



Alfredton News

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

Principals Report –8th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and sunshine! The staff had a very productive day on Monday, sorting, auditing, and organising resources, including sensory tools to support our children.

Lately, as I look back over my time here at Alfredton, and as I get to know the students more and more, I have also been reflecting about what makes a good learner. An important part of learning is failing. Failing and trying again helps develop a ‘Growth Mindset’, which is based on the research of Carol Dweck. A growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and strengths can be changed and developed. A person’s skills and qualities can be improved through dedication and hard work. A person with a growth mindset believes that most people who accomplish great things do so because they put in a lot of effort, practice their craft and keep learning. Pushing the boundaries of our comfort zone is where the learning occurs.

So when you see your children after school instead of asking them

“What did you do today?” or “were you a good boy/girl?” try asking: ‘what did you put effort into today?’ Try encouraging your children to say/ask

“I’m getting better at it’ or “I wonder who could help me?’ even ‘It doesn’t come naturally to me but I’m going to work on it’ or “I’m willing to do what it takes’

‘A mind that is stretched by new experiences can never go back to its old dimensions’

If you’d like to find out more about Growth Mindset you can look at the Ted Talk by Eduardo Briceño <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOKXc>

Sadly, there seems to be a lot of distressing news around lately and I would really encourage everyone to show kindness and care and to look out for each other. I was so saddened to hear of the car crash in Daylesford over the weekend resulting in multiple fatalities and injuries. My thoughts go out to the Daylesford community, first responders and of course family and friends of those who lost their lives and to those who are injured.

It would also be remiss of me not to make mention of the tragic events occurring in the Middle East at present. It has been incredibly devastating and disturbing to hear of, and view, these events and we know there will be families in our school community who will be affected by these events. To our families with connections to the region and those with friends and relatives in neighbouring areas, we are thinking of you at this difficult time. Please let us know if your child has connections to the region, so we can provide appropriate opportunities for them to express their responses and support their mental health and wellbeing. To our families from a refugee background, we acknowledge these events may be particularly distressing as well, and we also encourage you to reach out to us. There is also support available through external services including:

- Headspace: 1800 650 890
- Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Stay kind everyone and please reach out for help if you need to.

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 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.



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17 TERM DATES 2023 17

TERM 2: Wed 26th April – Fri 23rd June

TERM 3: Mon 10th July – Fri 15th Sept

TERM 4: Mon 2nd Oct – Wed 20th Dec

KEY CALENDAR DATES:

Thursday 16th November

Healthy Minds Parent Session

Friday 17th November

Jnr School Athletics Day

Tuesday 21st November

Multimedia Night Screening

Wednesday 22nd November

Multimedia Night Screening

Friday 24th November

Student Free Day

Tuesday 12th December

Year 7 Transition Day

Monday 18th December

Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 20th December

Last Day Term 4: 1.30 pm Dismissal

CAN YOU HELP US?



At the end of the year, we will be once again celebrating another successful year of Grade 6 Alfredton Primary School students. During our Graduation, we have a number of awards that are won by students. Over many years we have had many kind contributions and are again looking for donations. Any parents or businesses that would like to contribute towards an award please see the Grade 6 Teachers by Friday 1st December.

🗨️ We need your help! Join the Parents and Friends Committee 2024. Want to have a blast while making a real impact? Our Parents and Friends Committee is the place to be! 🗨️ Meetings will be held once a month where ideas will be shared and plans made to raise extra funds for our School. Bring your skills and expertise to help grow the Parents and Friends Community at Alfredton Primary School in 2024 😊 The more hands, the lighter the work, and the bigger the smiles. Join us today to be a part of something awesome!



Contact Cathy Sharp in the Office for more information.



Will be singing on Monday 13th November at 10:30 am at the launch of the Kmart Wishing Tree at Kmart Delacombe Town Centre. Be sure to pop along.

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

APS 2023 YEARBOOK



Secure your Copy of the 2023 Alfredton Primary School yearbook today. It's just \$15- and you can pay via the QKR app. A great memento of the year that was.

Junior School House Sports Carnival

Friday 17th November 2023

Our Foundation, Year 1 & 2 students have been busy preparing for the Junior School House Athletic Sports day. The day will take place on the school oval on Friday 17th November 2023. There is no cost to families. Please find the following information for parents:

- Students are to come to school as per normal.
- Students will move onto the Alfredton School oval (in their grades) at 11:30 am with their classroom teacher.
- The field events will begin at 11:40 am, with the students rotating with their grade through a variety of events.
- The field events will conclude at 1:00 pm. The students will return to their classrooms for a snack and will then have a normal play outside.
- Children will be assembled into their House Bays after the lunch break at 2:30 pm.
- Sprint Events will commence at 2:35 pm beginning with the Year 2 & 1 students racing over 100 meters, followed by the Foundation students racing over 70m. All students will be in their housebays before and after their race.
- Parents are welcome to join their children during the sports day.

Please be aware that these suggested program times may change if the weather is extremely hot or inclement.

HOUSE COLOURS ARE TO BE WORN

Sturt – Yellow **Lalor – Red**
Gillies – Green **Eureka – Blue**

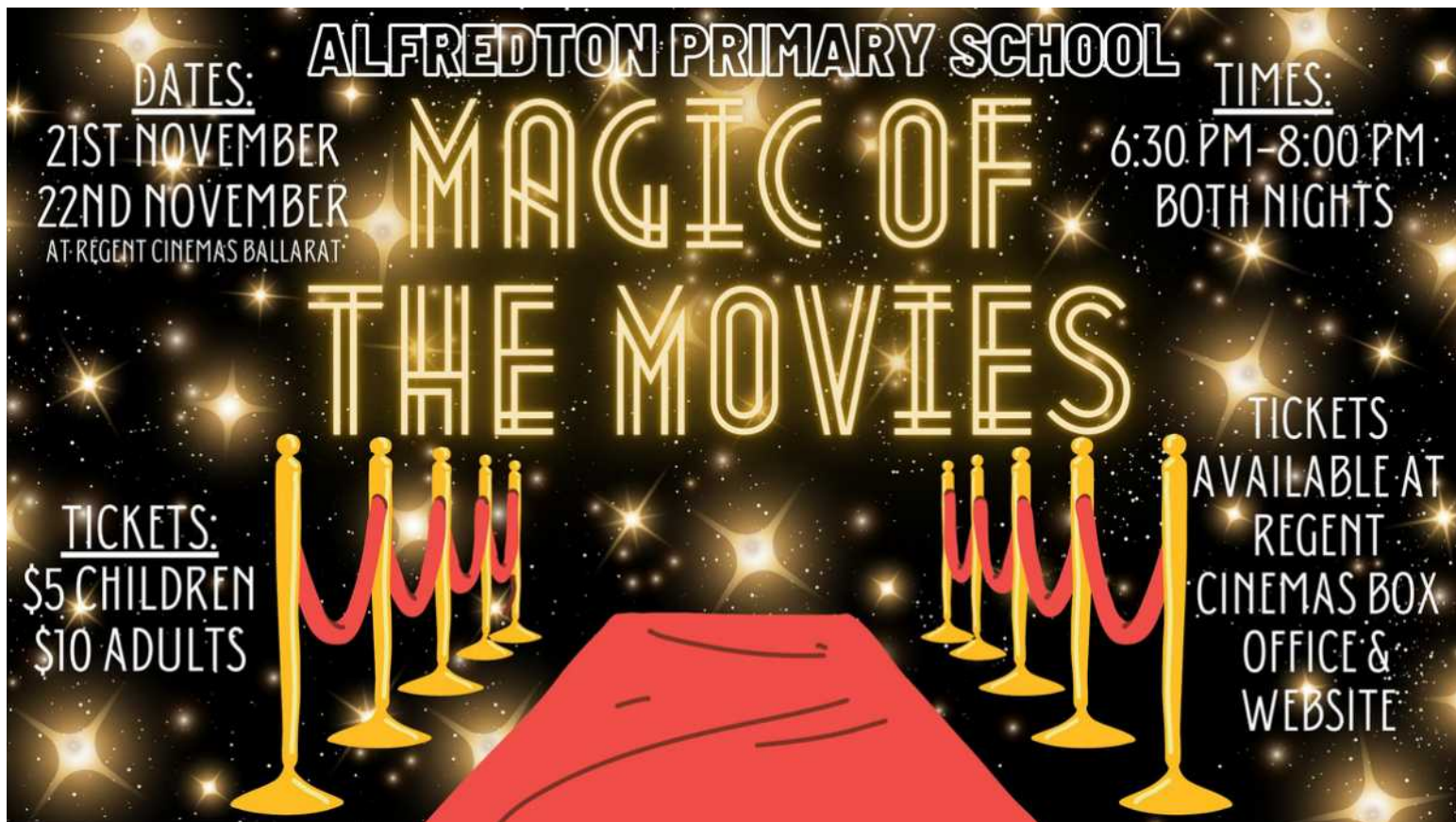
Things to keep in mind

- Please keep an eye on the weather forecast and ensure that your child has everything they will need (e.g apply sunscreen, pack jumpers and coats).
- Appropriate footwear **MUST** be worn.
- School hat & Sunscreen.
- Plenty of water and normal school play lunch and lunch.
- Students will be dismissed from classrooms as per usual.

John Cleary
Physical Education Teacher



BOOK NOW



ALFREDTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATES:
21ST NOVEMBER
22ND NOVEMBER
AT REGENT CINEMAS BALLARAT

TIMES:
6:30 PM-8:00 PM
BOTH NIGHTS

**MAGIC OF
THE MOVIES**

TICKETS:
\$5 CHILDREN
\$10 ADULTS

**TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT
REGENT
CINEMAS BOX
OFFICE &
WEBSITE**

Come join us over two magnificent evenings for the premier screening of the Alfredton Primary School Multimedia Film "Magic of the Movies"

This amazing film will have only two screenings. So secure your ticket now to enjoy a night at the movies for this highly acclaimed masterpiece.

Screenings on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November.
Doors open at 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start.

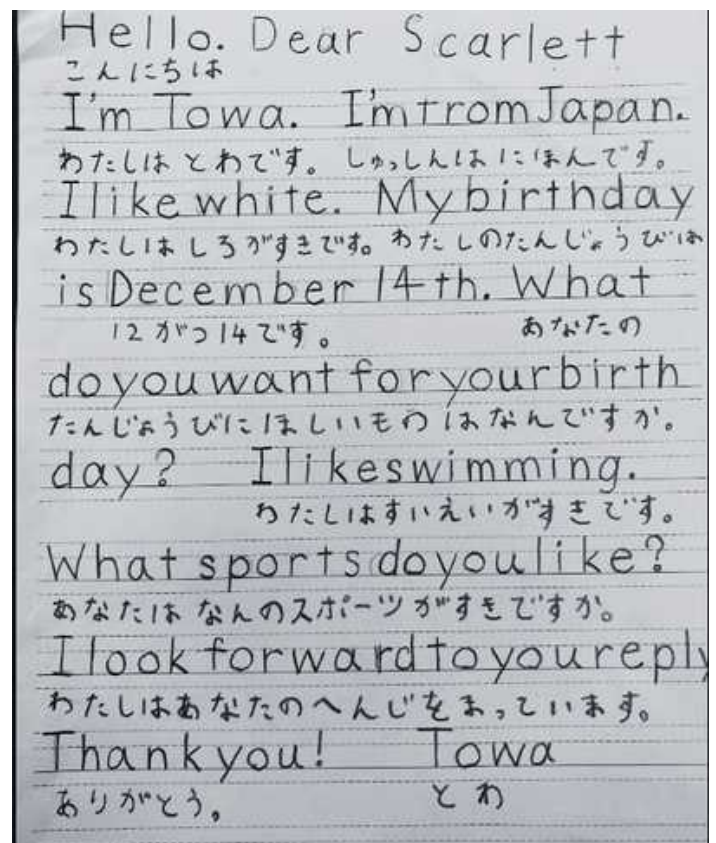
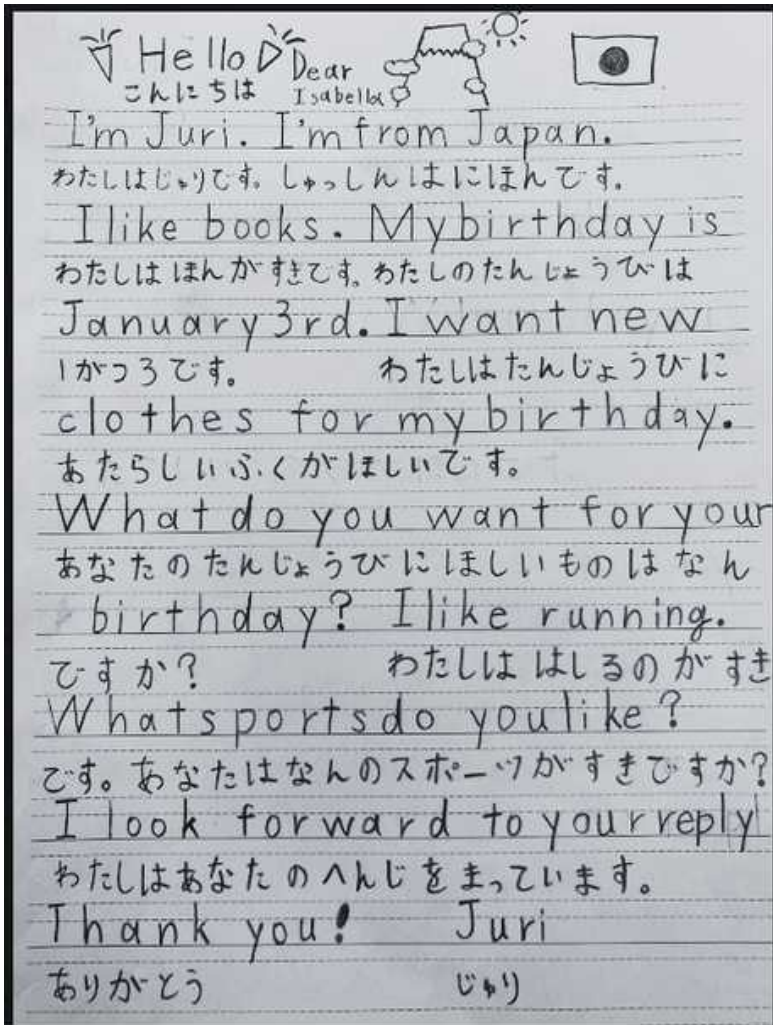
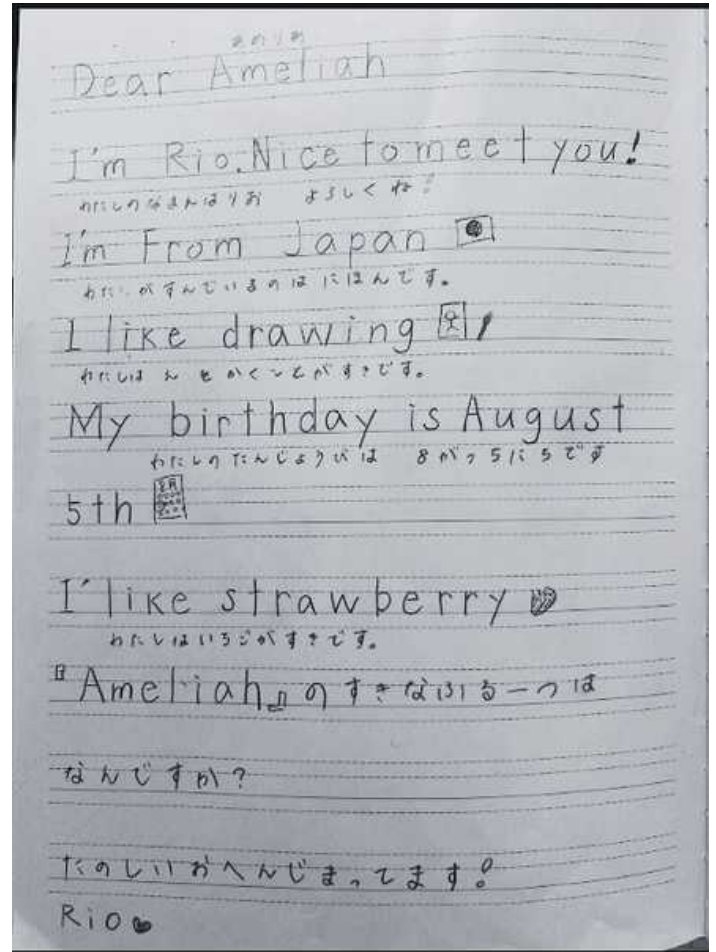
Tickets are available via this link:

<https://www.regentballarat.com.au/movie/alfredton-primary-school---magic-of-the-movies>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 st October Week 1	2 nd Students Return	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
8 th Week 2	9 th	10 th Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics	11 th Newsletter	12 th	13 th Assembly 2.30pm	14 th
15 th Week 3	16 th Foundation Swimming	17 th Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
22 nd Week 4	23 rd Year 6 Graduation Photos Year 1 Swimming	24 th Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics	25 th Newsletter 	26 th	27 th Assembly 2.30pm	28 th
29 th Week 5	30 th Year 1 Wildlife Park Excursion	31 st Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics	1 st November	2 nd Summer Sport 5-6 Cricket Parent Info Evening Foundation 2024	3 rd	4 th
5 th Week 6	6 th Student Free Day 	7 th Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	8 th	9 th Foundation Zoo Excursion Newsletter	10 th Assembly 2.30pm	11 th
12 th Week 7	13 th	14 th Foundation Transition Day Session 1	15 th	16 th Healthy Minds Parent Session	17 th Junior Athletics Day	18 th
19 th Week 8	20 th	21 st Multimedia Screening @ the Regent Theatre	22 nd Multimedia Screening @ The Regent Theatre Newsletter 	23 rd	24 th Student Free Day 	25 th
26 th Week 6	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th Foundation Transition Day Session 2	1 st	2 nd
3 rd	4 th	5 th Japanese Day / Sushi Day 	6 th Newsletter 	7 th	8 th Assembly 2.30pm	9 th
10	11 th	12 th Year 7 Transition Day Foundation Transition Day Session 3	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
17 th	18 th Year 6 Graduation 	19 th	20 th Last Day of Term Students Dismissed at 1.30pm	21 st School Holidays commence 	22 nd	23 rd

Japanese News

This term our Year 6 students are participating in a pen pal exchange with Matsuodai Elementary School and Oshima Elementary School in Inagawa. We have received our first letters from our pen pals and we are looking forward to writing our letters and exchanging information about ourselves in Japanese. Here are some of the letters the students have received.



Japanese News

Dear Saksham,

I'm Mao. I'm from Japan. I like books. My birthday is April 20th. I live in Inagawa. I usually study English on Mondays. Japan is a nice country. You can eat sushi. It's delicious.

好きな食べものはなんですか？

I look forward to your reply.


Mao

Dear Olivia,

I'm Sosuke. I'm from Hyogo in Japan. I like basket ball. What sports do you like? I like yellow. What colors do you like? I want to go to Australia. What country do you want to go? I look forward to your reply. Thank you! Sosuke

Hello
こんにちは Dear Elie

I'm Yura. I'm from Japan.
あたしはゆらです。しゅんじゅんにはんです。

I like Cinnamoroll. 
あたしはシナモロールが好きです。

My birthday is April 17th.
あたしのたんじょうびは4月17日です。

I want can badges for my birthday. What do you want for your birthday? I like springer.
あたしはたんじょうびにバッジがほしいです。
あなたのたんじょうびにほしいものはなんですか？
あたしははるまきが好きです。

What food do you like?
あなたはなんの食べ物が好きですか？

I look forward to your reply.
あたしはあなたの返信をまっています。

Thank you! Yura.
ありがとう ゆら

Dear Ruby,

I'm Fu. I'm from Japan. I like game. My birthday is May 30th. I go to Matsuodai Elementary school. I usually watch TV on Sunday. Japan is a nice country. You can see Mt. Fuji. You can eat sushi. It's delicious! I look forward to your reply. Thank you! Fu

Team 1 News

The school Multimedia Night will soon be upon us. This year, we have both a Tuesday and Wednesday night sitting. Please be aware that both nights will be the same presentation. Additional Multimedia Night information can be found via Flexischools. Tickets are already on sale through the Regent Multiplex, so please purchase yours ASAP, as this event must not be missed!

Reminder: The Junior Sports (F-2) will be held on Friday, 17th November on our school oval. Children are required to wear comfortable running shoes and appropriate clothing (e.g., shorts and a T-shirt) in their house colours on the day. A school hat, sunscreen, and drink bottle are also required. Children may need a jumper/coat if the weather is cool. Snack and lunch times will be the same as usual. Please refer to the additional note for more details that have been posted on FlexiSchool.

Foundation:

In Literacy, we have been learning about the 'Silent E'. We now know that the silent e can help vowels say their own name (long vowel sound). For example in the word bake the 'e' makes the 'a' say its long sound. We have continued enjoying narratives about animals in preparation for our very exciting adventure to the Melbourne Zoo tomorrow! We hope everyone is ready for a big day!

In Mathematics, we have been busy reviewing our previously learned concepts in readiness for our end of year assessments. It is exciting to see how much our children have learnt throughout the year. As always we encourage you to make time to incorporate maths in your everyday activities at home.

Grade 1:

In English, children are investigating words that have the soft c/s and g/j sounds eg. city, dance, stage, gem. They will also learn about question marks and will write their own question sentences for someone to answer.

Grade 1 - Continued

In Mathematics, we are continuing to focus on worded addition and subtraction problems and solving equations using different strategies. Children are encouraged to work on their skip-counting skills at home by counting forwards and backward by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.

Grade 2:

In English, the children are continuing to practise their CAFÉ strategies. This fortnight when reading, they will focus on literacy elements such as using the dictionary and summerising the story. They will be revising narrative writing, focusing on the correct structure, and using descriptive vocabulary. In spelling they are learning to spell alternative sounds like 'ear' and 'are' for the 'air' sound.

In Mathematics, the children are learning about Mass and using mathematical language and units of measure such as grams and kilograms. As we are currently completing various assessments, please make sure that your child is at school.

Important dates:

Friday 17th November – Junior School House Sports Carnival

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd November Multimedia Evening (6:00pm-9:00pm)

Friday 24th November – Student Free Day (Report Writing)

Tuesday 5th December - Japanese Day

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 2 News

Year 3 and 4

School Movie

The next exciting event on our school calendar is the School Movie. This is being shown at the Regent Theatre on the evenings of 21st and 22nd November. Tickets can be purchased at the Regent Theatre. Adults are \$10 and children \$5. The children are very excited to see themselves on the 'big screen'!

Assessment Weeks

This week and next week are our assessment weeks. During this time, we conduct benchmark tests across the school to track the progress of all students and their cohorts in Reading, Writing and all areas of Mathematics. The assessments also provide direction for our teaching. Please ensure your child attends school on time every day to support their learning.

Japanese Day

While this day is still a little way off, there will be order forms/notices sent out for you to order sushi for your child, which will be delivered to school on Japanese day. Please keep your eyes open for these notes if you know your child would like to participate

Hats

Thank you for your ongoing support in providing your child with a broad-rimmed, school hat. As a SunSmart school, children are expected to wear their hats when outside – this includes physical education lessons and recesses. Having the hats named has supported us in making sure hats are returned to their rightful owners.

Drink Bottles

As the warmer weather creeps up on us, please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school. Having a drink bottle on their table ensures that important learning is not missed, as children do not have to leave the room to quench their thirst. Every minute of learning counts!

Dates for Term 4:

21st & 22nd November – screening of school film at Regent Multiplex Theatre
24th November – Pupil Free (Report Writing)
5th December Japanese Day – Sushi Lunch
19th December – reports emailed home

Kind regards,

TEAM 2 Teachers

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

Team 3 News

Year 5

In Year 5, we have begun exploring world religions which students have identified as an important way to deepen their understanding of Geography and History. A lot of the content we have been exploring has taken part in reading. We have begun asking questions to deepen our understanding of this topic and have practised summarising the texts we read.

In Writing, we have begun exploring recounts with students creating an exciting series of diary entries accounting the activities completed over a made-up holiday overseas. This holiday overseas took place in one of the countries students continue to research as part of their Flip Book project. Students have enjoyed sharpening their understanding of adjectives, adverbs, verbs and figurative language.

In Numeracy, we have been exploring time, looking at concepts like 12hr and 24hr time, elapsed time and using timetables. Over the course of the unit we have seen a great deal of engagement from the Year 5s especially when completing the itinerary for a trip to an overseas country of their choosing.

Reminders:

- Homework comprises two elements – Reading for 30mins 5 times per week, Numeracy completing the weekly Math Mate sheet.
- Please ensure your child has the appropriate equipment/ stationary and books needed for their learning.

Year 6

Over the last 2 weeks we have continued to learn about the world we are in. We have read about a number of different religions, comparing them to see what things are similar and different. We are also building our understanding of the world around us, the countries that make it up and some of the physical features found in different locations.

Year 6 - Continued

In Writing, we have been writing narratives to engage an audience. By using different stimuli we have been able to develop stories set in interesting locations. Two of the locations are Hashima Island and Nara Dreamland which are both located in Japan. Students have enjoyed learning about the locations and developing stories that centre around these interesting sites.

In Numeracy, we have continued to build our concept of probability. We have explored the concepts of dependent and independent probability, theoretical and experimental probability and conducted a range of chance experiments.

We are approaching our assessment weeks so students will soon be undertaking a range of different assessment tasks. Please ensure students are attending regularly to get the most benefit out of this time.

Thank you to the parents who have already sent in photos for graduation. Information about this has been emailed out to families along with other graduation information.

Key Dates

- *Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November - Multimedia Night*
- *Friday 24th November - Pupil Free Day Report Writing*
- *Tuesday 12th December - Year 7 Transition (Government Schools)*
- *Tuesday 5th December - Japanese Day*
- *Monday 18th December - Graduation*
- *Wednesday 20th December - Last day of school.*

Thanks,

Gab Mathieson, Tim Smith, Michael Busija, Arlyn Harris, Candice Smith and John Saitta

School Awards

FA: Sophie - For always showing respect and taking on responsibility. Sophie, you are a diligent worker, caring towards others and the perfect role model. We are so lucky to have you in Foundation A. Thank you for being you!

FA: Daryl - Welcome to Foundation A. Thank you for showing respect and responsibility in our class. We hope you enjoy your time at Alfredton Primary School.

FB: Zoey - For developing your independence at school. Congratulations on your hard work and for having a go at all learning activities.

FB: Albie - For continuing to develop your excellent reading and writing skills. It is lovely to listen to you read with fluency and expression. Keep making those positive decisions that you are capable of, Albie.

FC: Harley - For showing increasing resilience and perseverance. Great job, Harley.

FC: Aiden - For working hard to improve your writing. You are great at setting and reaching learning goals.

1A: Jaxton - For listening carefully and following the instructions during your swimming lessons. You did a fabulous job, Jaxton!

1A: Whole Class - For your wonderful behaviour on our Wildlife Park excursion. We were very proud of the way in which you represented APS!

1B: Marshall H - For facing his fears during swimming and showing resilience as he got back in the pool every day and gave everything his best despite being afraid. Amazing courage Marshall

1B: Jordan F - For working hard to memorise his heart words and practising his reading at home. You've shown incredible resilience and improvement with your reading Jordan, keep up the great work.

2A: Josie - For consistently displaying our school values. Thank you for always challenging yourself and demonstrating outstanding behaviour.

2A: Nyazoli - For consistently displaying our school values. Thank you for always challenging yourself and demonstrating outstanding behaviour.

2B: Will - For your amazing improvement in reading. We are so proud of you.

2B: Mohamed - For the great effort you have made to settle in at Alfredton Primary school. We love having you in 2B.

2C: Patrick - For being an inspirational role model to your peers by being a kind considerate classmate who is always helping others and consistently putting in 100% effort with everything you do. You are such a valuable classmate, keep up the incredible work Patrick!

2C: Whole class - For maintaining focus and working incredibly hard to complete their required assessments. You should all be very proud of your efforts, well-done 2C!

3A: Whole class - For the respect they displayed towards the emergency teacher and the responsibility they took for continuing to do their best work.

3B: Whole Class - For the way in which you all represented APS during our gymnastics sessions this term. You all gave the rotations your very best effort and you were will to step outside of your comfort zone and give things a go. Great job, 3B!

3C: Whole Class - For demonstrating our APS values throughout our gymnastics sessions. It was fabulous to see so many students with a smile on their faces and overcoming challenges and first-ever experiences. Well done, 3C!

4A: Connor - For working really hard on strategies for subtraction.

4A: Asher - For always putting your best effort into every task you do.

4C: Isabella - For working hard during writing, by adding more adjectives to improve your narrative writing pieces. Well done!

4C: Riku - For working hard during writing by adding interesting words and figurative language to improve your writing. Well done!

6A: Sam - For your incredible efforts in our narrative writing unit. You have included sizzling starts, figurative language and suspense throughout both pieces. Well done, Sam!

6A: Riley C - For taking on feedback to improve your writing in our narrative unit. It has been wonderful to see you challenge yourself to include more descriptive and topic-specific vocabulary. You have created two very suspenseful stories, well done!

6B: Bella D - For taking on feedback to improve your writing. Keep working hard Bella.

6B: Jasper - For your enthusiasm and effort during our integrated topic. You have actively contributed to our learning about religion and mythology. Well done.

WELL DONE
TO ALL
STUDENTS





Community News

Check out all the great things happening in our Local Community

KIDS GO FREE
at Mars Stadium, Ballarat

As a **BONUS** for kids who have a Liberty A-League Pass for the A-League Women season, get **FREE ENTRY** to the first **THREE** A-League Men home games in Ballarat.

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 SATURDAY 11 NOV
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W U
 SUNDAY 26 NOV
 KO 5:00PM

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 SATURDAY 2 DEC
 KO 5:30PM

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Local Sports

Ballarat Table Tennis Association

COME AND TRY A NEW SPORT FOR **\$5 A WEEK!**

Junior's Competition (Fridays 6pm - 7.30pm) until 15 December.

Start any week. All abilities welcome. All equipment provided.

Learn to play one of the most popular and fastest sports in the world and make new friends along the way.

To participate: simply come along any Friday by 6pm and make yourself known to our stadium manager Adam.

Ballarat Table Tennis Association
 499 Dowling St Wendouree
 Ph: 0481 950 664
 Email: ballarattabletennis@gmail.com
 Web: revolutionise.com.au/ballaratta/



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19 NOV 2023

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RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
BALLARAT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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The Ballarat Foundation is pleased to bring Run for a Cause to a new, exciting location for 2023. This year, our Event Village will be based in Lucas Town Centre, with our courses utilising the beautiful streets and paths of Lucas as well as giving participants the opportunity to run down the centre of Sturt Street and through the Arch!

JOIN YOUR SCHOOL TEAM WHEN YOU SIGN UP FOR THE
12KM, 6KM EVENT, OR AS PART OF THE Y KIDS' DASH.



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