

## Principal's Message

### Diary Dates

#### November

Sports Day  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov @ APS

School Closure Day  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

Child Free Day  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Staff work together on this day to develop our learning agenda for 2022

Aboriginal Parent Partnership Meeting  
Aunty Roseys' Room  
2:00pm -3:00pm  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Governing Council  
6:00pm in the staff  
(followed by dinner at 7pm)  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov  
Thankyou for your wonderful support throughout the year

2022 Nest Parent Information sessions  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 5:00pm – 6:00pm  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:00am – 10:00am



### 2021 School Terms

**TERM 4**  
11<sup>th</sup> Oct – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

Recently we celebrated student learning in the Arts through the Art Exhibition Showcase. We had families visit and students were really proud of their Art work. **It's** has been enjoyable listening to students talk about what Art means to them and how they are able to express emotions, thoughts or beliefs through this learning. Jess Joseph and our students have done a wonderful job in preparing for this. Thankyou for all your hard work.

#### Community Development:

We recently hosted a Pizza Oven and Disco evening which was highly attended by the community with a relaxed, friendly and positive vibe. Thankyou to all our helpers, pizza oven cooks, students for providing tours and staff for running the disco. We look forward to hosting more of these types of events into the future.

Our strength as a school, *is our community itself*, we have many families who are keen to help out in some way. Our Community Development committee have created a family survey to capture the talents, skills and interests that exist within our school community. Please take the time to complete and send back...it will only take a few minutes but will make a great deal of difference to the relevant committees.

Many hands make light work and we are striving to create a sustainable way to engage the community and provide opportunities for our students at Alberton. You might be able to help out at one event or activity, contribute labour or resources for another...every little bit adds up to a lot.

#### 2022 Enrolments and Classes:

Please find inserted to the Newsletter a copy of the '**Parent / Caregiver 2022 Consideration Form**'. This includes a section by where we ask families to officially inform the school in writing if your child/ren will not be returning to Alberton PS in 2022 or have special considerations.

If you have any particular requests that you would like considered as part of the placement process please complete and return in a sealed envelope, attention: Dan Jarrad Principal

The utmost consideration of student learning is considered, along with friendships and other social considerations. This is a complex body of work and takes time, thought and attention to detail. Teaching staff are working through the class options for next year.

Class configuration for 2022 can only be based upon what we currently know, the more accurate the information, the easier the processes for teachers.

We aim to achieve the following in 2022 with class configuration:

- Build upon transition points for children from Early Years to Primary through to Upper Primary.
- Strengthen learning communities across the school, this has been highly successful in 2021.
- Build upon opportunities for educators to collaborate within learning communities
- Work within the DfE funding model for staffing
- Honour multi-age classes and cross age relationships

Specific locations at this point include:

- Nest Learning Community – Preschool and Reception children
- Broad Street Learning Community (Hive) – Year 1-2 (possibly Year 3's based on class configuration)
- New Street Learning Community – Year 4-6 (possibly year 3's based on class configuration)

Learning spaces for our specialist programs has also advanced in 2021 and will include:

- Physical Education and Health
- Music and The Arts (including Visual Arts)
- Science and Environmental Sustainability (includes animal science and cooking)
- Positive Education

2022 is shaping to be an amazing year of learning and growth for Alberton PS. We have a united and stable leadership team, continuity of staff (teaching and **SSO's**), a wonderfully supportive and active Governing Council and a student group who are telling us they are ready to be challenged and stretched with their learning and opportunities.



# Specialist Art Exhibition 2021

This week we celebrated the **wonderful** artists and learning that has happened over the past term in Specialist Art to form the 2021 Specialist Art Exhibition. The students have worked during their break time and committed to coming after school to create a gallery of their work using different mediums, techniques and talents.

**Thank you** to all the staff, families and community for coming along on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night and morning to support our artists.



**Well done to the four girls guiding the tour today.**

**They did incredibly well speaking in front of an audience and were very informative of the school.**

**You have a beautiful school.**

I liked all the animals and all the programs seemed great, so I think I'm going to this school because everything was nice and everybody was welcoming.

A very informative look at the school. Great gardens, wonderful learning opportunities. Thank you

Great presentation of some beautiful spaces and positive changes. We would like to be part of this. Well done!

*GREAT JOB TO THE GIRLS AND PRINCIPAL...WHAT A LOVELY SCHOOL YOU HAVE*

## Specks of Gold

This year we have had our student leaders host school tours for new and interested families. They have done an amazing job, presenting with confidence, being proud of their school and families have left some lovely feedback at the end of each session... Enjoy reading the comments!!

I liked how the Principal talked about wellbeing for a child and academic success going together.

*Thank you for the informative school tour. Insight to school infrastructure, facilities & programs was wonderful.*

*Looks like a great school. Very informative tour!*

*Amazing school tour, great place for kids to be!!*

**I loved the student leaders, they were friendly and knowledgeable. Great science, arts and gardens. It seems a happy community.**

## Canteen Special

Week 7, Term 4

22th Nov – 26th Nov

### Party Plate Meal Deal

Mini pie, sausage roll, nuggets and wedges & fairy bread  
With a juice (ABC or Apple) or small water  
(Tomato or BBQ sauce optional)

**\$7:00**

### Gluten Free option

Mini pie, sausage roll, nuggets and fairy bread  
With ABC or apple box juice or small water

**\$8:00**

### Vegan option

Baked potato with napolitana sauce or nachos  
With ABC or Apple box drink or small water

**\$7:00**

## **SAPSASA Yr 6/7 Volleyball Carnival**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, a group of Yr 6/7 girls participated in the SAPSASA State Volleyball carnival. The competition took place at The Lights Community and Sports Centre, with the girls playing 3 other schools / colleges. Overall, it was a wonderful experience for the girls who played with confidence and enthusiasm, along with having the opportunity to compete in their final SAPSASA sporting experience – well done girls.

Our students have represented Alberton PS with pride and excellence throughout 2021. Our new uniforms and sense of pride has been a highlight and we look forward to many other SAPSASA events in 2022.

Mr Gill - Specialist PE Teacher / SAPSASA Coordinator



## News from The Nest

### Nest Graduation

The Nest Graduation will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December for all of the Reception children who will be leaving the Nest. **Invitations will be sent home in coming weeks. We hope to see many families come along to celebrate their child's time** in the Nest.

### Looking towards 2022.....

Our planning for 2022 in the Nest is underway and we have recently had nearly 50 enrolment meetings with children and families who will be joining us in 2022. It has been great getting to know the children and developing connections with new and returning families.

On our up coming professional learning day The Nest staff will be continuing to review and develop our 2022 Preschool Quality Improvement Plan and Site Improvement Plan. The Nest priorities will focus on providing an integrated play based program, allowing for opportunities to connect with specialist teachers and areas, inquiry learning and with a strong focus on developing foundational skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

### Preschool Transition

A reminder that transition visits for all children beginning preschool in 2022 are being held on

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 8:45am – 10:45am and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 8:45am – 10:45am.

Transition visits will be held in the preschool home group room, Coral. Children are asked to bring a hat, drink bottle, and piece of fruit to transition visits. Parents are required to stay with children during the transition visits, please complete the COVID check in and wear a mask when inside.

### Reception Transition

We are welcoming many Reception children into the Nest in 2022 who will have their transition visits to the reception home group rooms, Yellow and Ochre, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 8:45am – 11:00am and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 8:45am – 12:00 pm.

Children are asked to bring a hat, drink bottle, and piece of fruit to transition visits. Parents are not required to stay for Reception transition visits.

### Year 1 Transition

The Nest team have developed a program across the term to support our children who will be moving to Year 1 in 2022. This includes visits to classrooms, shared experiences with the Broad Street Community and connecting with specialist teachers across the school.

### Nest Information Sessions

All new families are invited to attend Nest Parent Information sessions to be held on

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm to 6 pm (in The Nest – Coral Home Group Room) or Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 9am to 10am (in the staffroom). Bookings are not required.

If you have any further enrolment questions please contact Lauren Black in the front office on 8447 1924.

### Notice of Materials and Services Charges 2022 (School Fees)

Section 129 of the Education and Children's Services Act 2019 allows schools, in consultation with the governing council, to charge, collect and recover a materials and services charge. Governing Council, in consultation with the Finance Advisory Committee and Principal recommend that the Materials and Services charges for 2022 be at the minimum school level of \$253

This will be an increase of \$7 which is determined by DfE, not the school. This applies to all South Australian Primary Schools who keep fees at the minimum level. It is acknowledged that 2021 has been a complex and challenging year for many families. An increase in school fees only adds to financial strain in these times. A review of school fees will be undertaken in 2022.

Following department procedure families can provide feedback and questions to the Governing Council in person, prior to a final decision being made on the fees. The invitation is open for families to do this on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November between 6:00pm – 6:15pm in the Staff Room. (at our last GC meeting for the school year)

## Volunteers Welcomed



If your interested in volunteering some time in the canteen, garden or resource centre, please drop us a line or pop in to see Lauren or Angela in the front office for further information. Register your interest and we can help you from there ☺

**Just a reminder that uniforms orders will be going online as of Week 5, Term 4.  
More information to come**