

Principal's Message

Welcome Back To 2025.....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 2025 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.

I wish all children and families the very best for the school year and look forward to celebrating our successes and highlights along the way with you all.

Autism Inclusion Teacher News:

Congratulations to Georgia Russell our Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) who has joined the team at Alberton Primary School. Georgia works Monday and Tuesday in her role as Inclusive Education Teacher and the AIT.

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 Georgia.Russell876@schools.sa.edu.au, you may also like to include me into any relevant communication with your **child's** teacher/s.

Student Leadership:

A strong student leadership group is really important and 2025 is no different at Alberton PS. Congratulations to Kristina (Yr 6 Prime Minister), Ollie (Yr6 Deputy Prime Minister) and Freya (Proxy Deputy Prime Minister) who were elected to these roles for 2025 by their peers.

At our upcoming AGM on Tuesday 4th March 2025, to be held in the Hive 5:30pm – 7:00pm, our student leaders and our elected **Children's** Parliament members will be introduced to our community.

All members of our school community are welcome to attend the AGM. Light refreshments will be provided. Identifying the key areas of focus is the next task for our student leaders and looking at ways we can influence projects and actions inside and outside of the school.

Please Note: Today a large crack appeared in our large Red Gum. We followed DfE protocols and reported the matter immediately. Experts in the field attended the school, assessed the health of the tree and determined that part removal, full removed was required. All site based emergency action plans were implemented, Steve Halls, Governing Council Chairperson informed and staff/students managed the internal lockdown superbly. Safety for all at APS will never be compromised.



Diary Dates

February

Grandparents & Special Persons Open Morning
Thurs 20/02
8:15am – 10am

Community Catch Up
10am – 11am

Aboriginal U8 Health Checks
Thurs 20/02

Combined Choir Rehearsal
Fri 28/02 9:30am – 11am

March

AGM & Children's Parliament Welcome
Tues 04/03 5:30pm – 7pm

Puli Free Day
Fri 07/03

Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday
Monday 10/03

NAPLAN Assessment YR 3 & 5
Wed 12/03 – Fri 14/03

Principal & Student Leader School Tour
Tues 18/03
9am – 10:30am

Governing Council Meeting
Tues 18/03 6pm - 7:30 pm

2025 School Terms

TERM 1
28th Jan – 11th Apr

TERM 2
28th May – 4th Jul

TERM 3
21st Jul – 26th Sep

TERM 4
13th Oct – 12th Dec

CLASS CULTURE

belonging

SCHOOL VALUES

Bethany & Mel -
Reception

The beginning of a new school year can be an exciting, yet anxious time for many children. Especially for those who are starting school for the very first time. The children in Yellow and Ochre Magpie have been engaging in a number of new experiences and activities as they transition to their new classrooms and life at 'big school'.

Over the last two weeks, we have been playing games, singing songs and reading stories to help us to learn each other's names, establish strong relationships and feel safe and comfortable while we are at school. We have been practising school routines and have explored what it means to be 'ready to learn'. The children have learned about strategies and tools such as mindful breathing, holding a fidget toy or taking a break in the re-set room, which they can use to support their learning and wellbeing. It is lovely to see how proud the children are of everything they have been able to achieve when they try their best to be 'ready to learn' each day.



In addition to our Nest values 'we care for ourselves, we care for each other and we care for this place', the children have started to unpack our school values of curiosity, connection, respect and wellbeing. We are working on demonstrating these values as we learn and play each day.

The children have been enthusiastically embracing new opportunities and leadership roles within their magpie groups. Each reception classroom has two helpers of the day who are called the 'Lucky Ducks', as anticipation of who the helpers of the day will be is built through the process of randomly selecting two named rubber ducks from a basket. Each day the 'Lucky Ducks' take on responsibilities such as collecting the lunch orders from the canteen and picking up the communication box from the front office.

It has been wonderful to see the children settle into school routines, re-connect with their peers and build new friendships. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead!



NEWS FROM THE NEST



Highlights in the Nest

What a positive start we have had in the Nest to the 2025 school year. We have welcomed 40 new children and families into our learning community and children have had the opportunity to reestablish friendship and make new connections.

Playgroup has resumed and will be held each Friday morning from 8:45am – 10:45. A fantastic turn of over 30 families to our first session which has a focus on celebrating the Lunar New Year. Please contact Nicole Standfield for further information regarding playgroup.



Mid Year Enrolment

Mid Year enrolment offers will be made to families in the coming weeks. With high enrolment demand it is important the families ensure they have submitted a 'Registration of Interest Form' a minimum of 6 months prior to enrolment to ensure you are included in the admission process. Please contact Erin Wilson or Briony Murdoch for further information.




Hi everyone, My name is Georgia Russell. I'm new to APS this year working Monday and Tuesdays in Student Inclusion. I am supporting students across the school so if you see me around, be sure to say hello!



Community Promotions

Woodville High School Music

Special Interest Music Information Night



Woodville High School

Feb


18

6.00pm to 7.00pm

For students interested in applying for Special Music **Year 7 beginning in 2026** we are offering an information night to outline the application and audition process.

Please come to the Music Centre to meet the Head of Music, Music Coordinator and Music Captains. Enter via Brocas Ave.

Our Woodville.



SMOSH West Lakes Junior Football Club

We pride ourselves on being a family-based inclusive community where everyone is welcome.

If you are between the ages of 7 and 18 and you are interested in playing footy, we would love to have you at our Club!
Contact us at 0487 530 142 or registraresmoshwljuniors.com.au

Registrations are now open!
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Term program for kids aged 2-10 **RUN ALL YEAR ROUND** - Join Anytime!

⚽ Grange ⚽ Windsor Gardens ⚽ Unley Park ⚽ Mawson Lakes ⚽ Stonyfell

All programs - 8 weeks Term 1 Kick Off February 8 & 9

▶ Play Social
Ages 2-3 (30 mins)
Term Fee \$140

▶ Play Develop
Ages 4-5 (45 mins)
Term Fee \$150

▶ Play Connect
Ages 5-6 (60 mins)
Term Fee \$170

▶ Play Improve
Ages 6-8 (60 mins)
Term Fee \$170

▶ Play Progress
Ages 8-10 (60 mins)
Term Fee \$170

Class times same at all venues	Play Social 9:00 - 9:30am	Play Develop 9:00 - 9:45am	Play Connect/Improve/Progress 10:00 - 11:00am
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Saturday Locations

Windsor Gardens : Avenues College, McKay Avenue

Grange: Grange Rec. Reserve, Corner Trimmer Parade and Military Roads

Sunday Locations

Unley Park - Walford Playing Fields, Corner Belair and Cross Roads

Windsor Gardens : Avenues College, McKay Avenue

Stonyfell - St. Peter's Girls School, Stonyfell Road

Mawson Lakes - Uni SA Grounds, Oval 2, University Boulevard

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