

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**."

Last Day of Term 4 - Wednesday 17 December Prep - Grade 6 (3:15pm finish)

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

As the 2025 school year draws to a close, it has been my absolute pleasure to work alongside such dedicated staff, students, and members of our school community. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading our community as we continue to support and develop our students, and I look forward to continuing this important work in 2026.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our School Council members for their commitment and valuable contribution throughout the year. Your support plays a vital role in shaping the direction of our school.

Early next year, I will be calling for nominations for parents interested in joining School Council. I encourage families to consider being part of this important leadership group within our school.

We look forward to welcoming families to our Whole School Picnic on Wednesday, 17 December from 5:00–7:00pm. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together to celebrate the conclusion of the 2025 school year. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug and some food to share as we enjoy an evening of connection and celebration. Please mark this date in your calendars.

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 Kitchen Garden Program with a Colour Explosion School Fun Run with Australian Fundraising! The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on Thursday the

11TH of December at 2:15pm. We look forward to see you there.



Book Packs 2026

School Council has made the decision that there will be a nominal charge for parents voluntary financial contribution for Book Packs in 2025. Notices explaining this, will go home to families in the new year on COMPASS. The charge for grades Prep – Grades 6 is \$100. Information regarding the breakdown of the costing will be included in the notice. This amount is still heavily subsidised by the school and is considerably lower than many other schools. The book packs will be delivered to the classrooms on the first day of school.

Grade 6 Graduation

Our Grade 6 students will be celebrating a very special night on Monday 15 December at the Deer Park Club. I would like to extend my thanks to the Grade 5/6 teachers for their preparation of this event, but most importantly the wonderful Grade 6 students. On behalf of the staff, I would like to express our best wishes to our grade 6 students who are embarking on a new and exciting phase of their lives.

Mr Paul Busuttil.
PRINCIPAL

**Grades 1 to 6 classes commence
Wednesday 28th January 2026**

**Grade Prep Students commence
Monday 2nd February 2026**

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Year 3 & 4 Lady Northcote Discovery Camp

On the 13th of November, our Year 3 and 4 students set off for their first school camp at Lady Northcote Discovery Camp, Glemore. From the moment our student set off, the anticipation was obvious as the bus ride was full of excited wonderings about the rooms, food and activities they were going to encounter at camp.

The action began as soon as we arrived and everyone set off for their activity rotations. Over the two days, students were encouraged to challenge themselves to overcome fears and try new experiences. Activities included a giant swing, parkour and ninja techniques, canoeing and archery.

After a fun filled day, there was some free time to explore the area and hang out with friends, before sitting down to a delicious pasta dinner. Our students showed courtesy and respect by helping to set up the tables and cleaning up afterwards. The day was finished off with some wildlife spotting on a night walk and toasted marshmallows around the campfire.

Day 2 began early with a hearty breakfast and more activity rotations. Canoeing was very popular and some students (and a teacher!) fell in the water, staying safe by following the directions of the camp instructors.

Teachers and staff were so proud of all of our students as they were kind, considerate and showed all of the school values during our time at Lady Northcote. Overall, the camp was an amazing opportunity for students to build resilience, independence and of course, make memories with their friends that will last a lifetime!



MOPA Play Centre

To celebrate our students' learning and achievements, our Year 1 and 2 students were excited to visit the MoPA Play Centre. During the excursion, students enjoyed thoughtfully crafted experiences and a wide range of creative, play-based activities. There were many engaging spaces for students to explore throughout the centre.

The students had a fantastic time participating in arts and crafts, sensory exploration with intense drumming, energetic dance parties, and even city building with blocks. One of the highlights for many students was making their way through the MoPA city. The dress-up area was a big hit, where students dressed up to match their grooves on stage and then relaxed during the immersive Reader's Theatre experience.

The excursion was filled with laughter and excitement. It was a wonderful experience





DEAF SPORTS DAY

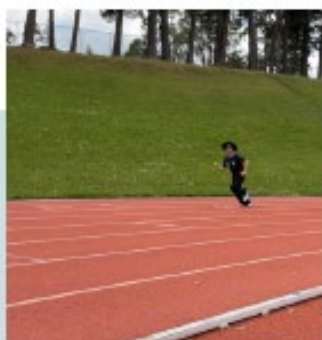
Wednesday 19th November 2025

Emily, Helen, Ava,
Nawfal, Farhan,
Aziz, Stefaniia,
Mahmud and An



WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!

Every year students from all over the state of Victoria come together to participate in Deaf Sports Day. Deaf Sport and Recreation Victoria and Deaf Sport Australia organise this event and every deaf and hard of hearing child has the opportunity to socialise, meet old friends, have fun while at the same time participate in the athletic activities.



We are proud of our students' efforts and energy levels; they all got involved in their delegated activities and their spirits were high.

Well done, you have represented the best of SAEPS!



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