

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Grade 3/4  
Excursion-  
20 April
- Anzac Day-25  
April
- Pupil Free Day-  
11 May
- Queens Birthday  
-11 June
- Term 2 Ends-  
29 June
- Term 3 Begins-  
16 July

**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

#### Annual General Meeting of School Council:

Our next School Council meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. The first part of the meeting will be to present the Annual Report to the School Community and all parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend this meeting. Copies of the Annual Report will then be available to read at the office from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

#### Assembly:

We will be trialling a change of the assembly time this term and will be starting at 2:15 p.m. The children have done an amazing job running our assemblies and it is not fair to them when we are rushed at the end of the day. The Prep to Year 2 children and teachers have also found the whole school dismissal from the assembly area on Friday afternoon to be challenging.

When assembly finishes, children and teachers will return to classrooms and parents are welcome to wait in the undercover area until dismissal time. We ask that parents and family members stay away from buildings to avoid Occupational Health and Safety issues.

#### Enrolments:

Enrolments for 2019 are now open and if you have a child who turns 5 before April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, it's time to enrol them at school. Our policy is to take children from within our area boundary first, then siblings of children who will be enrolled at the school in that year and finally other children. We do have a waiting list and children are enrolled according to their place on that list so the faster you get your enrolment in, the better. To make enrolment easier, please bring the child's birth and immunisation certificates. If you have any questions, please come and see us at the office.

#### Glasses for Kids:

Children in years Prep to 3 had the opportunity to have a free eye test with a qualified optometrist at the end of last term. Follow up letters for each child who participated were sent home on Monday. Parents/carers should note that if children received a voucher for a further check and possibly free glasses if needed, the voucher must be used **within 6 months**.

### Attendance:

Thank you to the parents/carers who contact the office or use the School Stream app to let us know that their child is absent. If you forget, expect to get a phone call from me to find out where the child is. It is also very important that we have a signed note of explanation on the day the child returns. You can do this by visiting the office or by sending a note with your child. If you have notified us of the absence on School Stream you do not have to send another note as your signature appears on our print out from the app.

### 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. If you do receive a fine the school is unable to help you.

### Late Arrivals / Early Leavers :

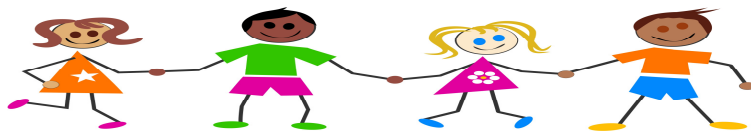
Parents must always accompany their child if arriving late or leaving early.

- \* 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.

### 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 2 May-9.30am-10.00am**

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

