

Dear parents and caregivers,

This year at Aldgate Primary has been one of continued growth, connection and shared achievement. As a school community, we have continued to build a culture where every child is known, supported and inspired to thrive. It has been a year filled with learning, collaboration and moments of real pride, and I want to thank each and every one of you for being part of that.

I'd like to extend my deep appreciation to our teachers and School Services Officers for their dedication, professionalism and care for our students. Their commitment to high quality learning and wellbeing is evident every day, and it is their effort that enables our students to flourish.

Thank you to our Governing Council for their ongoing leadership, partnership and advocacy. Your work in supporting strategic decisions and championing our OSHC service in 2025 has strengthened our school and ensured we continue to meet the needs of our families. Our OSHC space will be undergoing an amazing transformation next year - watch this space! Our fundraising team have done a spectacular job again of raising around \$12 300, with our Quiz Night a highlight of the calendar! We appreciate your time, energy and robust conversations about school improvement planning. Thank you to Jess and the OSHC team for planning and organising another fantastic (and virtually sold out) Vac Care program for these upcoming holidays.

This year marked the first successful year of our Student Parliament, led with maturity, positivity and initiative of our Parliament Leaders, Maddie and Jordy. They modelled student voice in action, and we are excited to see this continue to grow as a key part of school leadership. Our student parliament representatives met up twice per term and have completed amazing tasks this year such as; writing and filming our own Acknowledgement of Country, initiating lunch time clubs, naming our classroom spaces and suggesting ideas for our school's 2026 Improvement Plan.

We are proud of our students' sporting achievements and the way they represent our school with teamwork, courage and joy. Whether competing, supporting one another, or simply giving something a go, students have contributed to a strong, spirited culture of participation. A big shout out goes to Mr Grigg for his fantastic sports program and SAPSASA support, and to Mr Huff for running our fantastic volleyball program.

Our environmental and sustainability initiatives continued to strengthen this year. Students engaged in hands-on learning that deepened their understanding of care for the environment and community responsibility. These projects have enriched our site and fostered stewardship and pride. Winning the Coles and Planet Ark Sustainability Grant late this year will ensure we can set up a propagation area for our community and school to use. This propagation area will allow us to collaborate with the volunteers at the Aldgate Valley Landcare Group so we can further enrich our surrounding environment for local flora and fauna, as well as build our students knowledge, understanding and connection to land.

Beyond the classroom, our students participated in a range of enriching activities that expanded learning and brought our curriculum to life. These experiences are part of what makes Aldgate Primary a vibrant place to learn and belong; STEM showcases, Big Business, excursions, visual arts projects, Bike Ed to name a few. Our Arts program with Steve continues to thrive, with our choir taking part in the Festival of Music, our instrumental program growing and the purchasing of more instruments through our Music Education Grant. Our end of year concert was a tremendous success thanks to Steve and the students' performance skills. Not only does Nic Strevens inspire science wonderings in class, his organisation of our participation in the Mark Oliphant Science Awards each year allows many of our students to excel in this area.

We have also continued to invest in improving our physical environment, ensuring our school remains well-equipped, welcoming and future-focused. These improvements have included our new footy goals, classroom painting, murals by Taylr Jay representing our school values, new junior primary furniture and with a new bank of laptops arriving next year.

Thank you for your support, kindness and shared belief in what we can achieve together. We look forward to continuing this journey in the year ahead so our students can have a great 2026 and beyond!

We will see you back at school on the 27th January 2026.

Warm regards,

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