

St. Albans East Primary School School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

As the winter chill sets in, we are seeing an increase in illness across the school. If your child is unwell, we strongly encourage you to keep them at home to rest and recover. Our office staff will contact parents if a child becomes unwell during the school day.

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.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2025

Prep enrolments for 2025 have already commenced. If you have a child who will be coming to our school for the first time in 2025, please complete an enrolment form, (available on our school website or at front office) at your earliest convenience.

We are excited to announce that our Pre-Prep Program will commence in Term 3. This program is designed to support a smooth and positive transition into primary school, helping children become familiar with the school environment, routines, and learning experiences. Further



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*."

details, including session times, key dates, and enrolment information, will be shared with you very soon. We look forward to welcoming our future learners and working in partnership with families during this important stage.

2025 Premier's Reading Challenge is now on!

With the holidays fast approaching, what a great time to spend some time reading and achieving your reading goal.



Remember that for Prep – Grade 2 you need to read a total of 30 books (20 of these Challenge books) and for Grades 3-6 you need to read a total of 15 books (10 of these Challenge books). The challenge closes on Friday 5th of September (Week 8 of Term 3).

If you haven't yet received your child's login details for the Challenge, please ask your child's teacher. We would love for as many students to participate in the Challenge as possible and receive their certificate of participation in Term 4. For more information, to login and view book lists, please go to: <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

Mr Paul Busuttil
PRINCIPAL

Important Dates		
Date	Event	Grade
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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Celebrating our Learning

We were honoured to welcome the Minister for Education, Ben Carroll, along with representatives from the Department and The Smith Family to St Albans Esat Primary on Friday 6 June 2025. The announcement of \$6 million in funding for The Smith Family's Learning for Life program marks a significant investment in supporting students and families across our communities. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strong partnership we have built with The Smith Family over the past seven years, while also showcasing the incredible culture and achievements of our school. Our student leaders did an outstanding job representing the school — especially under the unique pressure of cameras, microphones, lights, and a full media presence. It's not every day you're thrust into the spotlight, and they handled it with confidence and pride.



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YEAR 3

EXCURSIONS

Term 2, 2025

The Year 3 students have had an extremely busy term, both inside and outside the classroom. Students have had many opportunities to connect their learning with the outside world, having some amazing experiences that have extended their learning in Inquiry and Writing.

Bowery Theatre

Thursday 22nd May

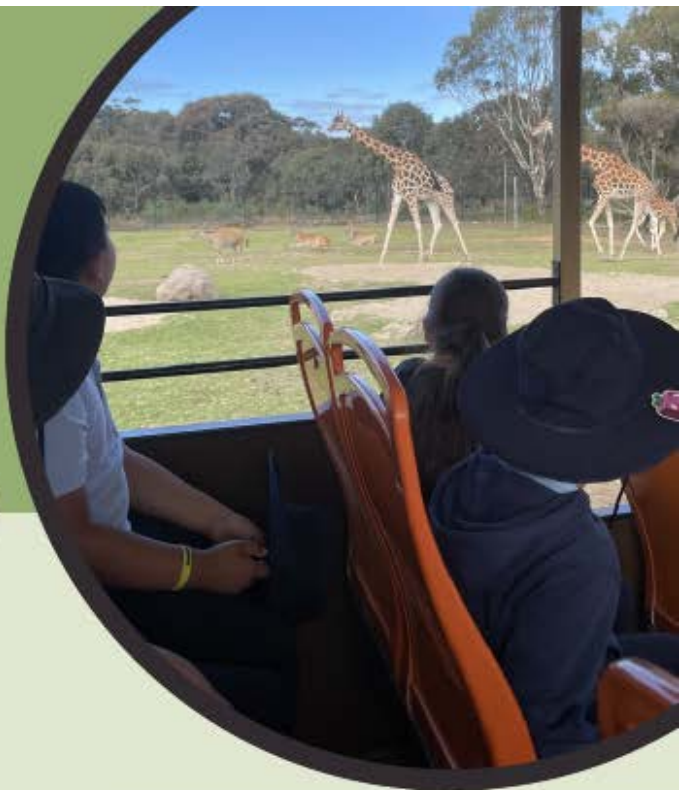
As part of the Year 3 Inquiry Unit 'Our Community', students have been exploring what it means to be a part of a community, and how they utilise the local area for a range of services, hobbies, and amenities.

The Bowery Theatre in St Albans welcomed our students to explore their amazing facility right on our doorstep!

After a lovely 20 minute walk to the theatre, students participated in a hip hop dance class, where we saw some great talent!

They also got to experience what it is like to be on stage in the theatre by playing some theatre games. Students had to position themselves on stage to set a scene, and looked at how lighting effects work.

We hope that students will explore future opportunities at the Bowery Theatre, now that they have seen this fantastic service in their own community.



Werribee Zoo

Thursday 15th May

As part of the our non-fiction Writing unit of study, students learnt how to research a topic using a variety of sources. They considered their prior knowledge and what they needed to find out so they could write an information text on a chosen animal.

Werribee Zoo was an opportunity for students to see first hand the animals they were researching, giving context and meaning to their work. Students loved learning about predators and prey in a workshop with Zoo staff, having the chance to hold skulls of various animals while studying their features.

The safari was a highlight, as was the new Elephant Trail.

Overall, a great day was had by all!





The SAEPS Podcast

Taking Student Voice & Agency to a New Level



This term our grade 6 students are taking their first steps into the world of podcasting

Volunteers from grade 6 have started the process of creating a first for our school: **The SAEPS Podcast**. Students from grade 6 have formed small teams of four to discuss topics familiar (and unfamiliar) to them, ranging from the Federal Election, to sporting events and Anzac Day. It's early days but with the arrival of a dedicated podcasting kit, there's no stopping the momentum and excitement being created in our newly designed Innovation Space. Stay tuned...

HOUSE SPIRIT

SAEPS Student Leadership Day
Thursdsy 15th May

On Thursday 15th May, our student leaders took part in an exciting and productive Student Leadership Day. It was a full day of teamwork, planning, and creativity as our young leaders worked together to plan and prepare for upcoming House Spirit events.

Session 1 kicked off with Mr Van Taarling, where students participated in fun team-building games and discussions. They brainstormed ideas for House Spirit events in Term 3 and 4, reflecting on what they enjoyed in previous years. There was plenty of excitement as they explored the possibilities!

In Session 2, Mrs Armocida worked with the Leaders, planning for our upcoming Wellbeing Day to be held later this term. As they discussed ideas for a range of activities, students shared thoughtful ideas to help promote wellbeing and kindness across the school.

In Session 3 with Mrs Price, students focused on organising materials and preparing instructions for teachers and students for our Term 2 Wellbeing Day. We will share more details about Wellbeing Day over the next few weeks.

Finally, in Session 4, Ms Montalti and our leaders explored how to set up house collection points for our school and brainstormed exciting display options to share House points with the school community.

It was an inspiring and fun filled day that highlighted the leadership, creativity, and teamwork of our students. We're so proud of their commitment and effort they gave during the day and can't wait to see their ideas come to life!

