



Albert Park Primary School

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The Albert Park Way

Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to Term 3! It is a very exciting term with many wonderful events to look forward to.

Our first very special event was our 2023 Preps celebrating 100 days at APPS! We are so very proud of them. They have settled in very well; they have embraced all their learning and they are lovely, lovely students. Their Grade 5 buddies have done a brilliant job in helping them settle into the playground. They have big smiles on their faces, they feel confident to visit and play in any part of the playground and know who to ask for help. My favourite part of the day is breaktimes and almost always I have the pleasure and joy of chatting to or helping a Prep. Congratulations Preps! A special thanks to our Prep teachers, education support staff and parents for supporting and encouraging the students so well in this next big step in their independence and growth.

At the other end of the school, our wonderful Grade 6 students are busy ensuring all their leadership roles are being fulfilled to the best of their ability. They have led some excellent assemblies (they write the script themselves); our art leaders do a fantastic job at Art Club; some Year 6 students volunteered to keep the library up-to-date while Anita was away; our sports leaders have been planning for Play Leaders sessions at lunchtime for the Prep-2; our Peer Mediators who sort out minor problems and conflicts in the playground have been diligent and reliable and doing a great job every big break; our STEM leaders have been helping to run Chess Club and our school leaders have been doing a brilliant job keeping an eye out for what is happening across the school and keeping the school community informed with their Newsletter reports (make sure you read them!).

School Vision Statement:

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

Important dates:

Friday 28 July

Prep Enrolment Forms due today

Wed 2 August

Gr4 Immigration Museum Excursion

Wed 2 & Thu 3 August

Australian Mathematics Competition

Mon 7 – Fri 11 August

Gr3 & Gr4 – Swimming

Mon 15 August

Curriculum Day – Student Free Day

Friday 18 August

Gr1, Gr2, Gr3 & Gr5 MSO Excursion

Mon 21 – Fri 25 August

Book Week

Thur 24 August

Gr 5 & 6 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

Grade 6 are also busy preparing for their end of term musical production 'Starwars & the Umpire Strikes Back'. There have been auditions; practicing and rehearsing; singing and prop preparation. We are very excited and looking forward to it!

The Grade 6 Albert Park Community Awards, where our G6 volunteer community hours of service outside of school hours, have seen many students earn their bronze and silver badges for reading with their Year 1 buddies and knitting scarves for the homeless. There is a lot of community spirit amongst our G6 students and we are incredibly proud of them for their kindness and generosity.

Save the date! In term 4, Friday 27th October we will be celebrating the school's 150th anniversary of education. More details to follow but families will be invited to attend for a picnic.

Second-hand uniform shop – please remember our wonderful volunteers open the uniform shop (near Daisy's Gate) every Tuesday morning at 8:50am until 9:15am. There are good quality items of clothing in various sizes. It is a great way to support sustainability.

This week staff updated their First Aid and CPR training. Staff renew their first aid every 3 years and CPR annually. Curriculum Day on Monday, 14th August is fast approaching. The staff professional training day focus will be Mathematics. Thank you to our parents who have taken part in our parent focus groups to share their views on Mathematics at APPS.

In staffing news, we welcome 2K Dani's little boy, William – congratulations to Dani and her partner on this wonderful news. We also welcome Jemma and Bailey to the school as our two new education support staff members.

And finally, I attended the Resilience Kids conference a couple of weeks ago for parents. It was brilliant! Speakers such as Maggie Dent, Justin Coulson, Michelle Mitchel and Karen Young. I was most interested in Karen Young, Neuroscientist/Anxiety Specialist, who was speaking about anxiety in children. She explained anxiety is a feeling not a disorder; how human brains work; how we can explain this to children so that they can take control (with our support) and what the adults in our children's lives can do to support them. Her session was informative, accessible and timely. If you would like to know more, please visit her website. I cannot recommend her highly enough. [Anxiety - Hey Sigmund](#)

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, 14 August

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/>

2023 Curriculum Contributions and Voluntary Contributions

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

For those that have not yet paid, we request that you make payment as soon as possible via compass. Once logged in you can find the payment information on the Organisation tab: Student Management – Course Confirmation/Payments.

If you have any questions please contact Aris Lechte, Business Manager on

03 9699 9090 or

aristealechte@education.vic.gov.au

2023 School Leaders Report

Dear Parents and Guardians, we are your School Leaders reporting your fortnightly news from Albert Park Primary School.

Learning in Grade 4 and 2

We have been going around to different classes in Albert Park Primary and interviewing children about their learning. The Grade 2s and 4s have been answering questions like, what is your favourite subject, what have you been learning and would you want to expand your knowledge in this topic in the future, are what we have been asking. Here are some of their responses:

"We've been learning in Maths all about BIDMAS. BIDMAS includes Brackets, Indices, Division, Multiplication, Addition, and Subtraction. It's challenging, but I'm really enjoying it! In writing we've been trying to use like or as in our writing to make similes, and we've also been learning about metaphors. I'm finding it really fun, and I hope to improve my writing in the future." - Louisa, 4Z

"Late last term we were exploring the concept of Bidmas and how the order of operations work. I really enjoyed this unit of Maths because we did do some last year and now have elaborated on the topic this year. This term we have started to learn about rounding to the nearest number. I am confident in this topic as I can round any whole number to the nearest 10th, 100th, 1000th and more. An example I have could be if you had the number 793 and you rounded it to the nearest 100th it would be 800. I hope to later on expand my knowledge in rounding by working with decimals" - William H, 4Z

"My favourite subject is Sport. I play soccer out of school hours and dodgeball with Nick is my favourite. I like to collaborate with my teammates whether it's on the soccer field or in the classroom. I also find Maths interesting. We have been learning our times tables which is a topic that I have really enjoyed. An example I have is $3 \times 9 = 27$. I hope to do this topic in maths again later on with bigger numbers". Benny - 2K

"In 2K Maths we have been learning our times tables. I really like times tables, and sometimes when I go home I work on them too! Currently I know my 2, 10, 11, and 5 times tables. In writing we are working on putting Who, What, and Where into our writing. I think school is really fun, and I can't wait to get better at my maths by practising more!" - Olivia, 2K

Thank you to all the students who shared a piece of their learning with us.

G6 Production

The Grade 6s are working hard to create props and backdrops for this year's production. There is a lot to go, but we have a grade of hard working leaders helping to make this show come to life! The grade has been split into groups so that we can get everything done, and ready to be shown on stage. Depending on which student has what material at home is put in a group. Currently, all grade 6s are collaborating with their group to get their props done, and 20 of our peers are working on the time consuming backdrops. We hope to present a high quality production that all can enjoy. Good luck Grade 6s!

Thank you for reading, we hope to provide you with more information in the future.

Kind Regards,

Reis I and Audrey P

Prep Enrolments for 2024 are Due Today



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 - Prep Enrolment](https://albertparkps.vic.edu.au) 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.

Enrolment forms must be submitted by **Friday 28 July 2023**.

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

NAPLAN results for students in Grades 3 and 5 were released from Monday 24 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

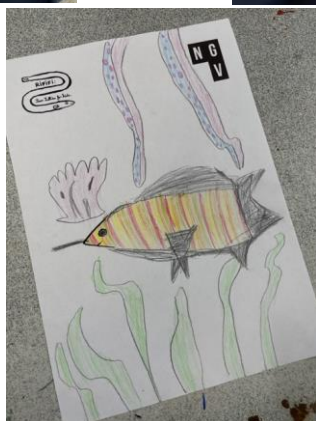
When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to Katrina, Candice or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

From the Art Room ...

This week, Kate from the NGV came to work with some students in the Art room. Kate is the curator of children's exhibitions at the NGV and needed input from our students to help the French artist Jean Jullien with his new exhibition. The work done by our students will be sent to Jean. Students thought about what is under the surface and created sea creatures from their memories.

If you are looking for something warm and inspiring to do this weekend remember that the NGV is free to enter and the children's exhibition, *Up Down and All Around-* <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/daniel-emma-for-kids/> is open until October. Melbourne Now is also free and on at Federation Square.



Play Club

On Thursday the year 6 House and Wellbeing committee members started Play Club for Term 3. Play Club is there to help young children from grades Prep, Grade One and Grade Two. It is designed to help children understand how to positively play games in the yard. We had three different games going at the same time so that lots of children could participate. Although it was very windy, everyone wanted a turn in participating. It was fantastic to see everybody involved, laughing and having fun. We look forward to running the Play Club every week and helping our younger students in the yard.



Stay well this winter

In Victoria, influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection numbers are high among children aged 5 to 11 years, particularly in those in their first few years of school. The Victorian Department of Health expects more respiratory infections over Term 3.

Most children with flu or RSV have a mild fever, runny nose or cough. Some children, particularly babies and children with underlying medical conditions, may have more severe illness.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to:

- wash and sanitise their hands regularly
- avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- stay at home if unwell and consult a general practitioner (GP) or NURSE-ON-CALL as needed
- stay up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Our school has masks for staff, students and visitors if they want to wear them.

Flu vaccinations

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family from getting the flu.

[Annual flu vaccination](#) is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older. As part of the [National Immunisation Program](#), it is free for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older
- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- people aged 6 months or older with underlying medical conditions.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs, pharmacies or your local council immunisation service.

Find out more

For more information about staying safe this winter, refer to:

- [Stay well this winter](#) on the Better Health Channel, translated into 16 languages
- [Influenza](#) and [immunisation](#) on the Better Health Channel
- [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#) on the Better Health Channel
- [Getting vaccinated against influenza](#).



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House of the Week

341-343 Richardson Street

Middle Park

Expressions Of Interest - Closing 21st August 2pm



Once in a Lifetime Opportunity

An extraordinary offering in one of Middle Park's most esteemed tree-lined streets, this private single-level Edwardian residence is something to behold. Meticulously presented over two titles totalling 748 sqm (approx.) with an extra-wide 20m (approx.) double street frontage, it delivers prestige, tranquillity and absolute convenience, sited between the bay and Albert Park Lake.

Reimagined for modern-day living, the two tuck-pointed original residences exude the grace of their era, flawlessly joined at the centre with a central glass breezeway, emphasised by superior use of natural finishes and glorious natural light throughout the unique interior. Spectacular period detailing in leadlight windows, soaring ceilings and Baltic pine floors welcome you inside, leading from the accommodation hall with three spacious bedrooms, a main bathroom and a fitted home office to the phenomenal open-plan living/dining domain.

Emphasising northern light and free-flowing space, this entertainer's oasis is a dream combination of indoor-outdoor connectivity, with wall-to-wall glazing and sliding stacked doors to the exquisite private gardens, with a fire pit zone, broad deck and self-contained full soundproof studio including kitchenette and powder room, perfect for guests or a quiet place to work. Luxurious natural heated onyx floors make a warm statement against the beautifully-appointed chef's kitchen, fully equipped with integrated appliances, including a fridge/freezer, dishwasher and abundant storage.

The main wing is set privately to one side, enjoying separate street-front access and absolute privacy, complete with a formal living room, fourth bedroom with extensive fitted walk in robe and spa-inspired en-suite with a tranquil pond outlook. On the edge of city-bound trams, Middle Park Village, Middle Park Primary School and the beach, it is a rare and indulgent offering, complete with ducted air conditioning and hydronic heating, underfloor heating, alarm security, garden irrigation, bespoke joinery, attic storage, large laundry and rear access from Canterbury Place, providing an excellent opportunity for ample off-street parking.

Land size: 748 Square Metres approx.

[341-343 Richardson Street Middle Park - Jellis Craig](#)



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.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 3 2023** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$210 excl GST

AFTER SCHOOL	BATCH
3:40pm – 4:40pm	Mondays 17 th Jul to 11 th Sep 2023

Fill out the form online by
Thursday 22nd Jun 2023



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

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

** All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

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