



December 2023

The Albert Park Way



School Vision Statement:

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

Important dates:

Thursday 7 DecemberSanta-thon & Festive Celebration

Tuesday 12 DecemberUp Day

Thursday 14 December Gr 6 Graduation

Tuesday 19 December Gr 6 Waterpark Excursion

Wednesday 20 December Last Day of 2023! Finish at 1.30pm – Casual Dress

Please note: Dates may be subject to change

Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers

How the past few weeks have flown! As we hurtle towards the end of the school term we have much to celebrate.

What a wonderful community celebration the school's 150th Anniversary was. The day began with a Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony that was organised through the Bunurong Land Council. Uncle Eric and Jungala talked to our school community about connection to country and connection to each other. They spoke about how important it was to look after the land and each other. How did this wonderful event come about? One of our amazing Grade 6 Cultural leaders, Henry Jones, went to meet with Josh Burns, Federal MP for McNamara and requested funding for the Welcome to Country for our big celebration. Josh was so impressed not only with Henry's written request but how he presented himself to him personally. Josh agreed without hesitation and with great generosity.

It was an incredibly proud moment to see our School Leaders run our special assembly with fantastic presentations from Prep with their nursery rhymes, Grade 4's timeline and Grade 6 poetry reading. The culmination was the new school song. Our students sang it proudly and beautifully!

Musical Minds ran their usual outstanding music incursion 2 week ago. **The overarching topic:** Healthy foods and a celebration of music.

Prep to Grade 2 explored the minor sounds of the Arabic song, **'Tafta Hindi'** to the lyric revamp of Slimy Spaghetti. Identifying and playing two different rhythms.

Grade 3 and 4 explored a Jamaican folk song, **'Shake the papaya down'**, building on their knowledge of musical structure within Chorus, Verse and Bridge. Creating two note harmonies and rhythmic layers.

Grade 5 and 6 extended on the rhythmical layers of 'Boom Cha Boom'. The Grade 5/6 students expressed how they enjoyed this piece as a warm up in Term 2. They extended this piece by writing a second verse based '**Taco Tuesday'**.

Be Kind and Fair

Act Safely

One Voice at
Respect Everyone's
a Time
Rights

We have thoroughly enjoyed having Musical Minds in this year. However, we are very excited to have our Music Teachers, Gina and Nate joining us next year!

The Prep, G1 and G2 Athletics carnival was great fun! All students put in their very best efforts and although it was exhausting by the end it was a brilliant day. Thanks so much for Nick for organising it and to our wonderful Grade 6 leaders for running the activities. It was brilliant to see so many parents spectating and cheering the children on.

Grade 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their day out participating in the Ultimate Frisby Gala. They were fantastic team players and we were very proud of them. The Grade 3 and 4 also had an excellent day out playing at the soccer gala last week against local schools. We were very proud of their effort, team work and sportsmanship!

To all our wonderful parent helpers throughout the year. Please look out for the invitation to the parent helpers on Thursday, 14th December at 8:00am in the school hall. If you have volunteered in any way this year please do come along so that we can say a HUGE thank you. We would not be able to do all the wonderful events and activities that we do without your support.

There will be one more newsletter before the end of the year, but I did want to let the community know that three of our long serving, wonderful staff will be leaving us at the end of the year, Amanda Craig, Simone Tickell and Ben Malysiak. Amanda and Simone will be retiring and Ben is starting his career as a classroom teacher, having finished his teaching degree. Amanda has been with the APPS for 4 years as a parent and 22 years as a classroom teacher. Both Simone and Ben have been with APPS for 5 years.

In addition, Bre Drew and Marion Marks (art) will be taking leave from APPS for a year. Chelsey Merpaw will be returning to Canada. All of these wonderful staff will be greatly missed and I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best.

We hope you can join us this Thursday for the Sant-a-thon or Christmas Carol assembly followed by stalls and a sausage sizzle or both.

Kind regards

Katrina

Information for Parents

Term Dates for 2023

Term 4: 2 Oct – 20 Dec

Please note: School finishes at 1.30pm on the last day Term 4

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.

GET READY FOR THE SANTA-THON



Thursday 7 December

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

What a wonderful community celebration the school's 150th Anniversary was. The day began with a Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony that was organised through the Bunurong Land Council. Uncle Eric and Jin-Gala talked to our school community about connection to country and connection to each other. They spoke about how important it was to look after the land and each other. How did this wonderful event come about? One of our amazing Grade 6 Cultural leaders, Henry Jones, went to meet with Josh Burns, Federal MP for McNamara and requested funding for the Welcome to Country for our big celebration. Josh was so impressed not only with Henry's written request but how he presented himself to him personally. Josh agreed without hesitation and with great generosity.







Albert Park Primary School – 150th Celebration





































Breathing New Life into a Cherished Legacy: Albert the Seahorse Shines Anew

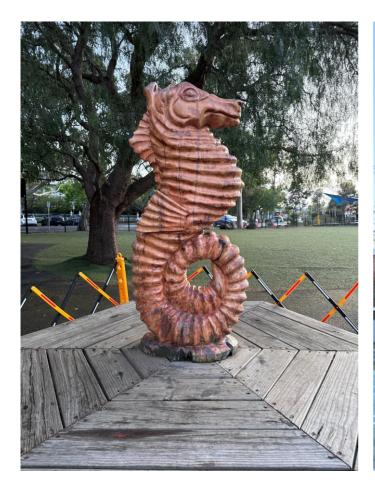
Nestled in the heart of Albert Park Primary School is our beloved mascot, Albert the Seahorse, a symbol of creativity, resilience, and community. Commissioned in 2006 by the trailblazing chainsaw artist Angela Polglaze, Albert has since been a silent observer of our school's journey.

Early October saw the skilled team from BK Carving meticulously restoring Albert, which holds even more significance as it marked two years since Angela, fondly known as Angie, lost her brave battle with Breast Cancer. Her legacy continues to inspire us through Albert, who stands tall in a quaint corner of our school, inviting students to revel in its artistic allure.

Our fabulous Year 3A students, Sophia and Aalira, were among many captivated by Albert's rejuvenated charm, delightfully noting its "...shinier and smoother." surface, and feeling that "...his smile is bigger." Indeed, Angie's creation is more than just a piece of art—it's a part of our school's identity.

The restoration by BK Carving has allowed Albert to continue smiling down upon our vibrant school community, keeping Angie's enduring spirit alive and inspiring. As Albert's grin widens, so does our collective sense of pride and appreciation for the artistry and history it represents.

As we celebrate our 150th year at Albert Park Primary School, sharing this restoration journey feels incredibly fitting. It not only honours Angie's artistic legacy but also symbolises the rich tapestry of our school's history, and the boundless creativity and community spirit that propels us forward.





Economics and Business Grade 5 Career Expo

Grade 5 students were treated to a two-day parent career expo where parents shared about their careers. Students were involved in an engaging Q+A style session with small groups of parents. Topics included whether their work produced any goods or provided a service. Any resources used in work (natural, human, capital). How their work has evolved and how it may change in the future and any ethical considerations.

Special thanks to:

- Tarryn Cohen
- Monica Fry
- Dr Kushlani Stevenson
- Katrina Gowans
- Martin Horrell
- Teresa Dau
- Dr Celia Lanteri
- Ed Pearce
- Ben Kitzis
- Justin Cohen
- David Mann
- Marc Boelen
- Matt Evans
- Dr Teng Tan





What have we been doing in Maths?

This week in Maths the Prep students have been learning all about the teen numbers. They built 'Teen Towns' where everything in the town had to be made up of a ten with some ones to match their teen number. The students created some amazing towns as you can see in the photos.





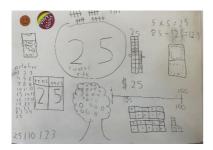
In Grade 1 and 2 students have been building their knowledge of place value and helped Drew with a dilemma. Drew had to buy 143 lollies for a party on the weekend and the shop sold them in bags of 100, 10 and individually. Students problem solved how many ways the lollies could be purchased. Using MAB, they partitioned the number to show that it can be made up in different ways.

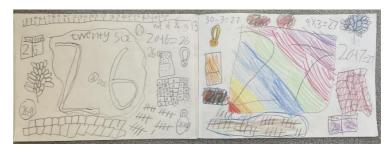






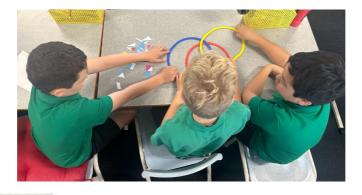
Students in Grade 1 have also been working hard on their Number fluency books. Every day, they get to explore a new number and write and draw everything they know about it. Students represent their number in different ways, deepening their understanding of place value and number sense.





Grade 4 Students started the term developing their understanding of 2D shapes. In this session, students applied their understanding by deciding how shapes could be organised using their features, such as quadrilaterals, parallel lines, right angles, shapes with obtuse angles, equilateral triangles etc.







Spirk Standay

200+300=500

60+40 = 1000

3+5=605

113+652

100+600=700

3+2=6

700+600=700

760+5=765

113+335=
100+30=4000

10+30=4000

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Grade 3 students explored addition. They used their place value knowledge to use the split strategy to improve their understanding and fluency.

This strategy is an important step for students beginning to work mentally when adding and subtracting larger numbers.

Students continue to explore other strategies before eventually learning the vertical algorithm which most adults are familiar with.

Having a range of strategies means students secure their knowledge of number, can check their answers and begin to estimate answers accurately.

Grade 6 students have been busy over the past few weeks designing and constructing mini cities that form part of their learning around perimeter, area, volume, prisms and pyramids and multiplicative thinking. They were tasked with a design brief the required them develop house a minimum of 10,000 residents, construct buildings with a combination of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, construct buildings/skyscrapers that do not exceed the height restriction, include transportation infrastructure include parkland and include a variety of community services such as schools, hospitals and libraries.

Students worked collaboratively in their groups to produce outstanding models of their cities that meet the design brief and aligned with the assessment criteria. We were blown away by the level of detail and commitment our students demonstrated towards these learning tasks and are extremely proud of their efforts.









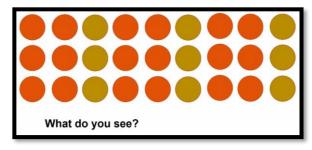






Maths you can do at home:

In this activity, you could discuss how many, how are they organised, arrays or fractions. How else could this be discussed?





APPS Family & Friends Day at Luna Park: Community and Carousel Rides!

On Saturday, 21st October, the vibrant grounds of Luna Park in St Kilda became a rendezvous of joy, thrill, and community spirit as families and friends of Albert Park Primary School gathered for a memorable morning out. The event, marked by a blend of exhilarating rides and hearty laughter, embodied the essence of community and togetherness that APPS prides itself on.

The park reverberated with the joyful squeals of our young adventurers, their excitement reaching new heights with each swoop and spin. The iconic rides of Luna Park, including the Scenic Railway and Ghost Train, were filled with cheerful screams and laughter, narrating tales of thrill and amusement.

Among the array of rides, the Dodgem Cars, Supernova, Speedy Beetle, Coney Drop, and The Spider were the heartbeats of excitement, while the gentle Carousel became a realm of endless giggles and smiles.

This day was more than just a spree of amusement rides; it was a canvas showing the beautiful camaraderie among students, families, and teachers. Every hand held, every shared laugh, and every moment of companionship reinforced the strong bond that knits our community together.

A special note of appreciation is extended to the professional and attentive team at Luna Park, whose efforts ensured a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Their exceptional service was a cornerstone to the success of this event, making it a smooth and memorable outing for everyone present.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who attended and supported this venture, and the volunteers giving their time to contribute to a stronger, more united APPS community!

The Fundraising Team

Prep Enrolments for 2024



If you have a child due to start in prep next year, it's not too late to get your enrolment form into the office.

Enrolment forms are available via our website <u>Albertparkps.vic.edu.au - Prep Enrolment</u> or you can pick one up from the office.

There is also some fabulous information from the Vic Department of Education about <u>Enrolling in Prep</u> and <u>Starting School</u>.

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.

A Tapestry of Memories: Celebrating Our 150th Anniversary Mural

A momentous occasion was marked last Friday as we unveiled a masterpiece of memories and goodwill - the 150th Anniversary Mural. Now adorning our beloved school hall, this vibrant Seahorse mural is a mosaic of our history, a canvas celebrating 150 remarkable years of education, community, and growth at Albert Park Primary School.

This mural is more than an art piece; it's a narrative of our collective journey, woven with the threads of generosity from all of you. An overwhelming thank you to everyone who contributed to this campaign, your names and support are now permanently etched into the fabric of our school's legacy, having raised over \$18,000 to further enrich our children's educational environment.

A special acknowledgment must go to Mel Rochford, a parent of former APPS students. With her artistic flair and dedication, Mel has transformed a vision of commemorating our sesquicentennial into a tangible celebration of our shared history. Her fabulous design now serves as a daily reminder of where we've come from and the community spirit that continues to thrive within these walls.





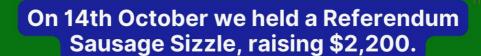
Our gratitude also extends to the skilled team at Alpha Lewis Signs, whose expertise brought the mural to life. They approached the challenge of printing and mounting this significant piece with professionalism, precision, and most importantly, a smile, even within the most demanding of deadlines.

If you're feeling a touch of FOMO, fear not! There's still a chance to be a part of this historic tapestry. A select few bubbles await names to claim them, ready to carry your legacy forward for generations to come. To add your name or that of a loved one to our 150th Anniversary Mural, please reach out at appsfundraisingevents@gmail.com.

This mural stands as a beacon of our past, present, and future. Every time we pass by, let it remind us that we are all part of something larger – a community that stands strong together, creating ripples of positive impact that will resonate for the next 150 years.

Be part of our story. Shape our future. Celebrate our past.

THANK YOU & SHOUT OUT FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS!



Thank you to Coles South Melbourne, Brumby's Albert Park, and Kirkpatrick's Butcher for generously supporting this event.

Thank you also to our fabulous volunteers: Jon Haggett and his son Lucas, Igor Gjorgjioski and his daughters, Dom Lowe, Jake & Angie Deegan, Kat Gowans, Felicity Lang Farrell and Luke Osland. Special shout out to Lucas Haggett, former APPS student (now in year 8 at APC) who manned the stall from 6:30am til 3pm!!! What a superstar!

We are always in need of more volunteers for events like this and we would love to establish a dedicated Sausage Sizzle Crew to oversee the organisation and running of our many sausage sizzles.

It's easy and fun! Think of it as a day hanging with friends, raising money and sharing a bit of community love!! Please contact us at appsfundraisingevents@gmail.com if you and your mates are keen to help.

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House of the Week

53 Foote Street Albert Park



Luxurious Entertainer with Sweeping City Views

Step into luxury with this sophisticated, four-bedroomed, double-fronted Victorian residence, cornering the market on a substantial 224sqm (approx) allotment with dual frontage, secure garage parking and an elevated terrace boasting breathtaking northern city views.

Transformed entirely beyond its hallmark façade, this solid-brick prize captures an airy ambience with walls of glass and open spaces that flow seamlessly from room to room, underpinned by polished hardwood floors and high ceilings. Two generous living areas include the ground-floor retreat with access to the rear courtyard, offering cover for entertaining via bi-fold doors to the paved and light-filled garage.

On the upper level, the expansive open-plan living area impresses with its north-facing orientation and city vistas, extending to the decked terrace, emphasising the remarkable indoor-outdoor design. The exquisitely stylish and flawlessly curated kitchen boasts top-of-the-line appliances integrated into the central island bench, complemented by ample soft-close storage - accentuating the sense of space and connectivity to the surroundings.

Beautifully zoned, the main suite sits on the ground floor, enjoying the beautiful period-rich bay window, custom-fitted walk-in robes and an oversized ensuite. Additionally, three well-appointed bedrooms, a central bathroom and a convenient European laundry complete a thoughtfully designed layout, highlighted by ducted heating, pivot doors, and a remote double garage. Enviably located just metres from the beach, Albert Park College and Victoria Avenue's restaurants, cafes and trams, this exceptional home is a lifestyle opportunity that sets the benchmark in excellence.

Land size: 224 Square Metres approx.

53 Foote Street, Albert Park - Jellis Craig

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter





Your OSHC.



1/12/2024

Albert Park Primary School

A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone!

During National Recycle Week, we create our very own Rubbish Robots. Everyone enjoyed exploring recycling and sustainability in the world that we live in. This investigation tries in with the sustainability practices that the school community is embedding. Some examples of this brilliant work in the pictures below.

<u>It is that time again – Rocketeers Mission XII bookings are now open.</u>
Please visit the Camp Australia website to find your nearest Rocketeers Basecamp.

<u>Parents and Carers</u> - please don't forget that you need to inform us when your child will be attending Your OSHC. This is very important for the happy and safe running of the program. You can do this anytime by logging onto our website (www.campaustralia.com.au), our Camp Australia app or you can catch us on the mobile (0452 247 708).









Activities coming up

- Walking Water
- LEGO Imagination Playground
- Cooking Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au</u> or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.







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WHEN:

Mondays 5:15pm to 6:15pm during all school terms

WHERE:

1 Hockey Drive, St Kilda

MORE INFO:

powerhouse.hockey/H2H

REGISTER: Scan QR to register page







21st - 22nd Dec & 15th - 17th Jan



Albert Park Primary

9:30am - 3:30pm

Extended care available 8:30am - 5pm

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COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

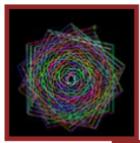
@ Albert Park Primary School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
 - .. and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

Digimaker structured program runs each term and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

8 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for Term 1 2024 is as follows: Year levels: 3 to 6
Term Fee: \$240 incl GST

AFTER SCHOOL BATCH

3:40pm - 4:40pm Mondays 5th Feb to 25th Mar 2024

Fill out the form online by Thursday 14th Dec 2023



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

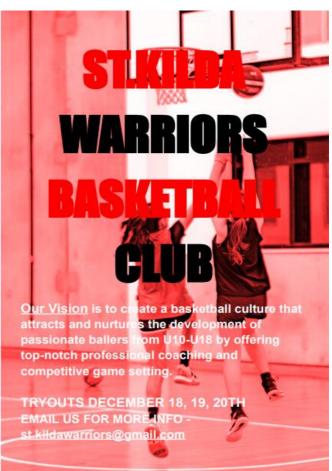
HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM (5 DAYS A WEEK!)

https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/

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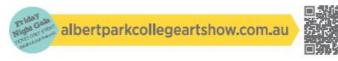






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Artwork Sales · Short Films · Cake Stall · Drinks · Raffle

























Group 2 Group 1

5-7 years

8-11 years

Dates: Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th of January

O Gasworks, Albert Park

Topics Covered

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





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PLAYBALL BASKETBALL TRAINING @ MSAC TERM 1 2024 FRIDAY YEARS 1-4

BASKETBALL TRAINING

Playball is now taking registrations from current PREP to Year 3 Boys & Girls to commence training in Term 1 at MSAC Albert Park. 40-minute weekly Training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday competition in Terms 2,3,4.



REGISTER FOR TERM 1 2024

Register a training team at playballbasketball.com under 'Registration' Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement. Individual children can register online.



TERM 1 TIMES & DATES

YEARS 1-4 FRIDAY 4:00 - 7:00PM. Rings lowered to 8.5ft -YR1's 2 Feb - 15 March (7-weeks). Year 5&6 compete Tue & Wed @ MSAC.

COACHES WORKSHOP

In assoc with Melb. Jnr Tigers sundays in Term 2.

CONTACT

PH: 9555 7448 info@playballbasketball.com Playball: An affiliated association of Basketball Victoria





PLAYBALL BASKETBALL 9555-7448



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEM-SOLVING PROGRAM

Get ready for school and learn some skills whilst having fun, playing board games, crafting and playing with lego. The program covers:

- Managing big emotions
- · Problem solving.
- · Friendships skills such as sharing and empathy.
- · Play skills-winning and losing.
- · Communications skills such as dealing with conflicts.
- Dealing with worries and anxieties.

Suitable for Primary aged children.



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