

#### Diary Dates MARCH

SAPSASA District Athletics Day Tues 26/03

Semaphore Sand Dunes Excursion Orange Magpie 5/6 Wed 27/03

Community Development Meeting Thurs 28/03

Good Friday Holiday 29/03

<u>APRIL</u>

Easter Monday Holiday 01/04

School Photos Tuesday 02/04 School Photo Makeup Day Friday 05/04

Outdoor Cinema & Pizza Night Friday 05/04 5pm-9pm

**Nest Wheelies Week** 08/04 - 12/04

**Camp Illawonga Yr 5/6** Mon 08/04 - Wed 10/04

Early Dismissal 2pm Fri 12/04

### 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

# Welcome to our Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Principal's Message

#### AGM & Governing Council News:

Thank you for such a great turnout to the school's Annual General Meeting (AGM) as we welcomed in our 2024 Children's Parliament members. It was wonderful to see our students beaming with pride as they accepted their badges and certificates for 2024.

**Congratulations** to the following members of our school community who were elected to Governing Council for 2024. We have a great representation of parents who have children in a range of year levels across the site and expertise to offer. Some members are returning (2<sup>nd</sup> year of tenure), re-elected or are new members.

James Brown, Sarina Hampel, Steve Halls, Dan Nottle, Damon Ledwidge, elk Kovaricek, Amy Duke, Anna Simpson, Kerrie Candie, Bethany Scarborough & Garth Cochrane (Staff Reps), Jaline Hurrell.

We also welcome **Angus Robertson** for the first time onto Governing Council. As we had more nominations than positions, a ballot was held, fortunately for a few parents who have not been elected on this occasion, involvement with our Community Development committee is available. In the case we have any resignations during the year, positions will be offered to these parents in the first instance.

#### 2024 Office Bearing Positions:

Steve Halls has been re-elected as Governing Council Chairperson, along with Anna Simpson as Deputy Chairperson. Dan Nottle & elk Kovaricek have been elected as Finance Committee Convenors, Amy Duke as Community Development Convenor, James Brown & Sarina as OSHC Advisory Committee representatives.

#### 2024 Children Parliament:

Congratulations to all students who applied for a position on the Children's Parliament. We have 70 students elected into the Parliament and look forward to seeing them lead in their ministries. Please see inserted in the newsletter a copy of the elected 2024 Children's Parliament members.



#### Nature Play Upgrade:

Some great progress being made and currently all things looking good for the end of May completion date. The contractors have been great to deal with and we have a little 'bet' going....if they finish it by May, I (Dan) have to cook all their workers a BBQ and if they don't...they cook all our kids a BBQ!! I thought that was a pretty fair deal. ©

We will post a little video and some update photos on the website shortly so please check it out!! I know the kids have loved watching the big earth moving machines in action.

#### Autism Inclusion Teacher News:

My name is Laura O'Shaughnessy and I am the Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) at Alberton Primary School. I have one day per week in my AIT role (along with another day to lead inclusive education across the site).

The Department for Education provides an Autism Inclusion Multidisciplinary (AIM) team to support me in the AIT role. The team includes, senior advisor educators, developmental educator, psychologist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist and an Aboriginal cultural project officer. The information from the AIM team is evidence-based and informed by the autistic and autism community.

My role as an AIT is to pass on information, resources and training I receive from the AIM team to my colleagues, which will then provide further support and strategies for your children within the classroom context. Please feel free to reach out to me any time via email at <u>laura.scali816@schools.sa.edu.au</u>, you may also like to include me into any relevant communication with your child's teacher/s.



Keep up to date with what is happening at Alberton by joining the Alberton face book page, see Community promotion page for more details

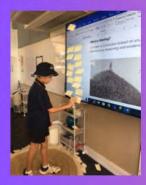


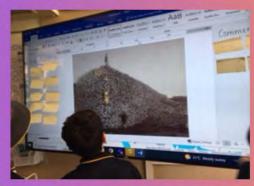
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In Blue and Orange Magpie, this term students have been focusing on becoming effective readers. In light of this students have refined particular reading strategies. In Guided Reading the skill of inferencing has helped students incorporate a more complex understanding of the authors message. Inferencing is high order comprehension skills that builds in the readers own life experiences, knowledge and conceptual understandings. A guided reading task that increases understanding of visual texts is the 'group' inferencing. Collaborative inferencing helps model the skill while also building broader understanding of a particular topic being read. Visual texts are the current focus of guided reading sessions and these skills will be transferred to other text types such as narratives and persuasive.







Reading is also integrated across all subject areas. In Investigations, students learn how to read like a researcher. The skills of skimming and scanning, to locate key words are areas being practiced this term in order to help students collect technical information. This vocabulary is arranged in a mind map then used to create a keyword summary. Keyword summaries help students put new knowledge into their own words and then incorporate their own opinion and experiences. Finally, we are looking forward to working on our reading with our visiting author next term.



# NEWS FROM THE NEST

## WE ARE ALL FIRST AIDERS

As part of our Investigation learning this term the children in Yellow and Ochre have been learning about different community workers and were fortunate to have a visit from St Johns. During the visit children learnt about how the be a good first aid provider. Topics included who to call for help, what is an emergency, and how to put a person in the recovery position.

# PLAYGROUP

All community members are welcome to join the playgroup fun on Friday mornings in the Nest from 8:45am – 10:45am. Please contact Nicole Stansfield (Nicole.Stansfield164@schools.sa. edu.au) for further information.



# **SPECK OF GOLd**



Owen has read 16 Bad Guys books. Well Done Owen Keep your love of reading going.

### School Soccer – 2024

A big thank you to all the students who have registered an interest in playing school soccer this year. Now that the registration process has closed, students that wish to play will be placed on a waiting list and all teams are full. Please find below some dates to put into your diary relating to the up and coming soccer season. To keep up with all the latest information, please take a look at the North West Junior Soccer Association website – www.nwjsa.org.au

Term 1 – Week 9/10	Team information distributed
Term 2 – Week 1 (2/5)	Meet n Greet. A chance for players to meet the rest of their team and coach.
Week 1 (4/5)	Soccer Coaches Registration Morning
Week 2 (11/5)	2024 Soccer Season begins

Michael Gill School Soccer Delegate





