



Albert Park Primary School

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The Albert Park Way

Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers

It has been a musical week with all classes experiencing a fantastic session with Tanya from Musical Minds.

Music Minds Incursion with Tanya - Term 3, 2023

For the second incursion at Albert Park Primary School the focus was on songs, rhythms and musical arrangements based around the Wurundjeri Season of Guling (Orchids and Wattles) and humorous Dinosaur beats!

Focus Pieces

Prep to Grade 2 will learn 'Dinosaur Dinner Dance' (R. Macken), a waltz tempo that morphs into a 4 beat Dinosaur percussion piece. Plus sing and move to Wattle Tree (T. Bethune), a song to connect with the season. The students loved the GIANT elastic last term! And it was used again.

Grades 3 and 4 will learn '10 o'clock on Sunday' (S. Davis-Splitter), a piece full of musical surprises, fun melodies, extended harmonies and expressive percussion. Plus a full body percussion and solfège arrangement of Wattle Tree (T. Bethune).

Grades 5 and 6 will debut the performance of 'Wattle Tree Blues' composed by Tanya Bethune for Albert Park Primary. A piece with many layers: vocals, body percussion, instrumental percussion, ukulele, xylophones and marimbas.

Tanya also has some super energetic musical warm ups ready to get you moving and connecting with sound! The children loved the dinosaur lunches, scuba diving sea sounds and dinosaur aerobics! Thanks, Tanya from all of us at APPS.

Today, G1, 2, 3 and 5 experienced the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra performing at Hamer Hall. How wonderful for our students to learn in a large theatre, the different musical instrument in an orchestra and how they come together to produce magical sounds. Thanks to all our parent helpers. We were amazing on our journey to and from Hamer Hall on the tram. A great excursion just on our doorstep.

School Vision Statement:

We are a unique village community, becoming life-long learners with high expectations.

Important dates:

Mon 21 – Fri 25 August

Book Week Activities

Wed 23 – Whole School Incursion

Fri 25 – Dress Up & Class Visit (9 – 9.30am)

Mon 21 – Wed 23 August

Student Led Conferences

Thursday 24 August

Gr5 & Gr6 Basketball Gala Day

Wednesday 30 August

Whole School Photo

Thursday 31 August

Gr6 Production

Friday 1 September

Father's Day BBQ & Stall

Monday 11 September

Gr3 & Gr4 Basketball Gala Day

Please note: Dates may be subject to change

Be Kind and Fair

Act Safely

One Voice at a Time

Respect Everyone's Rights

Keep Trying

Grades 3-6 had the opportunity to take part in the Australian Mathematics Competition last week. We are very proud of all the students who put themselves forward and were brave in their efforts and focus. Results will be shared later in the year when certificates are presented at a whole school assembly.

To keep the Mathematics theme going, staff spent the curriculum day focussing on how best to teach 'the big ideas' in Maths. It was a valuable day of learning and collaboration to continue to build expertise in the teaching of Numeracy for our students across the school. Please see the article written by our Primary Maths Specialists, Will, Catherine and Michael outlining the day. A huge thank you to our parent that provided valuable feedback to our team. This was shared with our staff on the day.

An enormous thank you to our APPS Fundraising Committee who did a wonderful job organising the Parent Gala! It was a hugely successful night and a fantastic way for parents to come together and connect. On behalf of the students and staff, we are full of gratitude for the generosity of our lovely parents and sponsors (see the written account further on in the newsletter). We have already used funds raised to purchase forty new iPads and they are currently being rolled out into the classrooms.

Attendance and Punctuality - an important message

We know that **every day** of education counts for each and every student. We have noticed a continued trend this year for students to be taken out during term for long weekends and long family holidays. Attendance in 2019 for the whole school was 94%. In 2021 - 89%. Currently, we are tracking at 91%.

Daily school attendance **is** important for **all** children to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both **socially and developmentally**. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children by providing them with education and support networks that strengthen connection for them in their community.

Please help our teachers in delivering quality education and supportive connections with your child/children by limiting disruptions, as much as possible, to their attendance. It can affect your child/children learning key concepts; skills and knowledge; accessing units of work; assessments and social opportunities. This includes being on time at the start of the day and not missing the beginning of the first lesson.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school next week for student led conferences - they are very excited for you to share their learning. A reminder that your child/children's class teachers are available at the end of the day if you need to speak with them or please do not hesitate to make an appointment if you have any worries or concerns.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Katrina

Information for Parents

Term Dates for 2023

Term 3: 10 Jul - 15 Sep

Term 4: 2 Oct - 20 Dec

Please note: School finishes at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1, 2 and 3 and at 1.30pm in Term 4

Curriculum/PPD Days for 2023

Monday, 6 November

Please note: Dates may be subject to change

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

If you would like to help in the classroom, on sports days and excursions etc, you must have a current Working With Children Check lodged at the office.

To apply for your WWCC, go to:
<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

NOT RETURNING IN 2024?

Planning for 2024 classes is now underway.

We need to know if your child or children will **NOT** be returning to Albert Park Primary next year.

Please let Katrina and Liz know via email:
albert.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you.

2023 School Leaders Report

~ Swimming Lessons ~

Last week the year threes and fours went to MSAC to have swimming lessons. Each class went at different times of the day to have their lessons. The children got put into a level out of five based on their skill level. This mini excursion teaches students a survival backstroke and many more! The year 3 and 4s loved this experience and look forward to it next year.

~Paradise ~

Paradise has had some recent renovations. The local community and parents of our school have put rocks aside the stepping stones and got rid of the muddy grass and dirt. Thank you to those who volunteered and helped us with this project.

~ Wellbeing Tree ~

The Wellbeing leaders and committee members have been working hard on making the kindness tree. This was a project from last year which they have continued. The wellbeing leadership team has just completed this and are super excited to add this new feature to our school. The kindness tree represents the kindness and good acts around the school! Do you think you will make it on the kindness tree?

Kind Regards
Spencer E and Isobel M



Prep Enrolments for 2024



If you have a child due to start in prep next year, now is the time to get your enrolment form into the office.

Enrolment forms are available via our website [Albertparkps.vic.edu.au](https://albertparkps.vic.edu.au) - [Prep Enrolment](#) or you can pick one up from the office.

There is also some fabulous information from the Vic Department of Education about [Enrolling in Prep](#) and [Starting School](#).

If you know of any families not already at the school with a child due to start in prep next year, please ask them to contact the school.

100 Days of Prep: Albert Park Primary's Littlest Learners Celebrate!

Friday, 28th of July, saw Albert Park Primary School's playground come alive in an unexpected burst of vintage nostalgia. The school yard was bustling, not just with our typical little scholars, but with an intriguing swarm of pint-sized centenarians. Yes, as part of their 100th day of prep celebration, our students took a charming plunge into the past, embodying the spirit and appearance of lively 100-year-olds for a Prep Breakfast!

What a sight it was to witness these vibrant 'seniors' storm the schoolyard with an energy that belied their pretend years! This unique celebration marked the culmination of their first 100 days in Prep, a milestone that filled the air with delight and anticipation. The morning was a resounding testament to the journey our Preps have undertaken thus far, turning an ordinary school day into an extraordinary celebration of their educational journey.

Guided by the incredible teaching team - the fantastic four, Amanda, Imogen, Catherine, and Prue - our Prep students have delved headfirst into their education with a zest that's as delightful as it is inspiring. As they enter through the school gates each day, they not only bring along their snack boxes, but also their undying enthusiasm to learn, make friends and craft memories that will last a lifetime.

Here's to our charismatic Preps, who, in their delightful vintage avatars, reminded us of the joy of learning and the power of imagination. Buckle up, little ones, for the next exciting chapter in your school journey, and remember, every day is a chance to make history. Here's looking forward to the next 100 and beyond!

"I love reading, writing, literacy and my teacher, Imogen!" (Camilla, Prep I)

"I really like drawing and colouring Formula One cars in the classroom. I like playing Amanda's teddy bear letter game and I love playing with my school friends." (Ocean, Prep A)

"I love maths, discovery, fluency reading and having friends to play with. I love them because they are fun." (Remy, Prep PC)



Maths Curriculum Day

On Monday 14th August, teachers engaged in professional learning around Big Ideas in Mathematics. Explaining these mathematical big ideas are important for helping children develop a strong foundation in Math. The three main Big Ideas explored were: trusting the count, place value and multiplicative thinking. Here is a brief introduction and description to each of these main ideas:

Trusting the Count:

Trusting the count is about helping children understand that counting is a reliable way to figure out how many things are in a group. When we count, we're giving each item a number in order, like 1, 2, 3, and so on. This helps us know exactly how many things we have. Encourage your child to count everyday objects like toys, fruits, or even steps when walking. This skill helps them solve simple problems and lays the groundwork for more complex math later.

Place Value:

Place value is a bit like a secret code that helps us understand the value of a number. Imagine a number like 325. Each digit in the number holds a different place value. The '3' is in the hundreds place, the '2' is in the tens place, and the '5' is in the ones place. This means that the number is actually $300 + 20 + 5$. Teaching place value helps children grasp how numbers work and how they can combine to make bigger or smaller numbers. You can use physical objects like straws or blocks to represent this visually.

Multiplicative Thinking:

Multiplicative thinking is all about understanding the idea of multiplication. Instead of just adding the same number over and over, we can use multiplication to make things quicker. For instance, instead of adding $3 + 3 + 3$, we can simply do 3×3 , which equals 9. It's like counting in groups! This is really useful for things like figuring out how much you'll have if you buy several sets of items. Encourage your child to think about sharing objects into equal groups to practice this concept.

When talking to your child about these big ideas, remember to use everyday examples and make it fun. Counting games, using toys to teach place value, and playing with multiplication can all help make these concepts clear and exciting. As your child gets more comfortable with these ideas, they'll have a strong mathematical foundation that will serve them well as they progress in their studies.

Here are some enjoyable counting games you can explore:

1. **Counting Objects:** Use everyday objects like toys, buttons, or fruits. Ask your child to count a specific number of them, like "Can you count 5 toy cars?" This helps them practice one-to-one correspondence and basic counting skills.
2. **Hide and Seek Counting:** Hide a certain number of objects around the house or room and have your child find them while counting. For example, "Find 7 blocks and count them as you pick them up."
3. **Number Hunt:** Write or print numbers on pieces of paper and hide them around the house. Have your child find the numbers in order and say them out loud.
4. **Dice Games:** Roll dice and count the dots. You can even make it a game where they have to move forward on a board according to the number they rolled.
5. **Counting with Music:** Use songs or rhymes that involve counting. For instance, "Five Little Monkeys" or "Ten in the Bed." Singing while counting adds a musical and memorable element.

6. **Cooking and Baking:** Involve your child in measuring and counting ingredients while cooking or baking. This practical activity reinforces counting skills.
7. **Counting in Nature:** While on a nature walk, count how many birds, flowers, or leaves you see. This connects counting to the world around them.
8. **Build with Blocks:** Use building blocks to create towers. Ask your child to count how many blocks they used to build each tower.
9. **Play with Playdough:** Roll playdough into small balls and count them. This combines tactile play with counting practice.
10. **Bean Bag Toss:** Create numbered targets on the ground using chalk or tape. Have your child throw bean bags onto the targets and then count the points they scored.

Maths Consultations with Families

This term, we have had the opportunity to hold consultations with groups of parents and guardians from every year group throughout the school. A huge thank you to everyone who participated. We look forward to following up with families again and engaging with you all more in future about Mathematics.

During the consultation, we discussed the value of Maths as a fundamental life skill. By the end of the Primary School there was general agreement that students should be secure with number facts such as multiplication facts, develop problem-solving skills, have a rich Mathematical vocabulary and much more!

We also discussed possible reasons for Australia's challenges in raising progress and attainment in Numeracy for students, particularly girls. Statistically, girls make less progress in Numeracy. When we compare to other countries this is something which stands out. One way we can help tackle this problem is to promote a growth mindset by praising effort, persistence, and problem-solving rather than just focusing on correct answers. This can help all students feel more confident and capable in taking on challenges. We look forward to exploring and sharing more ways we can engage all students and have a love of Maths!

The perspectives and conversations during the consultations have been invaluable. We are looking forward to exploring these areas further and updating you on our school's progress in improving Numeracy. Keep an eye out for future opportunities to engage with us about Mathematics in the future!

Try one of these Maths activities with your child:

1. Ask what you could count.
2. What groups can you see?
3. What is the total, if red = 1, green = 2, yellow = 5, blue = 10 and make your own value for the black cube?
4. If the total value of the cubes is 50, what could the value of each cube be? (Each colour must be the same value).
5. Can you think of another activity using these cubes?



Wild Wild West Gala

Yeehaw, Albert Park Primary Roundup: An Unforgettable Night Under the Stars

Well, howdy, partners! There ain't a sunset that'll be the same after our rollickin' Parent and Caregiver Gala Night last Friday, the 4th of August. It was an evening that truly demonstrated the true grit and camaraderie that embodies the Albert Park Primary School community.

Our Wild Wild West-themed night was an unparalleled success, hootin', hollerin' and fun had by all. The dance floor was packed with barbies, cowboys, sheriffs.... Even a horse made it into our saloon!

But more than that, it was a testament to the spirit of our school community. Together, we raised a whoppin amount of funds, around \$23k that will upgrade our students' ICT, enabling them to reach new frontiers in their learning journeys.

The gala showcased what can be accomplished when a dedicated community comes together - a community that works hard, plays hard and goes above and beyond to support our young pioneers.

We'd be remiss if we didn't tip our hats to the local families and businesses who have been steadfast supporters of our community. These legends donated thousands of dollars worth of vouchers, items and experiences for our auction and raffle.

A massive thank you to the folks at Bells Hotel, whose staff kept our glasses full and our smiles bright throughout the night.

Thanks to Warwick Gardiner, our auctioneer, and all the team at Jellis Craig, for their ongoing support of all our fundraising endeavours! The live auction raised a huge \$4400! Congrats to all the auction winners.... We're sure Katrina and Candice will be pumped to hand over the reins to the young "principal for the day"! Enjoy your well-deserved day off, ladies!

We're also grateful for the dazzling performances by our entertainment powerhouses, Lucy Durak and Chris Horsey and the troop of line dancers. They added an extra sparkle to our already stellar night.

And let's not forget our formidable fundraising team. Janine Merrett and her crew organised the event fabulously! (Volunteers required to take on this role next year!) Jodie Foster and Amy Senti, yet again led a dedicated team of donations warriors who sought prizes and set up the auction site and raffle. And a final thank you to Kerrin and the Bells Hotel photographer for their stunning photography, capturing the memorable evening! We are so lucky to have a band of incredible parents who went above and beyond to ensure that the night was a resounding success. Your hard work didn't go unnoticed, and we can't thank you enough.

Look out for more thank yous on social media!

Our gala night was a testament to the strength of our Albert Park Primary School community, proving once again that it truly does take a village to raise a child. And what an extraordinary village we have!

As we hang up our cowboy boots and dust off our checkered shirts, let's look ahead to our next fundraising event, the Blokes' Breakfast on Friday 1st September, celebrating all of our APPS dads, step-dads, grandads, uncles and all those VIB(lokes) in our children's lives. So saddle up, folks, because we've got more exciting trails to blaze!

Thank you all for attending, donating, bidding and supporting our event!

The Fundraising Team

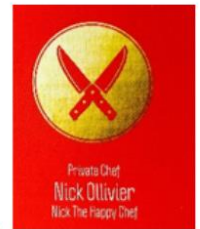
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2023 Curriculum Contributions and Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to families who have paid the 2023 Curriculum Contributions and Voluntary Contributions and for the many tax-deductible donations into our building, library, and school assistance funds.

For those that have not yet paid, this is a reminder that it there is still time to do so.

You can make your contribution online via: [Compass](#)

If you have any questions please contact Aris Lechte, Business Manager on 03 9699 9090 or via email albert.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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TOPICS COVERED

- Conversation Skills
- Resilience and Managing Feelings
- Forming and Maintaining Friendships
- Problem Solving and Reasoning
- Handling Teasing and Bullying
- Perspective Taking

DATES: Tues 19th & Thurs 21st of September

TIMES: Group 1: Ages 5-7 years, 9am-12pm
Group 2: Ages 9-12 years, 12pm-3pm

WHERE: Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park , 3206

REGISTER: socialskillscentre@gmail.com

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