

## Principal's Message

### Diary Dates

#### September

Yr 5/6 Pop Up Market  
Thur 07/09

Kaboom Percussion  
Incursion  
Fri 08/09

Governing Council  
Tues 12/09 6pm  
Staff Room

Semaphore Dunes  
Excursion  
Yr 5/6 Blue Magpie-Sophia  
Thur 14/09  
Yr 5/6 Blue Magpie - Jo/Heath  
Thurs 21/09

SAPSASA Metro Athletics  
Championship  
Tues 19/09

Festival Of Music  
Mon 18/09 Rehearsal  
Choir Performance

Performing Arts Showcase  
Thurs 28/09 AM & PM Session  
Fri 29/09 AM Session

### 2023 School Terms

**TERM 3**  
24th July – 29th September

**TERM 4**  
16th Oct – 15th Dec

### 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 at our parade and it was lovely to see many of our families attend. Our *Community Development Governing Council* team have done a wonderful job this year providing opportunities for the community to connect, chat, catch up and share costumes, ideas and support each other.

### Fathers Day / Special **Person's** Stall:

Thanks again to all our wonderful helpers from the Community Development committee and parent volunteers for supporting the Fathers Day / Special **Person's** stall last week. I know our students really appreciated all your work and it was great to see the smiles on their faces as they purchased their gifts.

### Upcoming Community Events:

Our Performing Arts Showcase Concert is fast approaching and will be an amazing event. Our children are working hard with class and individual practice items, dance routines and much, much more. This will be held at APS in the Gym. We will be offering 3 sessions (morning & evening session) on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and morning session on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 which is also open to all our playgroup and new enrolling families for 2024.

Students and staff are working together to finalise planning which includes decking out the Gym as a professional theatre space with a stage, lighting, sound, backdrops and back stage experiences.

The theme '**Back to the Future**' will also enable the audience to get involved and come dressed in your favourite decade....this Showcase performance event will be so much fun!!

Please refer to the information about ticket sales and all the important things to know about to support your child in preparing for the Showcase. All information has been sent home this week (hard copy & email).

### Life Sciences Centre:

Exciting times in Life Science Centre! We have received a Federal Government grant to upgrade our Wildlife Room. Students have been busy learning about adaptations, food chains and external parts of our animals. We are also upgrading our Aquafarm where our Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon breeding program is located.





# SHINING A LIGHT ON MATHS

Mathematics is so ingrained in our daily lives that we often don't even notice that we're using it. From simple tasks such as measuring ingredients, to more complex decisions involving finances and problem-solving. The embedded nature of maths in our everyday lives highlights it's importance, and the need for proficient mathematical skills.



Throughout the year at Alberton, we have been 'shining a light' on Mathematics, and how we teach it. We have partnered up with North Haven Primary School and have had several joint training days focussing on maths, and how we can improve our teaching of Mathematics.

**USING CLASSROOM MATH RESOURCES TO DEMONSTRATE UNDERSTANDING OF PATTERN AND SYMMETRY**

**USING CARDS TO PLAY 'SALUTE' IS A FUN, ENGAGING WAY TO CONSOLIDATE NUMBER FACT KNOWLEDGE.**

The teaching of maths often lends itself to being taught through hands-on interactive games to practice, promote and reinforce mathematical concepts being taught. In Orange Magpie we play games such as table bingo and salute and race to 100 to practice times tables and number facts. Our weekly homework sheet nearly always has a maths game that can be played by families to promote a positive learning disposition towards Maths.



**'PICKLE' IS A FUN WAY FOR STUDENTS TO HONE THEIR PLACE VALUE SKILLS.**

**HANDS-ON, ENGAGING NUMERACY CHALLENGES**





# Celebrating Bookweek 2023

CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK®

#CBCA2023

19 - 25 August 2023



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BOOK COUNCIL  
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# NEWS FROM THE NEST

## COOKING - EDIBLE INSECTS!

What fun the Nest children have had making Edible Insects in the Café over the past 2 weeks. When making their insects children have been identifying and naming body parts, asking questions, following instructions, learning about positional language, creating patterns, exploring textures, counting and trying new foods!

**"I am making a spider" Evelyn**  
**'We need to put cream cheese on and cereal to make a spider' Solly**  
**'Eating it is the BEST part!' Ava**  
**'That's actually yummy' - Danny**  
**My spider has 8 legs, 2 eyes, 1 mouth and a body - Archie**

## 2024 Enrolment

Preschool and Reception Enrolment offers for 2024 have been sent out to families of children who are in our local enrolment area. In the first week of September any further enrolment offers will be made based upon vacancies and the DfE enrolment policy.

For further information please contact Erin Wilson (Enrolment Officer) in the front office. A reminder for all Nest children who are moving from preschool to school in January 2024 to return their school Enrolment forms ASAP to the front office



## Community Promotions

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