FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope that everyone has been able to have a well earned break and a chance to catch up with family and friends, and a chance to do those things that perhaps you don’t have time to do during the busy school terms.

2017 promises to be one of excitement and excellence.

New Students
This year we have enrolled many new families and students into the school. We have
- 41 new Foundation students
- 21 other new students across the school
- 28 new families all up!

All our students have settled in well which is a credit to our staff, students and parents for helping to achieve our high expectations at our school.

New staff
We have a number of new staff on board this year to help deliver an excellent educational program.

- Sophie Jamieson – Community Hub and Kitchen Garden Program
- Natalie Stokes – Psychologist and Student Wellbeing
- Chris Karageorge – 3-6 Leading Teacher
- Helen Karvelas – Year 5/6 Teacher
- Kara Von Senden – Foundation Teacher (returning from leave)

A full list of staff can be found on our website http://www.sahps.vic.edu.au/staff.html

F-2 Building
Many of you may have already noticed the newly painted rooms in Foundation to Year 2. These rooms have also been updated with new walls removing the old cupboards and blackboards. New shelving has replaced the old shelving to store classroom supplies, student tubs and school bags.

New tables and chairs are on their way in the Year 1/2 similar to the furniture in the

*Teamwork * Respect *Honesty * Belonging

“At St Albans Heights Primary School we embrace the diversity of our community. We provide a safe and rich learning environment where quality programs enable students to achieve their full potential.”
Foundation rooms. We can’t wait to have these spaces looking spic and span.

Canteen Renovations
We have started our renovations to the canteen this week to make it cleaner and safer for food preparation and cooking classes. The renovations will take place in Term 1 with an expected completion date for the beginning of Term 2.

As a result we will not have a canteen service for at least Term 1. The School Council will investigate possible external providers once the renovation is completed.

Garden House Community Hub
The new Community Hub has moved to the Garden House at the back of the school close to the vegetable garden and chicken coops. This is an exciting new space for families and toddlers to gather with its own kitchenette and bathroom facilities.

Sophie will be available to speak with families and will start to plan out the program of activities for 2017.

Allied Health Team – Room 10
Not many people realize that our school provides a lot of extra support to students and families. We have dedicated staff to look after the health and wellbeing of students.

Social Worker – Julie Leech (Tuesday to Friday)
Psychologist – Natalie Stokes (Monday and Tuesday)
Speech Therapist – Stephanie Barbanti (Monday to Wednesday)
Wellbeing / Program for Disabilities Leading Teacher – Gail Pomfret (Monday to Wednesday)

Garden Tea Party
To help us celebrate the start of the year and the number of new families in the school community, the SAHPS Community Hub is hosting a Garden Tea Party.

Date: Monday 13th February 2017
Time: 9:30 (after assembly)

Where: Garden House
Please bring a plate of food to help us celebrate.

Wishing everyone a wonderful 2017,
Helen Otway
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. $125.00 per Student to families who have a valid Centrelink Concession Card.

The Victorian Government will continue to fund this program to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

Parents or legal guardians are required to provide a valid Concession card, complete a CSEF application form (forms were sent home last year, spares are also at the office) and lodge it with their child’s school.

CLOSE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 10th MARCH 2017.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

iPAD UPDATE

To parents who have ordered iPads for 2017, this is an update on their progress.

- iPads arrived at school Tuesday afternoon.
- Our Technician is busy setting them up with Apple IDs and new school apps.
- We expect them to be delivered to the students by the end of next week.
- Please remember the students cannot take them home until they are fully paid.
CONTACT DETAILS
If you have changed your phone number or address over the holidays please bring the new details to the office as soon as possible.

EFTPOS
We now have EFTPOS facilities available at the office for student payments. A minimum of $10 per transaction.

SUNSMART – A REMINDER
As a SunSmart School, all children must wear either a bucket hat or a broad brimmed hat during outdoor activities. Children without a hat will not be allowed to play in the sun. Please ensure that your child’s name is on their hat. Hats are available at the office for $10.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Dear parents,
I'd like to welcome you all back to the new school year! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.
As part of my role this year, I will be continuing to work with you, our school community.
I would like to invite you all to come along to our Parent Information Sessions at school. These will be held after the school assembly in our library on the following days:

Monday, February 20th
Monday, March 6th
Monday, March 20th

Each of these sessions will provide you with information about our school and is an opportunity for you, our parents to give us ideas about how we can best support you and your child's learning.
We are looking forward to meeting you all at our Parent Information Sessions.
Thanks,
Fiona Conroy
Community Liaison

BLUEARTH
St Albans Heights Primary School has joined with Bluearth Foundation for a second year. Bluearth Foundation is an organisation working to improve children’s health, confidence, self-esteem and behaviour through movement and physical activity.
For the first session of Bluearth this year, the grade 1/2 students focused on self-umpiring and showing honesty while they completed several physical activities.
One of the activities was a game called Jump. Students jumped their way across the width of the soccer pitch. They could only make one jump at a time when the magic word, “jump”, was said.
If the students moved on any word except for “jump” they had to go back to the line and start again.
The students were honest when they moved and showed great self-umpiring skills.
Roxy Clarke, Grade 1/2 Teacher
**S.A.H.P.S WEBSITE**

The new website is now live!!! Please visit www.sahps.vic.edu.au and see what’s new!

All current school programs are included, you can view newsletters and download all school notices.

There is also up to date contact information if you would like to contact the school.

**BPAY**

Please be advised that the school is now offering BPAY as an alternate method of payment. Please come to the office and ask for a statement to get your BPAY biller code and reference number.

**OPERATION SCHOOLS BACK**

Local Police together with members of the Highway Patrol are running an operation to mark the start of the school year. Operation Schools Back will target the safety of students arriving and departing school with the major focus being the enforcement of the 40kmph school zones.

Motorists are asked to be vigilant before and after school as there will be increased pedestrian, road and pushbike traffic. Please allow an extra 5 minutes to find a safe and legal park to ensure your children’s safety.

For those motorists driving through school zones please adhere to the speed limit and be aware of staffed school crossings. Failing to stop /remain stationary at school crossing is a $379 fine and 3 demerit points. Stopped-Double parked is a $91 fine and Exceed speed limit by 10kmph but less than 15kmph is a $303 fine and 3 demerit points. This is just an example of some of the fines.

**COMMUNITY HUB**

*Monday and Tuesday: in the Play and Say Room*
*Wednesday and Thursday: in the Garden House*

We welcome Sophie as our new St Albans Heights Community Hub Coordinator!

I have a background in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics from Deakin University and as well as the Hub, I will be running the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program with our grades 3 and 4 alongside Fiona.

I have lots planned for Term One so join me at the parents morning tea on Monday the 13th of February at 9:30am (just after assembly) in the Garden House to get to know me, Fiona and other parents.

Don’t forget to check out the Hubs Facebook page for news and upcoming events at the school!

*St Albans Heights Primary School Community Hub*
PARENTS MORNING TEA
Monday the 13th of February at 9:30am (just after assembly) in the Garden House
Come along and get to know Sophie, Fiona and other parents with a fun morning tea. Come hear what we have in store for 2017. We are also hoping to hear from you what you would like to see from the school and Community Hub.
***Please bring a plate of delicious food if you have a little something to share!***

PLAYGROUP
Welcome back to the play group coordinator and volunteers! The Hub Playgroup will continue this year on Mondays at 9:30am till 11:30am in the Play and Stay Room. If you have a young child not quite ready for school yet and would like to play and get to know other parents please come along!

ENGLISH CLASS
Would you like help brushing up on your English skills?
Drop into see Jo in the Community Hub (the Play and Stay Room) on a Tuesday morning from 9:30am till 11:30am.

PLEASE DROP IN
I am looking forward to getting to know students and parents. Please drop into the Hub anytime for a cuppa and a chat!

Cheers,
Sophie
CÁC NGÀY QUAN TRỌNG
Important Dates to Remember
Thứ hai, 20-2: Buổi thông báo cho phụ huynh
Thứ hai, 06-3: Buổi thông báo cho phụ huynh - Đọc sách
Thứ hai, 20 đến thứ sáu 24-3: Giáo dục gia đình.
Thứ hai, 20-3: Buổi thông báo cho gia đình
Thứ hai, 24-4: Chúp hình toàn trường

VÀI LỜI CỦA BÀ HIỆU TRƯỞNG
From the Principal
Xin đơn mừng một năm học mới. Nhà trường mong rằng phụ huynh và các bạn đã có một dip nghỉ ngơi thoải mái, đã có dịp làm được những gì mình muốn ở trong năm học mới không có giờ rảnh rỗi để làm.
2017 sẽ là một năm sôi động và hứng thú.

Học sinh mới:
Năm nay nhà trường có nhiều phụ huynh và học sinh mới.
- 41 học sinh mới lớp 20-4
- 21 học sinh mới chuyển đến
- 28 gia đình học sinh mới
Tất cả học sinh đã ổn định nhanh chóng, đó là điều rất tốt cho giảng dạy, học sinh và phụ huynh để đạt được những điều mong muốn tốt nhất.

Nhân viên mới:
Nhà trường có được một số nhân viên mới để giúp trường tiếp đón một nền giáo dục tuyệt hảo.
Sophie Jamieson- trường phó công đồng và chương trình Kitchen Garden.
Natalie Stokes- Chuyên viên tâm lý và coi sóc sự an bình (Wellbeing) cho học sinh.
Chris Kangageorge- Giáo viên trường lớp 3-6
Helen Karvelas- Giáo viên lớp 5/6
Kara Von Senden- Giáo viên tổ lái sau khi nghỉ đại hạn, phụ trách lớp Vô long
Xin xem danh sách toàn thể giáo bang trên trang mạng:

Phòng cồng đồng:
Sinh hoạt cồng đồng được đề dẫn “Garden House” vòng trường. Đây là chỗ tự thú nhất cho trẻ nhỏ và phụ huynh đến sinh hoạt.
Cô Sophie luôn sẵn sàng tiếp phụ huynh và vạch kế hoạch cho năm 2017.

Nhóm chăm sóc sức khỏe học sinh – phòng 10
Trưởng của cô đã nhiều dực vụ hỗ trợ cho học sinh và gia đình (wellbeing program) Nhà trường có nhiều nhân viên bỏ nhiều công sức để giúp đỡ con em.
Nhân viên Xã hội : Julie Leech làm việc từ thứ ba - thứ sáu

Chuyên viên tâm lý: Natalie Stokes làm việc thứ hai và thứ ba
Chuyên viên vệ sinh: Thứ hai - thứ tư
Wellbeing và giảng dạy sức khỏe tâm, Giáo viên trường: Gail Pomfret: Làm việc ngày thứ hai - thứ tư
Buồi tru đam: Phòng cồng đồng sẽ tổ chức buổi tru đam để chào mừng toàn thể công đồng nhà trường vào ngày thứ hai, 13 tháng 2 2017 lúc 9giờ 30 (Sau lớp cho có) tại Garden House vòng trường. Xin mời phụ huynh tham dự và nhóm dem theo một ít theo an.
Xin chúc mọi người vui vẻ và thành tựu trong 2017.

TIN TỨC CỦA TRƯỞNG
TI-END TRỌC CÁM TRAI, THÊ-DU-DU NGOAN
Phụ huynh hay người giám hộ có thể tham dự trung xin tiền tố sắp nay cho con. Ngày hạn chót là 10 tháng 3 2017
iPad Phụ huynh nào có đặt mua iPad xin xem phần tiếng Anh.

CHI TIÊT ĐỀ LIÊN LẠC
Phụ huynh nào có thay đổi địa chỉ và số điện thoại thì xin thông báo cho trường càng sớm càng tốt.

SUNSMART – Xin lưu ý

CÁC BƯỚI THÔNG BÁO
Xin chào phụ huynh năm mới. Năm nay tôi vẫn tiếp tục làm việc với phụ huynh, công đồng nhà trường. Tôi muốn mời PH đến tham dự các buổi thông báo tin tức:
Thứ hai, 20 tháng 2, Thứ hai 06 tháng 3 và thứ hai 20 tháng 3. Đây là dịp PH biết được tin tức và phát biểu ý kiến của mình để hỗ trợ việc giáo dục con em. Tôi rất mong được gặp PH.
Xin cảm ơn, Fiona Conroy.

COMMUNITY HUB
Xin chào mừng PH. Tôi là Sophie trường phó cồng đồng có nhiều kinh nghiệm về thức ăn, dinh dưỡng từ trường Deakin University. Thứ hai, 13 tháng 2 lúc 9giờ 30, xin mời PH đến Garden House vòng trường để dự buổi tru đam và cùng nhau trao đổi ý kiến với tôi và cô Fiona Conroy.
PH nên lên Hubs Facebook để theo dõi tin tức.

HỌC TIẾNG ANH: Vẫn ngày thứ ba như mọi năm
Free Homework Help & Learning Support

Offered by

Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services

What? One-on-one homework help and learning support

By Whom? Volunteer tutors who are teachers, senior students or Community members

For Whom? Students Year 3 - 6

When? Monday and Wednesday 3.30pm – 5pm (Starts Monday 13th February)

Where? St Albans Community Centre Princess St, St Albans

Homework Club is Fun!

Any enquiries please contact us:

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