

## 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 4 - Dates to remember**

8th November	MARC Van
9th November	Gymnastics
11th November	Remembrance Day

## **END OF YEAR EVENTS:**

12th December	Grade 6 Day Out
14th December	Grade 6 Graduation Night
15th December	Christmas Concert
16th December	Last day of school for students

As we picked up our art entries from the Sale Show on Monday, a steward cheerfully lamented the number of times she'd had to write Airly on our winning garden entries over the weekend. We actually won so many prizes for our snow peas, broad beans and flowers, that we scored the aggregate award! We also got some cash that had been kindly donated by the Sale Medical Centre. That money has already been reinvested into the garden. The garden is an important project at Airly. Alongside students participating in the growth cycle of food and enjoying new and healthy tastes, it is also a place of mindfulness. Next year, our KESO, will be helping us to add some bush tucker. We hope to learn associated Gunai Kurnai language alongside this.

Talking of gardens, the succulent garden outside the Junior and Middle classrooms has been cleared and is being readied for a grazing garden. We're going to start with strawberries and cherry tomatoes. We hope this garden will be an everchanging grazing plate. Somebody suggested we would have to net the garden to protect the strawberries from birds. If those birds can beat Willow, I wish them luck. Seriously though, I kind of hope the birds will be an issue because then the students will have to problem solve a realistic issue.

Emily's room is currently displaying the winning entries from the photography and drawing sections. Feel free to drop in and have a look before they go home. Being a competition, not every student won a prize, however all of the work was representative of effort put in over several mindful art / gardening sessions as well as an early morning session before school. It was challenging for some students who had missed the classes, but many caught up.

While we understand illness, appointments and the odd family holiday, it is very important that your child attends school every day. Otherwise they miss chunks of learning which can be very challenging to make up. If you were building a house, you wouldn't want the brickie to miss random chunks. The Department's Policy on Absenteeism states: **"There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind"**.

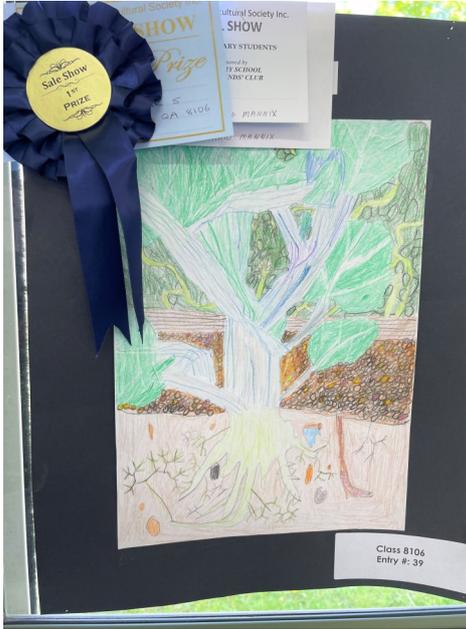
This week's gymnastics was all about flips, and Sianna summed it up well with 'scary but fun'. Senior students enjoyed performing forward flips from various apparatus.

I was excited to work in the P-1 room this week, and had some great fun talking about the elements of fairy tales and creating our own magical characters. Eli's stinky armpit man had us all giggling, especially when stinky armpit man was able to magically grow those hairs and plait them to make a bridge and save a character. I am going to challenge parents with some homework though as I notice many of the students are writing digits or letters backwards. All students who practice handwriting at home under the watchful eye of an adult will be awarded 2 ACE cards.

Planning is well underway for 2023. If you know anyone who would like to join our beautiful rural school where relationships are important and our values drive excellence, let us know. Everything has a flow on effect and our student numbers will dictate staff numbers.

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

2nd November	Whole School	Fantastic effort for all entries in The Sale Show
3rd November	Sebastian	Using a strategy for 'ok' sound. Great positive attitude.
4th November	Opal	Auslan finger spelling game.



**IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY**

If your child is unwell then please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Absences from school for shopping, Birthdays etc. are not helping your child to learn. If you have to make appointments for the dentist, doctor or specialist please try to make these after school if possible.

**Department of Education and Training regulations require that parents/guardians inform the school of their child's absence. This can be done via the School Stream app or calling the school.**



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