

## Diary Dates

### MAY

#### Swimming Week

Rec -Yr 5

Mon 20/05 – Fri 24/05

#### Invac Drill From Yard

Tues 28/05 11:20am

#### Community Development Mtg

Thurs 30/05 2pm – 3pm

#### Mindful Mentors Presentation

Calvary Hospital  
Wed 29/05

#### Reconciliation Week

Sat 25/05 – Sat 01/06

### JUNE

#### Principal & Student Leader School Tour

Tues 04/06 9am – 10:30am

#### Kings Birthday Holiday

Mon 10/06

#### Pupil Free Day

Maths PD Tues 11/06

#### APS Dental Visit

Wed 12/06 – Fri 14/06

#### Governing Council

Tues 18/06 6pm  
Staff Room

## 2024 School Terms

### TERM 2

29th April – 5th July

### TERM 3

22nd July – 27th September

### TERM 4

14th Oct – 10th Dec

## Principal's Message

It's been a lovely start back to Term 2 and it was nice to see our students settle back into learning routines quickly.

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.

### A BIG Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Briony Murdoch (Early Years and Learning Improvement)** and **Shannon Brookes (Science and Sustainability)** who have been re-appointed to Alberton PS for another 3-year tenure. This provides continuity of leadership for APS, stability, as well as both Briony and Shannon being terrific people and highly accomplished educators. We are really proud of their hard work and what their teams of educators and support staff have been able to achieve over the past 4 years.

### Thankyou:

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

We hope all our mums, nana's, 'soon to be mums' and special people had a lovely day last Sunday and hope you know how important you are in the lives of your loved ones.

### Goodluck:

Goodluck to all our students who commence the week long swimming program. I am looking forward to seeing you all in action and gaining great feedback from the Aquatic Centre about our Alberton PS students. Have a great week and remember to pack some extra food!! 😊

### Nature Play Project Update:

The project is progressing well. It seems like it's all on track to be completed at the end of May (ETC 31<sup>st</sup> May). Please check out the progress videos & photos on the website.

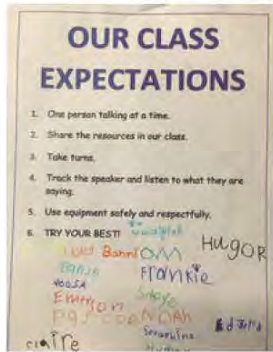
**To Be Confirmed: SAVE THE DATE Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – GRAND OPENING @ APS Nature Play.** This is only a tentative date and we are awaiting approval from PA&E Council and the Minister For Education's office. We are aiming for an after school time for the opening so our community, APS families and neighbouring students may have the opportunity to attend. It will be an exciting afternoon to celebrate an amazing project for this school community.



# CLASS CULTURE, BELONGING AND SCHOOL VALUES

**PURPLE MAGPIE (YR 2/3)**  
CHLOE PATE & JOANNE STATTON

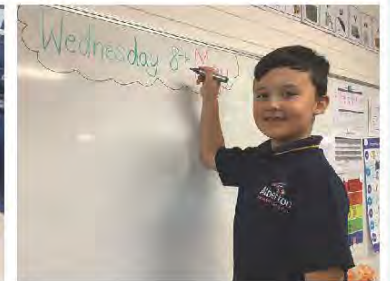
**INDIGO MAGPIE (YR 2)**  
LISA SCARVELIS



Purple and Indigo Magpie are **inclusive** and **supportive** learning communities. We have co-constructed class expectations that help us learn in a **respectful** and productive manner.

Every morning our classes begin with a Care Circle; a calm and predictable routine that supports students' **sense of belonging**. Our Care Circle involves greeting every student, reading an Acknowledgment of Country, running through our daily schedule and completing the roll. We finish with a positive primer to get students smiling and ready for learning.

Students have established **positive relationships** with their peers through collaborating for paired reading, playing maths games, working together in table groups and completing their class jobs.



In Purple Magpie, we have a class pet called Rex. Each week a different student takes Rex home for the weekend and records his adventures in his journal. Students love to share about Rex's experiences. This is a great way for students to **connect** with their peers, show **curiosity** through asking questions and develop confidence in their spoken communication.

In Indigo Magpie this term we have focused on the school value "**Wellbeing**". We discussed what wellbeing means and what helps our wellbeing.

"**Spend time with your family and pets**", said Maia.

"**Do some movement, exercise**", shared Jack



**CONNECTION**

**CURIOSITY**

**RESPECT**

**WELLBEING**

# NEWS FROM THE NEST



## Playgroup in the Nest

Each Friday we warmly welcome many current and new families to the Nest to join our playgroup which runs from 8:45am – 10:45am.

This year the Children's Ministries have been working in partnership with our Playgroup Coordinator Nicole to plan and set up and run learning experiences. This provides our Ministry children with great opportunities to connect and lead within our wider community.

In playgroup over the coming weeks we will have a visit from animals from our Life Science Centre, our ATSI Nations Ministry will join playgroup for Reconciliation Week, Bec Mumford and the Life Science Ministry will focus on gardening and facilitate a visit to the Nest Insect Garden, and the Education Ministry will be making bubbles!

All families with children under the age of 5 are welcome to come and join our playgroup.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

LONG SLEEVE TOPS \$25

PANTS \$25    SHORTS \$15

T-SHIRTS \$34    Jackets \$43

Limited sizes. While stocks last.  
Purchase from the Front Office

## ALBERTONS FIRST EVER BOOK FAIR

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORDS

SAVE THE DATE

27/06/2024 - 04/07/2024

More information to follow in coming weeks





# SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

20  
24



On Tuesday 7th May, 9 students from Alberton Primary School represented the school at the annual Port SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival. The event was held at Point Malcolm Reserve, Semaphore, with the course covering a total distance of 2 kms over undulating and various surfaces. With races taking place every 10 minutes, students were placed in an event based on their date of birth. All runners produced fantastic performances and raced with great spirit and sportsmanship over the course of the day. A special mention to Ollie B who finished 1st in the Under 11 boys Division 2 race, and to Kyran N who finished 2nd in the Under 11 boys Division 1 race – off to Oakbank for State Day later this year Kyran, GOOD LUCK.

A big thank you to all the parents / caregivers who took time out of their busy schedule to come along and support the students on the day.

Michael Gill  
SAPSASA Co-Ordinator

## Community Promotions

**CONGRATULATIONS  
FREYA &  
MACK**

Congratulations to Freya and Mack who competed in the Australian DrillDance Championships!

Results included:  
1st Place & two  
2nd Place Medals

**STARTER PROGRAMS**

**AUSSIE HOOPS**  
8-10 year olds - sessions available Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat

**BEARCAT CUBS**  
5-8 year olds - Saturday afternoons

**ALL GIRLS CUBS**  
5-10 year old girls - Monday afternoons

**ACBA DOMESTIC**  
2-17 year olds - Saturday afternoons + 1 weekly practice

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