

Aiming For Excellence In Education

School Values:

**RESPECT, ATTITUDE,
CO-OPERATION, ENVIRONMENT**

Mission Statement:

Airly Primary School commits to a respectful, co-operative, safe and inclusive learning environment.



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SCHOOL EVENTS: TERM 1 February - Dates to remember

Friday 12th -	Breakfast Club
Monday 22nd -	School Council
Wednesday 24th -	Swimming Lessons begin



It's been great getting to know our new students as they settle in to school life at Airly PS. The new students have certainly been learning about our values with most of our daily ACE rewards going to new students! Well done to them. Airly's school values are Respect, Attitude, Cooperation and Environment. Together, we say you R ACE. This week we are focusing on RESPECTing our peers by working quietly. We also expect three rules to be followed: Do it the first time, Hands off and say no to violence. Next week we will focus on ATTITUDE and practice showing a good attitude by following instructions the first time and saying, 'Yes! I'll give that a go.'

Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately our annual celebration of swimming has been cut due to Covid restricting large numbers of students from different schools being in the same place at the same time. This year, there will be heats. These heats are for students who are able to swim 50 meters confidently and without stopping. This allows us to select a group of swimmers to compete at the next level.

Welcome to new parents

A huge welcome to all of our new families and to the Parents Club who organised an outdoor Afternoon Tea last week.

Testing

There has been lots of assessment happening in the school. Basically we're testing your students to find out the best place to direct our teaching to have the best impact on student outcomes. We are also testing to find out which students are eligible for the Government's tutoring program.

Designing Grade 6 Shirts

For the first time ever, our Grade six students will be able to purchase a grade 6 shirt. This is a ground-breaking event...many students in the past have asked for this opportunity. Currently, we are in the design process. Students from grades 3-6 had an art session reviewing 'line' and then thought about what line work would suit their shirts. We have narrowed it down to two of the student's designs and will review and make adjustments today. Then we will go into JSM and put an order in!

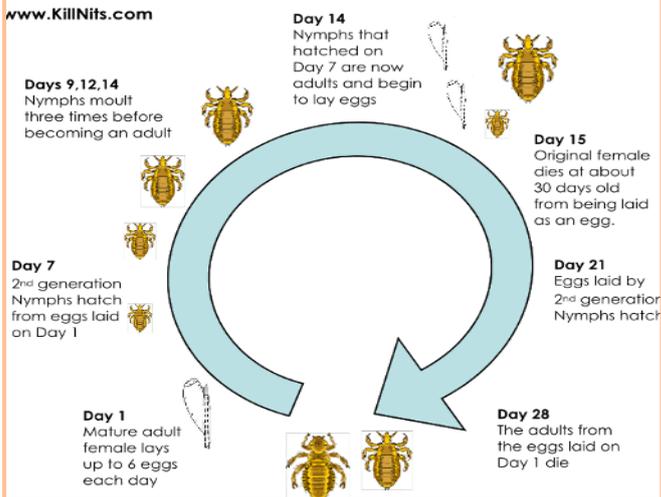
Working With Children Check

ALL parents/adults volunteering at our school or on an excursion MUST have a Working With Children Check. This requires an application form from the Post Office and a passport photo being taken. A Volunteer WWCC is free to those applying. Please check to make sure your card is valid, and see the School Office if you need more information.

SSP

SSP stands for Systematic Synthetic Phonics. Airly PS teaches students how to read and write using an SSP approach. This is current best practice for teaching. We ask that students sound words out if they don't know them (or at higher levels think about the word parts). When reading with your child, it is really important to not use the old 'look at the picture' or 'look at the first letter and guess' clues. We don't want children guessing what the word is. We need them to read it. We have streamed our students into 5 groups who meet up for 20 minutes every morning after assembly. It is vital your child is not late to school or they will miss this important session. If you would like any information about SSP see your teacher, Mrs Ski or Miss Carter.

Life cycle of Head lice



Head Lice

There has been a case of head lice reported to our school. Please check your child/ren's head for any signs of lice. If any are found, please treat immediately. Children may return to school after treatment has been carried out. We would appreciate notification to the school if head lice are found. All parents should keep a regular watch for head lice.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Day off – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts. "

Download our school app for free!

Why download the app?

- Receive instant notifications for important news.
- Easily register absentees and excursions.
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

Download instructions:

- Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
- Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
- Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

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2021 TERM DATES

Term 1

Wednesday 27th January (Student's first day is Friday 29th January) to Thursday 1st April

Term 2

Monday 19th April to Friday 25th June

Term 3

Monday 12th July to Friday 17th September

Term 4

Monday 4th October to Friday 17th December

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at 9.00am. Students should be here by 8.50am.

Morning recess is from 11.00 to 11.30am.
Lunch is from 1.00 to 1.45pm.
School finishes at 3.15pm.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time at Airly PS, please ask for a form from the office.

*Regards - Geri, Sarah, Mitch,
Jody, Emma, Kerrie, Alison,
Emily and Jacinta*

