

Principal's Message

It's been a lovely start back to Term 2 and it was nice to see our students smiling faces last Monday.

We have some exciting learning opportunities planned for students at Alberton this term and look forward to showcasing these in the newsletter, on the schools website and our Facebook page.

Many thanks to our **Community Development Committee** who organized our Special Persons stall this week. The kindness and generosity from many families to donate gifts, make handmade goodies and items was heartwarming to see.

I wish all our mums and special people a lovely weekend and hope you know how important you are in the lives of your loved ones.

Goodluck to all our students who commence the week long swimming program in week 4, I am looking forward to seeing you all in action and gaining great feedback from the Aquatic Centre about our Alberton PS students.

Learning Goals: Educational definition of learning goals and their importance

*"The co-construction of 'Individual Student Learning Goals' serve a variety of functions that are essential in the teaching process: goals regulate action and they explain the nature of the link between the past and the future. Goals have a **self-energizing effect** if they are appropriately challenging for our students, as they can motivate students to **exert effort in line with the difficulty or demands of the goal.** 'Feedback' and 'Conferencing' allows for realistic goals to be set and for monitoring of those goals so that adjustments in effort, direction and even strategy can be made as needed."*

Students across the school have recently reviewed, refined or created new learning goals for this upcoming term. We aim to construct 2-3 specific learning goals (based on the developmental stage of learning for your child) in the area of Mathematics, Literacy and/or Social-Emotional. Your child and their teacher will be sharing these learning goals with you over the coming days/week.

Nature Play Upgrade:

Some fine detail but important detail is being finalised between the Education Department and Port Adelaide Enfield Council. This pertains to licensing and access agreements which require sign off at a Crown Solicitor and Ministerial level. The school has been ready and prepared for months and are looking forward to moving this project forward. We are raring to go!! Stay tuned as its not far off now!!

\$25000 Federal Grant:

Recently, we were successful in securing a \$25000 grant from the Federal Government under the National School Upgrade Program. This funding was targeted for the **Life Science Centre** with minor upgrade work, repair and replacement of identified items. Shannon, Michael and Sonya are very excited and look forward to putting their plans into place. **This now means, we can redirect school funding to upgrade the Broad Street toilets as planned.**

Exciting to see a few visitors in week 1, our Nest students were lucky to have a visit from Harry and Larry our resident Owls....just peacefully checking that all our preschool children returned safely from holidays.



Diary Dates

May

Governing Council

Tues 15/05
Staff Room 6pm

Swimming Week

Mon 22/05 – Fri 26/05
Reception – Yr5

June

Reconciliation Week

Sat 27/05 – Sat 03/06

Dental School Visits

Mon 29/05 – Fri 02/06

Pupil Free Day

Fri 26/06
Math PD

School Principal & Student Leader Tour

Tues 05/06
9am – 10am

Mindful Mentor Excursion

Wed 07/06

SAPSSASA

State Cross Country
Thurs 08/06

2021 School Terms

TERM 2

1st May – 7th July

TERM 3

24th July – 29th September

TERM 4

16th Oct – 15th Dec

CLASS CULTURE, BELONGING AND SCHOOL VALUES

PURPLE MAGPIE - CHLOE PATE & DANIELLE TSIMIKLIS



Purple Magpie is a calm, nurturing and supportive learning environment where all students are valued. At the start of the day, students are invited to sign in and complete a morning activity, before entering the class.

Our morning Care Circle is a daily routine that supports students' sense of belonging. As a group, we read an Acknowledgement Of Country, we greet each other and discuss the school values. This is also a chance for students to share how they are feeling and any exciting news in their lives.

"I like seeing all the smiles in our class" – Zeke



The Calm Corner is a favourite feature of the class. Students access this safe and peaceful space as a 'ready to learn' strategy and during mindfulness.

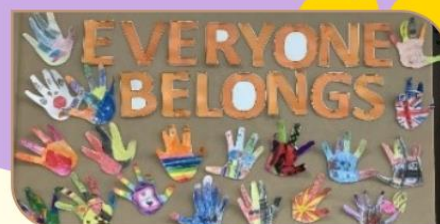
"I like the calm corner, it's comfy and cosy" – Martha



In Purple Magpie, we have established positive relationships and a team-oriented class culture. Collectively, the class is working towards filling the 'class jar' to reach their desired goal. Additionally, table spots are changed twice a term to facilitate new working relationships, respect and trust. All students have a class job, which helps the classroom to function effectively and allows them to have ownership over their space.

"I feel happy in our learning space" – Isabelle

Our afternoon Care Circle is an opportunity for students to reflect upon their day and share 'What, Went, Well'. It allows students to connect with each other, show respect through listening and feel happy and positive about their day at school. Our focus for this term is the school value of wellbeing. We will be exploring growth mindset and gratitude and how we can apply these in our learning and everyday life.



News from The Nest

Numeracy in the Nest

Developing a strong sense of number is an important concept that develops from a very young age. Number sense is the ability to understand numbers and the relationships between numbers. For our Nest children this includes:

- Number identification – recognising and naming numbers
- 'One to one correspondence' – understanding that when counting each number relates to one specific thing being counted
- Knowing that numbers always come in a set order
- Developing an awareness of number patterns.
- Comparing quantities

This term the children have been practicing writing numerals, counting object, matching numerals to quantities, ordering numerals, counting and ordering quantities.



Nest Special Visitors

In week 1 we had two very special 'visitors' to the Nest's Zen Garden. Children and families alike were enthralled to see the two owls perched in one of our trees. Each day children have enjoyed looking for them....some children even want to give our newest residents names.

Enrolment Update

In July we will be welcoming **20 new children to the Nest in our first mid-year intake to preschool**. All mid year offers and enrolment packs have been sent out to families. We look forward to meeting with families in coming weeks and welcoming children for their transition visits later in the term.

A reminder to families that we are current taking **registrations of interest for children to enrol in the Nest in 2024**. Reception and Preschool enrolment offers will be sent out in August, please ensure you register prior to the end of Term 2 as we have limited enrolment vacancies.

Children **currently enrolled in our Nest preschool program do not have** to register for Reception enrolment, this process will be managed by Nest staff in Term 3.

Please direct any queries to Briony Murdoch



News From the Finance Manager



Uniforms For Sale

Track pants

size 4,6,8,10

\$15

Long sleeve polo tops

Size 4,6,8,10,12

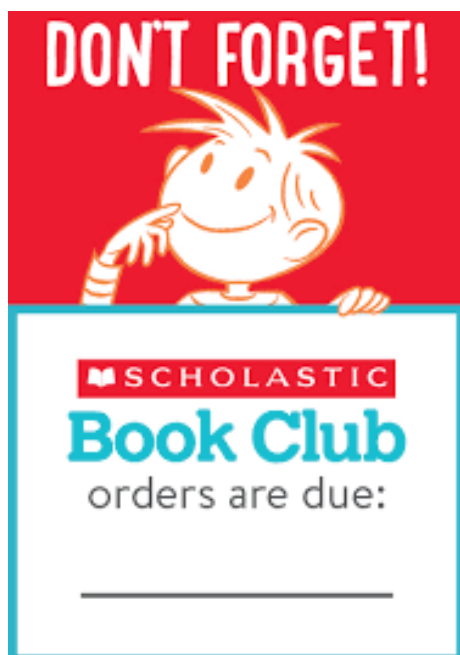
\$ 20



Materials and Service Charge (School Fees) are now due. This year, after the Rebate, the total owed per child is \$169.00. You can pay this by visiting our Front Office or using the Qkr App. Payment Plans are available-we are here to support you. You may also be eligible for School Card which will support you in paying the Fee. Please come and chat with our finance Manager, Angela if you are experiencing financial difficulty. We know every family is different and we can work together to find an option that works for you.

Kindy Fees – Term 2 Kindy invoices have been emailed to families. If you didn't received this please contact Angela Sortini-Maslen on 8447 1924

Community Promotions



Book club Issue 3 went out in week 1, if you are requiring this issue please seek a copy through your child's magpie class

Orders will be closing on Monday 15th May at the end of the day.