"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 4 Term 1 Awards**

Louie Seckold
Mason Fowler
Elise Troman
Murron McGregor Shaw

Krystal De La Porte
Louis Sivewright
Sirlintay Phillips
Raymond Welsh

**Principal’s Report**

**Parent Information Evening**

Tonight is our Parent Information Evening. We are hoping all parents will take this opportunity to join us 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 6.15pm 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.

**General Consent Form and Information Update**

There are still a number of consent forms that have not been returned. We require every family to complete this form and return it to school. If during the year there is any change in address, phone numbers, emergency details or student medical information it is very important that the school be notified to keep our records up to date.

**Voluntary Contributions**

Each year the school asks for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to assist in the purchasing of resources and equipment. With funding cuts having a tremendous impact on the school these contributions are vital for our school if we are to provide students with appropriate resources. These contributions have been set at $30 per child and $60 per family. An invoice will be mailed out this week.

**2-6Classroom**

School Assemblies are now held every Tuesday afternoon at 2pm in the Performance Area. The children are awarded merit certificates and present class work and items. Any parents wishing to join the children for their assembly are more than welcome.

Unfortunately the first Wilson River Catchment and Tree Planting day for 2013 had to be cancelled due to wet weather and rising flood waters. Albert Park is hoping to host this event late this term or early in Term 2.
Our home class looked at ‘snack foods’ last week in PDHPE. Students identified ‘everyday’ and ‘sometimes’ snack foods according to the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating. In science, the students looked at symmetry in nature. Your child should be able to give you different examples of symmetry in fruits, vegetables and other plants.

Thank you to all parents who signed and returned their child’s home reading contract. I encourage students to change their home reader at least 3 times per week and I am happy for them to change their books every day.

I would also like to thank the parents that came in to chat about your child’s learning and the parents that sent their feedback in on paper. Your input is very valuable to staff at APPS because it helps us to formulate the best possible learning plan for your child. For those parents that have asked for extra learning activities to be sent home, these will be sent out ASAP.

Kindest regards, Mrs Mack

This week we are looking at aerial photography, contour maps, landform maps and a globe of the world. We will be discussing and writing about our school and home in relation to other features of the landscape. Talk with your child about the position of your home in relation to its surroundings. We have also been exploring our local school environment and looking at its natural and built features and how we can care for them.

Home Readers can be exchanged daily...a few students are getting close to receiving a free APPS book bag (10 books read and returned). Keep up the good reading.

Regards, Mr Mack

Thank you to all parents who came last Friday to help me develop learning plans. Your input is valued and we are using your ideas to get the best results from your child. Open communication between home and school is a vital part of providing an excellent education for your child! I hope to see you all tonight at our Parent Information Evening, Disco and BBQ. It is a good chance for us to talk to you about what your child is doing on a day to day basis here at Albert Park. It will also give you a chance to ask us any questions you may have.

Students are putting their phoneme (pronounced fo-neem) knowledge to use and joining the sounds to read new words. It is a real pleasure to see them using their new knowledge to read words. Students are also working on their forward and backward counting to 30. I am sending home some number flip cards (1-10) for a few students, so they can practice at home.

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
Buribi Literacy Group have been doing exercises with pegs to improve the strength in their fingers.

Open Night Expo

Thursday 7th March 2013
5.00 - 7.30 pm

Exercises that cross the middle of the body help students with their coordination and writing.
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2013NSWPC2   Location: Lismore

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Invercauld House Conference & Function Centre, 161 Invercauld Road, Lismore NSW 2480

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday, 5th & Wednesday, 6th March 2013
  Day 1: 9:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m (Registration from 8.15am)
  Day 2: 9:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m

Registration opens 6 weeks before the workshop, and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.
Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info Line number: 1300 881 971