

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Curriculum Day-
16 February
- Meet & Greet-
21 February
- Camp Doxa-
26-28 February
- School Photos-
22 March
- Term 1 Ends-
29 March

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

Welcome back everyone and a happy new year to you all. A special welcome to our new families, in particular the families of the 56 Prep children who started this week. We hope that everyone has a very happy year of learning at Albion North.

We have also welcomed some new staff members this year. Ms Sarah Chaouk, Ms Stephanie Jordan and Mrs Gianna Costa-Probyn have joined our team. We also hope that they have a very happy year at our school.

Information Afternoon:

We will have our "Meet the Teacher" session on Wednesday 21st February from 3:30 until 5 p.m. More information will follow but write that date and time on your calendar, it's your opportunity to meet your child's teacher.

Pupil Free Days

Our first student free day for the year was Monday 29th January. Staff went over all the administration tasks that happen at the beginning of the year and then planned classroom programs for term one.

Our second student free day will be Friday 16th February. Teachers will be working on the way we teach reading and on improving the reading outcomes for our students. Children do not come to school on this day.

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.

Uniform:

It has been brought to my attention that PSW are informing parents that they are not stocking the maroon tops because of a school decision. This is not correct information. PSW were only prepared to stock one colour and their data showed that the yellow sold more so this was stocked. We do not have any control over this but if you are unhappy and would like them to consider stocking maroon, perhaps mention it to the sales staff or manager at PSW next time you are there.

Attendance:

The Minister has directed all Principals to follow up the absence of every child, every day. This means that if your child is absent and we have not heard from you, I will be phoning you to find out where the child is. I must then decide whether to approve the absence or not.

Absences can be reported by phone to the school's office on 9312 5900. This can be done from 7 a.m. on most days. You can also visit the office in person to report an absence or use the school's School Stream app.

Library:

Our library overhaul is complete and you are very welcome to come and visit for a look. A big thank you to the parents and staff members who volunteered to cover books – your hard work is greatly appreciated.

The library will be open before school from 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for parents who want to come in and read with their children.

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.

Parking:

It is very important that you look at the parking signs that are around our school.

Brimbank Council are enforcing these parking restrictions and a number of parents were fined just before Christmas.

Our staff car park and visitor car park cannot be used to pick up and drop children. This is to comply with Occupational Health and Safety regulations and must be adhered to. We will be locking the gates to these car parks occasionally and if you are parked you will not be able to get out until after 3:45. If you have business at the office, please use the visitor car park if you have no children with you.

School Fees

Albion North Primary School Council has decided that the fees for 2018 will remain at \$150.00 for each child. Payments are able to be made at the office or by direct deposit.

Our bank details are: BSB 633000 Account Number: 111734760 Please put your child's name as a reference.