 July	Parent Teacher Interview	Whole School
4 July	End of Term 2 – 2:30 finish	Whole School

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PREP ENROLMENTS 2026

Prep enrolments for 2026 have commenced. If you have a child who will be coming to our school for the first time in 2026, please complete an enrolment form, (available from the office), at your earliest convenience.



Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet



Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



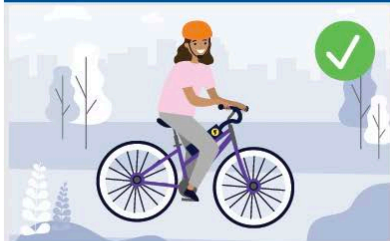
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety

A message from Proactive Policing Unit - Important Information: E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety

Due to the increasing use of e-bikes and e-scooters by young people, we would like to raise awareness of the potential risks associated with their use. These devices, while convenient and popular, have been linked to a growing number of accidents and safety concerns—particularly when used without appropriate supervision, safety equipment, or an understanding of traffic laws.

To help families stay informed and support safe practices, we kindly ask that you share the attached **E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety Fact Sheet** with your family.

The fact sheet contains vital information including:

- Legal requirements and age restrictions
- Helmet and protective gear recommendations
- Safe riding practices and common hazards
- Tips for parents to guide their children in safe use

We appreciate your cooperation in promoting the wellbeing and safety of all students. If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Celebrating our Learning

Cross Country Champions Shine!

Our first school Cross Country event, held on Wednesday 7th May was a spirited display of endurance, determination and community spirit. Students from Grades 3-6 participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing their physical fitness and sportsmanship. The event not only promoted healthy competition but also celebrated personal achievement and collective encouragement. Congratulations to all participants for making the day a success!

Congratulations to the following students who are off to compete at the St Albans District Competition

Elias (Rm 8), Ethan (Rm 6), Henok (Rm 9), Ali (Rm 19), Patrick (Rm 19), Elijah (Rm 19), Rhythm (Rm 18), Nourdean (Rm 15), Kenny (Rm 15), Natu (Rm 17), Hamza (Rm 15), Manea (Rm 8), Mia (Rm 7), Sophia (Rm 7), Farida (Rm 6), Naomi (Rm 18), Katelyn (Rm 17), Ellie (Rm 16), Vanessa (Rm 18), Destiny (Rm 16), Queenie (Rm 16), Dena (Rm 16), Lara (Rm 17).



Fast Feet, Fierce Spirit: SAEPS Grade 3-6 House Athletics 2025

Our House Athletics Day on Wednesday 14th May was a thrilling celebration of school spirit, teamwork and athletic excellence. Students competed across a range of track and field events, earning points for their houses and cheering each other on with great enthusiasm. The vibrant atmosphere, friendly rivalry and outstanding efforts by all participants made the day a highlight of the school calendar. Well done to everyone who took part!



This year, St Albans East Primary School is proud to introduce two new awards that will be presented at assembly during the final week of each term. These awards aim to recognise and celebrate students who consistently demonstrate a strong commitment to advocating for our school and wider community.

St Albans East PS Ambassador Award

At SAEPS, we value and celebrate students who consistently embody our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Learning, and Cooperation. The SAEPS Ambassador program recognises these exemplary students and provides an opportunity to highlight their positive contributions to our school community.



St Albans East PS Community Award

The SAEPS Community Award recognises and celebrates students who make positive contributions to their local community. This award highlights the importance of community engagement, kindness, and social responsibility, encouraging students to become active and caring members of society.

The SAEPS Community Award aims to:

- Recognise students who go above and beyond to support and improve their community.
- Celebrate acts of kindness, leadership, and service outside the school environment.
- Encourage students to become responsible citizens who positively impact others.
- Strengthen the connection between school, families, and the wider community.



School Wide Positive Behaviour

SWPBS stands for **School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support**. It's a whole-school approach that helps create a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment. At SAEPS, it means we teach and reward positive behaviours that align with our school values—Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, and Learning—so all students know what's expected and feel supported to succeed.

What Are DoJo Points

You may remember students at SAEPS receiving STAR Cards for demonstrating the school's expected behaviours; DoJo Points operates on the same principle but in a digital format.



When do students receive DoJo Points?

Inside the classroom, During Specialists Sessions and Outside the Classroom.

DoJo Points can be given out across all settings and at any time, to all students who display positive behaviours aligned with the school's matrix

What are our School Values?

At SAEPS, our Expected Behaviours are guided by the school's matrix, which is built around our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, and Learning.



What do the students do with the DoJo Points once they have received them?

Students can redeem their cumulative DoJo Points at the DoJo Shop.

Students can redeem their accumulated DoJo Points at the SAEPS SWPBS Shop, which opens fortnightly. The shop offers a range of items priced between 20 and 1000 DoJo Points. Open during eating time from 1:30 to 1:45pm, the shop welcomes Prep to Year 2 students and Years 3 to 6 during their designated times.

Prep – Year 2: Monday 1:30 – 1:45pm (Eating Time)

3 – 6: Wednesday 1:30 – 1:45pm (Eating Time)