

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 14th
Term 4 Week 11**

Coming Up

- 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
- Tuesday Jan 30 – All students return
- Jan 31 – First Foundation rest day
- Feb 2 – Grade 6 Swimming

Remaining Swimming Dates :
Monday 18th (Carnival Day)

Carols

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Carols this evening on the APS oval.

Please arrive at 5pm for a 5.30pm start.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn tonight!

End of Year Letter – P2
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End of Year Letter

Where did that year go?

We have spent the last few weeks collecting and analysing assessment data around the school. This data not only shows us where to go next but also allows us to take a moment to celebrate all the individual achievements happening around the school. Please take time to read your child's report and talk to them about how they can improve. We place a strong emphasis on behaviour and attitudes to learning. Our teaching and learning team are highly skilled in providing targeted, high quality teaching – you are key in supporting both us and your child by having high expectations for their achievements.

I continue to be in awe of the teaching and learning team at Alexandra Primary School. I have been part of this school for 20 years now! I loved this school and the team here as a parent. They provided a fantastic start for my children. Every step of education, from our Kindergarten to our Secondary School, is an important piece of the jigsaw.

As a school community we are extremely privileged to be supported by a fabulous School Council. This invested team of parents generously give their time to provide guidance, approval and challenge to our team. We are incredibly thankful to you and look forward to working with you all again next year.

Our Parents' and Friends' Group is a hive of positivity and dedication. We love their enthusiasm and creativity. We rely on them to promote connections between the team at APS and our families by providing activities, fundraisers and events that bring us together. Thank you so much!

In 2024, we welcome two new team members – Caroline Bett in Foundation and Bec Robinson in 1/2B. It is exciting to have new teachers at APS and we look forward to learning from them! Please say hi when you have the opportunity!

To our families who are now leaving us...thank you for choosing us. We will always treasure the connections we have made with you and we look forward to seeing what our graduates achieve.

We farewell Marissa Carpenter. It is always difficult to be excited for people moving on from our team! Marissa has been instrumental in supporting our team in so many ways. I personally would like to acknowledge the support Marissa has given to me (often keeping me sane!). We know you are going to thrive in your new school, they are incredibly lucky to have you!

Finally, a personal thank you. It has been a very demanding year. I have had the opportunity to teach 1/2A, I have absolutely loved that! I am incredibly thankful for my team who have provided me with endless support and care. I would also like to express my gratitude to our School Council and Parents' and Friends' for their incredible support.

Have a fabulous break.

I will see you in 2024! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Vicky

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.

Sunsmart over summer

We all love spending time outdoors with friends and family, from the bush to beaches we are lucky to live in this beautiful state. However, being outdoors in Victoria means we're exposed to some of the harshest and most dangerous levels of ultraviolet (UV) radiation in the world.

Repeated exposure to sun's UV radiation can cause skin cancer. When UV radiation hits our exposed skin, it causes damage to the cells' genetic material also known as DNA. This DNA damage can evolve into skin cancer and have deadly consequences including spreading to vital organs like your lungs, liver and brain.

But the good news is skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers.

That's why we're sharing SunSmart Victoria's latest skin cancer prevention campaign called, 'Don't Let Cancer In', which highlights the risks of skin cancer and reminds Victorians of the importance of using sun protection when the UV index hits 3.

SunSmart's new campaign, which runs over summer, is calling for Victorians to not let cancer in when they go out. As it is repeated exposure to the sun's UV radiation which can cause skin cancer including the deadliest form, melanoma.

It's during everyday activities, such as walking the dog or gardening, when people may not realise, they are still being exposed to UV. SunSmart is encouraging and reminding people when they go out to not to let cancer in.

Learn more about UV radiation and SunSmart's new campaign at sunsmart.com.au.

COVER UP BY:



WEARING A HAT



WEARING CLOTHING



WEARING SUNGLASSES



WEARING SUNSCREEN



SEEKING SHADE

SunSmart 

Swimming Lessons



End of Year Cooking!



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop at ASC will be open to pick up online orders on Monday 22 January in the Caf from 12-2pm.

The full uniform shop will be open on Monday 29 January for trying and buying. Please note that there is no cash accepted.

For more information, please contact Holly on hollywall7@gmail.com

Star of the Week

Owen Anderson – Foundation

Owen shows the school values everyday. He demonstrates great resilience, and always tries his best. We are proud to have you in our learning community Owen. You are a STAR!



Achievement Awards

Foundation	Foundation: For being the best class! It has been a pleasure to have each and everyone of you in my class this year. I have enjoyed being a part of your learning journey and watching you all have that 'light bulb' moment. Thank you for always making me smile and being the best prep year! You are all learning legends!
1/2A	Alexis Farley: For her excellent attitude towards school and learning! You are a joy to have in our classroom every day!
1/2B	Isla Hutt – For her excellent listening skills and her thoughtful participation in our class activities. Isla consistently show the schools values of Respect, Care, Integrity, and Achieve. Keep up the great work, Isla!
3/4A	3/4A: For giving me the best final year at Alexandra Primary School that I could wish for! I have loved teaching you all and am incredibly proud of each one of you for trusting me to challenge you to do great things!
3/4B	Amelia Roche: For being the amazing person you are. Amelia, you have just completed your first year at A.P.S. Your stories have taken us on many journeys, your positive attitude towards maths is a joy and your passion for reading is fabulous. Keep being you Amelia, you have a passion for knowledge and are a joy to teach!
5/6A	Lucia Wall: For her helpfulness in tidying and cleaning up the classroom this week. Lucia went over and above to offer her assistance in sorting and cleaning. She also made herself available to assist other students with cleaning out their locker tubs. Lucia made sure everything looked neat, clean and tidy in our classroom. Thank-you for your help, Lucia! It was most appreciated!
5/6B	Clancy: Thank you for your amazing work with us this Term. We have loved having you join us in the classroom!
Art	Chloe Woehl: Chloe is always a pleasure to teach in the Art Room. Her attention to detail is to be commended. Chloe's felted 'Thing 1,' is a perfect example of her ability to master new tasks which start off difficult. Well done, Chloe!

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 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.

Alexandra Primary School

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!