

Alexandra Primary School



Our purpose is to build a learning community that challenges and supports young minds to develop as independent and lifelong learners, continually striving for excellence.

RESPECT CARE INTEGRITY ACHIEVE

**Thursday
February 1st 2024**

Hats

Unfortunately our hat order has been delayed. New hats should arrive in about three weeks. The price of these new hats will be \$12 each.

Until then, students who do not have a school hat can wear any sunsmart wide brimmed hat.

Coming Up

- Foundation rest days: Wednesdays from Feb 1 - March 6
- Feb 2 - Grade 6 Swimming
- Feb 13 & 14 - 'Getting to Know You' interviews
- Feb 15 - Parents' Group Meeting
- Feb 15 - Cluster Swimming @ Yea
- Feb 27 - House Athletics
- Mar 5 - Cluster Athletics

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Prep First Day!

We have had a wonderful first week in Prep, full of fun, laughter and learning! All Preps are to be congratulated on their bravery and resilience as they have taken new routines and environments in their stride. We are enjoying getting to know each other in our new learning space and are excited at the prospect that the learning year holds. Well done, Preps!



Sensory Garden

We are so excited to announce that our new Sensory Garden has been completed over the holidays. This has been a project that we have been looking forward to for a long time.

Thank you to our whole community for all the donations and fundraising efforts – we could not have done it without you.

A huge thankyou to our Parents' Group for all the hard work over the last few years to fundraise towards this goal.



Wellbeing and Values

As we begin our new year in our new classrooms, students and staff will be working together to set up routines and classroom expectations for the year ahead. An important part of this is reviewing our understanding of the APS school values. Classes will be unpacking the meaning of 'Care, Respect, Integrity and Achieve'. Our values are an integral part of the culture of our school and are one of the ways we work as a community to make sure our learners feel safe and secure to explore, learn and be themselves. Please make the time to have a conversation with your child about what these values mean to them at school and in the broader community, it will help them to see that they are important values for you as well!

This year, Alexandra Primary School will be taking part in School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), in the coming weeks there will be more information to follow. In Term 1, Kristen McInnes will be our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, please contact her about any wellbeing concerns or questions on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

PARENTS' GROUP MEETING

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARENTS' GROUP? KEEN TO MEET OTHER APS PARENTS AND GIVE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME TO ASSIST OUR SCHOOL BE THE BEST IT CAN BE?

COME ALONG TO LEARN MORE AND SEE IF PARENTS' GROUPS IS RIGHT FOR YOU!

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15

3:20PM AFTER SCHOOL

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





Putting right foot forward, because Every Day Counts!

Getting your child up, dressed, fed and off to school isn't always easy. But it's super important for their education.

There are no safe number of days for missing school. Every day missed can put a student behind – with their studies, with their friends and with their connection to school.

Illness is a valid reason to stay at home. But there are very few other reasons... and every day missed adds up:

- Missing a day a fortnight adds up to four weeks a year – or an entire year of education by Year 12
- A child missing a day a week will miss 2½ years of school – placing them well behind their peers
- Even missing 30 minutes a day adds up to four weeks a year

With school starting, we encourage parents and carers to set routines and

talk positively about the importance of attending school every day. Try to avoid doctor or dentist visits during the school day and plan family holidays for the term break.

Schools always want to positively work in partnership with their families. Act early if you have attendance concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support.

Because Every Day Counts.

Scan the code and
hear students
spread message!



Music Lessons 2024

Unfortunately Dave cannot offer Music lessons at APS this year. Currently we will not be able to have music lessons. If anything changes we will let you know.



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No. 912

Bus Note

I wish to advise that my child _____ who normally travels on the _____ bus will not be travelling on the bus from ____/____/2024 to ____/____/2024 (____ days).

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____



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Respect Care Integrity Achieve

Principal: Vicky Draper

Tuesday 30th January 2024

LUNCH ORDER LIST - 2024

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that Alexandra Secondary College will be providing our lunch order needs again this year. To place an order please write your child's name, class and lunch order on an envelope or ziplock bag. Parents are asked to include correct money if possible. If you don't have the correct money, please include a plastic resealable lunch bag so that change is not lost. Your child can then put the order into their basket in their classroom.

Orders must be in the classroom basket by 9.00am on the Wednesday for lunch delivery on Friday. NO late orders can be accepted. This gives staff time to organise our needs.

Please find following a list of items students may order. Please keep this list on hand as you will need it to order from. **Please note of the price changes.**

Thank you
Alexandra Primary School

Food list and prices

Sausage Roll	\$3.70
Party Pie	\$1.00
Pie	\$4.50
Cheese & Spinach Roll	\$3.70
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$3.50
Toasted Sandwich : - cheese OR - ham & cheese OR - tomato & cheese OR - chicken & cheese	\$3.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Roll	\$4.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Roll	\$3.50
Salad Roll with or without ham or chicken	\$4.00
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$3.00
Cheesy Macaroni	\$3.00
Fruit Salad	\$3.00
Tomato Sauce	\$0.20

Orders must be in class baskets by 9:00am Wednesday morning for a Friday lunch delivery.