Dear Parents,

Once again it was great to see a solid turn out for our final P&C meeting for the year on Monday night. Thank you to all those parents who have attended meetings throughout the year.

During the year the P&C has made an outstanding contribution to our school through providing services, busy bees and supports for our students and staff.

They have also provided valuable funds to the school to continue our growth and development. Further into the newsletter you will see under “P&C News” a list of items that that have received these funds. A huge thank you to everyone and to all those parents who provide additional funds by supporting the fundraising.

My special thanks to P&C office bearers and different co-ordinators who do so much work for the P&C and the school.

Important Dates

- Year 6 graduation: Tuesday 15 Dec
- Final day for students: Thursday 17 Dec
- Reports home: Thursday 17 Dec
- School closes: Friday 18 Dec
- 2016 School opens: Wednesday 27 Jan
- 2016 Students return: Monday 1 Feb

Interschool Athletics

Throughout today the Interschool Athletics Carnival will be conducted at North Road Athletics Track. Already we have had the Jumps and Throws Day and our students have performed admirably so far.

We wish all our athletes the “very best” and feel certain that they will perform well during the event. I thank all the staff who have assisted in their preparation particularly Cindy Collinson, Peter Bolt and Deidre Jones.

Booklists 2016

Booklists are attached to this newsletter. A special thank you to Janice Ford for co-ordinating these. As per usual she did a great job.

Assembly

Our last assembly was co-ordinated and conducted by Mr Grey’s Room 17 students. We thank them for their efforts. Our next assembly is being presented through a combined effort of Mrs Perrella’s Pre-Primaries and Mr Dawson’s Year 5/6.

Please note that the assembly is going to be conducted on Thursday 3 December as the year 6s will be having an orientation day at the high schools Friday 4 December.

Classes 2016

Current enrolments indicate that we will be creating 2 Kindy groups, 2 pre-primary groups and 15 primary classes with only two splits.

Please remember that enrolments and departures can affect this dramatically over the next few weeks and the days heading into the new school year. This is why we are very reluctant to inform parents of the teacher placement and class structure prematurely.

End of Year Excursions

All end of year celebratory excursions will be conducted during week 9 of this term. Information for each class will be coming out via the classroom teacher if it hasn’t already. I know that many classes will be keen to see parents participate as I know that you have been very active in supporting classrooms.
Year 6 Orientation Day and Disco
Parents of the year 6 students should note that their secondary school orientation day is scheduled for Friday 4 December and that the combined school disco for ASHS will be held here at school on Wednesday 9 December.

Student Leaders 2016
Elections of student councillors for 2016 will be occurring next week. Results will be tabulated quickly and the school community will be notified of the new councillors for 2016 at our assembly next week.

House captains for 2016 will be elected after this process has been completed and these students will be presented to the school at our final assembly.

Please note that students elected to the student council are not eligible to be house leaders as we want as many students as possible to experience leadership roles in the school.

Student Reports
Reports will be going home on the final day of school. This optimises their preparation and distribution. Reports will not be available to be collected from the office prior to this time so please do not request an early report.

Students will be taking reports home in an enclosed envelope addressed to parents as they are confidential documents.

Conclusion
The school year is fast drawing to a close. We have three busy weeks ahead of us so everyone needs to work together harmoniously to conclude a successful year.

Brian Lee, Principal

P&C NEWS Canteen Roster:

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Last Meeting for 2015
Thank you to all of the people that attended the last P&C meeting on Monday night. A lot of topics were discussed. We said good bye and thank you to the parents who will be leaving the P&C this year as their children move to high school. Thank you Catherine, Janice, Shelley and Sarah who have all made a huge contribution to the school.

It was decided that the canteen will continue a 5 day service next year for term 1. It is currently running at a deficit and the P&C have made several changes to try to rectify that loss. The P&C believes in the importance of providing this service and will continue to run at 5 days in term 1 of 2016 and review at the end of the term. If the canteen is not making a profit or breaking even, then we will be forced to close for a day a week in term 2. As the P&C represent the school community, it is important to communicate to all, that funds from the other accounts holding fundraising monies, may need to be utilised to meet the demands of running the canteen. We appreciate your continued support and would urge you to order more often and encourage your friends to do so.

The P&C and school community have been able to contribute funds to the school in 2015 to enable the purchase of:
- electronic whiteboards
- retaining wall in playground
- TVs in ECC area
- Home reading books
- End of year book prizes
- grounds development to Middleton Road playing field
- Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions

At the meeting on Monday night, the money made at the Screen Free Week which was in excess of $2,400 was included in the total of $9,000 being pledged towards the cost of a subscription for Mathletics and Reading Eggs in 2016. Congratulations to the whole school community for contributing to the enrichment of the educational experience at Albany Primary School.

Screen Free Week
There are still many sponsorship cards outstanding from the Screen Free Week. Could you please return all forms, even those without any sponsorship to the front office. It is a legal requirement to account for all forms when money collection is involved. Please make sure your child’s name, house name and year is written on the form. Winners of the class with the highest percentage of students screen free will be announced once the forms have all been collated. Thank you to Suze for coordinating the whole event.

The Swing
The birds nest swing has arrived and will be installed during a busy bee in the coming weeks. The swing will be installed in the playground adjacent to the teepee.

Thank you. Michelle Gust
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