

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Prep
Orientation-
23 November
- School
Concert-
6 December
- Prep
Orientation-
7 December
- Grade 6
Graduation-
19 December
- Term 4 Ends-
20 December

**Uniforms are
now available at
the PSW Store in
Deer Park
(Unit 2, 51-53
Westwood Drive
Ravenhall 3023).**



Please check the
lost property
basket for any
missing items.

Community Newsletter

Albion North Primary School

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Principal Report

Term four is well and truly underway and teachers are in the middle of completing all the end of year things that happen in term four – concert, report writing, graduation, planning for 2018 and so on.

Thanks to Mr Squires and all the staff who kept the school running smoothly while I was on leave. I had a lovely time with my overseas family but it was also nice to be welcomed back to Albion North PS.

Children arriving early to school:

Supervision at school starts at 8:45 a.m. and even there may be staff at the school before this time they are not supervising students. Children left before this time are left at parent's risk.

Spooktacular:

Thank you to Mrs Veteha and the Junior School Council for an outstanding effort in the organisation of this year's Spooktacular. We had our swimming program on the actual date of Halloween and had to celebrate a little bit later than usual. Children's donations and the sale of Mickey's fabulous spooky treats and sausages meant we were able to give \$130.60 to the Make a Wish Foundation. Thanks Mickey and all the other staff who helped with the stalls, your work is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the parents who helped the children get ready as well as those who came and watched the parade.

Planning for 2018:

As I wrote earlier, planning for 2018 is well underway. We need the following information urgently to assist us with our class structure and teaching allocation –

- If your child/children will be leaving the school at the end of this year we need to know straight away. This does not apply to our current grade 6 students.
- If your child/children are staying at Albion North PS but you have a special request for 2018, please send this in writing by the end of this week. We can't always accommodate these special requests but will do so if at all possible. (If you would prefer to come and speak with either myself or Mr Squires please do so before the end of the week)

Parking:

Brimbank Council have informed us that the parking signs around our school will be changed in the very near future.

The existing NO STOPPING 8 – 9 a.m. and 3 – 4 p.m. on school days signs will still apply to the west side of Camperdown Avenue.

A new NO STOPPING 8 a.m to 4:15 p.m on school days will be placed on the east side of Camperdown Avenue from Furlong Road to the school's front pedestrian gate.

This means exactly what it says: NO STOPPING on this side of the road between 8 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

From the school's pedestrian gate to the staff car park will be NO PARKING 8 – 9:15 a.m and 2:30 – 4 p.m. school days. This means that you will be able to stop for up to two minutes and let your children out but you cannot park here.

It is important that you keep looking at the signs. I have not been given a date when they will be changed but I have been told that Council will be fining people if they do not follow parking laws.

New Playground:

As I write this, our new playground is almost complete and I expect that the handover will be done early next week once safety has been tested. The funding for this playground came from the Victorian Government to support one of our students with additional needs who has some physical challenges. This child is not able to play with other children, particularly if they are playing running or chasing games as they risk major injury if knocked.

At recess and lunchtimes, our new playground will be available to small numbers of children on a rotational basis so that we can monitor safe play. At other times, teachers will take their classes onto the new playground so that all children can play.

End of year dates:

Term four will end for children on WEDNESDAY 20th December at 3:15 p.m. Thursday 21st December is a School Council approved Curriculum Day and teachers will be working with a Department Literacy expert on the assessment of reading. FRIDAY 22nd December will be time in lieu for staff under the arrangements of the previous Victorian Government Schools Agreement and approved by School Council.

Child Safe Schools:

It is an expectation of the Minister for Education that I write in every newsletter to remind you of your responsibilities to keep all children safe. This is an important role that we all share and I know that as parents/carers who are doing the best for their children you want to be able to stop child abuse across our state.

Remember that if you suspect that **your child** has been a victim of abuse, you should contact the Victoria Police immediately. If you suspect that another child has been abused, you should report this to the Department of Health and Human Services Child Protection on 1300 664 977.