

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Special Lunch Day- 23 August
- Book Week- 21-25 August
- Athletics Day- 22 August
- Term 3 Ends- 22 September
- Term 4 Begins -9 October

Please check the lost property basket for any missing items.



Our school is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge.



Community Newsletter

Albion North Primary School

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Principal Report

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the term and almost at the end of winter. Spring bulbs are already flowering at home and in our vegetable garden and it makes me think that the warmer weather is not too far away. Or at least I hope so!

This week is Education Support Staff Week. At Albion North PS we have a whole team of hard working staff who should be celebrated every day for the work they do, but in this newsletter I would like to particularly thank our ES staff – Anna Boyd, Cam Huynh, Carol Addamo, Mickey Furniss, Celia Mitchell, Caleb McPherson and Don Pacholli for all the work that they do at our school.

School Review:

Our school review has been completed this week and our reviewer, Heather Norbury, is now preparing her report for the Minister and for School Council. The general feeling after the review is that our school is doing very well and is performing at a high level against State and National targets. It's important that we keep this going and that we look closely at any recommendations that do come from the review. Our goal should always be to do the very best that we can for our children.

Uniform:

Spring is coming and this can mean that cooler mornings turn into warmer days. Children often come to school wearing a jacket or jumper and then take them off later in the day.

Please make sure uniform is named so that if an item is forgotten once it is taken off, it can be returned to its owner.

Child Safe Schools:

Keeping children safe and protected is a role that we all share. Every teacher in the school is **mandated** to report any suspicion of child abuse to Child Protection. This means that if a teacher suspects, or has evidence that any child is being abused, they must report it or risk prosecution.

Parents and carers also play a critical role in identifying and responding to abuse within the community. If you suspect that **your child** has been a victim of abuse, you should contact the Victoria Police immediately. The closest police station to our school is Sunshine and the phone number there is 9313 3333.

If it is an emergency then you should contact 000.

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.

Again, in the case of an emergency, contact 000.

Playground:

If you have visited the school lately, you will notice the new line marking between the buildings. The downball courts were requested by students and all the line markings are being well used during the day. As you can see in the photo below, the markings certainly stand out and our school looks amazing!



You may also have noticed that the area near the art room has been fenced off and that a portable toilet has appeared in the visitor's car park. Work will commence soon on this area, using a \$170 000 Inclusive Schools Grant from the Department. It will be interesting to watch the space grow into a new playground.

School Banking Day Reminder:

Remember School Banking is Thursday.

- ◆ You can bank as much as you like every week, School Banking is about frequency not value.
- ◆ Every time a student makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward item.
- ◆ Open your child's account at The Commonwealth Bank (any branch).
- ◆ If your child already has a YOUTHSAVER account at home simply bring that in on banking day and hand to their teacher with their \$ safely enclosed inside.