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**GOOD BYE and GOOD LUCK**

Mrs Jones,
You will be sadly missed by everyone at Albany Rise Primary School
Enjoy your retirement !!!!!!
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)

Friday 20th May – Reporting
Monday, 25th July – Curriculum

Happy Holidays

Have a wonderful holiday and Easter!
It's amazing how quickly this first term has gone. Although a short term there has been a great deal achieved thanks to the hard work of staff, parents and students. I have been delighted with the smooth start we have had to the year and the conscientious efforts of everyone in our school community. Some highlights of the term have been:

- Students settling into new classes and routines and expectations established
- Excursions and incursions
- Quality Beginnings Program, whole school celebration and multi age day
- Chinese Lion Dancers to celebrate Chinese New Year
- New school council
- 3/4 Camp - 'The Briars'
- 'Getting to Know You' interviews
- Foundation students commenced the year and are working very well
- Kids matter program – staff training and action team
- Assessments for students
- Twilight Working Bee
- Student leaders received badges
- Parent fundraising activities
- Professional learning for staff
- Grandparents’ and Special Visitors’ Day
- Interschool sport
- Athletics Carnival
- Mini Sports Expo F-2
Mini Sports Expo Foundation – 2

Yesterday students in F -2 enjoyed participating in a mini sports expo. Professional athletes instructed them in relay racing, ball handling and team activities. Students in years 3 -6 participated in the Athletics Carnival. A great day had by all. Thank you to Mr McCaffrey, staff and the parents who volunteered and assisted with these events. This would not be possible without your help.
THANK YOU
A big thank you to parents and staff who assisted at last Friday's disco. The children had a wonderful time!

A big thank you also to our Parent Association for organising our Easter raffle by – preparing baskets, making up raffle books and preparing notices. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow. There are load of prizes thanks to the generous donations we have received.

CYBERSAFETY
A timely reminder with school holidays is to consider child safety on the Internet.

As a part of our use of computers at school we constantly consider the implications of the use of ICT. I urge parents to also make sure they are putting in place guidelines to ensure that they are aware of what their child is doing when they are on the net. Having computers in open areas of the home is recommended rather than in bedrooms so that parents can monitor sites that their children are visiting.

The pictures and videos your child uploads to the web could have damaging effects for years. Your kids’ creations can be copied, forwarded, reposted or cached; resurfacing months after you have deleted them. First, before hitting the “upload” button, your child should ask him/herself if the photo is something they would be proud to show their Grandma, boss or future partner. I understand a number of ARPS students have Face Book pages and I strongly urge parents to rethink this.

Kids need to know that some things simply are not allowed. It is never okay to use threatening or racist language, or to ridicule another person. This is a form of cyberbullying and has severe consequences for both the victim and your child.

Finally, check in to see what your child is creating and viewing. Keep conversations about safety ongoing, and be clear about the things your family values most.

Holiday security
We request that all families keep an eye on the school over the forthcoming break. Any suspicious activity or incident should be reported to the police on 000 or to Education Security on 9589 6266.

Thank you to staff, parents and students for your hard work throughout the term. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful school community. Congratulations to all of our students on your industrious efforts!

A special thank you from me to everyone for the lovely conversations I’ve had with people across the school. I couldn’t have enjoyed my last few weeks more. You are all very special and I will miss you a great deal.

For the last time,

Kind regards
Belinda Jones
Principal

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Farewell to our wonderful Dom Mc Caffrey

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that Dom McCaffrey, our wonderful P.E. teacher, has been appointed to a new role at Laburnum Primary School. Our talented, loved, caring, friendly and always fun Dom will commence in this role on the first day of term 2. This is a wonderful opportunity for Dom to lead other teachers in the P.E. department of a very large school and experience a new challenge in his career, for that reason it is happy news, however we know as a school community the huge hole it leaves for us.

Please join in celebrating the truly amazing contributions of Dom to Albany Rise. He will remain in the hearts and minds of everyone in this community.

Thank you Dom from everyone at Albany Rise for your passion and dedication. As a school community we wish you the very best.

Congratulations!

Congratulations!! to Robyn and Paul Apostolopoulos for winning our QKR! competition by purchasing Gemma’s Disco tickets through Qkr!. The school offers Qkr! by Mastercard as an easy to use, secure phone app for making school payments from your mobile phone or iPad. Qkr! will accept payment using ANY credit/debit card and has a simple checkout function. No information is stored on the mobile phone. Qkr! is the school’s preferred payment method. For more information please contact the office. Keep an eye out for more competitions in the future.

Thank you Cathie & Janine

STUDENT SCHOOL PHOTOS

APRIL 13th. (First Wed back after Hols)

If orders are not received today they will be sent home 1st day of Term 2.
Photo Information will be sent via Tiqbiz during the holidays.
Please find enclosed instructions for joining Tiqbiz.
FAREWELL FROM MR MAC

I would just like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all Albany Rise families who have helped me on many, many occasions with sporting events. Without your help these events could not be possible.

To the Students of Albany Rise, I have loved teaching you all over the past 7 years. It has been great to see all your development and growth and I hope you all do amazing things in the future.

As much as I don't want to leave I am just chasing my dreams as I hope you will too.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Albany Rise family. I will miss you all very, very much and will try my best to visit sometime.

Mr. Mac
P.E. Co-Ordinator (no more)
OPEN NIGHT
Thursday 28 April 2016
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