

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Movie Night-**  
28 March
- **Term 1 Ends-**  
29 March 1.30pm  
finish
- **Term 2 Begins-**  
16 April
- **Grade 3/4  
Excursion-**  
20 April
- **Pupil Free Day-**  
11 May

**Camp Australia** provides an afterschool program at our school. If you are interested and would like your child to attend please contact them directly. Information is also available at the school office.

# Community Newsletter

## Albion North Primary School

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### Principal Report

It's only been a short term (9 weeks) but we seem to have packed a lot into it. Please remember that school finishes for term one on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30 p.m.**, the day before Good Friday. On behalf of all of us here at ANPS I'd like to wish all families a safe and happy holiday. See you back at school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

There's lots of information about changes to legislation in this newsletter but it's important that parents and carers are kept up to date.

### Lost Property:

There is a lot of unclaimed lost property in the basket near the office. If you haven't checked for lost items, please do so before the end of term. This is also a good time to remind parents to write children's names on clothing, particularly jackets and windcheaters.

### Gifts and Benefits:

The Department of Education and Training has a policy of "Thanks is Enough" for all staff in schools. The Department has begun to strictly enforce this policy and parents should be aware that teachers and support staff must record any gift received from any source. If the value is over \$50 or if the gift can be used as money, it must be donated to the school. We know that sometimes parents give gifts to teachers but please be aware that the school is complying with Department policy.

### No Jab, No Play legislation

New amendments to legislation as of 28th February have implications for new enrolments in schools. The new amendments to the No Jab, No Play legislation have tightened requirements for enrolment in early childhood services and impact acceptable documentation for school entry immunisation requirements. By law, primary schools are required to request and record information on the immunisation status of students prior to enrolment. Parents or guardians must provide an immunisation status certificate to the school regardless of whether the child is or is not immunised.

From 28th February 2018 only an **Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register** can be accepted as proof of immunisation status on school entry. Documents produced by GPs or other immunisation providers are no longer acceptable as school entry immunisation status certificates.

### Parking:

I know that parking is a problem. I know that many people have received fines for parking illegally near the school. Parking is a Brimbank Council issue and is not controlled by the school. If you have concerns about parking, please contact the council.

### Late Arrivals / Early Leavers :

Parents must always accompany their child if arriving late or leaving early.

- \* Should your child arrive late to school, please ensure a parent/carer comes to the office with them, signs the iPad and gives the child a Late Arrival pass to take to class with them. The teacher will then know the child has been past the office and been signed in, not simply turned up late to class.
- \* If you need to collect your child early from school, likewise, the parent/carer must first sign the child out using the iPad at the office and obtain an Early Leaver's pass. Upon presentation of the pass to the teacher, your child will then be released to you. This is important as specialist and casual relief teachers do not always know who each parent is.

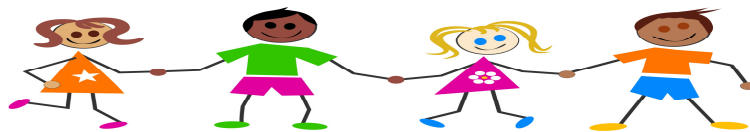
### After school care:

Don't forget that Camp Australia is available for after school care in our multi-purpose room from 3:15 until 6 p.m. Imelda runs a great program and includes time for children to complete homework as well as play and other focussed activities. Out of pocket costs for after school care vary depending on the Government subsidy that you may be eligible for. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or go to their website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

### 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.



## SCHOOL TOURS

**Wednesday 18 April-9.30am-10.00am**

**Wednesday 2 May-9.30am-10.00am**

**Wednesday 9 May-9.30am-10.00am**

## *Special Family Member Visit*

*On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March,  
the Prep children enjoyed  
having some of their  
family members visit  
their classrooms.*



## **JSC Term 2 Social Service Money**

### **Cystic Fibrosis**

In Term 2 grades will be raising money to go towards

#### **Cystic Fibrosis Community Care.**

**Cystic Fibrosis Community Care** is the peak community not-for-profit organisation working with and for people with CF right across Victoria. Its mission is to assist everyone affected by CF to be well and live fuller lives. It provides information, support and guidance to people living with CF and their families. It advocates for services and systems that support the CF community and seeks to raise awareness, understanding and funds for services and research. Over 80% of CFCC income is from fundraising.

For more information please visit:

<https://nfp.everydayhero.com/au/cystic-fibrosis-victoria#>

Thank-you

The Junior School Council Committee

