“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

Sai  Riley
Roxy  Jakequan
Harry L.  Murron
Louie  Ashana
Brodie  Leanna
Raymond  Maddy

Principal’s Report

Crunch & Sip

It is lovely to see children participating in our Crunch and Sip Program. A special thank you to all the parents who have taken this on board and are sending in beautiful fresh fruit and vegetables cut up ready to be eaten. The children are loving it and most definitely benefiting from it. Well done Albert Park!

School Fees 2014

The money raised from school fees contribute towards essential resources and opportunities for all students, including, computers, classroom consumables, library books, reading and mathematical resources, sporting equipment, art and craft resources, science equipment, small excursions, sporting opportunities and so much more. These fees are voluntary; however we appreciate and rely upon all contributions made.

The fees are $30.00 per child or family rate $60.00 (2 or more children). Please send to the office at your earliest convenience. Thank you to those parents who have already payed.

Young Leaders Day

Every second year, the Year 5 and 6 students at Albert Park Public School participate in the National Young Leaders Day held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. The day is designed to inspire students to make a positive contribution to their school, motivate students to be great leaders and promote the value of inspiration and positive role models as examples to others. Students mix with other schools and listen to high profile speakers from various backgrounds and experiences. Four confirmed speakers so far for this year’s Leadership Day include:

* Lorin Nicholson – Author, guitarist, first blind person to travel 4000km across Australia
* Andy Griffiths – One of the most popular children’s authors
* Wes Mannion – Environmentalist and Director of Australia Zoo
* Karni Liddell – Para-Olympian and dancer

Notes will go home tomorrow to Year 5 and 6 students who are on an acceptable behaviour level. Please ensure they are returned by Wednesday 26th March.
**Weekly Assemblies**

Every Tuesday students participate in our weekly assembly. This assembly goes from 2.00pm to 2.30 in the Performance Area. The assembly recognises the efforts and attendance of students throughout the week. Certificates are awarded and children present class work and items. Parents and carers are welcomed and encouraged to attend these assemblies.

**Absences**

Just a reminder that our school rolls are monitored regularly by Home School Liaison. Continual absences and lateness is a major concern and will quite often be picked up by the Home School Liaison Officers. If your child’s absences are of concern, an attendance plan may have to be put into place. Please ensure your child attends school every day he/she is well enough to do so. Quite often, those children who are struggling at school are the ones with the high absences. It becomes easier on everyone if children have a regular morning routine.

**Aboriginal PLP Meetings**

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Our meetings with Aboriginal parents to discuss and write the students’ Personal Learning Plans will take place on Friday 28th February at 11-45am. The meetings will be held in the Bundjalung Room and morning tea will be provided. Please come along and talk to your child’s teacher about your children, your goals for them, and any ways that we can work together to ensure your child’s success at school. Aunty Arlene will be contacting the parents of all our Aboriginal students in the next few days to give more details if required. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**4/5/6 Classroom**

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Tuesday at Alstonville. Most students had a go on the day and I was very proud of the effort everyone put in.

Well done to Stella, Raymond, Maddy, Jerahkye and Jet for placing in their age races. Louise is the recipient of the shield “For Most Outstanding Effort In Swimming” this year. The students who qualified for the zone swimming carnival will receive their notes this week. There are photos from the swimming carnival later in the newsletter.

**Home Class**

4/5/6 have been looking at “Social and Global Issues” in H.S.I.E. We have identified and classified environmental, personal and social issues. We will be discussing possible solutions to these issues and looking at the portrayal of these issues in the media.

I was happy to meet and talk to some parents last week at the “Meet the Teacher” evening. Home-school communication is an important way to support your child’s learning. I will be meeting with parents of indigenous students in a few weeks to discuss the learning goals you have for your child/ren. Regards, Mrs Mack.

**2/3 Classroom**

I would like to thank the families and carers who attended the” Meet the Teacher” BBQ last Thursday afternoon, it was lovely to meet everyone. If you were unable to attend please come and introduce yourself and say hello.
Over the last week we have been looking at family events and celebrations that are important to us. We have been sharing these as a class and also writing about them and drawing pictures of them. The students have shown great interest in each other’s stories and learning more about each other’s lives. We are starting to draw our family portrait over the next few weeks and it would be fantastic if students could bring in a family photo to use as a reference for this.

It has been a very busy time in Buribi, lots of recount writing and students learning the routine of reading groups. We have been reading “Where the Forest Meets the Sea” and looking for nouns and verbs throughout the book. Children are also doing a noun hunt around their house as part of their homework.

In Numeracy there has been lots of counting going on. We have been playing addition games which encourage counting on and building number fact knowledge. This week we are looking at addition of 1 and 2 digit numbers.

Enjoy your week,
Sharon Lane

Term 1

Feb 21 - Tamara, Peter & Wendy
Feb 28 - Donna, Sarah B & Amy
Mar 7 - Tamara, Steve & Victoria M
Mar 14 - Don, Judy, John & Vicki
Mar 21 - Donna, Kyreina, Jasmine & Robyn P
Mar 28 - Tamara, Rebecca, Victoria M
Apr 4 - Donna, Wendy & Sarah K
Apr 11 - Tamara, Amy & Peter

Term 2

May 2 - Tamara, Donna, John, Judy & Vicki
May 9 - Tamara, Donna, Steve & Victoria M
May 16 - Tamara, Rebecca & Peter
May 23 - Don, Amy & Jasmine
May 30 - Don, Victoria M & Wendy
June 6 - Tamara, Sarah & Steve
June 13 - Donna, Sarah K & Lorna
June 20 - Tamara, Victoria M & Peter
June 27 - Don, Wendy & Rebecca

Please arrive by 10 am. Canteen ends at 2pm.

If you are unable to work your allocated days please call Donna on 0449 105646 as early as possible. Thank you.
**Small Schools Swimming Carnival**

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Just a reminder to check out our Community Notice Board near the Canteen for up and coming events. There are some notices from the Family Support Network about up and coming workshops/activities.