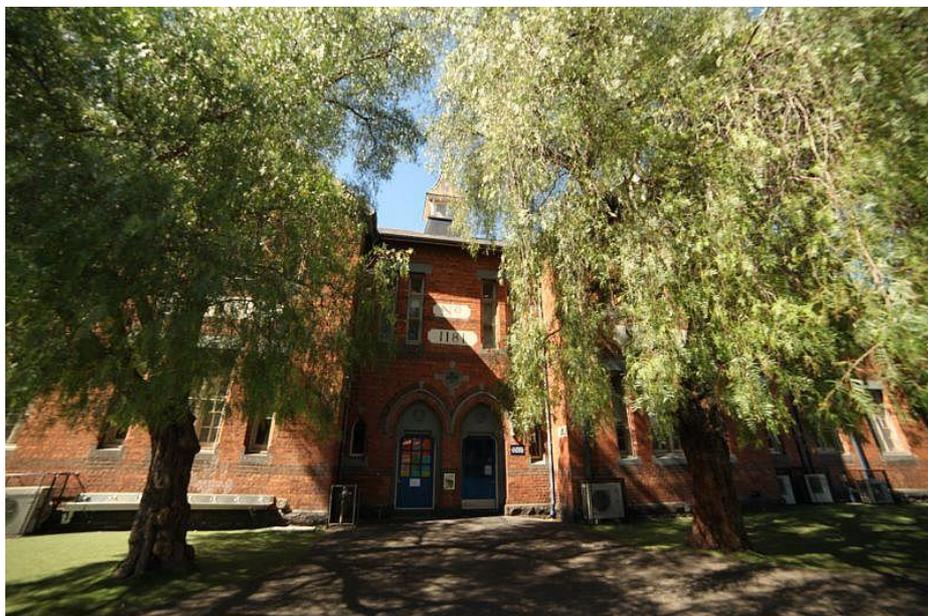




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The **Albert Park News**

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 Repts** 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.

VALE JOHN HOLDSWORTH

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of John Holdsworth.

John was a respected and admired member of our community and will be sadly missed.

Our sincere condolences to Kerry and family from the Albert Park Primary school community.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Parent Forum - Tuesday 2nd April

In the last week of Term 1, our first parent forum for the year was held in the hall. We had a strong turnout of over 60 parents attending. The forum was an opportunity to share some of my previous experiences and background prior to Albert Park Primary School.

Following this I briefly discussed the areas of focus for school improvement in Term 1:

- Student Progress – year on year growth against the Victorian Curriculum levels
- Student Voice – teachers had an opportunity gather a small focus group of student views on their learning, challenge and self-assessment.
- Improving writing outcomes – this is a continued focus from last year's action plan



School Vision Statement:

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

Important dates:

Monday 20 May – APPS Grades 3-6 Sports Day

Tuesday 4 June –Family Planning Information Sessions:
5.00pm –Grade 4 Parents & Students
6.30pm –Grade 5 & 6 Parents only

Monday 10 June – Queen's Birthday holiday – NO SCHOOL

Friday 28 June – Last day term 2
School finishes at 2.30 following an assembly at 2.00pm

Monday 12 August - Curriculum Day
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

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

- Reading project across the network of schools
- 21stCLD – 21st Century learning skills (collaboration, knowledge construction, real-world problem solving, empowerment as learners, skillful communication, ICT for learning) – how to implement them into the learning experience to give a greater depth of experience and understanding

Then as a group, we discussed the wishes and goals for our children 'By the end of Grade 6' – this was a chance to have a discussion with other parents in small groups and to discover that by and large we all have the same aspirations for our children. As a Principal, I found this inspiring and reassuring that as a community we have similar visions for our children.

The final session of the parent forum provided parents with an opportunity to write down any questions and suggest topics for future forums. We will address as many questions as possible through newsletters and parent forums.

Next forum - : Communication and Feedback – developing learning partnerships between home and school - [Wed 12th June @ 6.30pm](#)

Curriculum Day Training – 21st Century Learning Design

On Wednesday, the professional development training for staff was 21st Century Learning Design (21CLD). The focus is on our children developing skills for the 21st Century through their learning experiences. Central to this is developing creative and critical thinking skills which is part of the Victorian Curriculum outcomes (<http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/critical-and-creative-thinking>).

APPS is using the 21CLD as a tool to plan for engaging, interesting and challenging topics of work. On Wednesday for example, staff worked on a unit of work linked to Digital Technology and design using Microbits to design and program a solution to an agreed common problem. The professional development was focussed as much on the process and steps to achieve this, as it was on the IT skills and design elements needed. This will be one of our PD focus areas for the rest of the year.

Happy Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day stall – We had some very happy and excited children thoughtfully choosing a gift for their lovely mums on Thursday. Thank you to our organisers, Inge and Jodie, and helpers on the day.

Mothers' Day Lunch – Our Mothers' Day lunch at Greenfields Albert Park is a fun way for mums to celebrate together and raise funds to purchase books for our library. Thank you to our organisers Nat and Bec.

We wish all our wonderful mums and grandmothers a fantastic day on Sunday.

Important Information

Please check the gates are closed behind you if visiting the site during school hours. This discourages the school being a public thoroughfare. We would also remind you that **all** visitors to the school during school hours must report to the school office before visiting any classrooms. It is an important part of school procedure that we ask is respected to encourage courtesy, respect and keeping our children as safe as possible throughout the school day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interschool Singing Opportunity

Thursday 16 May 6.30 – 8.00pm

Contact Michael Roper

Albert.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Albert Park Primary school hall will be used as a **Polling Station** for the upcoming Federal Election on **Saturday 18 May 2019**. There will be a **BBQ** fundraiser for the school – to **sign up** to help on the day please click on this [LINK](#)

Grades 3-6 APPS Sports Day Monday 20 May

Parent helpers needed -please note that parents will be required for the whole day and will stay with their child's group

Reconciliation Week Assembly Friday 31 May

Whole school singing and performance by the Winter Concert Choir.

Combined Schools Winter Concert

Wednesday 12th June 6pm

St Kilda Town Hall: Performances from all the local schools. Performers from APPS include the Winter Concert Choir, the Instrumental Ensemble, and the gr5/6 Marimba and Drum Ensemble. Contact Michael Roper for more information.

Save the Dates

Monday August 12

Curriculum Day

Our final curriculum day for 2019

Friday 23 August

APPS Parent Gala ... stay tuned for further details!

INFORMATION

CROSS COUNTRY 2019

Last Tuesday, 44 students from Grades 3-6 participated in the District Cross Country. The event was held in fine conditions at Fawkner Park. All of the Albert Park competitors represented the school with distinction on the day. The competition consisted of 9-10 yo girls and boys races, 11 yo girls and boy races and 12-13 yo boys and girls competitions.

Congratulations to all involved and especially to the following students who qualified by finishing in the top eight for the Division Championships to be held in late May.

Oscar M, Sam Mc, Oliver W, Flynn S, Quincy and Tom with special mention to Flynn S who finished 1st in his event.

Also, Coco J, Tom T and Julia R finished in the top ten and are emergencies for the division championship.

Last term's **Junior School Council fundraising** for Launch Housing raised **\$550**.

Launch Housing is a local charity that provides support for homeless people who require shelter and need help finding employment.

On 24 April a **new website findmyschool.vic.gov.au** was launched.

This means that parents and the community can identify their closest school and all other schools across Victoria. The APPS zone remains the same in 2020.

NEED A DESK? We have a large white melamine desk available. It is currently dis-assembled. Please contact the office if you are interested. Price: donation!

The Kindness Project

The Kindness Project

The school was successful in its application to the City of Port Phillip Resilience Innovation Fund and as a result, this term we are beginning a new school-wide initiative titled: The Kindness Project. The program has been created for APPS with the collaboration of teachers, parents and two consultants- Liv Downing and Kate Oliver.

Kate Oliver is a mindfulness teacher, singer and songwriter that has developed a kindness program for kids called Passing Clouds through beautifully written songs. Liv Downing has been assisting the school with our mindfulness program and is liaising with Kate and the school on this exciting new program.

The program teaches and encourages kindness through songs about empathy, friendship, mindfulness and showing kindness to oneself and others. Kindness is not a new concept that we teach our students but the program is a way to remind us all about how to treat each other with the respect and kindness we all deserve.

Kate Oliver will also be visiting the school to share her music with us in June. We are also having a parent information session and we will advise you as soon as a date has been secured.

Year 6 to 7 Transition

The process for transition from year 6 to 7 has begun. Families received the application for year 7 placement form from APPS on Monday.

Parents must return their forms to the school office by **Friday 17 May 2019**. If a child has a confirmed place at a private school parents still need to return the form so that we are aware of all placements for 2020.

Parents will be notified of placement confirmation on **Wednesday 7 August**.

Secondary schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students on **Tuesday 10 December**.

Prep 2020 Enrolments Now Open

If you have a child starting school next year enrolments are now open. If you know of a neighbour or friend in our school zone with a child starting school next year please let them know to enrol their child now.

Enrolments will close at the end of June and parents will be notified in early August regarding confirmation of enrolment.

PREP TRANSITION - 2020 Prep students to visit APPS

Tuesday 13 November 2.15 – 3.15

Tuesday 20 November 2.15 – 3.15

Tuesday 27 November 2.15 – 3.15

Prep Parent Information Night Thursday 28 November (student lists with teachers will be displayed)

Further information and enrolment form on the website:

<http://albertparkps.vic.edu.au/index.php/about-apps/enrolments>

2019 School Fees Reminder

A reminder that 2019 school fees are now overdue and should be paid as soon as possible. Invoices for outstanding fees went out to families last week. If you are experiencing difficulty making payment please contact the Business Manager.

Library Help Needed

If you have some spare time to help cover some library books please let us know at the office.

Anita can even make up a pack for you to cover books at home!



REMINDERS

The **APPS Instrumental Ensemble**: Monday 8am every week for students who learn an instrument (apart from Keyboard) and would like to play in an ensemble.

Contact Michael Roper for more information.

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LOST PROPERTY BIN

The lost property bin has been emptied recently. Any items with a name was handed back to the child, all other items have been sent to the laundry and will go to the second-hand uniform shop for re-purchase.

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!

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GREG HOCKING HOLDSWORTH

PROUD SPONSORS OF ALBERT PARK PRIMARY

Planning to sell or lease your home in 2019?

As proud sponsors of Albert Park Primary School, Greg Hocking Holdsworth donates 10% of every sale fee & \$500 of the leasing fee, back to the school in support of our community.

Call Albert Park office 8644 5500

Port Melbourne's BIG Night Out
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH
CAPTAIN SPALDING

Saturday 18 May 2019 at Port Melbourne Town Hall 333 Bay Street Port Melbourne 3207
Doors open 6.30pm

Tickets \$39 (plus .50c per ticket booking fee) per person
2 course meal included
Licensed cash bar
Family friendly

Tickets available from <https://www.trybooking.com/477975>

Raising money for local schools, St Kilda Mums and St Kilda Gatehouse.

For more details call Lynne 0428 267044 or email portphilliplions@gmail.com

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