

## Diary Dates

### February

**Road Safety Visit  
Ochre & Yellow  
Magpie**

Tues 28/02 11:45am

### March

**Pupil Free Day  
Maths PD**

Fri 03/03

**School Photos**

Mon 06/03

Thurs 09/03 Makeup  
Day

**Principal School Tour**

Tue 07/03 9am - 10am

**AGM GC & Children  
Parliament Welcome  
Night in the Hive**

Tues 07/03 6pm - 7pm

## 2023 School Terms

### TERM 1

30th January – 14th April

### TERM 2

1<sup>st</sup> May – 7th July

### TERM 3

24th July – 29th September

### TERM 4

16th Oct – 15th Dec

## Principal's Message

It has been a beautiful start to the school year and lovely to see children smiling and happy to be back, connecting with friends and staff and slipping back into familiar routines.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new children and families. We look forward to working with you and your family in 2023 as Alberton PS has a wonderful school community.

For our 50 new Preschool (NEST) children and families, it was lovely to see so many of you throughout the first week supporting transition and reporting back lots of positives. This milestone is as important for your child as it is for a parent or caregiver and was great to have you part of the experience.

We have seen many families enjoying our school environment, whether it is visiting classes in the morning, sitting outside under a tree at the end of the day or mingling with other families while children have a play after school...it's really is great to see you all connecting once again.

Student Leadership:

A strong student leadership group is really important and 2023 is no different at Alberton PS.

Congratulations to Bailey Wilkinson (Yr 6 Prime Minister) and Kalani Nelson (Yr 6 Deputy Prime Minister) who were elected to these roles for 2023 by their peers.

At our upcoming AGM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, to be held in the Hive 6:00pm – 7:00pm, our student leaders and our elected **Children's** Parliament members will be introduced to our community as invited guests. All members of our school community are welcome to attend the AGM. Light refreshments will be provided.

Identifying the key areas of focus is the next task for our student leaders and looking at ways we can influence projects and actions inside and outside of the school. Christine Vlass, Michael Gill, Shannon Brookes, Jo Statton and myself will support our student leaders.

Student leaders will be invited to Governing Council meetings to talk about progress of projects, answer questions from members and learn more about school governance throughout 2023.

I wish all children and families the very best for the school year and look forward to celebrating our successes and highlights along the way with you all.

**'Save The Date'**  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**  
**Outdoor Cinema**  
**&**  
**Pizza Oven Night**

**More information will  
be sent home by the  
Public Relations  
Ministry later this term.**



# Class Culture, Belonging and School Values

Purple Magpie – Lisa Scarvelis



## Morning Care Circle & Feelings Chart

In Purple Magpie, our **morning routine** includes first sharing how we feel and then something new or good in our life.

We have made **self regulation charts** and have these on our tables. During the day we are able to move our gold star onto how we are feeling, this is a powerful tool to help us keep track of our emotions and how our bodies are feeling.

**“If someone is feeling down we can cheer them up” – Shaye**



## Math Learning

Friday's are exciting in Purple Magpie as we engage in **targeted Math activities** to develop our number skills and ability to work in teams.



## Growth and Fixed Mindset

As part of our whole school **'Back to School Program'** we are developing the skills of **Respect and Empathy**.

We read the book “How full is your bucket?” and discussed what **“bucket fillers”** look like. We are also working on **Growth and Fixed Mindset's** and what actions we can take to adopt a Growth Mindset in our learning.

An example of a Growth Mindset activity includes the **“hopping chalk challenge”**. This activity included drawing a wiggly line using chalk and hopping backwards on the line. We had to demonstrate a **Growth Mindset** while attempting this task!

**“We all have our table spot, trays and book boxes for us to store our belongings in. I like this”**  
– Piper

**“We like to look after our class and our belongings”**  
– Silas



# NEWS FROM THE NEST



## Welcome

We are excited to welcome over 50 new children into the Nest this year. This includes many new families to the Alberton School community.

The first few weeks have been filled with children exploring the learning environment, meeting the educators, and joining in shared play experiences. Seeing the excitement and curiosity on children's faces as they participated in new experiences has been great to see.

Nest staff are looking forward to a great year ahead with the children which will include a focus on foundational literacy skills, music, gardening, art, wheels weeks and plenty of time to play in the Nest!

## PRESCHOOL MID YEAR ENROLMENT

Have you heard about the mid-year intake for preschool that has been introduced again in 2023? If your child turns 4 between 1 May and 31 October this year, they are eligible to start preschool in term 3 2023.

Any families wanting to register for mid year intake are asked to complete a preschool registration of interest form ASAP. Letters of offer and enrolment process will begin later this term.

For more information please contact our front office on 8447 1924.



## PLAYGROUP IN THE NEST

**FRIDAY 8:45 – 10:45AM**

GOLD COIN DONATION

TEA AND COFFEE  
FACILITIES AVAILABLE

## ALBERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

**Term 1 2023**

**Term Dates:**  
**30th January –**  
**Friday 14th**  
**April**

**No Playgroup**  
**March 3rd**  
**Pupil Free Day**

**Public Holiday**  
**Friday 7th April**





Would you like a great Resource for quick cheap and easy-to-make lunchbox ideas? Look no further Jess from Cook n Create has done the hard work for you.

The only work that you need to do is get the kids in the kitchen to make some yummy snacks.

To get your copy of the Cook n Create toolkit for lunch box ideas follow the link below

You can find this great resource on CooknCreate facebook page in the photos section

<https://www.facebook.com/cookncreateadelaideschol>

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FAMILIES Updated Information Required

In this Newsletter, you will receive a media consent form for your children. To update our record please fill this out as soon as you possibly can and send it back to the front office.

To ensure that we are keeping up to date with families information we are asking to inform the Front office staff of any changes to the following by end of week 4 (24/02/2023)

- Address
- Email
- Mobile/Home phone

Please Inform the school phone 8447 1924 or you are welcome to email [dl.0202.admin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0202.admin@schools.sa.edu.au)

## Community Promotions



**AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR**

Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our  
**FEBRUARY OPEN DAY!**

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



**Climate Change Action Series**

Ready to improve your sustainability game? These sessions are for you!

Learn some simple ways you can save money while making your home more environmentally-friendly. Start your sustainability journey with simple advice from experts, ask questions and discover simple things you can do to save electricity, water, heating costs and more.

8 different sessions from February to June of 2023, Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm at The Parks Library

Wednesday 8 February: Reading Our Utility Bills	Wednesday 26 April: Getting off the Gas
Wednesday 12 February: Energy & Water Efficiency in your Home	Wednesday 19 May: Climate Ready Homes
Wednesday 12 March: Designing a Sustainable Home	Wednesday 7 June: Composting Electric Vehicle
Wednesday 12 April: Electricity Your Home	Wednesday 28 June: Water Sensitive Urban Design

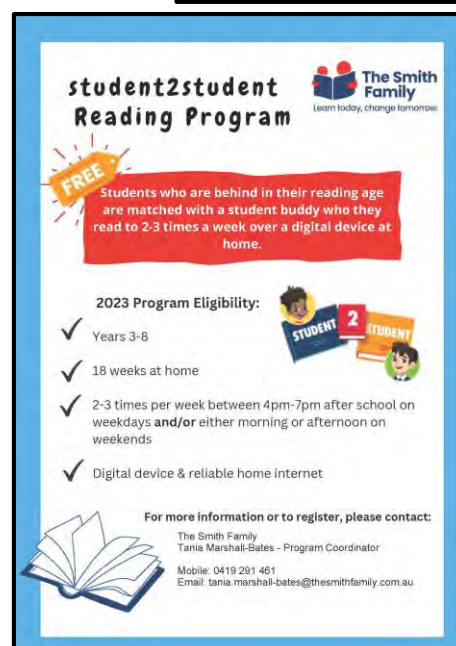
These are free community sessions, register your spot today!



**LEARN CHINESE & SPANISH WITH SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES**

ENROL NOW FOR 2023!

TO ENROL NOW VISIT:  
[www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au/enrolment](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au/enrolment)



**student2student Reading Program**

**FREE** Students who are behind in their reading age are matched with a student buddy who they read to 2-3 times a week over a digital device at home.

**2023 Program Eligibility:**

- ✓ Years 3-8
- ✓ 18 weeks at home
- ✓ 2-3 times per week between 4pm-7pm after school on weekdays **and/or** either morning or afternoon on weekends
- ✓ Digital device & reliable home internet

For more information or to register, please contact:

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