

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**."

commenced and will continue to end of the year.

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 2025.

Mr Paul Busuttil - **PRINCIPAL**

Date	Event	Grade
29 Aug	Curriculum Day	WS
2 Sept	Melborne Zoo	Prep
5 Sept	Monopoly Dreams Excursion	4
5 Sept	Fathers day Stall	WS
12 Sept	Victoria Market	5
17 Sept	STEAM Festival	WS
19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3	WS
6 Oct	Term 4 Starts	WS
12-14 Nov	Lady Northcote Camp	3 & 4

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Spring is in the air, although it still feels like Winter. I am sure we are all looking forward to some warmer weather. It gives me great pleasure to showcase in the newsletter all the great learning and opportunities students are involved in.

Curriculum Day – Student Free Day Friday 29th August

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school will be conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2026

Prep enrolments for 2026 have already commenced. If you have a child who will be coming to our school for the first time in 2026, please complete an enrolment form, (available from the office), at your earliest convenience.

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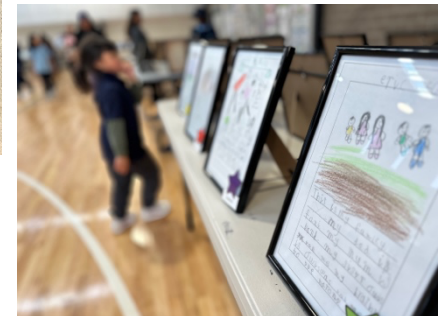
Celebrating our Learning

Celebrating Book Week

Celebrating Book Week at SAEPS was a vibrant and inspiring experience that highlighted the joy and value of reading and writing across our school community. Throughout the week, students engaged in a range of exciting literacy activities linked to the 2025 shortlisted books, deepening their appreciation for storytelling and creative expression. The highlight of the week was our very own SAEPS Readers and Writers Festival, which brought students' imaginations to life. We wrapped up the celebrations with a colourful Book Week Character Parade, where staff, students, siblings, and even some enthusiastic parents dressed up and joined in the fun, making it a truly memorable event for all.

SAEPS Readers & Writer Festival – Student Engagement & Community Event

On Wednesday afternoon, the sun shone brightly and provided the perfect weather to launch our very first Readers & Writers Festival. Students were excited to showcase their talents to their family and friends. This special event brought our community together to celebrate the achievements of our students in reading and writing. A highlight of the afternoon was the writing gallery, where students proudly displayed their work for all to see. On the grassed area, families gathered picnic-style, reading with one another and sharing stories. It was a heartwarming sight that demonstrated our students' love of reading and how much they've grown. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community come together to support and celebrate our young readers and writers.



Grade 4 State Library

Andy Griffiths!

The 20th of August was an amazing, educational day for many Year 4s. Students sat on the bus buzzing with excitement and talking to their friends about all the wonders of the library. They were going to Victoria's enormous State Library! As all students got off the bus, our guide led the way into a world full of marvels and imagination. Students gasped in wonder and excitement as their eyes stared to see Ned Kelly's armour. – *Written by Sonia of 4A*



Soon, the students met a magnificent author – Andy Griffiths! They were thrilled to meet Andy in person, listen to him talk about his writing, and even share a few laughs along the way. The excitement didn't end there. Each student received a free, signed copy of Andy's brand-new book, which they were delighted to take home. It was an inspiring experience that encouraged our budding readers and writers to see the joy that books can bring.



Grade 6 FUSE CUP

Rocket League Competition

The FUSE Cup is an international school esports competition that gives students a safe and supportive way to enjoy gaming while learning about teamwork, respect, and healthy online habits.

Recently, four of our SAEPS students proudly represented the school in the Rocket League competition. They competed against 16 teams from 8 different schools, showing fantastic cooperation and determination. Our team came very close to making the finals, missing out by just one point. But what stood out most was their positive attitude. They encouraged other players, displayed great sportsmanship, and made new connections with students from other schools.



A key focus of the FUSE Cup is health and wellbeing. Students took part in activities with the Chiefs Esports Club, including stretches and exercises designed for gamers. They also heard from health professionals about the importance of taking regular breaks, eating well, getting enough sleep, and staying active to keep gaming balanced and positive.

Online safety was another big theme. With support from the eSafety Commissioner and Kids Helpline, students explored ways to stay safe online, respond to cyberbullying, and use social media responsibly.

We are very proud of our team. They not only developed new gaming strategies but also strengthened important life skills such as resilience, respect, and teamwork. Congratulations to Alazar, Caesar, Natu, and Avi for representing SAEPS with pride.

Grade 3

Melbourne Museum

We took a trip to connect with our geography unit this term, learning about the features of Australia with a particular focus on climate, weather, fauna and flora. We had a session run by museum staff about climate change, explored the *Dinosaur Walk*, *Dynamic Earth*, *Melbourne Story*, *Forest Gallery* and *First Peoples* exhibitions. All students represented our school amazingly!



Antarctica call



We had an online chat with Mawson Station leader Dave, live from Antarctica! Students were able to ask lots of inquisitive questions, see photos of wildlife and learn about what life is like on the icy desert. They've been very engaged learning a little more about Antarctica during independent reading time, too!



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Grade 1/ 2



Year 1 and 2 students had the opportunity to step back in time and explore what life was like 150 years ago. From the grand dining rooms to the servant's quarters, every part of the mansion sparked curiosity and wonder. Students were fascinated by the detailed architecture, the size of the rooms, and the stories behind how people lived, worked and dressed.

One of the highlights for many students was visiting the children's playroom, where they were able to see the kinds of toys and games children used over a century ago. It was fascinating to compare these old-fashioned toys with the ones we use today — no batteries, no screens, just imagination and simple fun! Students loved seeing how children from the past entertained themselves and shared their thoughts about what it would be like to grow up in that time. It was a wonderful experience!

