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UNIFORM SHOP - OPEN TIMES
THURSDAY MORNINGS - 8.45am — 9.15 am.

Enrol Now for Foundation (Prep) 2016
Tours available

CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund
For holders of a Centrelink Health Care Card

$125.00 for eligible students
Final Application date is next Friday—26th June
STUDENTS OF THE WEEKS

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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Holidays
A reminder that the end of term 2 is fast approaching. It’s been a very busy and highly productive term with many school events and a great deal of work across the school. With the short days and cold weather these holidays are a great time to rest and relax before the very busy second half of the year. I hope all of our families enjoy a wonderful break!

Planning Week
During this week all teachers and teams have spent a half day planning for classroom programs and specialist programs to be implemented in term 3. Excursions and in-school activities, curriculum in all learning areas and assessment has been comprehensively planned to ensure that student learning is maximized. Students’ identified needs are considered and catered for through individualized planning within programs. This ensures that we are able to optimize opportunities for all students to achieve their potential.

Albany Rise caters for students’ learning abilities within and outside the classroom. Students are challenged in their learning through extension activities in Literacy, Numeracy and Integrated Studies. Extension is also provided in all of the specialist areas.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (repeat from last newsletter)
The Victorian Government has unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card, or temporary foster parents, are both eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student.

Forms have been sent home and these are due back by 26 June, 2015. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Reports
In previous years the Department of Education and Training (DET) has provided all state schools with a reporting software package (QuickVic). This year schools have had the autonomy to shop around and purchase a package that they believe best suits the needs of their school. Albany Rise Primary has selected a program called Compass. The use of a new program provides some challenges. My thanks are extended to Judy Drew and Tony Clayton for their work in setting up the reports and finding solutions to ensure that the reports were completed and that the final document for each child is high quality and informative. Thank you also to the teachers for their work in learning and using a new program. We look forward to receiving some parent feedback on the new reports.

Following new DET guidelines, teachers have developed templates to enable us to report to parents. In proof-reading these reports, I have been delighted to note the growth of students as they work to improve their skills and knowledge against their identified goals.

Reports will go home with students on Monday 22nd June.

Working with Children Check
A reminder to parents who are volunteering at school that you are required to have a current Working with Children Check. If you have not arranged that yet, please log in online and complete an application.

Remember that you need to apply for a Volunteers WWCC and this has no fee attached.
SchoolMate App
The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:
- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level
- according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.
Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.
I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
If you have friends or neighbours who are looking at enrolling their child in a school for 2016 please encourage them to visit us for a tour of the school. A convenient time can be organised by contacting the office.

We are now accepting enrolments for 2016. Any families who are intending to enrol for 2016 are encouraged to do so as early enrolment assists with our planning and provision.

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

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact MRS BELINDA JONES on 9547 1146 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419
Website Update!
Our new website has been up and running for nearly a year now! It is filled with lots of information about what is happening at our school (notices, newsletters, calendar dates).

Our blogs are updated by each year level with student work. Event reports, pictures, videos and more!

Make sure you visit our website and see what wonderful things are happening at ARPS - www.albanyrise-ps.vic.edu.au

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6.30—8.00 pm
Please contact Sam on
0419 159 493
(If no answer please leave your details and I shall call you back)

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ABSENCE NOTES
Parents, please remember to send an absence note to school when your child has been away.

ALSO, if intending on travelling on holidays during school terms we require written details with dates leaving and returning at before you leave.

Thank you, Janine
Just a reminder that we are now using the TIQBIZ app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices. Tiqbiz will help us keep you fully informed and up-to-date with events and news from Albany Rise. This will help reduce our paper consumption by less printing.

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO INSTALL THIS APP**

- Instructions below

**FOR IPHONE AND IPAD**—go to Apple App Store and search TIQBIZ. Click ‘allow’ when asked.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Please ensure that contact details are updated when changes occur—mobile, home phone, address, emergency contacts.

A note through your child to the office, an email or a phone call is all it takes.

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEKS**

**PREP A**  Ethan  **Prep I**  Asande  **Prep 1/R**  Su-Keira  
**1/2 M**  Alicia  **1/2 R**  Nyak  **1/2 S**  Ajuni  
**3/4 CM**  Caleb  **3/4 PW**  Jett, Joanne, Kathryn  **3/4 T**  Sam, Morenzo  
**4/5 H**  Luka, Bradley  **5 L**  Nathan, Jaimee  **6 C**  Andrei, Issey  

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**Well Done!!!!**

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Albany Rise Primary School  
Contact: Janine Wilson  
Email: Albany.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  

NEWS FROM THE GREEN TEAM

Winter

The garden is growing very slowly in the cooler months. Our snow pea tepee is growing well and has just started to produce. Students have enjoyed tasting snow peas and peas straight from the garden and have discovered just how sweet they taste straight from the pods. Not all students enjoyed this tasting but at least they gave it a try!

Worm Farm

As our duck does not seem to be using her bath for swimming it was decided to convert the old bath into a worm farm! Firstly, a layer of shade cloth was put in the bath. This will prevent the drain hole from becoming blocked. Then a layer of wood was put in the bottom. This will help the farm to drain well and will also create warmth as the wood decomposes. Finally a layer of compost bedding material was added which is where the worms will live. Students had a fantastic time searching for worms in the garden and put them into their new home. The worm farm provides us with an alternative way to compost food scraps. Fruit and vegetable scraps are put into the top of the worm farm. The worms eat the scraps and produce worm tea! The tea drains out through the plug hole and is collected in a tub. The worm tea is then used as liquid fertilizer for our garden. An amazing garden system!

Produce for Sale

Last week we harvested lettuce from the garden and together with some donated lemons Frankie from 34CM held a market stall at lunchtime. The stall was a great success and thanks to the generous Albany Rise staff all produce was sold. We raised a total of $17.50 which will be used to purchase more seedlings and seeds for the garden.

Donations Please

Next term we are hoping to create some garden sculptures using old cake tins. If anyone has some old cake tins they no longer use or if you are planning to have a clean out over the holidays could you please send them to school next term.