

Diary Dates

February 2021

Dental week

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th

March 2021

Family Open Night Amazing Race Challenge

Tuesday 2nd March

4pm - 6pm

followed by

Annual General Meeting

6pm- 7pm in the Hive

Adelaide Cup Day

Monday 8th March

Aboriginal Parent Partnership Meeting

Tuesday 9th March

2pm – 3pm

Rosey's Room



2021 School Terms

TERM 1

27th January – 9th April

TERM 2

27th April – 2nd July

TERM 3

19th July – 24th September

TERM 4

11th Oct – 10th Dec

Principal's Message

I hope you have had a wonderful few weeks, albeit, a little warm out there this week.

It has been a wonderful start to 2021, a fresh start in so many different ways. Thankyou to all our families for engaging positively in the Reverse Interviews (Meet & Greet). We had over 80% attendance across the week and our staff have learnt so much more about your family and child/ren. This really helps to set things up for success.

We have also appreciated how when there has been little things to work through, families are feeling comfortable to come in and touch base with a child's teacher or bump into the leaders on yard duty. We are all here to support your child and form a strong partnership with families. Most things can be resolved with a conversation and developing a plan together. This is our way forward at Alberton.

School Community Calendar:

We have sent another copy of this home in the newsletter. Please take the time to look over it, put it on the fridge, its developed to help all our families with knowing when upcoming events are approaching. This will also be accessible on the schools website so other family members, grandparents or significant others can plan to attend school events.

Special Mentions and Highlights:

If any student has been recognised for special achievement, honours or awards across any chosen field, please forward a photo and brief blurb to the email below or see me personally. I like to include these highlights in the newsletters. Contact me at dan.jarrad679@schools.sa.edu.au or by phone on **8447 1924**.

Family Fun Night & Annual General Meeting:

On **Tuesday 2nd March 2021** we will host our **Alberton PS Family Open Night** from 4pm – 6pm followed by our Annual General Meeting 6pm – 7pm in the Hive. More information will follow but it plans to be a great community event to welcome the new school year in.

Friday Playgroup:

Playgroup will be held in the Nest each Friday morning from 9:00am – 10:30am. All families with children under school age are invited to attend. Please bring a gold coin donation and individual piece of fruit to eat. **Kate McKenzie (Nest Teacher)** is the new Playgroup Coordinator. It has been lovely to see so many of you return and the smiles on the children's faces are priceless.

Kind Regards
Dan Jarrad

Specialist Discovery Areas – ‘Taking Discovery Deeper and Broader’



Discovery: *the action or process of discovering or being discovered, the process of finding information, a place or an object, especially for the first time, a journey of learning.*

As we reviewed many aspects of the learning program at Alberton PS in 2019 - 2020, Discovery was often a key discussion point. The learning philosophy of Discovery will be strengthened in 2021 with our Specialist Teachers and areas having a much greater profile. We are investing more time, energy, planning and funding into this aspect of schooling at Alberton PS. It is part of Alberton.

At the end of 2020, Alberton teaching staff were clear with their feedback and what needed to be considered to ensure we can provide an authentic and continuous learning opportunity for students through ‘Discovery’. Children were also provided a voice in this process and their feedback has been listened to.

Our **Specialist Discovery** program operates across the whole week and all children have access on a weekly basis to these areas. Environmental Sustainability Specialist Discovery will commence in Term 2 once our new Curriculum Leader is appointed.

Our **Specialist Discovery** areas will focus on deepening understanding, broadening experiences and strengthening the pathways that children can choose from at Alberton PS. The areas will be strongly connected to the **Australian Curriculum**, will reflect quality **assessment and reporting** for learners and provide **future pathways** through to secondary schooling.

What we do know from your voice as a parent/caregiver is that **The Arts (Visual, Performing, Music), Physical Education and Extra Curricular Sports, Life Science Centre, Garden, Cultural Awareness, Environmental Sustainability, Positive Education and Digital Technologies** were all identified as desirable **Specialist Discovery** areas.

The above photos are of our Specialist Teachers and you will have a chance to talk to them at our **Family Open night coming up on Tuesday 2nd March 2021.**



Lunch and Recess Eating Times:

Lunch eating time will be after each play break for 10 - 15 minutes. 1st break is from 11am – 11:30am and 2nd break from 1:20pm – 1:45pm. Eating after breaks enables for digestion, socialising and transition ready for learning. We have also noticed the reduction of litter across the school. Children who take a little longer to eat will be supported. It also seems to save the half eaten sandwiches left in school bags as children rush out to play (as many of you have shared with us)

Crunch & Sip (Fruit/Veggie + Water):

We encourage children to bring in a water bottle (labelled with name) to sip on during learning time and a healthy snack to eat during the morning learning block (approximately 10am depending on what classes are doing at that time of the day). Research shows that regular healthy snacks, movement breaks, and hydration can help to improve our concentration and focus.



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM – MEMORIAL GARDEN OPENING



On **Thursday 18th February 2021** our community officially opened the Meeting and Memorial Garden honoring Aunty Rosey. It was a beautiful morning with performances from the Alberton School Choir and Aboriginal Dance Group. Karl Telfer welcomed families, children and community with his powerful acknowledgment, smoking ceremony and personal reflections. Following the ceremony children, families, Department for Education representatives, local council and government officials and community members enjoyed a BBQ in our amazing Aboriginal Education learning space. It was a very memorable and touching morning that symbolized togetherness, unity, community and care. We look forward to using our wonderful spaces with all children at Alberton Primary School.



Governing Council News Annual General Meeting

The Alberton Primary School Governing Council **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Tuesday 2nd March 2021** in the Hive (Broad Street Community) at 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

(Follows on from Family Open Night)

All parents/caregivers and community members are welcome to attend.

For further information, please contact the Principal at dan.jarrad679@schools.sa.edu.au or on 84476448.

Breakfast Club Is Open

Please come and join us in the café every **Wednesday** and **Friday** morning from **8:15am - 8:35am** for the free breakfast club!

We have lots of yummy food available!

We hope to see you there and reminder to use your manners and pack away to help our lovely volunteers.



NEST NEWS - OUT AND ABOUT IN THE NEST YARD

Dramatic play is such an important aspect of early years education. It provides children with opportunities to develop their communication and social skills and understanding of the world around them. In the Nest we aim to provide a broad range of indoor and outdoor dramatic play experiences. This week children have had the opportunity to begin using the new mud kitchen, which has been made by one of our playgroup parents Shane. Many mud pies, chocolate cakes, muffins and '**Wombat Stews**' have been created by the children.

Insect Garden Upgrade:

Over the summer break, Eric one of the staff in the Nest, spent time redeveloping the Nest's Insect Garden to enhance the Diversity of habitats and insects in the area. Many different spaces have been created using rocks, wood, plants, leaves and other natural materials. The Nest children have begun exploring the Insect Garden and are very excited to share what insects they have found.

Aboriginal Education:

In the coming weeks, the Aboriginal Education Team will be working with children from the Nest to begin establishing an edible garden in the Nest planting area. Children will have the opportunity to work alongside older children to decide what foods to plant, develop their skills and understanding about caring for plants, and (fingers crossed) eat some of the food that is grown.



Nest Team



Promotions:

HENLEY SPORTS ACADEMY 2022

The Henley Sports Academy at Henley High School has been established to assist talented student athletes to further develop their level of performance and knowledge.

The program includes:

- Specialised Coaches
- Coaching and officiating certificates
- Analysis of performance

In 2021 we are holding the application process for students commencing Year 7 and 8 in 2022.

Applications for the program will open Wednesday 27th January 2021 and close at 8.30am Monday 22nd March 2021.

For more information please visit our website

www.henleyhs.sa.edu.au (Programs/ Henley Sports Academy/ Program Entry)