**TERM CALENDAR**

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**Qkr!**

Our preferred Method of payment

**BUY YOUR EASTER DISCO TICKETS THROUGH Qkr! AND GO INTO THE DRAW FOR A GREAT PRIZE**

**CSEF**

Just a reminder for anyone with a Centrelink Healthcare Card to please call into the office for a CSEF application form
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.

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

Message from Belinda.....

Recently I advised DET (Department of Education and Training) of my intention to retire at the end of this term. This has been a very hard decision for me as I thoroughly enjoy working in schools and more particularly I have enjoyed leading the Albany Rise community. I feel deeply privileged to have been able to be Principal here and I am so grateful that my final years in my career were spent with the lovely folk of Albany Rise. My time here has been very special and I will remember it with fondness.

During term 2 Judy Drew will be Acting Principal at Albany Rise. The position will be advertised on the 29th April with the new Principal commencing on day one of term 3.

I know that the school is in the hands of a highly skilled and dedicated leader with Judy taking on the role during term 2. We have an amazing staff who work tirelessly to ensure the very best for your lovely children.

Warm regards

Belinda
Principal

Easter Disco – Friday, 18th March

Our first disco for 2016 is on FRIDAY 18th MARCH and fast approaching. We are looking forward to a fabulous disco with an ‘Easter’ theme. Tickets will be on sale from Friday, 11th March. Children have the opportunity to wear Easter accessories and outfits for this disco so be creative and let’s get into the theme.

Once again we are adopting a sign out procedure for parents when picking up children. This is a safety precaution and we are hoping that everyone will be patient and assist staff. We will have tables set up in the hall. We ask that parents line up and sign against their child’s name.

If any parent is picking up a child other than their own please bring written permission
Leadership Badge Presentation

Last Friday our School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Councillors were presented with their leadership badges by the Hon. Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria.

It was a lovely assembly with our student leaders clearly excited to receive their badges from our special guest. We are very proud of our student leaders at Albany Rise.

This Friday at 3.00pm Peer Mediators, ICT leaders, Office leaders and Library leaders will be presented with their badges by Mr Hugh Blaikie, Principal of Wellington Secondary College.

Parent Association Meeting – Tuesday, 8th March at 3.00pm in the Function Room

We are requesting that parents consider attending our Parent Association meeting on Tuesday, 8th March at 3.00pm. 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. Come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat.
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 past and coming weeks are a good example of the variety of extracurricular events offered. Some planned and completed events are:

♦ Chinese Lion Dancers
♦ Quality Beginnings program and multi-age activity morning
♦ 3/4 students on camp
♦ Interschool sport
♦ Newly trained peer mediators in the yard
♦ Prep Grandparents and Special Visitors Day
♦ Disco
♦ Athletics Carnival

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, recreational activities and school fetes.

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. 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.

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 medical notifications.

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

Briars 3/4 Camp
What a wonderful few days of beautiful weather for our 69 students and 9 staff who have enjoyed a 3 day camp at the Briars in Mt Martha. The children enjoyed canoeing, bushwalking, archery, the flying fox and the giant swing. A camp experience has many benefits for students in relation to developing their confidence, building social skills, developing team skills, promoting positive relationships with peers. I am very grateful to our staff who have provided their time to ensure that our students were provided with this experience. A big thank you to Claire Taylor for her capable leadership of the camp.
FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY IS BACK!
This term we have been again providing fresh fruit for the children each Friday. **And thanks to Woolworths, Waverley Gardens** who have kindly invited us to select the fruits we need each week for our Fresh Fruit Fridays, we no longer have to purchase the fruit. We are however, in need of volunteers to cut up the fruit at 9.00am on Friday mornings and deliver it to classrooms.

I am very grateful to our wonderful Parent Association members and in particular Sue Dean for making this possible.
UNSW forms are to be returned by closing date - 11th, March. Thank You

SWIMMING PROGRAM

The Swimming Program will run from Wed 7th December, 2016 to Friday 16th December, 2016. The cost will be $100 which covers the 8 swimming sessions and also bus travel. This is payable in full by 28th October, 2016.

This charge has been put on each families account and can be paid off during the year. It has been put onto Qkr! as quarterly payments of $25 per term.

The permission form will be sent out in early Term 3 to be completed and returned to the office. If you have any questions please call the office on 9547 1146.

ICY POLE THURSDAY

Icy-poles are available from the Canteen every Thursday at 3.30pm for just 80c (correct change please)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEKS

O A Jun 0R Isabelle 01N Athan, Jayden
1/2 PC Taurah 2/3 T Isabella, Jonah, George 3/4 B Lachlan, Jackson, Suzannah, Marcillia
3/4 JL William, Olivia, 4/5 H Lachlan, Chris 5/6 C Sophie, Marko
5/6 L Navdeep, Zac

CLEVER KIDS

In term 2 we will be commencing our Clever Kids program for children in Years 3-6. This is an elective type program where the children work in multiage groups on activities that they have chosen to do. Each activity will run for a block of 5 weeks. The activities are based on Gardener’s Multiple Intelligences and help develop a variety of skills. In the past the activities have included Masterchef, craft, yoga, chess, science, gardening, tennis, drama and guitar amongst others.

We would love for any parental input or assistance, so if you have any great ideas for activities, have a skill you could pass on or would like to assist in any way we would be very grateful.

Please contact Trish Johnston at school or on johnston.tricia.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
HAVING TROUBLE GETTING OUTSTANDING RESULTS?

NEED A TUTOR FOR VCE, PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOLING?

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PREFERRED SUBJECTS:
MATHEMATICAL METHODS - SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS - ENGLISH - LATIN

My education:

- Selected for University High School Acceleration Programme in 2011
- Accepted into the inaugural cohort of the Elizabeth Blackburn School of Sciences
- Kwong Lee Dow Scholar at Melbourne University
- Currently enrolled at Monash University
- Completion of VCE in 2015 with 98.05 ATAR.

Get the best tutorial services and help your child in achieving results well beyond their expectations.

Cost: $30 per hour (One to One session)

$15 per hour (if 2-3 students in a group session)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
DUSHAN ON 0407 506 692 OR VIA DUSHAN@IVANOVICH.NET
Numeracy News

Last week’s Magic Squares: What a great response to last week’s puzzle, with 5 students handing in 100% correct answers. Well Done!

A New Puzzle:
Every other day, these pop up on my Facebook feed. I love to see the different answers people arrive at. As students at ARPS would know, there is only one way to solve this. Can you find the answer? A small prize awaits the first few students to solve, and explain their answer.

Only for genius ??
3-3×6+2=??

Hilton Hen House Latest:
Weekend Helpers still needed:
Families are encouraged to sign up at the office to help look after our chooks and duck each weekend. We are very fond of our feathered friends and any help families can offer is greatly appreciated.

Compass:
It is exciting to see so many parents using our Compass parent portal to log absences and communicate with the school. I recently had a parent talk to me about her child’s online testing results which she had seen on Compass. She was able to see last years and this years and talked about the growth in learning. School reports, calendar dates, Newsletters and more are available on Compass. If you require a new login letter with username and password, or have not received your login information, please contact Judy Drew

Policy Update:
Education Sub Committee meeting
The next Education subcommittee meeting is on Thursday 10th March at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to come to these meetings and have input into the programs and policies that impact on student learning. Approved policies can be seen on the school website. We strongly encourage parents to be involved in this subcommittee to ensure a balanced approach to policy development and review.

ARPS has Talent
Performances to be proud of:
Students and parents were amazed by the wonderful cello playing talents of Daniel (year 5) during a recent assembly. Staff had the pleasure of hearing Daniel rehearsing during the day and each person was compelled to stop and listen to his performance. Congratulations Daniel or your hard work to achieve such great musical skill.
Also… Victoria (year 5) has recently been successful in entering the Knox Festival singing competition finals. Victoria will be performing at 1pm and 6pm at the festival this Saturday 5th March. Victoria would love some ARPS support to see her perform on the day. More information can be found at http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/knoxfestival, or just ask Victoria!
Thursday, 3rd March 2016

Dear Parents,

I write to update you on the Emergency Management procedures we have in place at Albany Rise PS. As with all schools, we have a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that guides and informs our actions for all situations. This Plan is communicated clearly to all staff with drills and practices conducted regularly to ensure that the children are familiar with the correct procedures for each situation.

These plans and procedures are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, parents/visitors and staff. In an emergency the appropriate emergency services are contacted immediately: police, fire brigade, ambulance. Our plans are immediately followed and where necessary additional resources and services are enlisted. We have the ability to have a team of regional staff: social worker(s) and psychologist(s) to assist if we require this service. On occasions we utilise these services to ensure that we able to appropriately support all members of our school community.

Should you feel that your child would like to receive any further support at any time then please let us know so that we can assist in that regard. Likewise, if you wish to further discuss these matters, we would be happy to do so at any time.

Kind regards,

Belinda Jones
Principal