

# 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**."

Welcome back as we start Term 3. It is always great to welcome back our students all smiling and ready to go for another term. We welcome all new students and families to our St Albans East Primary School family.

Whilst walking around visiting each classroom, it is great to hear students excited about their learning this term. Our preps will be investigating 'Personal Safety and Community Helpers'. They will learn about how to keep themselves safe in different situations and who can help them in the community. As part of their learning they will have a visit from the Fire Brigade and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. At the end of term they will visit the Keilor Bike Education Centre to learn about bike and road safety.

Our grade 1/2 students will be learning about Sustainability. They will explore how to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste to help the environment by investigating different types of waste and materials that can be recycled. Students will explore different ways they can be sustainable to help the environment

The Grade 3/4 students' will develop their understanding of Australia, including its geographical layout, landscape, populations, natural resources and climate. They will explore how these features are similar and different to neighbouring countries. Towards the end of the term, students will investigate how they can make positive changes for a sustainable future, with an excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens.

The 5/6's students will be learning about the history of Australia from colonisation. They will question and explore the key events and the different people who immigrated to Australia. In Reading and Writing students will be analysing and creating a range of poetry. They will also look into autobiographies and biographies, and make links to their History unit.

## Apply now to enrol your child in (Prep) 2024

The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year. If you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by Friday 28 July 2023. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Prep next year, please contact our school office on 9366 2071 or email [st.albans.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:st.albans.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

## Important Dates

Date	Event	Grade
<b>31 July</b>	Curriculum Day	Whole School
<b>3 August</b>	St Albans SC Production	5
<b>25 August</b>	Royal Flying Doctors	Prep
<b>31 August</b>	Botanic Gardens Excursion	3/4
<b>1 September</b>	Curriculum Day	Whole School
<b>5 September</b>	Brimbank Bike Education	Prep
<b>15 September</b>	Start of Term 3	Whole School

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**PRINCIPAL**

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# Celebrating our Learning

## Celebrating NAIDOC Week

The last two weeks at SAEPS we celebrated the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students were involved in activities to acknowledge and celebrate NAIDOC Week. Students were involved in lunchtime rock painting club.

The Art display can be seen in the meeting room at the front office. Thankyou to all involved.



## Victorian Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading challenge is now open at St Albans East Primary School. Regular reading from an early age is vital for success at school and has lifelong benefits. The Challenge encourages children to read more and promotes a love of reading. It also supports the Education State target to have more students reaching the highest levels of achievement in reading. We encourage all students to participate.

**The Challenge for schools is now open and will run until September 2023.**



This term we are working on Physical science units. Grade prep complete their work in a physical student science diary, all other grades complete their work on Seesaw.



Our prep students' topic is "On the Move" they are learning to develop an understanding of how things move. They explore the push and pull forces they can use to move objects in ways such as sliding, bouncing and spinning. Through investigations, students observe and gather evidence about rolling objects and explore the idea of fair testing.

Grades 1 & 2 students' topic is "Push Pull" they are learning to explore pushes and pulls. Through investigations, students observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground. Students identify the effect of the pull of gravity and learn that both air and water can 'push'.

Grade 3 & 4 students' topic is "Smooth Moves", they explore forces and motion. They learn that all types of forces including friction, gravity and pushes and pulls have affect when we exercise, ride bicycles and drive cars. Through hands-on activities students identify forces that act at a distance and those that act in direct contact, and investigate how different-sized forces affect the movement of objects.

Grades 5 & 6 students' topic is "Circuits & Switches" they explore how electrical energy can be transferred and transformed in electrical circuits and can be generated from a range of sources. students are provided with hands-on, shared experiences of constructing and representing simple circuits and changing the different components in a circuit. They investigate different sources of energy that are used to generate electricity.

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