



# 'THE RISE' NEWS



**FOR 2015**



**February 4th, 2015**

<b>TERM CALENDAR</b>		
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Twilight Working Bee 4.00- 6.00pm</b>
Wed.	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	1/2 Information Session – 5.30pm 3/4 Information Session – 6.00pm
Wed.	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	School Council 7.00pm
Thur.	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Celebration Day for Quality Beginnings—Parents & family welcome
Fri.	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Quality Beginnings Assembly
Mon.	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Parent Partnerships Session 1
Mon.	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Grade 6 'Peer Mediation' Training Part 2
Tues.	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Prep Information Session and BBQ
Wed.	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	5/6 Meet and Greet Interviews
Mon.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	Parent Partnerships Session 2
Thurs.	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Parent Association Meeting in Function Room—3.45pm
Mon.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.	Parent Partnerships Session 3
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	<b><u>Student Free Day</u></b> <b><u>First Aid Training for all staff.</u></b>
Mon.	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Labour Day holiday.
Thurs.	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Multicultural Day
Wed. – Fri.	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	3/4 Camp
Mon.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.	Parent Forum
Fri.	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Term one concludes – dismissal at 2.30pm.
Mon.	13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>Term two commences</u></b>
Wed.	15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>Student Photos</u></b>
Wed.	29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>Student Free Day</u></b>
Tues – Thurs.	12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>NAPLAN</u></b>
Mon. – Fri.	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b><u>Education Week</u></b> <b><u>Open Night 19<sup>th</sup> May</u></b>
Mon.	8 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	Queen's Birthday holiday.
Fri.	26 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	Term two concludes – 2.30 dismissal.
Mon.	13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>Term three commences</u></b>
Wed. & Thurs.	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b><u>Musical</u></b> Rowville SC Performing Arts Centre
Fri.	18 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	<b><u>Term three concludes</u></b>
Mon.	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Term four commences
Tues.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	Melbourne Cup Day
Fri.	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Last day of 2015. Early dismissal 1.30pm.

**Apologies: Conflicting dates published.**

In last week's newsletter we published two different dates for our **April Student Free Day**.

The correct date is Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> April.



## Albany Rise Primary School Mission

Our mission at Albany Rise Primary School is to develop students who value learning throughout their lives, strive to achieve and are literate and numerate. We aim to produce confident and empathetic students who are global citizens equipped to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **School Captains for 2015**

I am delighted to present our school captains for 2015.

These children were selected in 2014 following the completion of a speech to their peers, a peer voting process and an interview. The captains have already had the opportunity to lead a whole school assembly and they have demonstrated very quickly their ability to fulfil these important leadership positions in our school.

Our School Captains, House Captains and other school leaders will be presented with their badges by Mr Hugh Blaikie, Principal of Wellington SC, at a special assembly on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.



*School Captains: (from left) Cody – Vice Captain, Brooklyn – Captain, Brad – Captain, Thivina – Vice Captain.*

### **Parent Association and Class Parent Representative program**

We are requesting that parents consider attending our first Parent Association meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Fund raising and community events are critical to our school. They assist with building and uniting our school community and also provide funds which directly improve resources for the learning of the children. We welcome new parents and greatly appreciate your input.

This year we are implementing for the first time a 'Class Parent Representative Program'. Each class will have one or two parents who liaise with the class teacher to assist with communication with other parents in the class; gaining assistance for class or whole school events and generally building the channels of communication to support families. Each Parent Representative will form part of a team which meets to gain assistance in their role. I will meet with this team to provide support and advice on a regular basis.

I hope that we have parents who will offer to take on these roles. Your involvement will be greatly valued and really appreciated.

## **School Council Elections**

This process commences next week with nominations being called Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Nominations close at 4 pm on Monday, February 16 and the process will be completed by March 6<sup>th</sup>. Information for parents is attached to this newsletter and nomination forms may be obtained from the school office. There are four parent member category positions to be filled and two DET employee members. I encourage all members of the school community to consider nominating for School Council.

## **Student Safety**

Two items which are regularly a concern are the use of the staff car park and children (and parents) not using the crossing. Both of these issues present safety concerns.

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. The front car park gate will be shut at 8.45 each morning. Thank you for your cooperation with this issue.

It has come to my attention that some children are not using the school crossing. It's important that children use the crossing and that adults set the example here. Please remind your children of this important road safety rule.

## **Personal property brought to school**

Please be aware of the following DET policy in relation to personal property which is brought to school:

*'Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.'*

*Please note the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.'*

## **Updating Medical Information**

It is important for families to consider any changed medical needs of their children and ensure that we have up to date records regarding asthma, anaphylaxis, allergies or other conditions that may impact on the children at school. Please contact your child's teacher or Janine in the office to discuss these or any other related notifications.

Kind regards  
Belinda Jones  
Principal

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## **ART SMOCKS**

There are a large number of Art Smocks in the Art room that were not collected at the end of last year. Students have all had the opportunity to collect their smocks during each Art session since school has returned. The large number of unnamed Art Smocks means returning them to their owners is very challenging.

Parents are encouraged to look through the baskets in the foyer outside the Hall and collect unclaimed Art Smocks.  
**Any smocks which are unclaimed after 13<sup>th</sup> February will be disposed of.**

## **School Policies available online**

Every month the Education Subcommittee meets to develop and review school policies relating to a range of school management, curriculum and administration practices. Many of these policies are available on the school website: <http://www.albanyrise-ps.vic.edu.au/current/>

*Parents are encouraged to join the Education Subcommittee meetings to provide much needed parent input into decisions relating to school programs and practices.*

# **BOOK AMNESTY!!**



**MANY, MANY BOOKS ARE STILL MISSING FROM ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL from LAST YEAR. This includes classroom readers as well as LIBRARY BOOKS.**

**To ensure our library is stocked again with all its rightful books we ask for students to please RETURN any books they still have at home.**

**All Albany Rise library books have an Albany Rise PS barcode on the back cover so they are very easy to recognise.**

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL BOX OUTSIDE THE OFFICE DOOR FOR YOUR RETURNS.**



**NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!**



**First Parent Association Meeting for 2015**

**THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY @ 3.45PM**

**Function Room. Afternoon Tea provided.**



**All parents welcome!**



Red and Yellow Day for Chinese (Lunar) New Year

**Free dress Day- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

In LOTE we have been learning about Chinese New Year which falls on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, and students felt this would be a good day to hold a fundraiser for State Schools Relief.

Students can wear *red*, *yellow* or *red and yellow*. Gold coin donations will be taken for this very worthy cause. I'm looking forward to seeing a sea of red and yellow on the day!

Mrs Lee- LOTE/ Music teacher.

**Please be advised—students left at the office after 3.45 pm on will be sent to OSHClub and parents charges accordingly.**

**You must enrol via their website - [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)**

**LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION SHAVE FOR A CURE**

One of our very brave parents, ANGELA HAYES, is having her head shaved for this very wonderful cause and is hoping to raise some funds for the

**LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION.**

If you would be willing to sponsor Angela you can place your donation in the box provided at the front office OR go online to:

*Leukaemia Foundation.org.au/angelahayes* OR go to her facebook page.

Donations in cash over \$10.00 can be claimed on tax ...just leave your details at the office for a receipt. Donations made on-line will be issued with an receipt via email.

Before and after photos of Angela will be posted on her facebook page.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

