

## **Alfredton News**

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#### **RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RELATIONSHIPS** EVERY CHILD WILL FLOURISH WITH TIME, EFFORT AND SUPPORT.



### Principals Report 6th December 2023

#### Dear Parents & Carers

I cannot believe how close we are to the end of the 2023 school year. As my time at APS draws close to winding up, I would like to acknowledge our amazing school captains, Abby, Jay, Jakobe and Evie. These four young people have given up many hours of their time to represent APS and have worked hard to lead the community and provide input so we can continuously grow and improve as a school.

We are currently in the process of electing our school captains for 2024 and this year's captains, Abby and Jay, are playing key roles in this process. Grade 5 children gave their school captain speeches last week and their peers voted on their preferred applicants.

From here the top 7 candidates have been interviewed – Jay and Abby were part of the interview panel. I must say when I was listening to the speeches I felt incredibly proud of all 18 children who have shown the leadership and courage to put their names forward for these roles. The 2024 captains will be presented with their badges at this week's assembly. Last Sunday 3 December 2023, we celebrated International Day Of People with Disability. The day provided an opportunity to recognise the vital contributions of people with disability across our communities and a chance for us to recommit to our work to make the world better and fairer for people with disability, and to ensure their voices are heard in decisions that affect them.

Yesterday we had a great day of learning and fun as we celebrated Japanese Day at Alfredton Primary. Thank you to Sensei and our Japanese Captains, as well as student leaders who organised and help run the day.

There are still many planned celebrations at Alfredton Primary School:

- Foundation transition (December 12)
- Year 7 transition (December 12)
- 5/6 Travel Expo (December 14)
- The mini fete more information is provided in the newsletter (December 15)
- Grade 6 graduation (December 18)
- Step up day where children to get to meet their 2024 teacher and classmates (December 19)
- F-2 Movie excursion (December 18)

Kind regards

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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 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.



#### 17 TERM DATES 2023 17

TERM 3: Mon 10th July - Fri 15th Sept TERM 4: Mon 2nd Oct - Wed 20th Dec

#### **TERM DATES 2024**

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

#### **KEY CALENDAR DATES:**

Tuesday 12th December Year 7 Transition Day Thursday 14th December Grade 5 & 6 Travel Expo Friday 15th December Mini Fete Monday 18th December F-2 Day at the Movies Excursion

3-5 Day at the Movies Excursion Year 6 Graduation

**Tuesday 19th December** Step Up Day New Class Meet and Greets

Wednesday 20th December Last Day Term 4: 1.30 pm Dismissal

#### 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

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# **RE-CRANKED**

On Monday, the Re-Cranked program ended with a great little ride around Victoria Park. Over the past eight weeks Chris and Tom from The Y have been coming to our school, working with a small group of children, teaching them how to repair and maintain their bikes in good working order.

The children have fixed bikes that have been donated to the program and have learned a lot as well as having lots of fun. We have five bikes (one adult male, one female cruiser and three children's) in really good working order, and all looking for a home. If you would like a bike, please let us know at the office.

A big shout out to Tom and Chris from the Y for facilitating this wonderful program for us.





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**TERM 4 | CALENDAR** 

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
8 <sup>th</sup> Week 2	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics	11 <sup>th</sup> Newsletter	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> Assembly 2.30pm	14 <sup>th</sup>
15 <sup>th</sup> Week 3	16 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Swimming	17 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Week 4	23 <sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Graduation Photos Year 1 Swimming	24 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics	25 <sup>th</sup> Newsletter	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> Assembly 2.30pm	28 <sup>th</sup>
29 <sup>th</sup> Week 5	30 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Wildlife Park Excursion	31st Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics	1 <sup>st</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Sport 5-6 Cricket Parent Info Evening Foundation 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> Week 6	6 <sup>th</sup> Student Free Day	7 <sup>th</sup> Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Zoo Excursion Newsletter	10 <sup>th</sup> Assembly 2.30pm	11 <sup>th</sup>
12 <sup>th</sup> Week 7	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Transition Day Session 1	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17th Junior Athletics Day	18 <sup>th</sup>
19 <sup>th</sup> Week 8	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Multimedia Screening @ the Regent Theatre	22 <sup>nd</sup> Multimedia Screening @ The Regent Theatre Newsletter	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24th Student Free Day	25 <sup>th</sup>
26 <sup>th</sup> Week 6	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Transition Day Session 2	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Japanese Day / Sushi Day	6 <sup>th</sup> Newsletter =	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Assembly 2.30pm	9 <sup>th</sup>
10	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Year 7 Transition Day Foundation Transition Day Session 3	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5 & 6 travel Expo 3.30pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Mini Fete	16 <sup>th</sup>
17 <sup>th</sup> Last Week of Term	18th F-2 Trip to the Cinema Year 6 Graduation	19 <sup>th</sup> Step Up Day – Meet and Greet Classes for 2024	20 <sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term Students Dismissed at 1.30pm	21 <sup>st</sup> School Holidays commence	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23rd

# Japanese News

Yesterday we celebrated all things Japanese. Students were encouraged to dress in Japanese-themed clothing or red and white. Some students also enjoyed a sushi Lunch as well as activities and a demonstration by Gary from The Ballarat Kendo Club



# Japanese













#### Foundation, Year 1 & 2

As the 2023 school year draws to a close, we would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank all staff involved in teaching Team 1 children. The professional dedication towards teaching our children has been very evident. We also wish to acknowledge the wonderful partnerships that have continued to flourish between the school, parents and carers in supporting the children's learning.

With Team 1 children transitioning to the next year level soon, it is notable how much they have grown and matured. Establishing positive behaviours, following daily routines and building on their friendship groups have all helped them grow in terms of the school's values; respect, responsibility and relationships.

What a great Japanese Day we had yesterday. A special thanks is extended to Sensei for organising the day and to the wonderful Year 6 leaders who helped with the preparations. The sushi lunch orders were popular and a big thank you to all our students for showing great school spirit and getting into the theme of the day.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Home Reading program will stop for the year on Friday, 15th December. The school library has also closed for the year. Please search around the home for any missing or overdue books and return them to school as soon as possible.

#### Important dates:

Tuesday 12th December - State-Wide Transition Dav

Friday 15th December - Mini Fete

Monday 18th December- F-2 end of the year movie. Tuesday 19th Step-up Day 12:30 - 1:40 pm

Wednesday 20th December - Term 4 Ends. Students dismissed early.

Kind regards, Team 1 Staff

Mark Cottrill, Natalie Neville, Helen Bilson, Kaitlyn Pickersgill, Mary Wood, Nicole Phillips, Keeley Throp, Alex McQueen, Anna Jackson, and Cathy Griffin.

### Team 1 News Team 2 News

#### Year 3 and 4 **End of Year Movie**

Years 3 and 4 will be attending the Regent Movie Theatre on Monday 18th December as their endof-year celebrations. Please watch out for permission notices for this event. We can only take those students who have returned their signed permission forms and who have paid.

#### **Mini-Fete Day**

We will be having a mini-fete on Friday 15th December. Children will be encouraged to bring some pocket money to spend on activities. There will be no walk-a-thon this year. More details should be forthcoming on Flexischools, so please keep a lookout.

#### **Transition Hour**

On Tuesday 19th December, we will have an hour where students will meet their 2024 classmates and teachers.

On behalf of our Year 3 and 4 teachers, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great break. Please enjoy the time, creating special memories for both you and your children. Spending time walking through the gardens, going for a picnic, or just playing cricket in the backyard can be the best times of all.

We look forward to working with you all again next year.

Happy festive season,

**TEAM 2 Teachers** 

#### Lynn Schuller, Jess Eddy, Tim Huglin Sharon Simper, Matthew Heinrich, Teresa Wright

# Team 3 News

The Travel Expo is fast approaching and all the Year 5 students are excited to set up their displays. As part of the Travel Expo, each student wrote a formal letter to their chosen country's embassy. Credit to the Year 5's letters, several countries got in touch with the school with some even going as far as to send the students parcels full of booklets, cards, maps, brochures and other souvenirs from their countries.

Also, thanks to a letter from a student in 5C, Alfredton Primary School was graced by 4 members of the United Arab Emirates Embassy in Canberra. The visitors from the embassy, ran a presentation with the Year 6 and Year 5 students as well as running a Q&A about their country. It was a fantastic experience for the students who had a lot of insightful questions answered about the country.

A big thank you to the United Arab Emirates Embassy for taking time to visit our school and meet with our Year 5 and 6 students.

#### **KEY DATES:**

- Tuesday 12th December Year 7 Transition (Government Schools)
- Tuesday 14th December Travel Expo
- Friday 15th December Mini Fete
- Monday 18th December Graduation
- Tuesday 19th December Step Up Day Meet and Greet
- Wednesday 20th December Last day of school, 1.30pm finish

#### Thanks,

#### Gab Mathieson, Tim Smith, Michael Busija, Arlyn Harris, Candice Smith and

John Saitta









#### <u>Year 5 & Year 6</u>

Thank you so much to our Grade 5 & 6 families for supporting the Reverse Advent Calendar Initiative this year. Along with donations from staff, we have been able to fill over 10 boxes, with way more than 20 items in each! This means that the organisers of this wonderful fundraiser will be able to fill even more boxes when we deliver them. Your generosity will no doubt make someone's Christmas Day a little bit brighter!

A big thank you also goes out to Amelia Mudford and Jett Delmo who very kindly volunteered their lunch time to help make sure every box had a variety of items. Well done!

We look forward to next year, in which we hope to open this up to our whole school community!

Miss Mathieson







# Team 3 News

#### <u>Year 6</u>

The time has come to say goodbye to our beautiful bunch of Year 6's! The time has certainly flown by. We have had a wonderful year full of fun activities and wanted to reflect on these in our final newsletter. We can't wait to celebrate our achievements on Graduation Day, Monday 18th December! We will be sending out reminders in the coming weeks.





### We invite you to EXPERIENCE THE WORLD

### **Thursday 14th December**

Come visit our mock Travel Expo where students are showcasing everything they have learnt this term about their chosen country! Students will open the expo from 2:30pm, with families invited from 3:30-4:30pm. See you there!

## School Awards

**FA: Evelyn -** For your hard work preparing for your presentation. We are all so proud of you. An amazing effort, Evelyn.

**FA: Harrison -** For the effort you applied to all assessment tasks this term. A wonderful way to finish your first year of school. I know you will be a great role model in Year 1.

**FB: Whole Class -** Congratulations to each of you for completing a wonderful first year of school. It has been lovely watching you grow and learn, and I am so proud of your achievements. Thank you for making this year such a fun one!

**FB: Patrick -** For your excellent work during Maths sessions. Well done for working with 2-digit numbers to show your understanding of place value.

**FC: Kyrie -** For making a wonderfully confident start at Alfredton Primary. What a fantastic addition to our class you are!

**FC: Whole class** -For your amazing effort this year! I am so proud of all you have achieved in Foundation! Good Luck in Year 1!

**1A: Class Award -** Thank you for a wonderful year of learning and fun. We are extremely proud of your hard work and achievements. We will miss you all!

**1B: Whole Class -** You have all been a wonderful class to teach this year. I have loved seeing you each day all year and am so proud of how far you have come and all of your accomplishments. Thank you for being such a wonderful first class to teach.

**2A: Whole Class -** Thank you for a wonderful year of learning, laughing and friendship. It has been totally awesome to teach you. I wish you all the best in Year 3 and beyond.

2B: Charlotte - Thank you Charlotte for being a responsible and sensible SRC representative for 2B in 2023. Well done!
2B: Alex - Thank you Alex for being a responsible and sensible SRC representative for 2B in 2023. Well done!
2C: Class Award - I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you for all the hard work that you have put into your learning this year. You have been absolutely amazing and you will always hold a special place in my heart. I wish you all the best for Year 3!

**3A: Dustin -** For showing responsibility by being organised for your learning

**3B: Class Award -** For truly shining this year and for embracing every learning opportunity with enthusiasm and dedication. Your hard work and positive energy have made my time with you all exceptionally rewarding. You've all had a fantastic year of growth and achievement and I'm so proud!

**3C: Class Award** - For your brilliance and enthusiasm throughout the whole year, you have made it exceptional. It's been a privilege teaching such a sensational group, and I'm incredibly proud of each one of you. Wishing you all the best in Year 4!

**4A: Isaac -** For making a great start to your learning journey at Alfredton Primary School. We are so happy to have you here!

**4A: Whole Class -** For the hard work you have put into learning your multiplication facts this semester. You should all be extremely proud of your efforts.

**4B: Class Award -** For an incredible year of learning and growth. I am proud of how hard you have worked and how much you have accomplished. Thank you for being an amazing class to teach and good luck for Year 5!

**4C: Cooper -** For taking responsibility throughout the year as the class SRC member, by attending meetings and relaying information for the class. Well done!

**4C: Eliza -** For taking responsibility throughout the year as the class SRC member, by attending meetings and relaying information for the class. Well done!

**5A: Whole Class -** For completing an outstanding year in Year 5. It has been a pleasure teaching you.

**5B: Class Award -** For the incredible efforts you have all put in this year. You have all been a joy to teach and each and everyone of you should feel proud of your achievements. All the best for Year 6.

**5C: Class Award-** For making this year so special. I feel so grateful to have had a class full of inspiring, motivated and caring individuals who put a smile on my face everyday. Thank you for an amazing year together, wishing you all the very best for Year 6!

6A: Riley F - For your incredible efforts during our 'It's a Small World' Integrated Studies unit. You have researched your country extensively and presented detailed information in your display and flipbook. Well done, Riley!
6A: Chelsea - For your determination during our 'It's a Small World' Integrated Studies unit. Your creativity has shone throughout each of the tasks and you have presented wonderful displays. Great work, Chelsea!
6B: Brody - For your improved organisation and effort towards your learning this term. Well Done.

6B: Bella J - For your consistent effort and attitude towards your learning. Keep striving for greatness.
6C: Daniel - For all your effort throughout Term 4, especially during Assessment Week. Your hard work is really starting to pay off. Keep it up!

**6C: Ella -** For being a helpful classmate and supporting other students during the completion of our Geography Flip Books. It was so pleasing to see you go out of your way to help others. Well done, Ella!

**6C- Shyla -** For your perseverance during Assessment Week, I was so pleased to see you achieve such great results and begin to trust yourself with your learning. Well done, Shyla!

Well Lone!



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Primary School students who participated in the School Swimming Intensive Program this year. It's was 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. 0  $\mathbb{C}$ 0 0 Follow us on 132 Whitelaw Ave Delacombe Ballarat 3356 Telephone: 5335 7147 www.shaynereeseswimming.com.au

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