

# 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 20th Feb**  
**Term 1**  
**Week 4**

## Coming Up

- Feb 24 – School Council Meeting
- Feb 25 – House Athletics
  
- Mar 3 – 6:30pm – Parent’s Group AGM, Corner Hotel, Alex
  
- Mar 4/5 – Grade 2 Camp.
  
- Mar 10 – Public Holiday
- Mar 24 – School Council AGM

**Join our Parent’s Group or  
School Council -**  
more information on pages  
7 & 8.

### Volunteers Needed

House Athletics Day  
25/02/2025

To volunteer follow the link below!

P-2:

[volunteersignup.org/TMMDK](https://volunteersignup.org/TMMDK)

Grade 3-6's:

[volunteersignup.org/XM9BP](https://volunteersignup.org/XM9BP)

## Bus Notes -

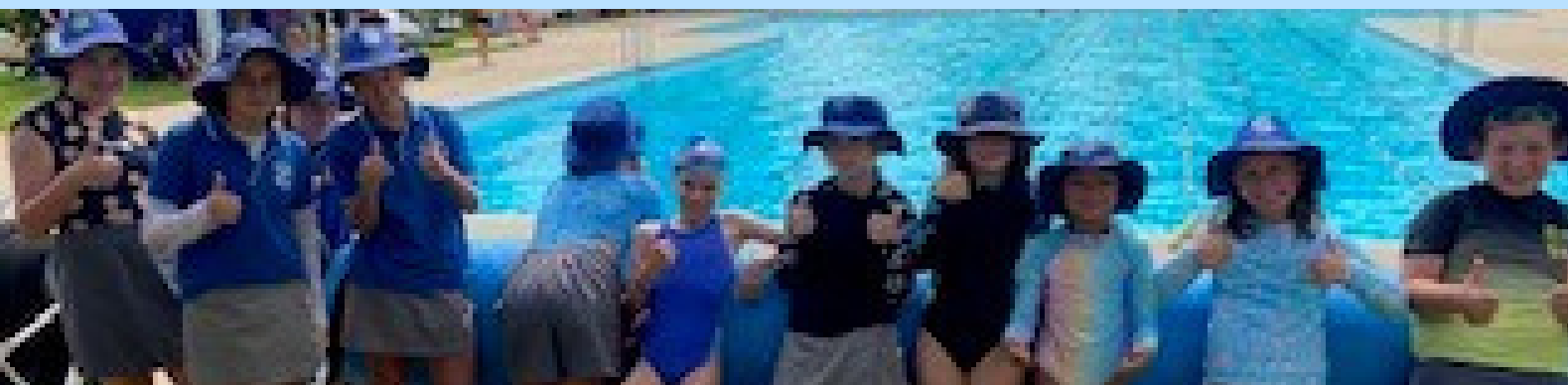
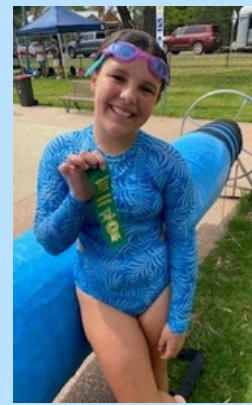
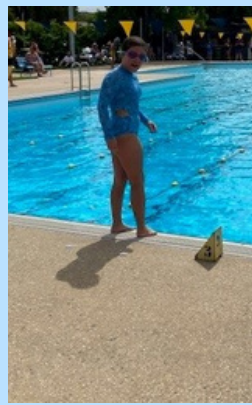
If you require bus notes,  
They are available from  
the office.

## Prep Families - Please note:

If your child would like to have a lunch  
order please bring them on Tuesday.  
Lunch orders will be delivered on a  
Friday.

# Cathedral Cluster Swimming Sports

Last week a group of Gr 3-6 students competed in the Cluster Swimming competition. I was so proud to see all our students participate and put in their best efforts. It was a great sporting day out and one full of encouragement and excitement for all. Well done to all our competitors and good luck to everyone that made it through to Division swimming next week. Go Alexandra Primary School! - Mrs Clacy, PE



# Interview with Mr Savenye

## (Mr S)

### By Jake and Millie

**How long have you been working at this school?**

1 year

**What have your previous jobs been?**

My favourite was planting trees

**What brought you to APS?**

I like Alexandra

**What is your favourite thing to do outside of school?**

Hiking

**What is your favourite thing about this school?**

The students

**What is your favourite colour, sport and food?**

Turquoise, Rugby Union, All foods

**What is your favourite subject to teach at school?**

All of them, but especially singing

**What sports team do you go for?**

All Blacks and OKC

**What Primary School did you go to?**

Eltham Primary School in New Zealand

**What is your favourite book?**

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

**Thank you for sharing your answers with us!**



# Star of the week!

## Brooklynn Denyer - 3/4B



**Brooklynn Denyer**- Brooke consistently shows the school values. She has shown great resilience by starting her year with positivity. She is a friendly student who has a great inclusive attitude. Brooke strives to achieve her goals by being a confident learner with a 'can do' attitude. We are proud to have you in our learning community, Brooke. You are a STAR!

<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Rhylan Clarke</b> - for having an outstanding positive attitude to his learning and starting the year with a bang! He has been working hard to constantly show our school values and trying his best in everything he does. What a fantastic start to the year Rhylan, keep up the great work!
<b>1/2A</b>	<b>Makaylah Reece</b> - For working so hard on your Place Value knowledge this week! Makaylah, you blew me away this week with your neat and tidy maths work, and the way you challenged yourself to tackle difficult maths problems to achieve your best. Well done! We love learning with you!
<b>1/2B</b>	<b>Georgia Ridd</b> -Georgia always tries her very best in everything she does at school. She is a kind and caring friend and always willing to help others out. We are so lucky to have you in 1/2B, Georgia!
<b>3/4A</b>	<b>Hailey Fallon</b> - In recognition, for her incredible focus during writing. Hailey has been euthanasic and diligent in her narrative draft this week. Fantastic beginning to the year Hailey, keep it up!
<b>3/4B</b>	<b>Max Spencer</b> - For excelling with his maths work this week. Max is a confident learner during our place value lessons. He reads multi digit numbers to the millions place and beyond. Awesome work Max!
<b>5/6A</b>	
<b>5/6B</b>	
<b>PE</b>	<b>Dallas Leary</b> - For making a smashing start to PE. Dallas, you listen carefully to every instruction and follow all the rules in every game. Keep it up!
<b>Art</b>	<b>Macy Williams</b> - Well done Macy on your fabulous concentric circle task! You listened carefully during 'Tuning In' and followed instructions to produce a great piece of Art Work. Keep up the good work!

## ThinkUKnow

Thank you to those who attended our ThinkUKnow Presentation. The session was led by Wade Spokes, a Detective Leading Senior Constable at Benalla Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team (SOCIT). Wade's key takeaways were:

- Know which apps your children are using
- turn off location information on their devices
- turn on privacy settings
- monitor their use of devices, if they are worried about you seeing what they are doing, they probably shouldn't be doing it!
- Tell them to block anyone acting inappropriately
- Report any request for inappropriate image to the police and block the person immediately
- Tell your child that they have not done anything wrong

**There will be a ThinkUKnow presentation for the students from Grades 3 to 6 in Term 2.**

**Check out the website at: [Resources | ThinkUKnow](#)**

### Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#)] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

**"Dindi Daze"** – A new fun filled family focussed event, celebrating all that is good in Murrindindi. This free entry event will be based in Rotary Park, Alexandra, and will include a morning and afternoon of free of charge children focussed activities and prizes, such as face painting, competitions, games for young as well as older children and a mobile "petting" farm. On stage, we will have an indigenous performer (Uncle Ian Hunter) who will demonstrate traditional aboriginal music to the kids and engage them in traditional dance and music. During the midday break we will have a session where the Lord Mayor will present local business awards. This will be followed by four local live music acts. During the entire day there will also be access to food vans & pop ups as well as a sausage sizzle, local craft beers, wines and spirits, arts and crafts stalls, adult and children clothing, an historic vehicle display and finally, easy access to steam train rides. In addition, we will have several community-based stalls and displays including for example, the dingo discovery sanctuary and research centre (with local dingo's), the CFA, Men's Shed (the Woodies), Embassy of Ideas / Food Share and Rotary.



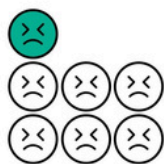
**1 in 4**

**adolescents** have a **mental illness.**



**65%**

of **adolescents** do not **seek help.**



**1 in 7**

**primary** school children have a **mental illness.**



**1 in 5**

**adults** will experience **mental illness.**



**Over 50%**

of **students** are at risk of a **poor learning mindset** (anxiety + disengagement)

**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.**

# APS School Council

*School Council elections commence on Monday 17th February*

## *School Council Functions include:*

- Oversee management of grounds, facilities and projects e.g. Sensory Garden*
- Establish broad direction & vision of APS*
- Generally oversee finances*
- Generally stimulate interest in the school & wider community*
- Gain understanding & insight of school operations*

## *What's Required:*

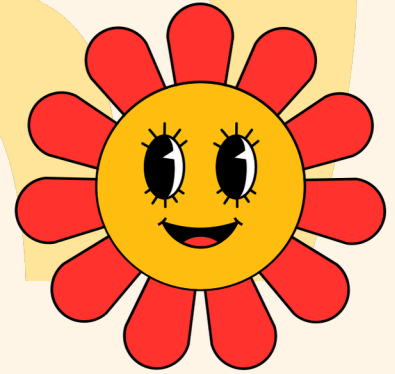
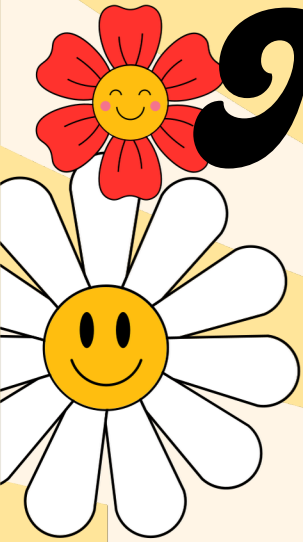
- Meetings are held monthly (Monday at 6pm)*
- Meetings usually run for about 30mins*
- A typical School Council membership is held for 2 years*

*We have 6 membership vacancies this year.  
You can self-nominate or nominate someone else.*

*Collect a nomination form from the office.*

*Nominations close Monday 24th February*

# Parents' Group Meet n Greet & AGM



Come along and meet our Parents' Group, if you are interested in joining you can sign up on the day or sign up to a particular event!

Parents' Group organise and run fundraising & community events, such as:

Casual Clothes Days

Discos

Mothers/Fathers Day Breakfasts

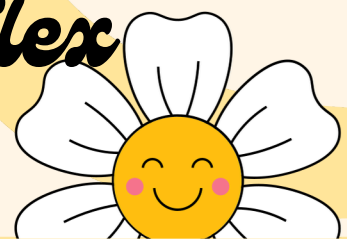
BBQs & Cake Stalls

Low time commitment and lots of fun!

**Monday 3rd March**



**6:30pm**

**Corner Hotel, Alex**





# Term One

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>4</b>	17 Grade 2 permission slips due back	18 Grade 5/6 Camp leaving at 8.45am	19 Grade 5/6 Camp Foundation rest day	20 Grade 5/6 Camp	21 Grade 5/6 Camp, Returning at 3.45pm
<b>5</b>	24 Grade 2 Camp Payment due  School Council meeting 6pm	25 House Athletics  Getting to know you Interviews 3.30pm - 5pm 	26 Foundation rest day  Division Swimming  Getting to know you interviews 3.30pm-6pm	27	28 PLAY! Grade 5 training
<b>6</b>	3 Parents Group AGM 6.30pm Corner Hotel, Alex	4 Grade 2 Camp Leaving at 8.45am	5 Last foundation rest day  Grade 2 Camp Returning at 3pm  Regional swimming.	6	7
<b>7</b>	10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11 Cluster Athletics 	12	13	14
<b>8</b>	17	18	19	20	21
<b>9</b>	24 School Council Meeting 6pm	25	26 Family Games Night+ Picnic	27	28
<b>10</b>	31	1/4	2	3 BMX Incursion Prep-6	4 Term 1 ends School finishes at 2.30pm