

Welcome to our Newsletter

Monday 12th Feb 2024

Diary Dates

Meet The Teacher Week Mon 19/02 – Fri 23/02

> **Early Dismissal Meet The Teacher** Tuesday 20/02 1pm

Lefevre HS Visit @ APS Thurs22/02 2pm - 3pm in Gym

> **Pupil Free Day** (OSHC Available) Mon 26/02

Evacuation Practice Drill Wed 28/02 10:50am

Community Development MTG Thurs 28/03 2pm - 3pm

Combined Choir Rehearsal Held @ Hendon PS Wed 28/02 12:30pm - 2pm

Playgroup Farm Barn Fri 01/03 8:45 - 10:45am

AGM & Children's **Parliament Welcome Night** Tues 05/03 6pm - 7:30pm

Yr 5/6 Visiting Lefevre HS Fri 08/03 9am - 12pm

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Monday 11/03

Principal & Student Leader **School Tour**

Tues 12/03 9am - 10:30am

2024 School **Terms**

TERM 1

29th January – 12th April

TERM 2

29th April – 5th July

TERM 3

22nd July – 27th September

TERM 4

14th Oct - 13th Dec

Principal's Message

Welcome Back To 2024......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 our new children and families. We look forward to working with you and your family in 2024 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 2 weeks 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 really is great to see you all connecting once again.

Special mention to Brad Jamieson (one of our parents) who was busy over the holiday period upgrading many of our stobie poles. His focus has been to showcase our school values and culture. Lots of our families have been commenting on how great they look.



Thankyou to our student ministry groups who led the wellbeing initiative of introducing music to our 'bell system'....it has already softened our school environment and creates such a 'relaxed vibe'. Students are in the process of working with Ms Tanya (our music teacher) to identify songs to be played. Cant wait to see what they come up with.

Nature Play Upgrade: EXCITING NEWS

We are excited to announce that the construction site will be set up on Monday (Week 5, Term 1), which is on our Pupil Free Day. 😥 The company overseeing the project seem very good, organised and understanding of our context. Many thanks to the local PA&E Council and Department For Education for supporting our upgrade. Great news is they are anticipating the project to be completed by end of May, rather than late August/early September. There will be some slight 'redirection' for families and children when accessing different parts of the schools, so follow the paths and fencing lines. We will keep our community updated with progress photos on the website.

Look forward to seeing you in week 4 at 'Meet The Teacher' week. If you have any trouble booking online, please see your child's teacher or contact the Front Office.















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Class Culture, Belonging and School Values - Ochre and Yellow Magpie

Starting school can be an exciting and nerve-wracking experience for many children. For the reception children in Yellow and Ochre Magpie, the first two weeks were filled with experiences and activities to help them transition into their new classrooms. These fun learning experiences included games to help the children remember the names of their new classmates and support them to establish strong relationships with their peers and teachers. We spent time practising routines and learned about what it means to be 'ready to learn'. The children identified what a 'ready to learn' body looks and feels like and explored strategies they can use to help themselves be 'ready to learn'.

With the excitement of starting 'big school', the enthusiastic to take were on more responsibilities and leadership roles within the classroom. To support this, each magpie group has two helpers of the day. Anticipation of who the helpers of the day will be is built through the process of randomly selecting a named rubber duck from a basket. Daily helpers are therefore called 'Lucky Ducks'. Every day two new 'Lucky Ducks' are selected until every child (who wishes to do so) has had a turn. The children have shown great aptitude trustworthiness in their carrying out new responsibilities, such as collecting lunch orders from the canteen and checking the compost bin for contaminants. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled in to school routines and built new friendships.

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NEWS FROM THE NEST

Playgroup

Welcome to our returning families and new families to playgroup. Playgroup is held every Friday morning from 8:45 am to 10:45 am. Week 5, 1st of March we have a special event held, Animal farm barn will be visiting playgroup. This will no doubt be very exciting for our families and children.

2024 Enrolment Update

A reminder to families to ensure you have completed a registration of interest form as soon as possible and to return this to the front office, for your child to begin mid year reception 2024.

Mid year reception and preschool packs will be sent out in late February.







Community Promotions











