



**Albert
Park
Primary
School**

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Friday 4 December 2015

The Albert Park Way



School Vision Statement:

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

Important dates:

Tuesday 8 December

'Up Day' – students go into their 2016 classes for the day – Grade 6 students go to their Secondary Schools.

Thursday 10 December

Grade 6 Graduation

Tuesday 15 December

End of Year Concert

Friday 18 December

End of Term – school finishes at 1.30pm
Assembly at 1.00pm

KONNECTIVE: All parents wishing to receive notification of school events and alerts should now be signed up to Konnective via the smartphone App. Remember to answer yes to push notifications.

Principal's Report

My family subscribes to The Conversation blog and on October 29th there was an excellent conversation about student reports. Whilst the research quoted below is based in USA the information is valid for Australia because it deals with parent reaction to a student report. Our reports follow the new DET guidelines and were adjusted after seeking feedback from many sources. We have received a lot of positive feedback on our current report schedule and format. I thank everyone who responded through the feedback processes. The student reports will be posted to your address to arrive early in the last week of school. It is essential that your current address is on record in the general office. The Albert Park Way is evident in our reports. Please remember that we are on this educational journey together and are working on improved outcomes for students, no matter where the journey began this year.

The conversation asks *'what guidelines, if any, can help prepare you as parents to respond in the right way when you receive your child's report card – especially if your child isn't doing as well as you might like?'*

Punishment won't work, what are some proven solutions?

The [University of Michigan study](#) and [others](#) have shown that children growing up in a cognitively stimulating home environment – characterised by things like access to books, musical instruments, and trips to the museum – are likely to show higher levels of achievement in reading and maths in high school.

Other evidence also points to the value of creating a less punitive and more [nurturing environment](#) with warm, [consistent and responsive parenting](#), though still with limits and boundaries for their children.

It is important to note that there are plenty of other factors that can predict academic success: [genes](#), [parents' level of education](#), the [age of parents when a child is born](#), [school infrastructure](#) and [teacher performance](#). Some of these factors can't be changed, but many can.

The challenge for parents is to tune in to those things that can be changed and act on them accordingly.'

Be Kind and Fair

Act Safely

One Voice at
a Time

Respect Everyone's
Rights

Keep Trying

Principal's Report ...cont'd

2016 Staff

Principal	Elaine Mills	Office	Assistant Principal	Sue Pattison	Office
Leading Teacher	Jane Battrick	Library Office	Leading Teacher	Melanie McLennan	Library Office
Grade	Teacher	Room	Grade	Teacher	Room
Prep	Amanda Craig	17	Three	Emma Rule	33
Prep	Sam Carroll	17	Three	Bron Fawcett	34
Prep	Anna Macdonald	16	Three	Imogen Hobbs /Tessa Powney	24
Prep	Ayse Ozturk	16			
			Four	Leah Morgan	31
One	Jane Armanasco /Shelley Marthick	12	Four	Karly Kallinikos	32
One	Pru Smith	11	Four	Jeremy Cadusch	8
One	Rose Moore	9			
One	Masa Music	10	Five	Jane Coker	25
			Five	Clare Kearney	26
Two	Heidi Higgins	19	Five	James Jardine	23
Two	Rachel Lehrner	20			
Two	Cassandra Staer	21	Six	Nick Slater	6
Two	Julie-Anne Bouras	22	Six	Alison Bettanin	3
Arts	Chris Richardson	30	Six	Andrea Eales	2
Intervention	Jo Copolov	15b	French	Zeke Pottage	18
Aide	Teena Lawrence-Brown		PE	Kate Simon	Oval
Aide	Jacqui Fielding		Office	Jedda Reidy	
Aide	Anita Boulter		Office	Gina Shannon	
Aide	Ryan Armstead		Business Manager	Sue Klein	
Social Worker	Lanie Tobias	15a	Music	Unfilled	

Next week we will be interviewing for a music teacher. The rest of the staffing is now complete.

Elaine

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

"At Albert Park Primary we are developing an understanding and respect for the natural world around us."

Help needed in the APPS gardens this summer

As the weather gets warmer the garden needs more watering. Zlatka would love some help to keep the plants flourishing over the last few weeks of school and through the school holidays.

If you are able to help out at all over this period, please email your name and phone number to Pippa Connolly at Connolly.pippa@gmail.com

ACTIVEpaths Workshops - next thursday December 10

Here's your chance to influence where the Active Travel Paths are marked out in Term 1 of 2016. Next thursday's workshops with students, parents, the City of Port Phillip's Sustainable Transport Officer and Traffic Engineer will be run at the school by Bicycle Network. All ideas welcome.

The parent & carer's workshop runs from 9.15am - 10.15am. If you would like to be involved, please send an email to eales.andrea.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or leave a note for Andrea at the office.

This next step for our ACTIVE paths program is thanks to the \$1220 raised by APPS students and funding from the City of Port Phillip. To read more about the ACTIVEpaths program visit <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/programs/358/>

Further good news on the local roads front, & again as a result of our survey, the council will be doing pedestrian counts at the roundabout at the Nelson Rd, Park St, Mountain St intersection in February, with the aim to upgrade if the counts warrant it (and judging by the number of families reporting this as a trouble spot, that seems very likely).



Physically active
students are healthier, happier and more socially connected

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS..cont'd

Grade 5 students at Westgate Park



This week our three Grade 5 classes visited Westgate Park to plant local species, survey aquatic macro-invertebrates and conduct bird surveys. Friends of Westgate Park provided plants, volunteers, tools and great information about local plant species. Bronnie Walsh from the Port Phillip EcoCentre showed students how tiny water bugs indicate water quality. This lake at Westgate Park is alive with a great range of macro-invertebrates living in filtered storm water from the local area. This day was made possible with a grant from Victoria International Container Terminal Community Investment Fund facilitated by Friends of Westgate Park.

LABOR TO SECURE MORE SPACE FOR ALBERT PARK PRIMARY
- **Press Release**

The Andrews Labor Government is funding a fast-tracked study into a traffic diversion that would allow expansion works at Albert Park Primary School, so it can meet increasing demand ahead of new schools opening in the area.

The traffic study is a legislated requirement in the process of temporarily closing the junction of Bridport St West and Moubray St in Albert Park.

Poor planning and a chronic lack of investment in school infrastructure under the previous Liberal Government, coupled with the resurgence in student aged population in the inner south has put immense enrolment pressure on schools

in Albert Park, Middle Park and Port Melbourne.

The temporary closure of the road will allow for increased outdoor play space and additional facilities for the students at Albert Park Primary School.

The school expansion is necessary to meet increasing enrolment demand in while the Labor Government builds the new South Melbourne (Ferrars St) and South Melbourne Park Primary Schools are constructed.

In addition to the traffic management study, the Labor Government will work with the school to plan for upgrades to the toilet facilities including an increase in the number of student toilets.

Unlike the previous Liberal government, that halved investment in our schools and made reckless planning decisions without investing in much needed school infrastructure, the Labor Government is working with our schools and community.

The Government is building both South Melbourne Park and South Melbourne (Ferrars Street) Primary School and upgrading Albert Park College, Elwood College and building a new Prahran High School.

Quotes attributable to Member for Albert Park, Martin Foley

"The Andrews Labor Government recognises increased demand in this area and that is why we are building two new primary schools - including one which will be a ground-breaking new 'vertical school'. "To make sure we meet this increased demand while these schools take shape, we have acted to make sure the students at Albert Park Primary School will have a space to play and grow."

Quote attributable to Albert Park Primary School Council President, Rebecca George

"We're delighted that this step towards providing more playground space for our school has been taken, and we're looking forward to having the extra space as soon as possible."





Student Awards



Principal's Awards 27 November



APW Band Awards 27 November

Congratulation to Kobe Davis-Earle!



Winner of the design competition for a Christmas Card for Margaret Fitzherbert, Liberal Member for the Southern Metropolitan Region of the Victorian parliament.



Fete 2016 meetings have begun!

The first of the Fete Meetings was held this morning – if you were unable to make it this week, please join us Friday 11th December - 9:10am upstairs at Mon Amour cafe, Cardigan Place. All welcome. Please come along. We'd love to hear your ideas, suggestions, about donations or just to know you'd like to be involved in next year's fete on Saturday 5th March.

Carolyn Menzies, fete co-ordinator

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Friday 11 December
Saturday 12 December
7:00pm

A great night of fine music with audience participation, led by Natalya Vagner

- **Local Children's Choir**
- **Adult Choir**
- **Musicians**

Bookings are essential

www.trybooking.com/JMLS

St Silas Anglican Church
99 Bridport Street, Albert Park
www.parishoftheparks.com.au
Enquiries: 9696 5116





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We are looking for professional and / or creative types to share a dynamic open plan space in our light-filled fully refurbished modern office set out over 2 levels.

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Desks, chairs and storage provided. Just bring your computer and plug in. Suits 1 – 2 person businesses

For enquiries phone Charlie on 0421 639 756



Clarendon Children's Centre is a not-for-profit, community-based long day care centre providing high quality education and care for up to 40 children (aged 0-5 years). This year, we were awarded an "Excellent" rating by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) – the highest rating an education and care service can achieve.

We are seeking an enthusiastic person with experience and/or qualifications in food preparation (not necessarily in commercial kitchens) to provide nutritious and appealing snacks and lunches for our children each weekday.

The position is for 30 hours per week (with some flexibility around start and finish times), including time for menu planning and food ordering, and will be available from early February 2016.

The successful applicant will be able to work independently, plan a menu, budget efficiently, maintain excellent hygiene standards and work in accordance with our Food Safety Program.

Interested applicants should contact **Linda Davison** as soon as possible (before December 14th) on 03 9209 6265 or at clarendon.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

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9am- 1pm \$45 9am – 3pm \$60 9am – 5pm \$20 extra

Singing Dancing Drama

VENUES – ALBERT PARK PS HALL & KIDKO – 49 CARDIGAN PLACE, AP.

EASY ONLINE BOOKING @ kidko.com.au 0431 418 148

CHAMBERS MUSIC

Rebecca and Greg (the Directors of KIDKO, who provided the vocal program at APPS this year) have a Music School called [CHAMBERS MUSIC](http://chambersmusic.com.au), located directly opposite APPS, in Cardigan Place.

THE NEW GENERATION OF MUSIC LESSONS

We are now offering APPS families the opportunity to have private or small group music lessons during the school day (scheduled to avoid missing the same class each week).

The service will include pick up and return to the classroom.

INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE– PIANO, TRUMPET, DRUMS, GUITAR, VIOLIN & VOICE.

INTRO TRIALS AVAILABLE - 2 x PRIVATE LESSONS for \$50.

chambersmusic.com.au 0419 115 885 info@chambersmusic.com.au

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A huge, all embracing, warm and fuzzy Thank You to all the Albert Park Primary School families who have generously supported our real estate business again this year.

We have been so proud to sell houses for you, rent houses to you and manage your investment properties on behalf of you.

We couldn't be more delighted with the school community's support and friendship.

On behalf of Frank Mlikota, Leanne Morley, Rose Street & Jane Mlikota we would like to wish you all a very safe, relaxing, sunny, gluttonous, joyful holiday break and we look forward to looking after all your Property Management and Sales needs for 2016.

We would love to keep you up to date with all things PARKINSON including our new branding by Albert Park Primary School dad – Mr Ben Cunningham – so please like us on facebook

Armstrong Street Medical Centre

Our friendly and dedicated medical, nursing and reception staff at Armstrong Street Medical Centre are focused on providing the best quality health care to our clients. The clinic has been purpose built in order to establish a high quality and modern family practice. The clinic is an AGPAL accredited general practice, which is an independent recognition that the clinic is committed to delivering safe and high quality health care to its patients. Phone bookings can be made by contacting a medical receptionist on 9699 4333. Online bookings can be made from our website:

<http://www.armstrongstreetmedicalcentre.com.au/>

FSA LOGO TM Hi Res-1Football Star Academy

Will be holding programs in your local area in 2016. Our classes are skill based soccer programs for players looking to improve and have fun. The classes are for players aged 5-12. For more information contact FSA 1 300 372 300 or email:

info.football@sportstaracademy.com.au

Web: www.footballstaracademy.com.au

Yours In Sport

[FSA Team](#)



Gasworks Arts Park Summer Kids Holiday Program

January workshops, performances and classes for kids aged 4 to 14 on sale now!

Feature Performance: The Owl's Apprentice
Friday 22nd January 2016

All tickets \$18

Bookings and more information: www.gasworks.org.au | 9699 3253

