

# 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  
December 7th  
Term 4 Week 10**

## Coming Up

- Nov 27 – Swimming program starts (Nov 27 – Dec 14)
- Dec 12 – Statewide Transition Day
- Dec 14 – APS Carols
- Dec 18 – Swimming Carnival
- Dec 19 & 20 – Grade 6 Camp
- Dec 19 – Grade 6 Graduation
- Dec 20 – Last day of school. 1.30pm finish

### Remaining Swimming Dates :

Friday 8th

Monday 11th & Thursday 14th

Monday 18th (Carnival Day)

## Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the Carols evening on Thursday 14th December.

Please make sure all your tickets are returned by Thursday to the Office.

Rotary Award – P2

Golf Excursion – P3

Achievement awards – P5

# Rotary Award



Congratulations to Chloe Woehl for receiving the Rotary Award for 2023!

The Rotary award is given to a student who demonstrates good community values and does their best. There is financial assistance provided for school supplies for Chloe at Secondary College.

## Swimming Carnival

On Monday 18th December we will be holding our whole school swimming carnival.

We will run swimming trials in the morning 9-11am. This is for capable swimmers who will be age 9 or over next year. The winners from these races will go through to Cluster Swimming in Term One 2024.

The whole school will then go down to the pool for games/free time, we will head back to school around 2.30pm.

Students who have not participated in the swimming program will stay at school.



# Gr 6 Golf Excursion

Our lucky Grade 6 students went out to the Cathedral Invitational on Wednesday to learn some golf skills and watch some professionals. Thanks for having us!





# CAFÉ Strategy: Recognize Literary Elements

When we read, we often recognize common elements of a story that include plot, character, setting, and theme. We use these elements to help us infer what will happen next. As readers, when we identify and understand these elements, we store this information to help us remember and comprehend what the story is about.

Literary elements work together to form the story and make it interesting. We learn literary elements separately, but we combine them when reading to give us a better understanding of the story. It is important that children specifically look for these elements as they first learn them. It is through exposure and practice that readers become good at using these elements to comprehend text.

## **How can you help your child with this strategy at home?**

1. When reading a story with your child, discuss the character. Begin by asking your child who or what the story is about.
2. After determining the character, see if your child is able to tell you where and when the story occurs. Ask your child how they were able to determine the setting? Did he/she use pictures, words, or infer to establish the setting?
3. Continue to read the selection and discuss with your child important events that occur in the story. Ask your child what the problem is in the story and how the problem was solved.
4. Conclude the story by talking about the theme of the story. The theme is the underlying message, or meaning, of the story. Encourage your child to use what they know about the characters, setting, and plot to help determine the theme.

# Star of the Week

## Mav Fereday - 1/2B

Mav shows the school values every day. He has been working independently, giving challenging things a go, and has been focused on being a good learner. He also has been challenging himself during art lessons. Mav we are proud to have you in our learning community! You are a STAR!



## Achievement Awards

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| <b>Foundation</b> | Hamrish Thayananth: For being an awesome learner. Hamrish always applies himself in everything he does, putting in his best effort. Hamrish always shows the school value of care, making sure his peers have someone to play with or helping them out when they need it. Well done Hamrish, you are a learning legend!                           |
| <b>1/2A</b>       | Amelia Godden: In recognition of your fabulous skills in working with money. When you get rich, you will know how much you have saved and who is ripping you off! Way to go, Amelia. Super maths learning.  |
| <b>1/2B</b>       | Noa Madeira: For approaching each day with enthusiasm, cheerfulness and a willingness to do her best work. Noa listens carefully to all instructions and has been busy editing her writing to include precise nouns such as, changing dog to 'brown poodle'. Keep up the wonderful work, Noa!   |
| <b>3/4A</b>       | Kaiden Tomlinson: For the confidence and concentration he showed to get his MAPPEN Stop Animation completed. Well done for putting in a commendable amount of effort and care to finish your mini movie. I love the background sound of cheering and how realistic it looks when your wrestlers body slam!  |
| <b>3/4B</b>       | Max Bristow: For the respect you have for your learning. Max, I love that you take on any feedback to build on your learning tasks. You are a true super star learner. You ask questions when unsure and need clarification. Max, you show great persistence in your learning as you build on your knowledge. Well done!                          |
| <b>5/6A</b>       | Saxon Green: For being a kind, caring friend and always looking out for others. Saxon has the ability to see when someone is struggling, or feeling upset, and will seek them out to ask if they are OK. He offers them assistance, a listening ear and many kind words. What a great friend you are Saxon! Keep spreading the kindness and care! |
| <b>5/6B</b>       | Harry Stewart: Well done on your Stop Motion work this week. You have been building your skills and trying new things. Great job!   |
| <b>Art</b>        | Alisha Abdullah: Alisha is to be commended on her attitude in the Art Room. She always listens to instructions carefully and works to a high standard. Well done, Alisha!   |

# SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students:

- The period in which a family can apply to receive a free service is up to 31 December 2024
- The duration of free services will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

## **How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child**

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible, families must:

- have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school
- not have an active National Broadband Network (nbn) internet service at their home (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- Not have had an active nbn connection during the previous 14 days\*
- register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

\* There may be cases where exceptions can be made, once you have had your address checked, please contact the School Student Broadband Initiative team at [SSBI@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:SSBI@education.vic.gov.au) to discuss further.

## **How the School Student Broadband Initiative works**

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost through until the end of 2025, with a participating internet provider on the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The period of free internet will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the free broadband period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the free period.

## **How to apply**

- Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>

The background of the poster is decorated with several stylized Christmas trees and snowflakes. The trees are drawn with dark green outlines and filled with yellow dots, representing lights or ornaments. They are scattered around the central text. Red, multi-pointed star-like shapes represent snowflakes and are also scattered throughout the design. Some trees have a red circle at their top, representing a star or ornament.

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# *Christmas*

## *Carols*

Thursday December 14  
5pm for 5.30pm start  
On the APS school oval.

BYO picnic.

Sing-a-long community carols  
night. Song books provided.

All welcome.

Send off 2023 together!





# REMINDER: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NAB AFL Auskick is a community run program that relies on the honesty, involvement and support of all people involved. A key part of your participation at Auskick is to ensure you are registered on our registration platform.

It is important you are registered for the following reasons:

- 1** This ensures your Auskick Coordinator knows who you are and knows how many kids to plan for and equipment to provide at each session
- 2** Registrations have the following key benefits
  - a. Insurance for any injuries sustained during play
  - b. Awesome goodies in your AFL Club colours as well as the essentials such as a footy, pump and footy cards
  - c. The option to become a Junior Member at your favourite AFL Club completely free of charge and attend selected Toyota AFL Premiership Series AFL Games and NAB AFLW Games
  - d. Exclusive offers from AFL partners
- 3** Lastly your Auskick Centre receives equipment funding and other support based on each individual registration

Register via the QR code below  
or visit [play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

