

Alexandra Primary School

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RESPECT

CARE

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Term 2, Week 9

Looking forward to 2021!

We are already talking about enrolments for 2021. Due to the restrictions regarding access to our school, we invite interested families to contact us either by email or telephone prior to coming in to school. Naturally, when normality returns, we welcome visitors any time!

Navigating the social world of school!

Bullying

I have five children, I know that feeling of dread when you hear your child says that they are being bullied at school; the anger that nobody has done anything to stop it; the pain that you are unable to be there to fix it; the devastation of the mental image of your child being hurt or upset.

I am also a teacher. I know how much every person in our school cares for the students here. I know the work that goes into ensuring the safety of the children. I know the teaching and learning that happens around this problem. I know how often the problem is actually bullying and not just an argument or an issue arising from a lack of social skills.

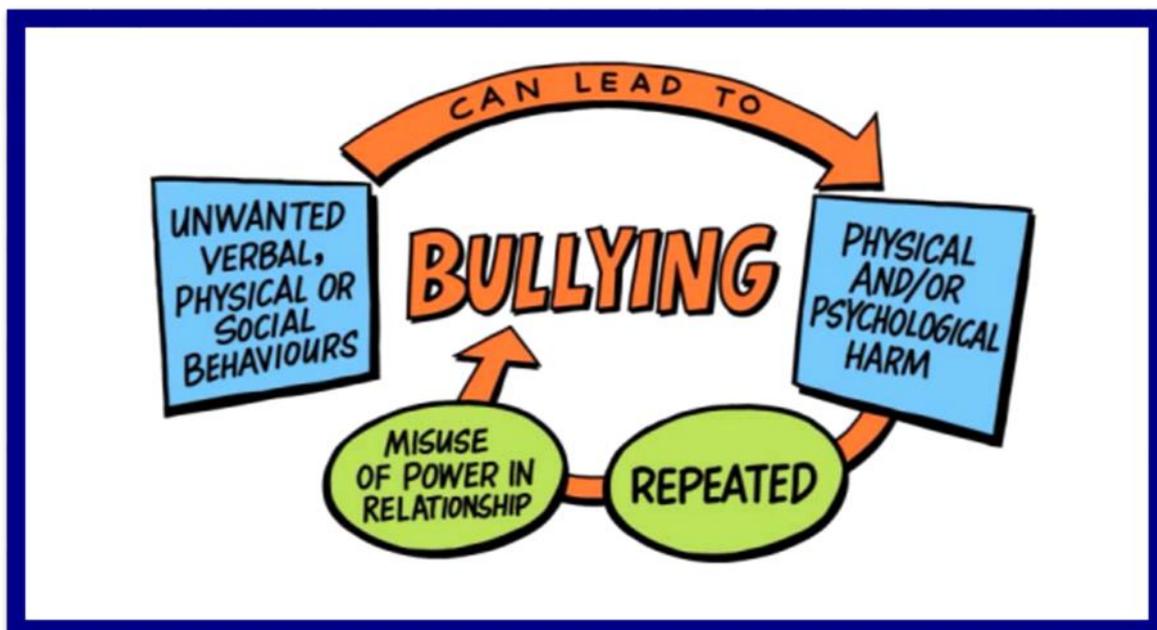
When is it bullying?

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/WhatIsBullying/DefinitionOfBullying>

What to do if your child tells you they are being bullied.

You should contact the school immediately if your child's safety is at risk.

- Stay calm and positive your response guides your child. You are only receiving one side of the story right now. Let the school do the investigating. Your job is to listen to your child without judging.
- Discuss and practice strategies for face to face bullying. Encourage your child to tell a teacher. Tell them to stay away from the other child until this is sorted out. Ask them to play with people they feel safe with.
- Do not advise your child to fight with the other child. Fighting creates a second issue. No fight is an acceptable fight!
- Report the bullying to the school. We can not help if we don't know anything about the issue. We are responsible for investigating the issue. It is important to us that everyone in our school feels safe.



Where can you go for help?

[Bullying No Way website](#)

[Kids Help Line](#)

[The Bully Project](#)

[Department of Education](#)

Alexandra Primary School!

We are open for business...but differently!

Our Administration area is open and we are in! Even though we are looking more flash than ever, we are still working with Covid 19 restrictions. If you need us, you must phone first.

If you are collecting children early, we will deliver them to your car.

If you are dropping off children late, send them in to us.

If you want to chat to a teacher, telephone or email first.

Happy learning!

Vicky Draper

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Reminders...

- ✓ Students require a water bottle for school. **There will be no drink taps open at all!**
- ✓ Name all school uniform
- ✓ Leggings are not part of our school uniform (girls are welcome to wear pants!)

Finishing Time	Grade
3.10	Foundation and 1/2B
3.15	1/2A and 4/5
3.20	3/4, 5/6A and 5/6B

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Ollie Gelbert

Ollie is an insightful student who always does his personal best. His kind and considerate manner makes him a great asset in the classroom. Ollie is kind and considerate in the yard which means he always has plenty of friends around him. We are proud to have you in our learning community, Ollie. You are a STAR!



HONOUR ROLL

*Mitchell Rowntree
Oberon Russell
Noah Jack
Claire Hemming
Cheyanne Richards
Jaidyn Dimech
Ivy Miljkovic
Indi Hoornweg
Juliet Kirkpatrick
Max Bristow
Charli Edwards
Lizzie Rowntree
Zoe Gibb
Aiden Campbell*

*Megan Kendall
Nikita Lyttle
Charlie Francis
Miles Farley
Harper Williamson
Phoebe Kidd
Chase Stevenson
Zoe Mullins
Special mention: Mitchell Forden*

Community News

More lunch box fun...

CHOCOLATE BLISS BALLS!

Ingredients

1 cup rolled oats

2 tablespoons cacao powder or cocoa powder

12 pitted fresh dates

1 cup desiccated coconut

2 tablespoons Maple Syrup

2 tablespoons desiccated coconut, extra to coat

Method

Step 1

Process rolled oats, cacao powder or cocoa powder, dates, 1 cup desiccated coconut and maple syrup in a food processor until almost smooth and well combined

Step 2

Place another 2 tablespoons desiccated coconut on a plate. Roll 2-tablespoons portions of mixture into balls. Roll in coconut to evenly coat. Place on a lined tray in the fridge for 1 hour or until set. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.