

## Principal's Message

### Diary Dates

Governing Council  
Tues 07/09  
6pm Staff Room

Primary School Music  
Festival Concert  
Wed 08/09 7pm

SAPSASA  
Yr 6/7 State Basketball  
Comp Wed 15/09

Aboriginal Boys  
Football Carnival  
Yr 5/6/7  
Tues 21/09

Performing Arts  
Showcase Concert  
Community Event  
Thurs 23/09

This will be held at APS in the Gym.  
At this stage we will be offering 2  
sessions (a morning and evening  
session on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
2021).

Session times, program and  
booking information is coming  
home soon.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> session will be considered for  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (last day  
of school for Term 3) if required due  
to the Gym having audience  
limitations due to COVID  
restrictions.

### 2021 School Terms

**TERM 3**  
19th July – 24th September

**TERM 4**  
11th Oct – 10th Dec

As part of our staff professional learning, we have recently completed day two of the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM). BSEM provides strategies for teaching and learning that enable staff to increase engagement of students and to successfully improve all **students'** self-regulation, relationships, wellbeing, growth, and academic achievement. Staff are looking forward to completing the remaining two days in 2022.

#### Nature Play Design Update:

The Environments Ministry met with our landscape designer to discuss the draft design and where to next. Many of the identified key principles of sustainability, sensory experiences, connections to school and multipurpose play equipment that cater to all ages were represented. This opportunity has given students across the site valuable experiences into the design and consultation process that takes place which has also strengthened vocabulary and concept development. Many thanks to Shannon Brookes and our Environments Ministry for leading us through this stage of the project. Please look at the draft design and fill in the inserted form and return it to the office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

#### Book Week Celebration:

We have had an amazing few weeks celebrating Book Week and more importantly the love of reading. We had so much fun on Friday at our parade and it was lovely to see many of our families attend. Students have also had the opportunity to participate in some geocaching activities across the school through Nature Play SA.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Nest excursion to the Patch Theatre and recent SAPSASA Basketball. I love heading out on excursions or visiting our sporting events to see our students. Thankyou to the staff and many parents who came along to support, our children really enjoy these experiences. I do often get great feedback about our students and their respectful behaviour.



## Love of Reading - Garth, Rikki and Lisa

### Library Displays



The Year 2/3 classes were really excited for book week and have enjoyed class readings of the awesome shortlisted books for this **year's** CBCA awards. The library displays have been a hit, and got minds thinking about costumes for the book week parade on the theme of **'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'**.



### Book Recommendations

Children have shared their love of reading by doing book recommendations. Children chose a good fit book and wrote a short summary of what they liked about it. They finished their recommendations off with a star rating and left them on display so that classmates could think about trying a new book next time they visited the library.

### Book Week Parade!

Our book week parade took place on Friday morning in week 6, and was a big hit! It was a real celebration of books and characters, with lots of creative costumes and smiling faces. It was lovely to be able to celebrate with so many families in attendance, and the stage was the perfect venue for what was a beautiful sunny day.



### Shared Reading

Classes have been making the most of the **school's** shared spaces to mix things up and remember that reading can be enjoyed just about anywhere. The year 2/3 classes had shared reading time with Blue and Orange Magpie. Children met in the garden and on the oval after second break, where they buddied up to read or be read to. It was a great way to share our love of reading and make positive connections to end the week.



### Geocaching Incursion

On Tuesday in Week 7, the Year 2/3 classes participated in a geocaching incursion based around books from this **year's** CBCA books. Children used GPS devices to locate numbered activities and words to piece together a secret message. There was lots of great communication and team work on display and the children worked up a big appetite before lunch!



### SAPSASA Statewide Basketball Competition

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Alberton Primary School participated in the SAPSASA Statewide Basketball Competition held at the St. Clair Recreation Centre. It was fantastic to see both the boys and girls compete against some of the best schools and colleges in the western suburbs and play some wonderful basketball. Great teamwork and sportsmanship was demonstrated over the course of the day, and all players did their best in what was a very competitive day of basketball. A big thank you to Jill (SSO) and Natasha Munzer (parent volunteer) who helped to coach and score for the carnival and for Mr Jarrad visiting to see our students in action.



Michael Gill  
SAPSASA Coordinator





## Book week celebrations

Throughout book week Alberton PS celebrated a range of action packed events that were enjoyed by all. A picture can tell a thousand words and these photos of the various events show the engagement, fun, laughter, focus and stamina that everyone displayed across the week.

A fantastic effort by all the staff and students involved.



## Governing Council News

Dear Community Members,

We all want the best for the children in our care and recognise that the leaders, teachers and support staff want this too. Our public school system is large, wonderfully diverse and full of local consideration to help every student be the best learner they can be. Like life, not everything goes the way we think it should or the way it could; in the big sea of education, the little fish sometimes get lost. APS Governing Council is a member of the South Australian Association of School Parent Communities <https://www.saaspc.org.au/> and they have asked us to **lend our** support to **campaign for** improvements for learners in every school across the state. At our meeting on Tuesday 10th August we supported the Every School Every Child campaign <https://www.everyschooleverychild.org.au/> and acknowledge that every school should receive the resources it needs to ensure that every child gets the best education, regardless of their background or circumstance. We are not alone in thinking this way and if **you'd** like to share your experience, then **we encourage you to** share by filling out the Australian Education Union survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/additionalsupport>

Sincerely - Dash

### CANTEEN SPECIAL

Available till sold out

Nuggets and wedges	\$5.00
Wedges only	\$3.00
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> break snack</u>	
Pumpkin or noodle soup	\$1.50
Hot chocolate & large muffin	\$3.00



### A TIP FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Exercise: Even taking a short walk or climbing a flight of stairs can reduce stress and increase alertness. A regular exercise routine can boost one's mood, increase concentration, and even help alleviate symptoms of anxiety and depression. Have a great weekend!!

## News from The Nest



Over the past 2 weeks the children in The Nest have had many wonderful learning opportunities to celebrate Book Week and learn about Performing Arts.

All of the children had the opportunity to attend the Patch Theatre Company 'I wish' Performance at the Festival Theatre. The children had a great time catching the train to town and watching the performance which was full of colour, sound and entertaining theatrics. Thanks to the many families who came along to support this excursion.



This year our Book Week celebrations included dressing up as our favourite book character and participating in the school Book Week Parade, having students from Blue Magpie visit the Nest to read books with the children, and participating in the Nature Play SA incursion in which children used GPS devices to find Book Week treasures hidden around the school. Seeing their excitement as they worked together to run and find all of the hidden clues was amazing.



## Community Shout Out

Dear Families.

In the Nest we have an area called 'Loose **Parts**' which are used by students for various building activities which connect to curriculum learning in Mathematics, Engineering and Vocabulary.

The contents of this area are in need of up-grading and before we purchase the new parts necessary, we would like to ask our parent community who may be Carpenters, Plumbers or connected to building trades for help in refurbishment.

Lengths of timber and polyethylene pipes are the main items we want to include in the loose parts collection, but also if there are any other materials that are considered useful to children in play based learning then please approach Eric or staff in the Nest .

We appreciate the breadth of experience, skills and knowledge within our community and any help would be appreciated.

Kind Regards – Nest Team

## Save The Date School Photos

New date for school photos  
is Week 1, Term 4.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Our make up day is  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

