“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 9 Term 4 Awards

Harry L.  Harry S
Romany  Harry B.
Dion  Dianne
Connor

Silver Award

Freja  Stella
Pearly  Maddy
Nick  Elise

Principal’s Report

A huge thankyou to all the parents who attended our Parent and Teacher Interviews yesterday and to those who will be meeting up with us over the next few days. It is very exciting to sit and discuss your child’s progress with you and look at the gains they have made over the year. Also big congratulations to all our swimmers. The children had a wonderful time during their lessons and most children ended swimming the required distance for their group or beyond. Well Done! They will be awarded their certificates at our Presentation Day Assembly, Monday 16th December at 1.30pm.

Carols by Candlelight Family Night

We will be holding our first Carols by Candlelight evening on Thursday 12th December. It will begin with a sausage sizzle and mingle for parents and students. Following this, we will all go into the Performance Area to sing carols and watch the children do their performances. At the end of the evening we will draw the Christmas Raffle. Everyone is invited to attend, however, it is a family event and children are not to attend without a parent or carer.

Albert Park Public School Christmas Raffle

We will be having a Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at Carols by Candlelight. Each family is asked to donate one quality non-perishable item to be put towards the hampers. Donations can be dropped off to the front office by next Tuesday 10th December. Each family will receive a book of 10 tickets to sell. Tickets are $1.00 each and the prizes are as follows

1st prize – major hamper
2nd prize – smaller hamper
3rd prize – chocolate hamper donated by Mrs P
4th prize – rocky road basket donated by Mrs Davies

Tickets and money need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 11th December. Each family returning their book of tickets will automatically get an extra ticket in the draw. Each family bringing in an item for the hamper will get an additional ticket in the draw. Money fundraised by the school directly benefits your child. Please assist us with this fundraiser.

We have had wonderful week in the Gurraman class exploring different narratives and even creating our own short fantasy stories. Most students have finished publishing their narratives and their efforts have been outstanding. On the following page is a story written by Dion that the class were mesmerised by. Well done!

Carols by Candlelight

We wish to invite your family to join Albert park Public School at our Carols by glowstick to be held on Thursday 12th December 2013 under the COLA at 5:00pm
Students and families will then move to the Performance Area for singing carols and a performance by the students

| For Sale on the Night          |   
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| Glowsticks/candles            | $1:00  
| Sausage Sizzle                | $1:50  
| Chicken Chippies              | $0:50  
| Cans of Drink                 | $2:00  
| Popper                        | $2:00  
| Packet of Chips               | $1:00  

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The Christmas season has begun, and in the next week, students can choose to create some festive displays and take-home decorations in class. As we are approaching the end of the year could you please remember to send in any loaned costumes from the Seussical Musical Performance, any outstanding library books need to be returned to the office, and any outstanding money needs to be paid.

Regards Mrs Davies.

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**Dragon and Elderwin**

Once upon a time there was a huge dragon called Dragon. He lived in a dark cave high in the mountains.

One day he met Elderwin. Elderwin was another fierce dragon and so they became friends.

Dragon and Elderwin went out every day and burnt villages and they had a lot of fun doing it together. After burning down a village they would go back to the cave in the mountain and fall asleep.

One morning, as always, Dragon and Elderwin went out for the day.

"Let’s go burn down villages!" said Dragon.

"NO!" replied Elderwin.

"But why?" questioned Dragon. "It’s in our nature."

Elderwin rolled his eyes "I’m getting bored of burning villages I want to play actual games!"

"What? I didn’t know the games we played were boring!" Dragon said surprised.

The fighting continued and they both ended up going to their own caves very sad.

The next morning Dragon watched Elderwin playing a game with his other friends. Dragon thought the game looked really fun so he went and asked Elderwin if he could play.

Elderwin forgave Dragon and told him he could join their game.

Dragon was very happy that they were friends again. Dragon even loved playing the new games so much that he forgot about burning down villages, and they all lived happily ever after.

By Dion
K-2 Classroom

This Wednesday is the final Kinder Orientation and I have really enjoyed getting to know our next year’s Kinder students. A big thank you to Stella, Sirlintay, William, Maddy, Jet, Rosey and Jye for being ‘buddies’ for our new enrolments.

Backyard League

Over the next few weeks NRL are promoting Rugby League and Literacy. They are holding three workshops (Monday afternoons) which encourage fair play and skill development for both classes. They will be giving Albert Park some sports equipment and presenting some students with footballs on the final day.

Reminders

Could I please have all home readers returned by the end of next week? All students were given a folder with a reader in it and I need to have them returned before the end of term. Also there are a large number of overdue library books to be returned or paid for.

The majority of students received a note for the end of year reward excursion to Ballina Waterslide...cost for the bus and slide $20...it’s going to be a lot of fun!

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Just a reminder to check out our Community Notice Board near the Canteen for up and coming events. There is a notice about a Northern Rivers based hip hop crew called Sistagurl who are performing at Woodford and Byron Bay Falls Festivals.