29th October, 2015

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Enrol now for Foundation 2016

ICY POLE FRIDAY

Has commenced. Icy-poles are available from the CANTEEN every Friday for just 80c (correct change please)
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.

Principal Role for the remainder of term 4

At our recent School Council meeting I made the council aware of upcoming leave that I am taking. I will be on leave from Monday, 9th November for the remainder of term 4. During this time I intend to support my daughter who is recovering from surgery, spend time with a friend who is coming from overseas and spend time with my six grandchildren. Plenty to keep me busy and also enable me to connect with my family for a period. During my absence Mrs Judy Drew will be Principal and Mr Tony Clayton will be working alongside Judy in the Assistant Principal role for four days a week. I am very grateful to both Judy and Tony for stepping into the roles and enabling me to take this time. As always there will be support for parents and students as required.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful end to 2016 and an enjoyable festive season ahead. I certainly hope to be able to attend some of the end of year events and celebrations.

Belinda

World Teachers’ Day – Friday, 30th October

World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Albany Rise Primary School teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring our students.

World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on the 5th October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Australia celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. Our teaching staff at Albany Rise PS are passionate, dedicated, caring and committed to the learning of each and every child at this school. Please use World Teachers’ Day as the perfect opportunity to acknowledge their hard work and determination to offer your child/ren the best possible learning experience in their primary years of schooling.

2016 Class Structure

Planning for 2016 is well under way with a range of decisions already made. One of these is the grade structure. A great deal of time is spent each year in determining the best possible structure for our school. It has been challenging however all staff have worked cooperatively to come up with the best possible scenario for our students. We will have 12 classes for 2016:

- We will organise the Yr 5 & 6 classes as three ‘multi-age’ groups, 3 x Yr 5/6 grades. There are many common activities and programs for the Yr 5/6 children (sport, music events, camp, excursions etc) so it is manageable and practical from an administrative point of view. We will however, ensure that some traditional activities Leadership Positions, transition activities (Yr 6), Peer mediators (Yr 5) etc, remain with the one year level.

- As with this year we will have a 4/5 class which will be in the ARC. This has been successful for children in 2015 and will enable us to reduce the numbers in 5/6 and 3/4 classes whilst providing considerable benefits for the 4/5 children.

- During 2016 we will have a 2/3 class. This will enable the 1/2 classes and 3/4 classes to be smaller. As with the 4/5 students, children in year 3 in this class will participate in all level activities pertinent to year 3 with other year 3 students. The children will have a classroom in the 3/4 area and all planning for year 3 students will be in line with the 3/4 classes. Similarly children in year 2 will be participating with other year 2 children in excursions, the sleep over and programs.
So our structure looks like this:

- **Foundation:** two class
- **Year 1:** one class
- **Year 1/2:** two classes
- **Year 2/3:** one class
- **Year 3/4:** two classes
- **Year 4/5:** one class
- **Year 5/6:** three classes

At Albany Rise we have this year and in past years utilised ‘multi-age’ grades. It is a structure that we choose and certainly one that provides clear benefits for the children enabling us to reduce grade sizes and distribute unique learning needs across grades catering effectively for student needs. Interestingly, current research makes the point that from a purely ‘student outcomes’ point of view there is no difference for the children in a ‘straight grade’ or ‘multi-age’ structure. See the quote below from Professor John Hattie of Melbourne University who is a world authority on the positive effects on ‘student outcomes’ of various school programs and structures.

> “In reviewing 34 studies comparing multi-grade and single-grade classes and eight studies comparing multi-age with single-age classes, Veenman found no differences in achievement, and in 3 studies of multi-grade and 8 studies on multi-age classes, he found small effects on students’ attitudes towards school, self-concept, and personal adjustment favouring these classes. There was little variation in outcomes by grade or academic area (reading mathematics, language). As a consequence, Veenman concludes parents, teachers and administrators need not worry about the academic progress or social-emotional adjustment of students in multi-grade or multi-age classes. These classes are simply no worse, and simply no better, than single-grade and single-age classes.”


I am happy to chat to any parents who would like to know a little more about the way this model will operate in 2016.

**Student Wellbeing**

With the warmer weather in recent times, now is a good time to remind students and parents about drink bottles. In order for our brains to function at their best, hydration is essential. At ARPS we encourage students to have a drink bottle on their table and of course, we have fountains to drink from when outside. We all know that dehydration leads to fatigue, headaches and other physically draining symptoms that interfere with learning. In order for each child to give themselves the best chance at a productive day, drinking plenty of water is the healthy and sensible solution.

*****IMPORTANT—Families leaving the school *****

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.

**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.

Thank you to…………………..

- Parents who assisted with the recent Disco
- Parents who have been purchasing fruit for Fresh Fruit Friday and parents who have been cutting up the fruit each week
- Volunteers who are assisting with the Bunnings Barbecue next Sunday

Your help is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

**Belinda Jones**

Principal
STUDENTS OF THE WEEKS

PREP A  Sam, Anthony  Prep I  Shariah  Prep 1/R  Phaidra
1/2 M  Meika  1/2 R  Amber  1/2 S  Ajuni, Vinuki
4/5H  Thanasi, Josh  5L  Zac, Rohan
6 C  6 JP

🌟 Well Done!!!! 🌟

SWIMMING PROGRAM – DECEMBER 2015

Could parents please contact the school if your student is NOT swimming. Please include student’s name and grade in the text/email.

The charge will be removed from your account and teachers can plan classes.

Phone: 03 9547-1146
Text: 0423 775 797
Email: albany.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your prompt replies.

Cathie Fulton
Business Manager
Albany Rise Primary School
Numeracy News

Last week’s puzzle: soccer ball facts
We only had a few entries for last week’s puzzle. For those that managed last week’s puzzle, see if you can manage the one below.

This week’s puzzle/s:

This soccer ball is made of 12 black pentagonal panels and 20 white hexagonal panels.

There are 90 edges where the panels are joined together.

How many edges join two white panels?

(A) 20
(B) 30
(C) 40
(D) 60

Another puzzle- just for fun!

Loadslegs
Two multipeds were dancing at a party and trying not to trip over each other’s feet. One said, “If you could give me two of your legs we’d have the same number.” The other replied, “If I had two of your legs, I’d have three times as many legs as you!”

How many did each have?

Hilton Hen House Latest:
Thank you for the ongoing support from our many families who look after our poultry every weekend. Eggs have been a bit slow coming over the last week. We are looking forward to selling more eggs as the weather warms up.

Compass
All parents should now have their usernames and passwords to access their child’s Compass portal. If you have not received this letter yet, please contact the office. Thank you to the parents who have been using Compass to verify absences online, and view events and Newsletters.

Policy Update:
Our next Education Subcommittee meeting for this term will be held on Thursday 12th November at 9.15am. We are eager to have input from parents/carers in the school community when undertaking policy development and review. Please feel free to join the meeting to have your say.

We encourage all parents of Albany Rise Primary School students to take part in this VERY SHORT 5 question survey about our camping program. Your responses will help inform future planning.

LINK to Camping Survey for Parents also available on the ARPS website.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Last week at OSHClub we had visitors at the program.

This week’s healthy lunchbox idea:
Cherry Tomatoes and Strawberries
Vegetarian English Muffin Mini Pizzas
Celery Sticks and Dip

Remember to bring your hat for outdoor play!

From Cheryl, Krystle & Sidrah

This Week’s Activities- Term 4, Week 3

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0401 501 598
Coordinator: Cheryl See
Assistants: Krytie Stylianou, Sidrah Rizwan Hassan
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
TALKING TEENS
AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL IN, ASK QUESTIONS, MEET OTHER PARENTS AND SHARE IDEAS THAT WORK!

- Do you wonder why they aren’t listening to you or how to deal with their anger?
- How do we talk so they will listen?
- Do you want to maintain a connection with them?
- Take some time out for parents

WHERE: Mulgrave Neighbourhood House, 36-42 Mackie Road, Mulgrave
WHEN: Wednesday’s Nov 11 - Dec 9
7pm – 9pm (5 sessions)
WHO: Dads, Mums & Carers of teenagers 12-18 years
COST: FREE (bookings essential)
CONTACT: Helena at Parentzone 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204

Contact: Anglicare Victoria
anglicarevic.org.au
Mulgrave Neighbourhood House Inc.
Making the most of your Family Life Victoria experience

We would like to offer participants of our programs the best experience possible, so we require a minimum number of 10 families per session. This must be confirmed before the session can proceed.

If you are concerned that your school is unable to attract these numbers, please contact the Family Life Victoria office. We are anxious to accommodate schools with a history of strong support. The 'Simple, Sensitive, Straight Forward Education in Human Sexuality' flyer for families has a tear off slip which allows admission fees to be collected prior to the sessions.

Family Life Victoria (FLV) programs for families reinforce Personal Development units

To benefit from your FLV program please:

1. Inform staff of the confirmed program date.
2. Plan the visit to coincide with your Personal Development units.
3. Provide teachers with 'To the Teacher' flyer (Page 3).
4. Discuss ways to promote the FLV program in your school.
5. Distribute 'A Date for Your Diary' to families approximately 4-5 weeks prior to the program (see below).
6. Distribute 'Simple, Sensitive, Straight Forward Education in Human Sexuality' flyer and booklist 2-3 weeks prior to the program (Page 4 & 5)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Life Victoria will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Tuesday 10th November, 2015

Our programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

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Watch for more details about the sessions, closer to the date

Books available for sale
Cash or Credit Card only