### TERM CALENDAR

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**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**TOMORROW - Friday, 6th March**
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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 21st century.

Staff will be completing Level 2 First Aid Training

Golden Valleys Lodge 3/4 Camp 11th – 13th March

Our students in grades 3 and 4 are looking forward to participating in a 3 day camp at Golden Valleys Lodge in Flinders. We have 8 staff involved in the camp and over 70 excited children. Children will participate in bushwalking, a ropes course, a giant swing, kite making, archery and flying fox. Organising a school camp is a huge additional job for our teachers and education support staff. I am very grateful to them for their hard work which ensures a fantastic experience for the children. Through participating in camp children develop independence, responsibility, perseverance and many social skills – cooperation, getting along, encouraging others.

Extracurricular activities at Albany Rise

Across any given week a number of events and activities are conducted at our school. These range from excursions to instrumental music and sporting events. The next few weeks are a good example of the variety of extracurricular events offered. Across the school we have:

- 3/4 students on camp
- 1/2 student on and excursion to Heritage Hill
- Student leaders attending the Halogen leadership conference
- Interschool sport
- Newly trained peer mediators in the yard
- Cultural Diversity Day
- Tennis clinics
- Prep Grandparents and Special Visitors Day

Parent Association meeting

It was pleasing to have some new parents at our recent Parent Association meeting. A number of events and fundraisers have been planned across the year including: discos, Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls, special lunches and a Walk a thon. We would love to have more parents involved and hope that you can join us on Tuesday 14th April for our next meeting.

Staff Training

This week our teachers and education support staff will complete a Level 2 First Aid training course (on our student free day) and a 3 hour Anaphylaxis training course (after hours on Wednesday evening). The training has required the completion of a 3 hour on line module in addition to the onsite training. The commitment of our staff to ongoing training is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that smoking is banned in school grounds and buildings.

The smoking ban applies to:

- anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups.
- all activities that take place on school premises including outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.
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.’

Student Accident Insurance
The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Kind regards
Belinda Jones
Principal
jones.belinda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL
RECIPE BOOK
The Parent Association is keen to create a school recipe book containing recipes from families across our school. We would love parents to send their favourite recipe for us to include in the book. All recipes will be acknowledged with the family name.

Please send electronic copies only to:
albany.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please include ‘recipe book’ in the subject line of your e-mail and include your family name with the recipe. If your recipe is unique to your family background we’d love to know which country it’s from as we hope to be able to group recipes according to countries represented at our school.

Thank you in anticipation.
Parent Association
Albany Rise PS

Ray White

‘A huge thankyou to Karen Chernishov and Ray White Real Estate who arranged to have $1,200 paid to our school as a donation from school based business referrals.

Many thanks to Karen (an Albany Rise Primary School parent and school councillor) and the Jago and Easton families who made the referrals.’
Introducing the Albany Rise Green Team! Frankie, Dhruv, Jess and Mikayla spend one lunchtime each week working and learning in the vegetable garden. Their first task was to dig up any potatoes left over from last year’s crop...which they loved! It was like digging for treasure! The students then re planted the potatoes in a different bed along with some garlic. The bed was mulched with old straw from the chooks and watered.

In the coming weeks the Green Team will be planting other winter vegetables like snow peas, beetroot and silver beet. If you have any spare packets of seeds or know someone who grows their own seedlings and has excess.

Donations would be greatly appreciated!

UNIFORM SHOP - NEW OPEN TIMES

As of next week the uniform shop will be open

**THURSDAY MORNINGS ONLY** from 8.45am — 9.15 am.

(Orders may be left at the office outside these times)
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 a receipt via email.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO DONATE TO THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE.

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

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that we DO NOT hold any money including change on the premises.

So again we ask that when making payments to the school you have to have the correct money.

Thank you.
Hello Parents,

Every now and then we have small repair jobs that just need a little tinker or a little tweek but don’t really require a tradie  SOOOOOOOO….  

We are hoping that there is someone out there who could volunteer to help us out  every now and then with our small jobs.  

Please just call or drop into the office to leave your name and number or to have a chat about this.

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**Parent Forum: Student Wellbeing Programs**

Following on from our successful ‘Parent Partnership’ sessions I would like to invite parents to join me for an informal parent forum on Student Wellbeing programs and resources.  

Please join me at

**Albany Rise P.S.**  
**Monday 16th March**  
**2:30 – 3:30pm**  
Cuppa and nibbles provided!  

Looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and getting to know some more parents/guardians.  

**Mrs Keirston Calleja**