

# 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 19th  
December 2024  
Term 4 Week 11**

School finishes at 1.30pm tomorrow (Friday 20th).

Busses will be running at that time.

## Coming Up

- Dec 20 - Finish at 1.30pm
- Jan 20 - Uniform Shop open for pickup orders at ASC 12-2
- Jan 28 - Uniform Shop open at ASC 9am-12pm
- Jan 29 - First Day for Gr 1-6
- Jan 30 - First Day for Foundation

## Term 1 2025:

- Jan 28: Office open for payments etc. No students.
- Jan 29: First day at school for students in Grade 1-6. Rest day for Foundation students.
- Jan 30: First day for Foundation students. Cuppa with the principal after the bell for our Foundation families.

End of Year - P2  
Colour Run & Picnic - P3

Yuwang-ngal-in means **together** in Taungurung.

Opportunities to come together in 2024 have been the highlight for me. The Art Show, disco, cross country, special breakfasts, assemblies, graduation, the colour run, the concert are wonderful opportunities for us to celebrate our community together. Thank you for being here. Thank you for the support you give our school and, most of all, thank you for having such wonderful kids!

Thank you to our school council, led by Elise Anderson. We value your contribution and dedication to our school.

Thank you to our parents' group. We appreciate the events you have organised and the money you have raised to benefit our school community.

Thank you to our various volunteers who have endured camps and excursions with our team. Sleepless nights, vomity busses and homesick kids are not for the faint hearted! We couldn't run these events without you.

There are farewells.

Bec Robinson is taking up a position closer to home and back to secondary school. We wish Bec all the best and hope she enjoys her sleep ins!

Alice is moving to WA for a complete change. Enjoy the sunshine and fabulous beaches, we will be filled with envy in our deep winter months!

Emily is also cutting her transit time significantly with a move closer to home. We know Emily will continue to thrive in her new school.

Margie is retiring after 30 years! Margie has been such an important part of many APS lives. We will miss Margie's kindness and care. We know that she will enjoy spending time with her grandchildren!

To the families who are moving on from APS, we wish you well. Thank you for choosing us to partner with you.

There are welcomes.

Claire Jungfer is our new Foundation teacher; Ashlee Greaves is our new 5/6 teacher. We can't wait to get to know you!

Caroline Bett has decided to return for another year and will be teaching 1/2. We are so happy you have decided to stay!

We have many new families starting in 2025. We are excited to make new friends and hope that you will be happy here.

From us to you, have a wonderful holiday. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time together and I hope Santa finds you!

With love,  
The APS team.

# Hour of Code

This week some students chose to participate in "Hour of Code." The Hour of Code is a worldwide movement that aims to introduce millions of students to computer science through one-hour coding activities.

In Grades 3-6, students created their own version of "Flappy Bird" using Block Code to change the features of the game.

You can have a go yourself at <https://hourofcode.com/flap>

Here are a few of our students' efforts. Be warned, some of them are tricky!

Jack created: <https://studio.code.org/c/2414948478>

Marlee created: <https://studio.code.org/c/2414950153>

Kael created: <https://studio.code.org/c/2414961538>

There is lots to explore on [Hour Of Code](#)

Maybe you could have your own "Hour of Code" at home during the holidays!



## Teaching Excellence Program 2024

Our school values the learning and development of our staff, and the positive impacts this has on student outcomes and school improvement.

We are proud to share that Pru Fraser recently successfully graduated from the Teaching Excellence Program at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership.



This program enables skilled teachers to advance their capabilities and excellence in teaching.

Through the program, Pru grew her knowledge of teaching practice using the latest, evidence-informed research by inquiring into 2 areas of their practice, using the evidence of how students learn, generative AI, explicit teaching methods, student engagement tools and discipline-specific focussed learning. They were also inspired by national and international experts in the field of education through 2 dedicated conferences.

We look forward to working with Pru to implement their knowledge and skills from the program to continue to support student outcomes and wellbeing at our school.

# Colour Run

