

# 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,

Spring is in the air, although it still feels like Winter. I am sure we are all looking forward to some warmer weather. As we approach the end of term 3, can I thank our parents, students and staff for all your work in supporting students learning. It gives me great pleasure to showcase in the newsletter all the great learning and opportunities students are involved in.

## Parent Opinion Survey

Our school will be conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst parents/caregivers/guardians. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Survey will be conducted Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## CANTEEN CLOSURE

Due to staff absences canteen will remain closed for the remainder of term 3. It is unknown whether canteen will reopen in term 4 as this is subject building project.

## RUOK Day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September is RUOK? Day, a day when we are reminded to ask, "Are you ok?" and remember that every day of the year we can support people who may be

struggling with life's ups and downs. This year the key message is, 'Are they really ok?' At SAEPS, we know that regular, meaningful conversations can make a difference. You don't have to be an expert to ask how someone is going - just a good friend and a good listener. This year, the RUOK? initiative continues to shine a light on the times we should be asking our friends and loved ones this important question. RUOK? is a national charity dedicated to inspiring all of us to have those regular, meaningful conversations to support someone who may be struggling. You can learn more about the signs and how to ask RUOK? at [www.ruok.org.au](http://www.ruok.org.au)

## PREP ENROLMENTS 2023

Prep enrolments for 2023 have already commenced. If you have a child who will be coming to our school for the first time in 2023, please complete an enrolment form, (available from the office), at your earliest convenience. The Pre-prep program for 2023 students has continued right through until the end of the year.

Mr Paul Busuttil  
**PRINCIPAL**

Important Dates		
Date	Event	Grade
<b>9 Sept</b>	MAV Maths Fun Day	Grade 5/6
<b>14 Sept</b>	Keilor Bike Education	Prep
<b>16 Sept</b>	Last Day Term 3	Whole School
<b>03 Oct</b>	First Day Term 4	Whole School
<b>20 Oct</b>	Melbourne Museum	Grade 3/ 4
<b>27 Oct</b>	Deaf Sports Day	Deaf Facility
<b>21 Oct</b>	Royal Flying Doctor Incursion	Prep
<b>14 -16 Nov</b>	YMCA Lady Northcote Camp	Grade 3/4
<b>21-25 Nov</b>	Swimming Program	Whole School

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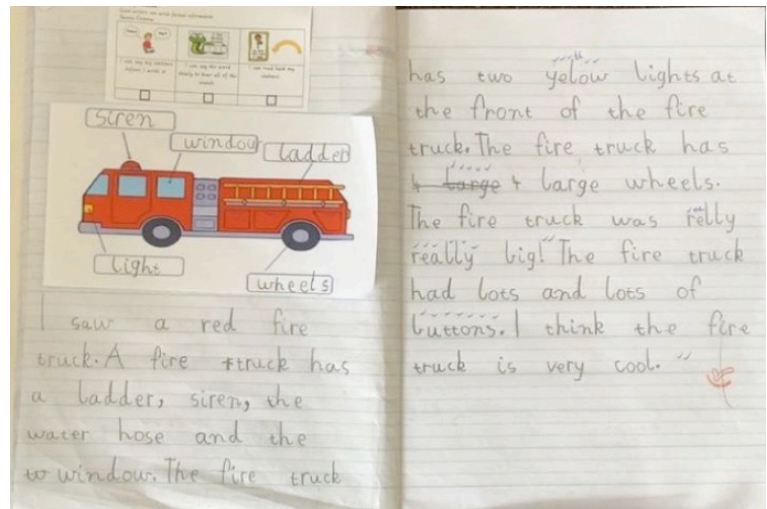
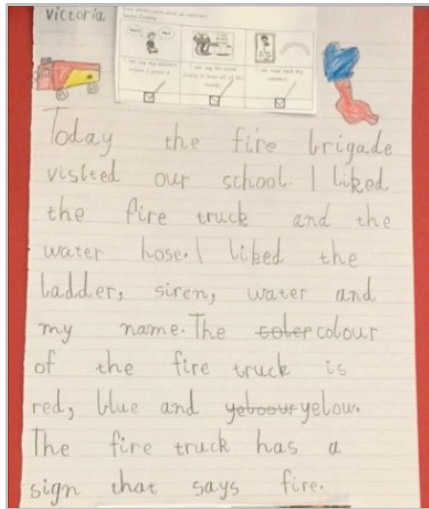
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# Celebrating our Learning

## Prep Team

### Fire Brigade Incursion





## Grade 1/ 2 Team

### Trip to the Museum

There was so much to see and learn during our Grade One and Two excursion to the museum.

#### Did you know that...

- Mosquitoes are the deadliest creature known to man? It kills more people than anything else?
- A giant meteor may have hit out Earth and caused the extinction of the dinosaurs?
- There were no people on Earth while the dinosaurs roamed the Earth?
- Birds are closely related to some of the dinosaurs?
- Dinosaur means 'terrible Lizard?'



Students decided that their favourite part was the presentation at the end.

The presenter asked us questions which had a joke as an answer. For example; can a T-Rex clap its hands? The answer is..... No, they are extinct!

Another funny thing was when the baby triceratops tried to eat Mr. Wood's hair!

## Grade 5/ 6 Team

### YMCA Anglesea Camp

Term 3 has been a very exciting and busy term for our grade 5/6 students this year. 74 of our students were fortunate to attend the YMCA camp at Anglesea with 8 of our staff, for 2 nights and 3 days.

Both students and staff came back with the most positive comments about their experience. Students participated in many exciting activities, some of required much courage and perseverance. It was pleasing to see that almost all of our 74 students tried out all of the activities. This camp experience provided students an opportunity to get to know their peers a little better, especially as we have spent the better part of the last 2 years keeping our distance from everyone. It was heart-warming to watch and observe the mateship and comradery between our students when they participated in team building activities. Students assisted each other both physically, as well emotionally by encouraging each other during the challenges. It was most definitely the best camp experience in a long time. Here are a few pictures from our memorable camp experience.



## Deaf Facility

'The Deaf Facility has organised several excursions for students who are Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing this year. We took a minibus to the Melbourne Recital Centre to participate in musical activities that were really interesting and involved students in the whole process. This has enabled each student to experience music through vibrations and visual experiences. They could feel the music rather than just hear it. The lead music teacher and interpreter led the students in engaging with the activities. Many other deaf schools/facilities were part of this excursion too. Here are some photos of the music teacher, Auslan interpreter as well as some of the students:





## Celebrating Book Week

Book week culminated with our Dress up day on Friday 2 September. Many of our student's participated in the dress up day and enjoyed showing off their costumes of their Book characters during the parade. All grades enjoyed reading the shortlisted books and participating in activities related to their books. Book week was extremely successful for our students and once again helped to rekindle their love for books and reading.

