

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**."

you for everything you bring to our community — you really are the heart of our school.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2026

Prep enrolments for 2026 have already commenced. If you have a child you wish to enrol into our school for the first time in 2026, 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.

Mr Paul Busuttil

PRINCIPAL

Important Dates		
Date	Event	Grade
30 Oct	Billy Slater Shield - Ruby	Gr 6
31 Oct	World Teachers Day	Whole School
3 Nov	Curriculum Day, No school for students	Whole School
4 Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday	Whole School
13 Nov	34 Camp Lady Northcote	Gr 3/4
19 Nov	Deaf Sports Day	Whole School
10 Dec	Step Up Day/ Grade 6 Transition	Whole School
11 Dec	Colour Run	Whole School
12 Dec	Adventure Park Excursion	Gr 5/6
15 Dec	Gr 6 Graduation	Whole school
17 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 for students	Whole School



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 4 — and to some warmer weather at last! What a busy and exciting time of year this is for our school. As students continue their learning, there are plenty of events, celebrations, and preparations underway as we head into the final stretch of the year.

Over the holidays, we installed a new shade sail over the sandpit, just in time for the warmer months, providing our students with a much more comfortable play space. We're also pleased to share that construction has commenced on our new vegetable gardens and five kitchenettes, which are expected to be completed by the end of the year. These additions will further enhance our learning spaces and provide even more opportunities for hands-on, engaging experiences for our students.

Next week, we celebrate **World Teachers' Day!** It's a chance to stop (just for a moment!) and appreciate the dedication, passion, and care that our teachers bring to their work and to our students every day. Teaching is an incredibly rewarding yet demanding profession, and it's the collective effort, creativity, and commitment of our staff that make our school such a vibrant and supportive place for students to learn and grow. Whether it's the patience shown in the classroom, the extra time spent planning and preparing, or the countless quiet moments of encouragement that often go unseen — it all makes a difference.

Let's take this opportunity to recognise and celebrate the amazing work our teachers do, day in and day out. Thank

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School Wide Positive Behaviours

At the **SWPBS Dojo Shop**, students have the opportunity to redeem the points they've earned for consistently demonstrating our school values and the positive behaviours outlined in our School Matrix.

This week, some very excited (and well-deserving!) students redeemed **over 150 Dojo points**— an outstanding effort! A huge congratulations to everyone who continues to show such fantastic commitment to making our school a positive, respectful, and caring community. Keep up the great work!



Koorie Club

For the last two terms, me and some other students from Year 1 to Year 6 have been participating in 'Koorie Club'.

Koorie Club is a safe space where we get to learn about our Indigenous culture and history. It's also a place where we can understand more about the past of the Aboriginal people. The purpose of Koorie Club is to learn and discover the history and culture of Indigenous people. It's also a way to grow our knowledge and respect for their traditions. Even though it's only Indigenous students who go to Koorie Club, anyone can learn about Indigenous history. There are also lots of books in our library to help us learn more, and everyone is always welcome.

At Koorie Club we do different activities, like playing Marngrook. Marngrook is a game where you kick a ball covered with possum skin, and it's similar to AFL. We also take turns playing clapping sticks, claves, and other fun activities.



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Planning for 2026

We are currently starting our planning for 2026. If you are not returning in 2026, can you please let the office know or by filling in the transfer notice below.

If you are returning in 2026 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.

2026 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:



Welcome to Community Hubs Australia at St Albans East Primary School

We're excited to share that **St Albans East Primary School** has been successful in obtaining a grant to host a **Community Hub** in partnership with *Community Hubs Australia*!

Community Hubs are welcoming spaces that connect families with the school, with each other, and with local services. The programs offered through the Hub aim to:

- Build and engage culturally diverse communities
- Connect children with playgroups and school readiness programs
- Help community members learn and practise English
- Create new pathways to volunteering and employment

We are delighted to welcome **Van Nguyen**, who has been appointed as our new **Community Hub Leader**. Van will be coordinating a range of **FREE programs** for families, including:

- English language classes
- Weekly playgroup
- After-school tutoring program
- Cooking classes
- Digital technology classes
- Parenting support sessions
- Assistance with *Working with Children Check* applications
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Please drop by the **front office** to meet Van, who can assist you with applying for your **FREE Working with Children Check**, enabling you to participate in upcoming programs.

For all enquiries, please contact **Van Nguyen** at the school on **9366 2071**.

We're thrilled to be part of this wonderful initiative and look forward to seeing our community come together through the Hub! ☀️