Dear Parents & Students,

You and your family are invited to

ALBANY RISE PS for Christmas Carols!

On the asphalt
(Students please bring a cushion)

AND

B.B.Q. on the school oval

OR

BYO: Picnic dinner & rug

Thursday, 10th December
5.00 – 7.00pm

Looking forward to having parents join us to celebrate and enjoy.

Children:

Please wear Christmas colours

Merry Christmas

Raffle on the Night
$2 ea or 3 for $5
Buy from the 7th at the office or on the night

Carols, Candy Canes B.B.Q. Picnic Wahoo!! It's Christmas
12th NOVEMBER, 2015

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**Last day of 2015. ASSEMBLY @ 12.45**

**Early dismissal 1.30pm.**

All students must be collected by 1.45pm as school will be locked and unsupervised from this time.

First Day of 2016 for Students
THURSDAY 28th JANUARY

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**UNIFORM ORDERS FOR 2016 START OF YEAR**

Dear Parents,

Please ensure uniform orders for 2016 start of year are sent to the office by TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER. This will ensure delivery of your order before the start of the 2016 school year. Uniform orders will be available for payment and collection on book collection day. There will be no sales on the day.

Thank You. Janine and Cathie

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**SCHOOL KIDS BONUS**

SchoolKids Bonus helps with education costs and is automatically paid in January and July. SchoolKids Bonus is being phased out. The final instalment will be paid in July 2016. For further information please go to the website:


Thank you

Cathie Fulton
Business Manager
Albany Rise Primary School
03 9547 1146

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**LAST ICY POLE FRIDAY FOR 2015**

Icy-poles are available from the CANTEEN every Friday for just 80c (correct change please)
Market Day
Our year 6 students enjoyed an excellent Market Day event on Friday 27th November. It was obvious that all of the students (and some parents) had put in an enormous amount of work to have each stall so well organised, with equipment, products, floats and displays all presented thoughtfully on the day. Students in all year levels enjoyed visiting the Market, and year 6 students will enjoy using the proceeds by having a special outing as part of their graduation activities. An excellent learning experience for all involved.

Junior School Council Break Up
It was wonderful to meet with our Junior school council group last week to enjoy a lunch together and meet for the last time in 2015. This group have all been excellent ambassadors for their classes and for the school. Thank you to all the members of JSC for their hard work this year. Well Done to: Jasper, Bilaal, Alice, Aden, Isabella, Aarav, Amanda, Ranmi, Kosta, Millie, Marko, Haylee and Liza.
Student Free days 2016
(School Council approved these days at the meeting on 18th November)

Wednesday, 27th January

Tuesday 15th March – Curriculum

Friday 20th May – Reporting

Monday, 25th July – Curriculum

Farewell Mrs. Parry-Fielder

This year we farewell Mrs. Jane Parry-Fielder with the year 6 graduates as she takes
the opportunity to retire after many years of service to the education community and
to Albany Rise Primary School. Jane first started teaching in 1970. She has been
with Albany Rise for 9 years and contributed to all areas of the school, in particular to
our year 6 and senior school area, and with younger students in the Library. We will
celebrate Jane’s final day at our last Assembly on 18th December, as we farewell her
with the year 6 graduates she has so capability taught this year. All the best, Jane!

Transition

Students in all year levels had an opportunity to spend time in the areas of the school they will be part of for
2016 on Tuesday 8th December. Whilst year 6 students were visiting their new secondary schools, students
across the school moved into spaces to see what life is like in the next year level. On Wednesday, 16th
December children will be going to their new classes and meeting their teacher.

Multi-age Classes

A few parents have asked questions in recent times about multi age classes. As a school we have not made a
move to either totally multi age or straight classes. Instead we have considered the children at each level and
what we as educators consider to be the best structure for students. There are many advantages and gains
with multi age classes. I have provided below an extract from a complete article which is available to parents at
the school office.

What is a multi-age class?

Multi-age teaching philosophy recognises the need for children to be observed and viewed in terms of each
aspect of development – cognitive, intellectual, social and physical.

Children are respected for the stage of development they are at and programs are planned so that they are
appropriate for each student. Thus the focus is more on the stage of development of each individual and less
on the chronological age.

In multi-age classes free interchange between children is supported; teachers are aware that chronological
and mental ages do not necessarily correspond: children with uneven development merge inconspicuously in
groups that suit their personal needs.

Our
Preferred method
of payment
What are the advantages of the multi-age classes?

- Children operate at their developmental level rather than their chronological stage of development
- Opportunity for children to be extended and all children to work at their own level
- Younger children become more independent more quickly
- Self-esteem is heightened as each child is encouraged to experience success
- Younger children accept responsibility for their learning more readily as they follow the example of older children in the classroom
- A focus on co-operation rather than competition
- Behavioural problems are lessened as children in a multi-age classroom become more caring and nurturing towards each other
- There is increased initiative, tolerance, self-motivation and co-operation in the learning process. Children are perceived to develop a more positive attitude to school

******Families leaving the school – Important******

Please assist us with planning for 2016 by providing written notification if, due to any reason, your child will not be attending our school next year.

***Last Day of Term***

Please note arrangements for the last day of term, Friday, 18th December. Students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm following a final whole-school assembly that commences at 12.45 pm. Parents are invited to attend the assembly on this day. Students are asked to bring a good morning snack due to the 1.30 finish, and please note there are no lunch orders on the last day. Students will not need to bring school bags on the last day as almost everything will have been sent home by Wednesday 16th December.

**Car Park**

A reminder that cars are not to enter the school car parks at the front or the back of the school. This parking is strictly for school staff and some authorised users. We have had concerns raised about children dropped off in the car park and also the use of the disabled car park. There is one disabled car park for use by just a couple of families in the school community. Thank you for your cooperation with this issue.

Kind regards
Judy Drew
Acting Principal
drew.judith.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEKS**

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**Well Done!!!!**
See the ARPS choir!

Outside David Jones store (upstairs)
The Glen Shopping Centre
2pm Sunday 13th December
ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Payments Policy

RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL: 18th November 2015 REVIEW DATE: 2016

The Education & Training Reform Act 2006 empowers school councils to charge parents for goods and services used in the course of instruction of their children, as well as to raise funds. As the quality and variety of educational programs offered by our school are enhanced, School Council requests payment from parents for Essential student materials and services charges, and for modest voluntary financial contributions.

PURPOSE:

1.1 To provide high quality learning opportunities for all students, by supplementing government funds with approved financial contributions and payments from parents.

1.2 To ensure school-level parent payment processes are compliant with the Department’s policy requirements.

GUIDELINES:

2.1 School Council supplements Department of Education funds by requesting payments from parents for the following items:-

A, Essential Education Items which parents and guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide eg: stationery, booklists, text books and uniforms etc

B, Optional Extras which are offered on a user pays basis and parents can choose whether or not their child participates eg: instrumental music tuition, camps, extra curricula activities such as UNSW academic competitions, etc.

2.2 In addition, School Council invites parents to make donations by means of:-

C, Voluntary Financial Contributions which are non-compulsory donations for specific projects eg: buildings and grounds.

2.3 Parents will be made aware of the costs associated with Essential Items payments and voluntary contributions a minimum by December of the previous school year, along with a recommended payments schedule.

2.4 The payments schedule will include details relating to all payments, essential payment dates, clear definitions of the category of any payments (ie: Essential, Optional or Voluntary).

2.5 The payment schedule will provide advice to parents to contact the Principal if they require support or additional information in relation to parent payments.

2.6 School Council will determine the Essential Items, Optional Extras and Voluntary amount payable on a yearly basis. The total amount payable per student will be based on indicative revenue and prior trends from Subject Contributions collected from parents, as per finance reports.

2.7 Parents will be encouraged and supported to apply for CSEF payments to support payment of expenses relating to Camps, Sports and Excursions.

2.8 All payments and non-payments will be strictly confidential. The public identification of students or their parents where payments have or have not been received will not occur.
2.9 All costs and processes associated with parent payments and voluntary contributions will be reasonable, will be defensible in relation to Department of Education requirements, and will be within the expectations and capacity of the school community.

2.10 As with all parent payments to the school, Council will provide opportunities for all parents experiencing financial difficulties to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the principal.

2.11 Invoices for unpaid Essential Items and Optional Extras will be mailed to all parents entering into payment plans with the school, with requests for Voluntary Financial Contributions to occur in February each year. Only the initial invitation for voluntary contributions and one reminder notice per year is sent to all parents/guardians.

2.12 Unpaid Essential Items payments will not result in any detriment by the school to the student or family. Unpaid Optional Extras payments may compromise a student's ability to be involved in the optional activity in question. Unpaid Voluntary Financial Contributions do not constitute a non-payment and will not result in any detriment by the school to the student or family.

2.13 Receipts are issued to parents immediately upon payment and receipted on CASES 21.

2.14 Where school payments for Essential Items are not fully paid at the commencement of the school year, a payment schedule for the year will be agreed to between parent/s and the school.

2.15 No collectors of any type, including debt collectors, will be used to obtain funds from parents or students. Requests for voluntary financial contributions are limited to the initial notice to all parents and guardians and one reminder notice. It is not acceptable to use coercion or to harass parents and guardians for any payments.

2.16 The school does not withhold access to enrolment or advancement to the next year as a condition of payment for non-payment of any kind.

2.17 Payment requests, letter or invoices for Essential Educational Item charges must be accompanied with access to a copy of this policy.

2.18 The principal will ensure that all staff are aware of this policy and adhere to it.

References:


Principal: _______________________

School Council President: _______________________

Date ratified by School Council: _______________________

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