“We would like to respectfully Acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of the Land on which our school stands.”

**Week 3 Term 1 Awards**

- Callum Simpson Ruttley
- Roxanne Pyewacket
- Harry Bolt-Currie
- Jerahkye Williams
- Jet Pyewacket
- Maddy La Macchia
- Rosey Cochran-Byrnes
- Keifer Abersteiner

**Home Reading**

Home Reading will begin this week with all children K-6 participating. This program is a very important part of your child’s schooling and it is a proven fact that children who participate in Home Reading Programs tend to learn to read quicker and more confidently than those who do not. We ask all parents to sign the Home Reading Contract and return it to school ASAP so your child can begin their Home Reading.

Staff have raised concerns that in the past many books have not been returned and have cost the school hundreds of dollars to replace. If as parents, you demonstrate the importance of this program by reading with your child and making sure the books are returned regularly then your child will also consider it important. The staff and I are hoping to see great results from this program.

**Parent Information Evening and student Disco**

All parents are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 26th February. The evening is designed to introduce parents to all teachers and talk about what is taking place at Albert Park Public School this year. While parents are at the information session, students will have a disco. The Evening will begin at 5.30 and finish at 6.45pm with a sausage sizzle for everyone. We are looking forward to seeing you there. We ask if your child is going to attend the disco, that you attend the information evening. Please return the attached note to give us an idea of how many sausages and drinks will be needed.

**Professional Learning Plans**

Mr and Mrs Mack are currently contacting parents to arrange some meetings on Friday morning to draft some professional Learning Plans. These meeting will take place in the Bundjalung Room on Friday Morning.
In Term 4 last year, Catherine Forder, a Speech Pathologist, began working at Albert Park. Cath has been assessing students for speech difficulties and training Gloria to deliver a speech program to some of our students, 3 days a week. Cath is also doing whole class Talking and Listening activities as well as taking some children on an individual basis to help with speech delays. Cath has been in contact with parents and if you have any concerns is only too willing to talk to you. Phone the school on a Monday on 66213259.

Years 3-6 competed in the small schools swimming carnival at Alstonville last week. Well done to all students who participated. Congratulations to Tyrell Williams for being this year’s recipient of the “Most Outstanding Effort” Swimming Carnival shield. Tyrell participated in most of the junior events, competing against many older students. Raymond Welsh, Dianne Phillips, Sirlintay Phillips, Stella Maddock and Rosey Cochran-Byrnes also put in a tremendous effort on the day.

APPs will be hosting the first Wilson River Catchment and Tree Planting day for 2013, this Thursday. Albert Park is one of six schools involved in regenerating and stabilising sections of the Wilson River bank. Students will be participating in a range of activities including tree planting, water testing, information sessions and relays. Students will be walking to the Wilson River opposite our school grounds. They will need to wear a broad brim hat and some old shoes. They also need to bring a drink bottle with them.

Our home class investigated ‘fast foods’ last week in PDHPE. Students identified the ingredients in different fast foods and where they fitted into the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating. In science, we looked at patterns created by humans in different environments. Students also identified what type of fingerprint they had by creating an ink print and comparing it to the three types of fingerprints: loop, whorl or arch. We will be presenting the class results in a graph during maths this week.

This week kinder students are using their knowledge of phonemes (pronounced fo-neems) to read words. We also continue to look at numerals up to 100 and are developing instant recognition of these. Kinder students are learning to point to each word when we are reading (because that’s what good readers do). Students who have returned their Home Reader Contract may take home readers this week. They will receive a named folder which will contain a book they have chosen (suited to their level), a book register which you will need to sign off and some parent information which contains helpful hints. Students who have 10 books signed off will receive an Albert Park book carrier your child may use for home readers and library books.
We are looking at natural and built features of our school and will be developing rules which we can use in order to care for our environment. Students have looked at compass points (N,S,E,W) and each student has mapped their own bedroom with a bird’s eye view. Kinder students used blocks to make a model of the features of their bedroom.

For Mathematics we are looking at the language of measurement and comparing different objects (taller, shortest, widest, longest, thickest, thinnest). We are also looking at centimetres and students have measured their height. We will revisit this measurement later in the year. Ask your child how tall they are...we measured our heights in centimetres.

Regards Mr Mack
Northern Star Hockey Club
Juniors Players required
Age divisions
2013 Season commences 6th April

Sign on Wednesday 20th February At Goonellabah Turf 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Or contact Junior Manager: Amanda 0438 246 848
northernstarclub@gmail.com
Save the Date

Richmond River High School

Year 7, 2014
Open Night Expo

Thursday 7 March
3.45pm to 7.00 pm