



# Albert Park Primary School

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## The **Albert Park** News

### *Welcome to the Albert Park News!*

*A showcase of events and news across the whole school community. We also have **Konnective** for day to day notifications, the **Parent Classroom Reps** emails for class specific and general social and fundraising news and you can follow your student's classroom activities via **Seesaw!** The **website calendar** is another way to keep up to date with up-coming events.*

If you are not receiving communications from any of these sources please contact the office for help.

### A Message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to all our students and families for the new school year. It has been lovely to catch up with the children, to see them settled and enjoying their first day back at school for 2020. It is a time for building positive relationships and setting clear expectations – two key ingredients for a culture of excellent learning. The children will talk about **The Albert Park Way** and what that looks like in the classroom and in the playground.

Following on from last year's Kindness Project, **kindness** is central to the way we expect our children and all adults in our community to interact with each other.

A warm welcome to our Prep children and families who began their first school day at Albert Park Primary School. We hope this will be the start of a wonderful learning journey for them all.

### School Vision Statement:

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

### Important dates:

#### **Tuesday 4 February 2020**

4.30-5.30 Open Classrooms  
5.30 – Welcome Picnic

#### **Mon-Fri – 10 -14 February**

Grade 6 Canberra Camp

#### **Saturday 29 February 2020**

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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

Respect Everyone's Rights

One Voice at a Time

Keep Trying

A reminder that your child's class teacher is available in the playground after school for 10 minutes most days or please contact the office to arrange a meeting at any time you have questions or concerns. As well, please do not hesitate to catch Sue, Eric or myself in the playground or make a time to see us.

Our first two curriculum days (training days) were focused on growth mindset, differentiation (meeting the learning needs of students whatever their ability) and professional learning communities – working together effectively to have the most impact on students' learning.

We warmly welcome new staff to the school, Eric McCann – Assistant Principal, Candice Marty – 2C, Zoe Peterson – 5Z, Alison Shuttleworth – 6A and both Heidi Grigg and Tessa Powney – 3TH returning from Family Leave. Sue Pattison has reduced her time at school to two days a week and from March her days will be Monday and Tuesday.

Due to the extreme weather today, disappointingly we were unable to hold our usual first assembly. However, we are looking forward to seeing you at the Open Classroom next Tuesday, 4 February from 4:30-5:30pm followed by a family picnic on the school oval. We also would like to invite you to our first assembly of the year next Friday, 7 February at 3:00pm on the School Oval.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year working together to ensure our children have a wonderful year of learning and experiences.

**Katrina**



The start of the new school year is an exciting time for many.

This is a reminder that one of the guidelines as an eSmart school to keep children safe digitally, is to make sure that images of children wearing their school uniform with a visible logo/school name are not posted on social media.

Take those photos and cherish the memories, but remember to take extra care with what you do with them.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OPEN CLASSROOMS AND WELCOME PICNIC

**Tuesday 4 February**

**4.30pm Open Classrooms** – parents are invited to visit their child's classroom to see some of the early work they have been doing.

**5.00pm –**

- Grade 6 Camp meeting in 6M classroom – Paradise, lower level on right.
- Grade 5 Camp meeting in 5D classroom – Victoria Ave portable – top level on right.

**5.30pm Welcome Picnic** –

families can join with other families in their child's year level to get to know each other.

**Grade 6 Canberra Camp**

Monday 10 to Friday 14 February

**Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Camp**

Wed 19 to Friday 21 February

**Grade 4 Camp Rumbug**

Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 May

## CURRICULUM DAYS 2020

**Tuesday 28 January and**

**Wednesday 29 January 2020**

**Students lead conferences**

Thursday 6 August from 4pm –

**Friday 7 August 2020** from 8am – no students at school except for their allocated conference time

**Monday 10 August 2020**

**Friday 23 October 2020**

## REMINDERS

### MOBILE PHONE POLICY

As you are probably aware the Victorian Government has mandated that All Victorian schools adhere to new policy guidelines. At APPS we have already required that all mobile phones brought to school by students are handed to the teacher and sent in class boxes to be stored in a locked cupboard in the main office area.

We have also become aware of Apple watches and Space Talk devices that are being worn to school. If any of these devices has internet access or phone connection at school, then it must be handed in or left at home.

### HATS AND SUNSCREEN

In line with our [SUN SMART POLICY](#) students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat from September to the end of April. Hats are available for purchase from the school office.

Sunscreen is provided in the classrooms, on excursions and at stations around the school.

Students are actively encouraged to wear SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. It is the parents' responsibility to supply sunscreen if their child cannot wear the Cancer Council brand sunscreen provided.



## Welcome to Eric McCann, Assistant Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to start off by welcoming you to the start of another school year here at Albert Park Primary School. As someone new to the school community, I must comment on how lovely it was talking with so many of you in the yard on the first day of school.

I have experience teaching all year levels, and have held various leadership positions in schools over a number of years. My wife and I are both teachers, and I have a teenage son who completed VCE last year. I am fluent in Japanese, having both studied the language and lived in Japan for a number of years.

My most recent teaching experience was at St Kilda Primary School where I taught mainly in the senior classes.

I am very excited by the opportunity to take up the position of Assistant Principal here at Albert Park Primary School, and look forward to meeting you over the course of the year.

So please take the opportunity of introducing yourself to me.

Kind Regards  
Eric McCann

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is an important source of information. You are able to plan around the dates on the calendar, read policies and find out what your child will be involved in during the term. The homepage has upcoming events and the calendar is full of details about curriculum, excursions and events for students and families. You are able to download permission forms and access news bulletin in a click!

HINT: Add the website as your homepage when you open your internet browser!

[www.albertparkps.vic.edu.au](http://www.albertparkps.vic.edu.au)



## Seeking Class Reps for 2020

We are seeking volunteers to take on the role of class rep for some of the 2020 classes.

If you think you would be able to take on the role – maybe with a buddy, please contact Jedda – [reidy.jedda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:reidy.jedda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) or phone 9699 9090.

If you would like to know more about what the role of class rep. involves please follow this link: [CLASSROOM REP INFORMATION](#)

## **IMPORTANT!** **STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND** **STUDENTS REQUIRING MEDICATION** **DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

The Department of Education and Training is committed to protecting the wellbeing of children and young people with medical conditions.

Students with medical conditions that require support eg: Anaphylaxis/Allergy/Asthma - action plans are to be provided to the School as soon as possible.

Students with Anaphylaxis are required to provide an epiPen.

Any medication required to be taken during school hours must be provided with a Medication Administration Authority form:

[MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY](#)

## **ATTENTION DOG** **LOVERS**

I love dogs, but not everyone does and some of our children fear them. Thank you to those who have been keeping dogs out of the playground after hours and on the weekends.

Sadly “evidence” of dogs on the playground had to be cleaned prior to the children coming back to school. We are doing our best to keep the grassed areas, play equipment and sand areas free of fouling gives us peace of mind.

Polite reminder that when tying dogs up that this is done approximately 2 metres away from any entrance and that the dogs remain within your eyesight.

Thank you so much for your support in this matter.



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Closing  
29 FEB  
2020

## SEASON 2020 **Auskick & Junior Footy** Girls & Boys

AUSKICK Ages 5-12  
Saturday Clinics

JR FOOTY Ages 8-17  
Sunday Games



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