

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 3 - Dates to remember

- 25th July - Grade 5/6 camp (Expression of Interest forms due back.)
- 25th July - Dental forms due back.
- 25th July - School Council
- 27th July - 101 Days of Prep
- 27th July - Swimming
- 28th July - Athletics Day
- 3-5 August - Grade 3/4 Camp (Woorabinda Camp)

On Monday afternoon, we all got together to run through a short Borun and Tuk play with older students leading their younger peers. Then when Mr Bennett's class went to Greg for ukulele, the middle and junior grades studied some aboriginal dance. Aboriginal Dance is used for storytelling and passing on lessons through the generations. Many dances include native animals and we looked at a honeybee dance from WA and then got a little more contemporary by having a go at Move it Mobstyle, (easily found online and lots of high energy fun). Next time the junior and middle group meet we will look at some more native animal dances and consider what a Borun and Tuk dance might look like.

Our gardening afternoon on Tuesday was busy with lots of students clearing their areas. Wendy's group planted some apple seeds. How amazing would it be to grow a few apple trees?! After we continued on with another few chapters from The Wild Robot. One interesting question that came up was 'do robots have emotions?' We think Roz might.

Our Term 3 Swimming Program began on Wednesday and it was great to see so many smiles on faces at the pool! Students were split into six ability groups across two pools. I got in with the younger groups and actually came away with a very important message. Kids need to be explicitly taught to stand in the water: it's not a natural action. This became obvious to me when I was helping one of our students to float and then told him to stand up and he needed assistance to do that. The teacher in the group told me that many kids drown in very shallow water because they have fallen into the water and they haven't stood up. Our other focus was putting our head under the water while blowing bubbles. Kids could practice this in the bath (with adult supervision of course). Students will need to bring bathers and a towel every Wednesday. Goggles are helpful but not compulsory.

It's been a cold week and Thursday morning got to -2. Students were super excited to play with the ice that had formed all over our environment and there were squeals of delight at finding solid drops at the end of plants and the water taps. At assembly we discussed the science of liquids turning into solids and becoming liquids again.

On the topic of academic study, the senior grade has had a focus on writing Informative Texts – being able to structure, plan and implement effective tools to write an informed piece. In maths they are studying the concept of fractions and how to use them to solve problems. Emily's class is looking at ecosystems and Reuben was eager to share what he'd learnt about trees with me before school on Friday! The junior room is enjoying poetry and practicing uplevelling their sentences by adding an adjective to describe the noun. In maths they are making groups of ten as well as looking at coins.

Check out our new website at <http://www.airlyps.vic.edu.au> newsletters will be available via it soon!

Next week we look forward to a cluster athletics day on Thursday. We haven't had a full athletics day for two years so this will be very exciting for the many students who have never experienced a full cluster sports day. As the attached note says, students are to be dropped off and picked up from the Little Aths oval. There will be no one at school on this day.

Despite it only being July, schools and staff are starting to plan ahead for next year. We would really like to keep three classes going again next year and lock in our contract staff. If you have a child you wish to enrol at our wonderful school, please contact the office for an enrolment form as soon as possible. We also ask that if any of our current families are aware of any potential new families to our school, that they ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible. We will say goodbye to six grade sixes this year so it would be great to have six new preps!

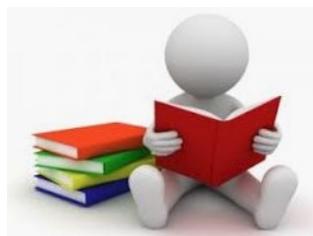
Congratulations to our ACE card award winners. Well done for demonstrating our school values.

18th July	Arlo	Completing challenging sound work.
19th July	Maleki	Sorting rubbish.
20th July	Birdie	Pushing the chairs in.
21st July	Julian	Helping Mrs Pearce set up morning activities.
22nd July	Maddix	Being ready for learning straight away.

ACE CARDS

Congratulations to the following students on receiving **20** cards:

Jackson & Arlo



****READING****

100 nights

**Ali
Maleki
Sianna
Zeph
Winnie**

Well done and keep enjoying your reading.

Fantastic Effort.

It's just a cold, I'll be alright



This winter don't be caught by surprise
protect yourself, your family and the school
community

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22nd July - Arlo

*Regards - Geri, Mitch, Sarah, Jody,
Wendy, Emily, Kerrie, Mary,
Caitlin, Leonie and Teena.*

