



# Alfredton News

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**EVERY CHILD WILL FLOURISH WITH TIME, EFFORT AND SUPPORT.**

## Principals Report 20th December 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

It is with very mixed emotions I write my final newsletter at APS.

I have really enjoyed my time at Alfredton over the past six months and am very sad to be leaving.

I would like to thank our outgoing school council parent members, many of whom are leaving the school after tireless years of service and dedication to the school during their children's education here at Alfredton Primary School. The support and commitment of the parents who join the school council and our parents and friends committee is truly appreciated.

I'd also like to congratulate and farewell the following teachers.

Alison Wilson, our Mental Health and Wellbeing teacher is finishing up at Alfredton this week. Alison has been offered an incredible leadership opportunity next year working for a brand new school opening in Ballarat, St. Josephs. We will miss Alison but know she will continue to do amazing things and have a positive impact at her new school.

We farewell Gabby Mathieson who has been offered an incredible opportunity at Yuille Community College working in the Flexible Learning Option campus of the school. Gabby has been a wonderful teacher and staff member and she will be greatly missed. We wish Gabby all the very best in her new role and think Yuille are indeed very lucky to have such a wonderful teacher and person on their staff next year.

Keeley Thorp will be moving back to Melbourne and continuing her teaching career. We thank Keeley for coming to work at APS, and being a kind and caring teacher, who has worked incredibly hard for her class and for our school. We know her first ever grade will always occupy a piece of her heart and that she takes fond memories with her. Best wishes next year Keeley.

While Jacqui Nash has only been with us for a short time, she has made a big impact. Jacqui has been our wellbeing teacher for just over a term. Jacqui has supported children, staff, and families and has been instrumental in providing additional support for children to help them in all aspects of their well-being and learning. Jacqui will be the acting assistant principal at Lucas Primary School next year. We wish Jacqui well in her new leadership role.

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**RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RELATIONSHIPS**  
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### We RESPECT:

- Individual differences
- Ourselves
- Cultural diversity
- Others' opinions
- Property
- Others' feelings

### We take RESPONSIBILITY for:

- Our behaviour
- Our actions
- Our attendance
- Our learning
- Our belongings
- Our dress code
- Our school
- Our environment
- Doing our best

### We build RELATIONSHIPS with each other by:

- Being honest & trustworthy
- Caring about the feelings of others
- Treating others fairly
- Being well mannered
- Resolving differences calmly



We recognise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first custodians of the land. We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people and extend respect to all Indigenous peoples of this continent recognising their cultures as the oldest continuous living cultures in human history.



# RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RELATIONSHIPS

## EVERY CHILD WILL FLOURISH WITH TIME, EFFORT AND SUPPORT.

We welcome the following staff to APS next year:

- Brook Hallyburton – Foundation
- Alyse Schintler – Garde 1/2
- Sarah Mann – Grade 5/6
- Bethany Devlin – Grade 5/6
- Allira (Alli) Horwood – Health and Wellbeing leader

Sue Romey will continue to enjoy her long service leave into 2024.

I am so proud of our school captains, Abby, Jay, Jakobe, and Evie, who have worked hard all year, helping me at every opportunity, and who have been such wonderful role models. Abby and Jay represented our school this year at the Remembrance Day service, giving up their Saturday to do so. It was great to have Jay and Abby as part of the selection process to elect our 2024 School Captains.

I am very proud to be able to announce the 2024 Alfredton Primary School Captains

- Macy Whittle 5A (captain)
- Max Turnbull 5B (captain)
- Chloe Aston 5C (vice-captain)
- Juliette Briodin 5C (vice-captain)

Congratulations to all 18 children who showed courage and leadership by putting their names forward and giving speeches to their peers.

Our whole student leadership group have worked so hard over the year, not just for the school, but for our whole community.



On Monday we celebrated the educational journey (so far) of our grade 6 students at the Grade Six Graduation ceremony. I would sincerely like to thank all of our grade 6 students and their families for being part of the Alfredton story and to the grade 6 staff, and all our volunteers, for working so hard ensuring the graduation ceremony was a great success.

We would also like to congratulate those grade 6 students who won awards and farewell those families whose association with Alfredton ends on the graduation of their oldest child and to those families leaving the school. We thank you for many years of involvement with Alfredton Primary School and wish you continued happiness and success.

We would like to extend congratulations to our local secondary colleges for their outstanding VCE results this year. It was fantastic to read through the year 12 class lists in the 'Courier' and see so many of our past students complete their secondary education. We like to think in some way Alfredton Primary has played a part in this 'big picture'. We are proud of all our students and are always thrilled to read about the wonderful achievements of past pupils in the secondary school newsletters.

We welcomed our 48 new preps last Tuesday at their final transition session. And they were all so lovely! Most of our grade six students also spent the day at their new secondary schools on this day. By all accounts, everyone had a great day, made new friends and enjoyed some new learning experiences.

School finishes at 1.30pm tomorrow.

Next year teachers begin school on January 29th and students in years 1-6 begin on January 30th. Preps begin on February 3rd as the first three days are used for 1-1 prep assessments.

Kind regards

*Nadia*





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**17 JUL TERM DATES 2024 JUL 17**

**TERM 1:** Tues 30th Jan- Thur 28th March

**TERM 2:** Mon 15th April - Fri 28th June

**TERM 3:** Mon 15th July - Fri 20th Sept

**TERM 4:** Mon 7th Oct - Fri 20th Dec

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, February 9th - Student Free Day

Friday 29th March - Good Friday



**Child safety and wellbeing at Alfredton Primary School:**

Information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Alfredton Primary School regularly reviews and updates our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the standards. These are available to view on our school's website, or at the school's front office on request.

We welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures, and practices. If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions, please contact the Principal by emailing

[alfredton.ps@education.vic.edu.au](mailto:alfredton.ps@education.vic.edu.au)

**Rec Reserve Entry**

Please remember during Term 1 all students using the Alfredton Rec Reserve Gates to enter the school must now enter via the netball courts, while upgrades and work is being completed on the Basketball Courts.

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## SHAYNE REESE SWIMMING



Huge congratulations to all Alfredton Primary School students who participated in the School Swimming Intensive Program this year. It's great to see some fantastic results and smiles on all your faces! We are very proud of you and look forward to seeing you next year.

Shayne Reese OAM  
Shayne Reese Swimming

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