



# Albert Park Primary School

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## The Albert Park Way

### Principal's Report

Welcome back from the holidays. I hope everyone is refreshed and ready for the great year of learning at Albert Park Primary School. Our students have settled well and I congratulate all parents for the preparation which you did during the break to ensure a happy start. As a grandmother of a Grade 1 and Grade 2 child, I have been reminded again of the joy and anxiety which all parents feel as they release their precious children to us. I can assure you that we will care for your children and also love them. I believe that love is something which we choose to do and The Albert Park Way is based on treating others the way we would like to be treated- this means children, staff, parents and our wider community.

The use of the school grounds sometimes cause confusion so these points will help to clarify things for us all:

Unlike many schools, our School Council and the DET executive representative (me) have opened our school grounds after hours to everyone. This is a privilege and not a right and we ask that you are respectful of our neighbours.

The basketball court is not to be used after 6pm. Jedda organises the use of before and after hours use of the court.

Students may enter the school grounds at 8.45 am when a teacher is on yard duty and must leave by 3.45 pm after which the school ground is no longer supervised. All unsupervised children, including teenagers will be told to leave the school grounds.

The Out of School Hours Program operates in the hall and has exclusive use of the school oval.

Any students in the school who have not been collected by 3.45pm will be placed in the OSH Program and an invoice will be issued by Camp Australia for this child care.

Children may be in the school grounds if they are under the supervision of a parent or an adult as long as they are respectful of the neighbours who have a right to enjoy their homes in peace. This is especially true of the residents behind the school hall who will ring the police if there is noise after 8pm.

It is always helpful to have enough facilities to run all of our programs on the first day of the school year. Thank you to DET, Fleetwood the portable contractors, BHA the architects, the teachers, Jedda and Sue who all helped to make this possible. Pippa, Alan and Amy, our School Councillors were also in the school ground on numerous occasions to liaise with the contractors. The students are very excited with the rubberised ground feature in the larger playground and when the time is right we will plant a Jacaranda tree in an appropriate position.



#### School Vision Statement:

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

#### Important dates:

**6 - 8 February 2017**

Grade 4 Camp Rumbug

**13 - 17 February 2017**

Grade 6 Camp - Canberra

**20-22 February 2017**

Grade 5 Camp - Phillip Island

**Friday 24 February 2017**

Open Classrooms 8.30 - 9.30am

Parents as Helpers Session 9.30 - 10.30am

**Saturday 4 March 2017**

School Fete

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.

Be Kind and Fair

Act Safely

One Voice at a Time

Respect Everyone's Rights

Keep Trying

I would like to acknowledge Rob Mecuri from Fleetwood who was our main point of contact during the building program. He was a delight to work with and was often here before sunrise. His communications were faultless. Over the next few weeks the new portables will be completed and the lift and sky bridges installed during the holiday break. Our power supply will be upgraded before the lift is installed. We expect the temporary fences to be removed in a few weeks and we thank all parents of students in the new portables who have followed the instructions of our senior teachers to not enter the small walkway to the classrooms.

We are planning to open all classrooms on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> from 8.30am-9.30am to enable you to visit any classroom in the school during that time. This is subject to the removal of the temporary fences. Grades 4 to 6, two Grade 2 classes and French are in the new portables. Grade 3s are in Paradise which is the portable behind the hall. The rest of the grades are in the main school building with Music, Library and Art (now called the ARTS Building) between the new portables.

We have an expectation that every student will be a successful learner at our school. Students begin each school year at very different stages in their learning and development journey. Because of this, the teachers have looked at the student profile of the previous year of each student and planned for learning from the point of need- called the Zone of Proximal Development.

We work hard to ensure that we have the correct starting point for this year's educational journey and know that students will progress at their own rate. However, we have high expectations of our students and ourselves as teachers and we expect every student to make the appropriate progress in their learning-regardless of their starting point.

We are a very friendly school and because of this there may be a widely held misconception that anyone can access any school property, including classrooms at any time they wish. This is simply not the case and there are numerous reasons why this is the case. This includes safety, legal issues, DET rules, Child Safe protocols and school policies. Schools are private property owned by the Education Department who has strategies to ensure that each student and staff member is safe.

We now have 578 students and no person is permitted to enter any classroom unless they have been signed in by our office staff. Entry to a classroom is gained by:

- having an appointment time with the teacher and being signed in at the office
- becoming a trained Parent Helper who has been signed in at the office and is on a roster managed by the teacher
- having a pass from the office about your child for a late arrival or early leave
- or you have been invited for a special reason like a grandparents' afternoon tea.

The reason why you can't enter a room before school without an appointment is that this time is dedicated to meetings, planning and setting up for lessons and is crucial for teachers ensuring that every day is a maximum learning day at APPS. If you were able to just 'pop in for a chat' the lesson structure and time is lost and whilst the teacher is chatting to you, the teacher does not have their attention on all of the students.

You can of course 'catch the teacher' when they are in the playground prior to 3.45pm but you can't do this if they are leaving the school because they might have an appointment or going to some out of school time training or professional learning.

We welcome the partnership which we have with parents and you have numerous opportunities to communicate with the teachers and staff. Please use the school email account, your child's communication folder or diary to let the teacher know about something which is on your mind. For all issues, the classroom teacher is always your first port of call. We are also investigating some more resources which will enable the staff to communicate about your child's learning in a more timely matter.

Below is a table of school staff and their room locations.

Wishing everyone a great start to the school year.

Elaine.

**STAFF AND ROOMS 2017**

<b>Principal</b>	Elaine Mills		<b>Assistant Principal</b>	Sue Pattison	
<b>Leading Teacher</b>	Jane Battrick	12	<b>Leading Teacher</b>	Melanie McLennan	12
<b>Business Manager</b>	Aris Lechte OHS and Facilities		<b>Social Worker</b>	Lanie Tobias	Hall
<b>Office Manager, Communications &amp; Enrolments</b>	Jedda Reidy	Admin office	<b>DET G O.</b>	Leigh Erasmus	
<b>Admin</b>	Gina Shannon				
<b>Admin</b>	Lucy Mulligan				
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>Prep</b>	Anna McDonald	16	<b>Three</b>	Ayze Ozturk	P1-1
<b>Prep</b>	Amanda Craig	17	<b>Three</b>	Imogen Hobbs	P1-2
<b>Prep</b>	Sam Carroll	6	<b>Three</b>	Emma Rule	P1-3
<b>Prep</b>	Rose Moore	8	<b>Three</b>	Bronwyn Fawcett	P1-4
<b>One</b>	Michael Logan	9	<b>Four</b>	Karly Kallinikos	P2-1
<b>One</b>	Masa Music	10	<b>Four</b>	Leah Morgan	P2-2
<b>One</b>	Prudence Smith	11	<b>Four</b>	Jeremy Cadusch	P2-4
<b>One</b>	Shelley Marthick and Breanna Drew	18			
			<b>Five</b>	Clare Kearney	P3-3
<b>Two</b>	Cassandra Staer	2	<b>Five</b>	Jane Coker	P3-4
<b>Two</b>	Zeke Pottage	3	<b>Five</b>	Cameron Smith	P3-5
<b>Two</b>	Heidi Higgins	P3-1			
<b>Two</b>	Julie Bouras	P3-2	<b>Six</b>	Alison Betanin	P3-6
			<b>Six</b>	Andrea Eales	P2-5
<b>Levelled Literacy Intervention Program</b>	Helen Mortley and Jo Copolov	15a	<b>Six</b>	Nic Slater	P2-6
		15b			
<b>Eng and Maths Support</b>	Melody Feder	Library	ES	Teena Lawrence B	
<b>Arts</b>	Rachel Lehrner	Art room	ES	Anita Boulter	
<b>French</b>	Dora Papadakis	P2-3	ES	Sam Groves	
<b>PE</b>	Kate Simon	Hall			
<b>Music</b>	Michael Roper	Music Room			

<b>P1 is Paradise Portable</b>	Ground floor=Rooms 1 and 2
<b>P2 is Victoria Ave Portable</b>	Level 2= Rooms 3 and 4
<b>P3 is Moubrary St Portable</b>	Level 3 Rooms 5 and 6

**MAIN BUILDING**

**Downstairs** Classrooms 2 to 8

**Upstairs** Classrooms 9 to 18

## CLASS PARENT REPS FOR 2017

**As we begin the year we ask for parents to put their hand up to be Class Reps. At our afternoon tea some of you were happy to take on the role for another year!**

Please contact the school office or email [reidy.jedda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:reidy.jedda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) if you would like to be your class rep for this year.

The role is not an onerous one and often two people share, so feel free to grab a buddy and get involved.

Class Parent Reps role:

- Organise class social events (parent get-togethers)
- Pass on messages from their teacher/s
- Send communications from the fundraising committee of school council and generally keep their class informed/reminded of upcoming events

1BS	Bre Drew/Shelley Marthick	
1L	Michael Logan	
1M	Masa Music	Jo Bertrand
1P	Prue Smith	
2C	Cassie Staer	
2J	Julie-Anne Bouras	
2H	Heidi Higgins	Alison Hamilton
2Z	Zeke Pottage	
3A	Ayse Ozturk	
3B	Bron Fawcett	
3E	Emma Rule	
3I	Imogen Hobbs	
4J	Jeremy Cadusch	
4K	Karly Kallinikos	
4L	Leah Morgan	
5C	Jane Coker	
5K	Clare Kearney	
5S	Cameron Smith	
6A	Andrea Eales	
6B	Alison Bettanin	
6N	Nick Slater	



School Sport Victoria Team Vic trials for 12 years and under teams in the sports of Australian Rules, Netball, Football (Soccer) and Basketball for 2017 are open now. These trials form part of School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not 'come and try' opportunities.

Students who are interested need to speak to their sports teacher, Kate Simon if they wish to apply by the end of week 3.

## From the Office ...

### Camp, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a valid concession card or health care card you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual amount per primary school student is \$125.

Please contact the school office for an application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Closing date: February 28 2017.

### Assembly dates for term 1

Due to school camps and various activities by the Grade 5 and 6 students, we **will** be holding assembly at 3.00 on the following Fridays only in Term 1:

February 24    March 10    March 17    March 31 @ 2.00pm (last day of term)

### Open Classrooms – Friday 24 February 8.30 to 9.30am

Families are invited to visit the classrooms on this morning to see how the new rooms are working and to visit their child's classroom.

### Parents as Helpers course for parents - Friday 24 February 9.30 to 10.30am

Following open classrooms morning the 'Parents as Helpers' course will be run by Mel McLennan, our leading teacher in literacy. This course is essential for any parent who wishes to help in the classroom. If you have already done the course you do not have to attend. A Working With Children Check is also necessary if you want to work in the classroom or attend excursions. You can apply online: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

### Lost Property



This is the lost property bin as it was left at the end of last year. Seven garbage bags of clothes were taken away and laundered and were sent to the second hand uniform shop. To avoid this mess repeating continually, we are introducing a **new system of dealing with lost property**.

At the end of each month the bin will be emptied and all items of school uniform will be taken to be laundered and sent to the second hand uniform shop, whether it has a name or not.

Parents will get a notice via Konnective that at the end of the week the bin will be emptied, this means that they have 4 days to check the bin before it is cleared.

Please assist us by talking to you child/children about taking responsibility for their belongings. The zip up hoodies cost between \$45 and \$50. Children should be made aware of the value of looking after their clothes.

### Parent Teacher Meetings – Wednesday 22 March from 2.00pm

Parent Teacher meetings will be held on **Wednesday 22 March** from **2.00pm** for grades 1 to 6. These 10 minute meetings will give you an opportunity to share with your child's new teacher everything you would like them to know about your child. Teachers will provide an insight into how your child has settled into their new grade.

Teachers will conduct Parent Teacher interviews in late Term 2 to further discuss your child's progress and goals for Semester 2. You will also receive a written report in Term 2.

Bookings will be made through the SCHOOLINTERVIEWS website. Parents will be advised of details at a later date.



# APPS Fete is only a few weeks away!

The school fete is a whole day of fun for the entire family: make sure you save the date, you won't want to miss it.

Fete rosters and notes asking for **hamper items** and **lucky jars** will be coming home soon. Cake stall and ride information will arrive a couple of weeks before the big day.

**Please start to put aside** good quality toys, clothing, books, dvds, bikes, trikes and secondhand treasure for delivery to the school hall on **Thursday 2nd March**.



*Do you have goods, services, vouchers or experiences that you could donate to our Silent Auction?* Talk to Deb Cafferkey on the Silent Auction team or simply drop Silent Auction items at the office...



## **BABYSITTER, FRENCH & SPANISH TUTOR**

Are you looking for a babysitter/nanny or even a French or Spanish tutor?

I am an English as Second Language teacher back in my home country of Colombia, fluent in English, Spanish and French

I have spent the past two American summers working as a Camp Councillor at Summer Camp in the US with children aged from 6 to 16 and have also worked in early day care, so I come with plenty of varied experience.

I also hold a first aid certificate. I am currently living with Gina from the school office is you would like her recommendation.

So if you would like some time out or looking for a permanent babysitter or tutor please contact me (Luna) on **0455 857 883**



### Football Star Academy Launch on 4 February

After a successful Professional Soccer career, playing with clubs like Anderlecht, Feyenoord and Melbourne Victory, Geoffrey Claeys obtained his UEFA A ELITE YOUTH and UEFA A license. After 4 years being head coach for a 2<sup>nd</sup> division club (U21 and A team) in Belgium he is now in Melbourne to pass on his knowledge to young kids age 5-12 and youngsters +12.

His sessions are skill driven and will learn you how to become a complete soccer player.

You have the possibility to attend our weekly clinics, have one-on-one sessions or enjoy our holiday camps!

**We are looking forward on seeing you on our free clinic!**



Play Soccer with your friends in the Kelly Sports Soccer Clinic. Learn all the skills and have fun playing the World Game. Every Thursday straight after school . We recommend that children bring a snack for after school.

**TRY A CLASS AT NO COST. EMAIL FOR A FREE TRIAL CLASS. GREAT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS**

**COST:** Soccer (\$130) enrol online go to [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au) and search for Albert Park

**VENUE:** school oval **Contact:** [pierre@kellysports.com.au](mailto:pierre@kellysports.com.au)

**WHEN:** Thursday  
**COMMENCING:** 9/2/17  
**CONCLUDING:** 30/3/17  
**TIME:** 3.30- 5.00pm  
**YEAR LEVELS:** P - 4



### COMMUNITY CHILDREN CHOIR

At St SILAS CHURCH 99 BRIDPORT ST , ALBERT PARK

We rehearse every Friday at 4-5 p.m..

We sing fun songs, in parts, solos and rounds!

Please contact Natasha Vagner 04 487649 73 or [natvag@inet.net.au](mailto:natvag@inet.net.au)



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We have a mountain of stock and will be selling it at crazy prices. Brands like The Brave 70% off, Asics 60% off, 2XU 50% off and much more.

Sale starts Friday February 10 at 10am and runs until Sunday February 12 at 5pm.

Be quick while stock lasts.