Dear Families and Friends,

I hope everyone was able to have a lovely break over the holidays. The students have all come back looking refreshed and ready for the last term, as have the staff.

At school we have had some upgrades, which will get us ready for summer. We have had new split system air conditioners installed in the F-2 building as well as in the 3/4 classroom. This will be most helpful with the warmer weather on its way. By 2018 we will have all classrooms fitted out with split systems that will help us better manage the temperature in each classroom.

Over the holidays, Illya, our groundsman and I went to the Royal Melbourne Show to view the chicken and egg judging. Whilst our chickens did not receive a prize, the experience was most interesting. We learnt a lot about the care and feeding of the chickens and what makes a good egg!

Last Friday, Rebecca Naylor, the CEO of Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program came to experience Principal for a Day. She enjoyed meeting with the students and staff and was treated to a special morning tea of pizza, muffins and salad thanks to our 3/4 students. I was also able to share the experience with other principals and leaders at an Education Department forum.

Our tram excursion has been a big hit. We had many parents, students and staff attend the launch of our tram on the tracks in Melbourne. There was much excitement and the media was there to capture the event. We will be publishing more photos soon. Thank you to Sophie and all her helpers to get this project off the ground. Sophie also presented the

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 4th Nov – Swimming
- Mon 6th Nov – Curriculum Day No School
- Tues 7th Nov – Cup Day No School
- Mon 20th – Tues 21st Nov – 3/4 Camp

**PAYMENTS DUE**

Final payments for swimming must be paid today

*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.”
project at a Community Hub conference on the Gold Coast. Well done Sophie.

All students now must remember to wear a hat outside every single day. Hats are for sale in the office if you need to buy your child a new one.

Foundation enrolments are coming in quickly and we have two classes planned for 2018. Our readiness program begins in November, so we encourage all families to ensure their children are enrolled so they do not miss out.

We are starting to now develop our class structure for 2018. In order to ensure we have accurate numbers and the right number of teachers employed in the school, could all families please let us know if you will be moving away or if you know of any families coming to the area. It looks like we may have 14 classes for 2018 but of course we need to be sure before we make that decision.

The canteen is again open this term on a Thursday and Friday. Menus went home last week. Please remember to place your order the day before.

Baby news!

Ms Abby Walsh has announced that she is pregnant and that her second baby will be due in April. Abby will work till about week 4 in 2018 and then take family leave. We wish her all the very best in the coming months.

Ms Kara Von Senden is due to have her baby in about 5 weeks. Kara will go on leave at the end of this week. We wish her the very best in the next few weeks and can’t wait to see the baby when it arrives.

Ms Marta Rodrigues has had her baby girl. We are thrilled with the news and can’t wait to see her.

Enjoy the lovely warm weather,
Helen Otway
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

S.A.H.P.S WEBSITE

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 a newsletter emailed to you, please request this via the link. 😊
Please cut this out and return to the office.

I am interested in being part of the 50 Year Anniversary Celebration Committee:

Name:

Child’s name:

Contact number:

Days I am available to attend planning meetings:

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**PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL EVENTS**

All money and C.S.E.F payments go to the **CLASSROOM TEACHER IN THE MORNING**.

This is very important as it allows each classroom teacher the opportunity to record payments. Money and C.S.E.F. authorisations will then be sent to the office. **Please come to the office if you are paying using E.F.T.P.O.S.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

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**SWIMMING**

The 2017 Swimming program begins on Monday the 23rd October. We have 155 students at SAHPS participating in the program at Sunshine Leisure Center. All the students that have paid the full amount have been given a medical form **today** to be completed by a parent and returned to their **CLASSROOM** teacher by **this Friday the 13th October**. Please keep the cover letter on your fridge at home to make sure that on Monday morning your child has everything they need to have a fun experience at the swimming pool.

If your child is unwell and unable to go swimming, they will remain at school and participate in the normal learning program. Parents are welcome to watch their child swim at the pool, but you will need to make your own way to the pool as there will be no room on the bus. For swimming times please see the notice board in the stadium.

**THE SOCCER CLINIC**

Last Tuesday we had a soccer clinic. We had soccer coach, Robbie Anderson come in to teach us some soccer drills and we did shooting. There were two rules we had to follow at all times. They were, no messing around and to try your best. These two rules were important because you must always try your best and don’t muck around so you know what to do. We had lots of fun learning how to run fast and work together as a team.

By: Joyce and Thi

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**EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, WHO HAVE A PARENT IN PRISON**

SHINE for Kids is a not for profit organisation. Their main objective is to support children through a range of programs that supports, gives hope, inspires, nurtures and empowers the child to be the best person they can be. We are currently running an Education Support program. All Primary schools in the Brimbank area are eligible to apply for this assistance.

Each child receives 1-1 conferencing and tutoring on a weekly basis. We have evidence that this program not only improves social, emotional and academic performance, but it also increases attendance rates and self-esteem in the student.
When: Monday -Friday  Time:  9.00am – 3.00pm – An hour per student
Where: We come to your school
Cost: There is no cost for this service
Enquiries: Contact Sheryl Forrester
sforrester@shineforkids.org.au or Phone 03 96628038

If this issue effects your family, please have a confidential discussion with Julie, Natalie or Gail from the Allied Health Team or you can contact the service directly.

Kind regards
Julie Leech
Student Wellbeing

BUILDING BRAINS WORKSHOP
The workshop scheduled for 15 September was cancelled and has been rescheduled for Friday, 3 November. The Building Brains program assists parents to understand child brain development and its impact on behaviour, learning & socialization. It's informative and fun!

WHEN: Friday, 3 November 9.00-11am
WHERE: Room 10 - Allied Health Team Office (opposite Library)
RSVP: 1 November - please let our admin staff or Julie Leech know that you are attending. Please also indicate if you require child care.

COMMUNITY HUB

Breakfast Club
8:30am till 8:50am everyday
All students welcome!
Come have breakfast with fellow students in the canteen area

English Classes in Term Four
Seeking new members!

Topics covered in Term Four
1. Locating health and medical information.
   Engage in conversations about recognising health conditions, describing the symptoms associated with common illnesses, recognising appropriate actions to take to manage common illnesses and injuries and locating medical support in the local area.
2. Identifying settlement options.
   Discuss information on finding health practitioners and clinics, locating Medicare and Centrelink services, accessing interpreters and other language support and finding childcare, a local primary or secondary school.
3. Identifying Australian leisure activities.
   Discuss leisure activities in Australia, sources of information on leisure activities in Australia and language used to describe main types of leisure activities in Australia.

To join this class please come along on Tuesday to meet Jo the teacher or for more information please speak to Hub Leader Sophie Ph 9396 8211
LUNCH GUIDELINES

At St Albans Heights Primary School, we are a diverse community with many different food cultures and work schedules. Whilst it can be busy through the week, we encourage our students to bring along a healthy lunch. A healthy lunch provides the nourishment needed for children to learn effectively through the day.

The following rules now apply when bringing lunches to school.

RULES

Lunch should be packed in the morning and placed in the school bag. This develops independence and gets them ready for secondary school.

For food safety, please put any hot food in an insulated bag or thermos. Food will not be stored in a fridge or oven at school.

We do not accept fast food as appropriate lunch for students. Fast food such as McDonald’s, KFC, fish and chips or Hungry Jacks will be turned away.

Fast food cannot be “disguised” in other take away containers.

When food is turned away, the student will be provided with a cheese sandwich for lunch.

COMMUNITY NEWS
TEACHER LUNCH

All of staff at St. Albans Heights were spoilt with a fabulous lunch cooked up by our very clever and talented parents last term. As you can see from these happy smiling faces, everyone was impressed with the menu. In fact, one staff member was overheard saying ‘BEST LUNCH EVER!’

We can’t wait for the next one!

Thanks to all of the parents who helped out with the cooking on the day and for the fabulous lunch – we all LOVE, LOVE, LOVED IT!
### Hub Activities, Term Three 2017

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<td>11:50pm till 12:5pm Volunteers welcome to help out in the Kitchen Garden Program Contact Sophie or Fiona to sign up</td>
<td>12pm till 3pm Flexible English Class in the Play and Say Room <strong>Small children welcome</strong></td>
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CHICKEN NEWS.....

Just recently, the chickens that the Grade three and four students have been caring for all year made a trip to the Royal Melbourne Show. Three of the lovely ladies spent two weeks at the show laying eggs to be judged on the final day. We have been getting up to thirty eggs a week from the hens! The eggs have been sampled and tasted by the students in 3/4 A and breakfast club. Here are some photos of the students in Foundation visiting the chickens last term.
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