

St. Albans East Primary School School Newsletter

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Curriculum Day
Monday 18th May
Student Free Day

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to another exciting term, especially those students and families who are new to our school. It was pleasing to be welcomed by so many smiling faces as students start another term.

LEST WE FORGET

On Friday April 24, St Albans East PS held its own ANZAC Day commemorative service led by our school captains. Our whole school community remembered the sacrifice of those who have served in war. Learning about ANZAC Day helps children connect with Australian history and understand the importance of this national day of remembrance.

READING AT HOME

Reading at home aims to promote enjoyment for students whilst providing opportunities to reinforce and rehearse reading strategies and develop positive reading behaviour.

Your child will bring home a book each day for them to read and share with you. We encourage parents to set aside time each night to read and share the take home book with your child as it is important to establish a good reading routine and to develop a love of reading.

Below are some questions you may wish to ask your child as you are reading the book together. Also, play games like finding alphabet letters and simple words that they know. Praise your child's attempts and make sure your reading time together is enjoyable.

- Did you like this story? Why?/ Who is in the story?
- What was the story about?
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- Can you point to your favourite picture and tell me why? Did this story remind you of anything?



Mother's Day Stall – Friday 8th May

Mother's Day is fast approaching and SAEPS will again be holding its annual Mother's Day stall. We will have a variety of gifts available for students to purchase for that special lady, Mum, Grandma, Aunt or friend.

The cost of gifts ranges between \$2.00 - \$15.

Students will be taken over to the stall during the day to make purchases. A raffle ticket will be issued to all students who make a purchase to be in the running to win a fantastic Mother's Day Hamper.



PREP ENROLMENTS 2027

Prep enrolments for 2027 have already commenced. If you have a child who will be coming to our school for the first time in 2027, please complete an enrolment form, (available from the office), at your earliest convenience.

Important Dates		
Date	Event	Grade
7 May	FUSE CUP	Gr 6
11May	District Athletics	Gr 3-6
13 May	School Photos	WS
14 May	Incursion Democracy	Gr 4
14 May	Taster Day SASC	Gr 6
18 May	Curriculum Day	WS
29 May	Incursion Build A Bear	Gr 1

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Grade 6 School Leaders

Reflections on the GRIP Leadership Conference



Ms Montalti, Mrs Armocida and our Grade 6 School Leaders recently attended the GRIP Leadership Conference held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to step outside the classroom and learn alongside other young leaders from schools across Victoria.

Connecting with Peers

Throughout the day, students connected with peers from different schools, sharing ideas and experiences about leadership. These conversations helped broaden their understanding of what effective leadership can look like in a variety of school settings.

Building Leadership Skills

The conference focused on building important leadership skills and provided valuable insights into what strong leaders do within their school communities. Students explored how to show integrity, lead by example, and demonstrate leadership in their everyday actions. They also discussed how leaders can introduce new ideas to improve their school, while recognising and preparing for the challenges that leadership can sometimes bring.

Key Takeaways

One powerful message that stood out was that while many people choose what is easy, leaders choose what is necessary. This idea encouraged our students to think about making positive choices, even when they may be difficult.

Looking Forward

We are incredibly proud of our Grade 6 leaders and look forward to seeing how they apply their learning to make a positive impact in our school community. Their experience at the conference has equipped them with new perspectives and a stronger understanding of what it means to lead effectively. We anticipate great things from these young leaders as they continue to grow and contribute positively to our school environment.



PE NEWS

TERM 1

CROSS COUNTRY AND DISTRICT SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 3-6 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Last term, our Year 3-6 students participated in SAEPS House Cross Country Carnival, demonstrating perseverance and resilience across the course. It was fantastic to see students challenge themselves, support one another and give their best effort.

Best of luck to all students competing at District – we're proud of you!



YEAR 5/6 DISTRICT SOCCER

Last term, selected Year 5/6 students represented our school at District Soccer held at Green Gully Reserve. Students showed excellent teamwork, skill development and determination, representing the school with pride.



HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

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● BLUE: 105

● RED: 126

● YELLOW: 148

● GREEN: 137

👉 YELLOW IS CURRENTLY IN THE LEAD!