

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**."

PRESENTING AT PARLIAMENT

On September 13th, Catherine Miller (Teacher of the Deaf at SAEPS) addressed a breakfast event at Parliament House in Canberra, advocating for the right to use Auslan, emphasizing the need for an update to the outdated Disability and Discrimination Act. She discussed the critical role of natural language acquisition in sign language, as outlined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



With a background as a CODA, a primary school teacher, and a Teacher of the Deaf, she has observed language-deprived children struggling with language skills and called for the immediate provision of Auslan to families when their baby is identified as deaf.

Catherine had the opportunity to meet Luke Mansfield from the Department of Social Services and Bill Shorten at the event, where she shared her work at St Albans East Primary School and Deaf Australia, inviting them to visit our school and see our educational approach. We congratulate Catherine for her work and advocacy for Deaf communities.

Mr Paul Busuttil
PRINCIPAL

Important Dates

Date	Event	Grade
24 Oct	Material Science Incursion	Prep
26 Oct	Deaf Sports Day	Deaf Facility
7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday	Whole School
15 Nov	Report Writing Day No School for students	Whole School
18 Dec	Gr 6 Graduation & Last Day of Term 4	Whole school



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 4 as we welcome some warmer weather. What a busy time of the year this is for our school! As students continue with their learning, there are a number of events and preparations underway for the 2024 school year.

PRE PREP PROGRAM

Is your child enrolled to start prep at St Albans East next year? If YES, we encourage you to bring your child to the school on your designated day starting at 9:30am to 10:30am to participate in our **First Steps Program**. The focus of this program is to provide activities that will help to prepare your child for prep.

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).

SUN SMART

A reminder that our SunSmart Policy is implemented in Term 4, requiring all students to wear a navy blue broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hat at all times, whilst outside. **Hats can be purchased from the school office at any time.** Please note that caps and bandanas are not appropriate, and as such are not part of the school uniform. Our school rule is **No Hat, No Play....** This means that students without a hat will be required to sit in a shaded place for the duration of the recess break.

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HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, tertiary education and at work

What you can do

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots
- Introduce your child to teachers and classmates before school starts to help transition
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
- Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session

Planning for 2024

We are currently starting our planning for 2024. If you are not returning in 2024, can you please let the office know or by filling in the transfer notice below.

If you are returning in 2024 and need to communicate any educational needs for you child next year, please put in writing, addressed to the Principal and marked confidential. Your information or request should centre around your child's learning and social needs.

2024 TRANSFER INFORMATION

Please fill out and return to the office if your child/ren are NOT returning to St Albans East Primary school next year.

Students Name:	Room:	Last Day attending St Albans East PS:	Name of New School:

