



St. Albans Meadows Primary School



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Important Events

Grade 6 Graduation	Monday 8 th December
3's & 4's Art Centre excurs.	Monday 8 th December
School Council Meeting	Tuesday 9 th December
Grade 6 Orientation Day	Tuesday 9 th December
2's Excursion & Dinner	Tuesday 9 th December
5's Adventure Park excurs.	Wednesday 10 th December
4's Highpoint excurs.	Wednesday 10 th December
6's Luna Park excurs.	Thursday 11 th December
3's Docklands excurs.	Thursday 11 th December
Christmas Assembly	Friday 12 th December 2.20PM.
6's End of Year excurs.	Tuesday 16 th December
Grade 4's Highpoint excurs.	Tuesday 16 th December
Grade 2 Excursion	Tuesday 16 th Decmeber
Preps & 6's Teddy Bears Picnic	Wednesday 17 th December
1's Hoyts excurs.	Wednesday 17 th December
End of Year Reports on Xuno	Thursday 18 th December
Step Up Day & Class Parties	Thursday 18 th December
Term 4 Ends (1.30PM)	Friday 19 th December
2026 School Year Starts	Tuesday 27 th January 2026
Pupil-free Day	Wednesday 28 th January 2026
Grades 1 to 6 Commence	Thursday 29 th January 2026
Preps Commence	Friday 30 th January 2026

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NEW LETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The 2025 school year is rapidly approaching an end, but there is still much to be done and much to celebrate. Next year's Prep children had their orientation day today and are well prepared to start school in 2026. Thank you to Mrs. D'angelo for running such a successful school readiness program, and thank you also to all the staff who supported her. It was a great team effort!

Next Monday 8th December, our Grade 6 children will have their Graduation evening, celebrating their seven years of Primary Schooling, and all the work of so many wonderful staff over their journey. A special thank you to Mr. Eliopoulos, Mrs. Naicker and Ms. Nguyen for the outstanding work they have done with our children in their final year.

Next week also has a number of celebratory end of year excursions as well as a Christmas Assembly on Friday 12th December at 2.20PM. You are all invited to this assembly in the school's Basketball Stadium.

We are also hopeful that our new Grades 1&2 Adventure Playground will have its installation started by Thursday 4th December. This is truly exciting and will complete Adventure Playground provisioning for every student.

Staffing for 2026 is almost complete with the following new teachers joining us: Natalie Edwards (P-1 Leader), Doreen Tzivanidis (P.E.), Anna Quach (Grade 4 for 3 days per week) and Ana Viskovic (Grade 6 for 2 days per week).

We thank and farewell the following staff:

Mr. Harris, who is moving interstate to be with family. Mike has had a wonderful career at our school over many years and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Alex Avramoski and Ms. Amy Jeffreys, who are both leaving to work at schools closer to where they are living. Alex and Amy completed their teaching qualifications whilst working at S.A.M.P.S., and will take with them outstanding training and preparation for their careers. I wish them both well.

Mrs. Sue Gough one of our long serving Education Support Staff is retiring after 20 odd years of service, I thank Sue for her service and wish her well.

I, too, will be finishing at the end of this year, after starting as Assistant Principal/P.E. teacher at S.A.M.P.S. in 1990. I have made the difficult decision to retire, but know that the school is in excellent shape with amazing staff and programs to take it forward. I started with the Education Department as a student teacher in 1968, and have enjoyed unbroken service for the past 57 years, so it is time. Having the privilege of leading St. Albans Meadows as Principal since 1996 has certainly been a highlight. During these 30 years there has been enormous change many challenges and opportunities. I am very proud of what has been achieved and I thank and acknowledge everyone who has contributed and supported me in leading our amazing community.

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NEWS LETTER

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The Education Department is currently working with the School Council to appoint a suitable replacement Principal. This is quite a rigorous process and we can be assured that due diligence will be adhered to. Hopefully, an appointment can be made by year's end. In the meantime, I want to acknowledge the outstanding work of our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Ross, our Wellbeing Department leaders Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. D'angelo, our Literacy leader and coach, Ms. Blake, our Maths leader and coach, Mrs. Gioia, our Specialist Teachers leader Mrs. Rio, and our Department leaders, Mr. Eliopoulos and Mr. Gath.

I could not have asked for a more dedicated and hardworking leadership team in my final year, and I'm sure the incoming Principal will be supported in seamlessly transitioning into the Principal position. They will also be well supported by a very talented and stable staff, and I wish whoever becomes the Principal, every success.

Finally, I would like to thank our school council members for their input and support this year. I wish President, Stanley Koh well, as he works through the new Principal appointment process with the recently formed committee. Our next school council meeting, which is due on Tuesday 9th December, may need to be changed to accommodate this process. Council members will be informed if, and when, this is necessary.

Enjoy your week,
Steve Crockford.

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