

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Parent Teacher Interviews-27 & 28 June
- Class & Family Photos-16 June
- End of Term 2-30 June
- Term 3 Begins-17 July

Pupil Free Day

There will be no school for students on Monday 5 June.

Public Holiday

Just a reminder that Monday 12 June is a public holiday. School will resume on Tuesday 13 June.

Community Newsletter

Albion North Primary School

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Principal Report

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that Monday 5th June is a pupil free day. This will be a report writing day for teachers and there will be no school for children. We will have **two** more pupil free days in 2017 – Monday 6th November (as advised in our first newsletter this year) and an additional day that has been approved by School Council on Thursday 21st December 2017.

Parking

In the past few weeks, I have contacted Councillor John Hedditch, Mayor of Brimbank, and members of the Victoria Police to discuss the parking and traffic issues around the school. Again, if you have an issue with parking around the school, I would urge you to contact the Council on 9249 4000 or email [in-fo@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

Sadly, it appears that many of our parents do not care for their children's safety. Some of the poor driving behaviours of our parents that have been observed in Camperdown Avenue recently include:

- * Stopping on the opposite side of the road and expecting small children to cross the street alone;
- * Stopping in the middle of the road for children to get out on the wrong side and run in front of traffic;
- * Performing three-point turns in traffic on Furlong Road with children in the car;
- * Children in the front seats of cars without seat belts;
- * Children unrestrained in the back of the car, children standing up in the back of the car.

Each of these illegal activities carries a large fine and I will be asking Council to fine parents for unsafe behaviours in the coming weeks.

The pedestrian lights on Furlong Road are also a concern and I have spoken with the Mayor about this as well. Many cars do not stop at the red light, speed through the crossing when the light has turned green and drivers abuse the crossing supervisor for stopping traffic to do her job and get your children safely across the road.

Please remember that no crossing offers 100% surety that cars will stop. Make sure that you, and your children, learn to **STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK** whenever you are crossing a road regardless of whether there are traffic lights. Always double check to make sure that it is safe to cross.

Occupational Health & Safety Parent Information

LOCKDOWN

We had an emergency lockdown drill on Wednesday 17 May at 11:30am. The lockdown drill ran smoothly. We have procedures in place, and staff and students followed them well.

We conduct four emergency drills per year to ensure that our staff and children are well prepared in the event of an emergency situation.

STAFF CARPARK

The staff carpark and visitors carpark is strictly off limits to parents and carers. The council will fine people who are unlawfully parked in the carpark. We will be locking the gates at peak times to make sure our school community is safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Lee-Anne Veteha
OH&S Manager

Junior School Council News

Thank-you to everyone that purchased ANZAC Day merchandise this year.

We raised \$93.15 for the Sunshine RSL Club.



Fidget Spinners

The children have been playing with Fidget Spinners and other than quite a few lost or broken ones, they have not been a problem. In the last few days however, there have been a couple of accidents that have shown that Fidget Spinners can be dangerous. Each accident has been just that – an accident where a child has lost control of a spinner and it has hit another child. In one of these accidents the spinner came very close to being in a child's eye which could have caused major damage. As a result, no Fidget Spinners are to be brought to school please. If children bring their Fidget Spinner to school, their teacher will put it away for safety reasons until a parent or guardian can collect it.