

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**."

Curriculum Day Wednesday 15th November
No school for student on this days



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

As we approach the halfway point of term 4, it is great to see and hear all the great learning that is taking place at our school. Teachers are busy preparing and writing reports that will be available to parents at the end of the 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.

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.

Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraiser

Get your colour on, St Albans East Primary School is hosting a Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraiser! This term we are fundraising for our new library upgrade with a Colour Explosion School Fun Run with Australian Fundraising!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on Monday the 11th of December. Not only are we hosting an awesome explosion event, students can win up to 15 awesome automated incentive prizes by fundraising via online sponsorship donations. Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.



Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student – it could be you!
- Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

Mr Paul Busuttil

PRINCIPAL

Important Dates		
Date	Event	Grade
7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday	Whole School
15 Nov	Report Writing Day No School for students	Whole School
11 Dec	Colour Run	Whole School
12 Dec	Step Up Day	Whole School
18 Dec	Gr 6 Graduation/ Last Day Term 4	Whole school

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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:

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Celebrating Our Learning

Deaf Sports Day 2023

After years of postponement due to Covid and a delay of two weeks due to Melbourne's famously fickle weather, the 2023 Deaf Sports Day finally went ahead on Thursday 26th October. Seven students and three staff members made their way to Doncaster Athletics track. We arrived to see a few hundred Deaf and hard of hearing students and staff sitting in the bleachers, excitedly waiting for the day's events to begin.

The excitement began with older students competing in 80, 100 and 200 metre races. William Truong got us off to a flying start, coming second in his 200 metre race. Other winners were An Nguyen second, Helen Tran third Other events all students participated in included Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put and Vortex Throw

The littlies enjoyed a variety of tabloid events. Many students enjoyed the day catching up with friends from other schools. All the students had a wonderful time. We'd like to thank Deaf Sports Australia and the Teachers of the Deaf, Interpreters and volunteers who made the event possible. I'm sure students are eagerly waiting for next years' Deaf Sports Day.



Natalie Suleyman Grade 5/ 6 Visit – Parliament of Victoria



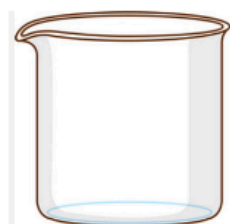
On Friday 3rd November, a politician named Natalie Suleyman MP visited our school to talk and, answer our questions about what it is like to be in parliament. This was part of our inquiry topic, government. Natalie informed the garde 5/6 students about how things worked in the legislative council and what goes on during the process of making a law. There were many interesting facts that we learned. She told us about her experiences working in parliament and why she wanted to become the State Minister of Victoria. We thank Natalie for giving up her time to talk to our students.



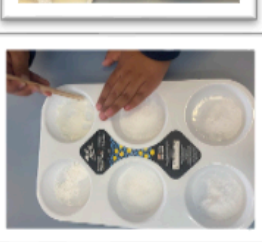
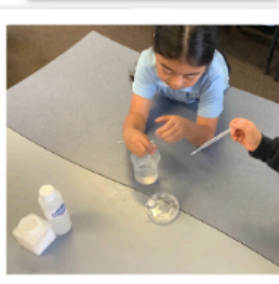
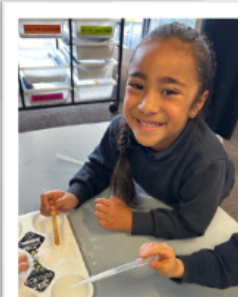
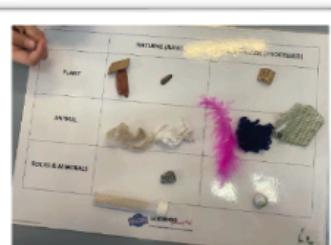
Material Sciences- Prep Incursion



**HANDS ON
SCIENCE**



On the 24th of October, the Preps had their Material Science incursion. Students explored different materials, such as cotton, fabric, plastic, glass and wood. Students were able to learn about what objects are made of and why certain materials are used for particular objects. We discovered what different materials feel like, look like and what they are used for. We had the opportunity to use a microscope and look at materials from a closer view. We enjoyed mixing liquids and observing their chemical reactions, e.g. We mixed vinegar with bicarb soda.





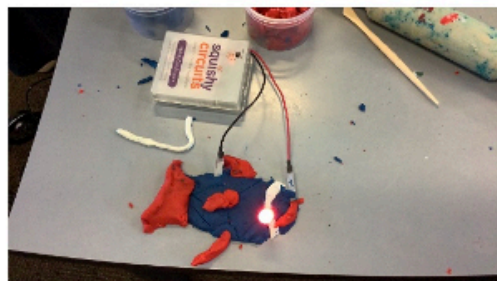
Welcome to TERM 4, 2023, from Mr. Christiaan Van Taarling

All grades complete their work on Seesaw.

Our prep students' topic is "Squishy circuits" they are learning to develop an understanding of a simple electrical circuit. They use conductive and insulative play dough to create objects that allow a closed circuit to turn on an LED light or sound a buzzer.

Here is a student work example of a fish.

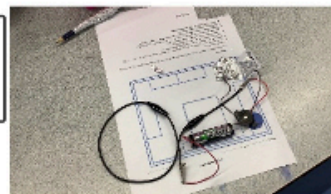
Take a photo of your fish here!



Grades 1 & 2 students' topic is "Electrical machines" they are learning about open and closed circuits. They visit the three types of electricity, Static electricity, Alternating Current (AC Mains electricity) and Direct Current (DC Batteries). They then make battery powered machines such as a burglar alarm or Scribbling Machine.

Here is a student work example of a burglar alarm.

**photo of my
bedroom
alarm.**



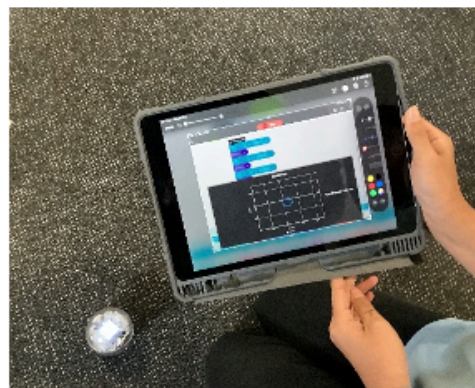
Grade 3 & 4 students' topic is "Animation & Video school", they use Stop Motion Pro to create animated movies including editing techniques such as super imposing facial expressions and green screen (chroma key) backgrounding. They also use iMovie for Movie creation, using the outline and storyboard tools.

Here is a student work example of the green screen technique and added facial expressions.



Grades 5 & 6 students' topic is "Coding for Sphero robots" they use two programming languages Draw programming and Block programming. They program Sphero robots to move or solve problems e.g. make a shape and report its circumference, use light, sound and movement to tell a story.

Here is a student coding to make a Sphero robot create a shape and report its circumference.



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Performing Arts News from Prep & Grade 5/6



Prep

Last term Preps were very busy during Performing Arts classes! We learnt to play different percussion instruments such as maracas, tambourines, clave sticks, bells and drums and learnt about the elements of music including beat, tempo, dynamics and pitch. There was also lots of singing in our classes. Some of the songs we learnt include the Torres Strait Islander song Tabá Naba and the song Funga Alfa from Ghana.



Tabá Naba

Tabá naba naba norem
Tugi penai sirí
Dinghy e naba we
Miko kaimi
Sere re naba we
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Grade 5/6

Last term in Performing Arts classes the 5/6's learnt how to play the ukulele. We learnt the chords C, F & Am and enjoyed learning how to play a range of songs using these chords. We also learnt some simple strumming patterns and composed and recorded our own strumming patterns.

