# Albany Rise Weekly News

## March 16th, 2017

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<td>Melbourne Cup Day</td>
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<td>11th – 20th Dec</td>
<td>Swimming Program (8 days)</td>
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<td>Last day of 2017. Early dismissal 1.30pm.</td>
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**DISCO—tomorrow 17th March**

**Junior Disco (Prep – 2)** 5.30 pm—6.30 pm  
**Senior Disco (Yrs 3-6)** 6.45 pm—8.00 pm

**ARPS Students Only**

Popcorn, chips & drinks available for $1  
Glowstix - $1 - Glow rings - $2

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Please note that as of **Term 2**

We will no longer be printing hard copies of the newsletter.

You will be able to access the newsletter through:

- TIQBIZ
- ARPS Website
- COMPASS

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**Facebook**  
www.albanyrise.ps.vic.edu.au  
Please like us on facebook
Principal’s Report

The Golden Rule:

TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT YOU

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.

Parents are reminded that the Staff Car parks at the front and rear of the school are not for parent parking. Parents with a valid disabled pass may use the designated space at the front of the school.

Student Free days 2017

(School Council approved these days at the meeting on 12th October 2016)

Tuesday 14th March – Curriculum & First Aid
Monday 24th April – Curriculum
Friday 26th May – Reporting

Easter Disco – TOMORROW!

We are all looking forward to our first DISCO for 2017 tomorrow night in the hall. Be sure to wear your Easter ‘best’ to be part of the Easter theme for the night. A big THANKYOU to all the parents, teachers and JSC students who have offered to help tomorrow night with food and drink sales. Please be sure to sign students in and out at the door.

Foundation 2018 Open Afternoons

It was lovely to see a number of parents visit the Foundation classrooms on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon to have a ‘taste’ of the engaging environment created for our youngest students. Children visiting with their parents were able to play in the Chatterbox Room, use the IPads and PCs, draw, build and enjoy a range of fun activities whilst parents took the time to ask questions about our 2018 Foundation program. Tours for prospective parents have commenced, with a group tour planned in the week before Education Week in May.

Excursions and Activities

Last week, many of our students undertook Excursions to complement their inquiry topics and classroom learning activities. Year 1&2 students visited Heritage Hill and discovered many new facts about ‘The Olden Days’. It was wonderful to read the students’ writing describing the highlights of the day.

Our Year 5&6 students are currently studying Government, with two groups of students already having the opportunity to travel to Melbourne to visit Parliament. From all accounts this was a highly informative excursion for all involved.

Our Year 3&4 students took a walking trip to Mulgrave Community House to find out more about our links to the past and our local community.

Certainly a very busy week- with more special events next week!
School Council

Last night our School Council AGM was held with the members of our 2017 School Council. At the meeting we farewelled our long term member and recent School Council President, Julie Black. Julie has supported school council and the community for at least the past 12 years at Albany Rise and has made huge contributions to all activities, fundraisers, working bees and school events. The School Council sincerely thanks Julie and her family for their contributions to the school, now that all her children have moved on from primary school.

During the AGM our 2016 Annual Report was presented. This document provides information regarding student learning outcomes, attitudes to school and attendance. A copy of the Annual Report will be made available on the school website soon.

School council Subcommittee meeting dates:

- Finance: 10th May - 1pm
- Education: 9th May - 3.45pm
- Facilities: 11th May - 6pm
- Parent Association: 2nd May - 3pm
- Marketing: 11th May - 8.30am

Acknowledgement of Country

This week I met with the Year 5&6 student leadership group to share a number of key ideas for school improvements. One idea that was raised at previous meetings related to including an Acknowledgement of Country in our school Assembly. The group discussed this on Wednesday and decided unanimously to begin including this in future Assemblies. We hope to have this happening soon.

Cyber Safety

As a school, we are grateful to the many parents and carers who take an active role in monitoring children’s use of online communications. Primary aged students often are just learning the skills of online etiquette and require substantial supervision to ensure they make positive choices when creating their ‘digital footprint’. Lack of online communication skills from home technology use can often lead to situations requiring intervention at school. This is one of the reasons why almost all sites have age restrictions for their use, many of which only allow students from 13 years old onwards. Most sites have a link to report ‘underage’ users to avoid young students engaging in unsafe online behaviours. I encourage all parents and carers to ensure students at our school are kept safe by using the reporting link where appropriate. Cyber safety concerns can also be reported via a link on our school website.

Newsletter- weekly & going green

A reminder that our Newsletter will be ‘going green’ in Term 2, with copies available online through Compass, TiqBiz and the school website.

Judy Drew
Principal

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EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

Please give to classroom teacher for class points.

eg: baskets, eggs, cellophane, ribbon, etc.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

0A    James    OK    Ruby    1/2 R    Finley
1/2 S   Alisha   1/2 T    Max     3/4 F    Ivanka
3/4 S   Phaidra  5/6 JH  Paras    5/6 K    Seneka
5/6 C   Tyrus

A.R.P.S. - EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter raffle will be drawn on Thursday 30th MARCH. Winners will be advised immediately after draw. Tickets will be sent home next week.

We would really appreciate any Easter donations you could offer. Please drop these to your child’s classroom for class points.

We appreciate your support.

Thank you—Janine

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

CSEF - Parents who applied in 2016 for CSEF and have not as yet applied for 2017 will receive a form home next week. If you are eligible, please complete this form and return to the office ASAP.

Year 3/4 CAMP REMINDER - Final payment is due tomorrow. Also please ensure you have returned your form.

Thank You, Cathie & Janine

UNSW REMINDER!

Entries for the UNSW ICAS competitions close on Friday 24th March. Get your entry forms and payments in!
Big Write and VCOP

This year, we have introduced a new focus into our Writing sessions. You may have already heard your children talking about VCOP. This is short for VOCABULARY, CONNECTIVES, OPENERS AND PUNCTUATION. Every classroom has set up a VCOP Board which they will refer to and add to, as they develop their understandings about each element. You may hear your children talking about the four characters: Vinny Vocabulary, Connie Connective, Ollie Opener and Penny Punctuation.

The focus for the remainder of this term is Vocabulary. What does this mean? In the classroom, children will be engaged in fun games and activities to focus on new words, and encouraged to use these words in their own writing. They will be making collections of WOW words to display in the classroom. You can support your child to learn and use new vocabulary by discussing words they come across in their take home books and reading regularly to your child.

‘Big Write and VCOP have been designed to bring the fun back into writing, to make children want to write and to be continuously challenged throughout the writing journey. Through games, activities, writing tasks, conversations and discussions, students will learn not only where their abilities lie in a fun and engaging way, but also the steps they need to take, in order to continue to improve.’ Andrell Education

Diane Campisano
Literacy Leader
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

'The Rock Painting'
As part of our sustainability display, which is a work in progress, we decided to paint some very large rocks and be connected with our natural surroundings and how we can use them in different ways. The children were very created minion rocks, ladybug rocks, and some colourful patterned rocks.

This Week's Activities- Term 1, Week 8

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<td>After Care Activities</td>
<td>Cooking</td>
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<td>Harry Potter Celebrity Heads</td>
<td>Caterpillar Lifecycle</td>
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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0401 501 598
Coordinator: Sidrah Rizwan Hassan
Assistants: Sophie Carnell and Jaime Lee
Operating and Contact Hours: 6:45am - 9:00am and 3:15pm - 6:15pm
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.

Riddle of the week
Teddy Bears and never hungry because they are always what?

Tuning in to Kids
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A six session parenting program for parents of children aged 4 to 11

Would you like to learn how to:
- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Wavecare Counselling Inc
155 Coleman Parade
Glen Waverley

Contact: admin@wavecare.org.au
Phone 9560 6722

Starts: 28th April 2017
Cost: $250 for 6 x 2 hour sessions (discount for health care card holders)