



"CREEK WEEKLY"

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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MUSIC CAMP

My congratulations are extended to the performers and to our teachers who hosted the 2009 Music Camp Concert.

The planning and preparations for the Camp were a credit to the organisers. The standard of each item performed at the concert on Thursday evening was outstanding and demonstrated why we need to celebrate and provide every support for the music programs that we have in state schools. Earlier in the day I was delighted to welcome Mr Chris Rider, Regional Executive Director, to Albany Creek. Upon learning that the musicians were taking part in their dress rehearsal for the concert he immediately asked to watch the students. Mr Rider was highly impressed and asked me to share his sentiments and congratulations to all concerned.

Well done one and all... The Music Camp served to highlight that at each school we have talented students, extremely competent teachers and a valued band of highly supportive and dedicated parents and caregivers who make significant contributions to our music programs

A Great Achievement... Well Done!



THE PUPIL FREE DAY

This coming Monday, 19.10.09 is the final Pupil Free Day for 2009. The detailed professional program planned for the day will see our teachers working in teams to:

- Develop English Programs;
- Interrogate and respond to the NAPLAN data, and;
- Refine year level teaching programs.

Later in the afternoon, Principals and members of their Administration Teams will be visiting ACSS to attend a presentation on the use of the latest OneSchool Module designed to enhance Curriculum Planning and Assessment.

PROTECTING OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Earlier this week damage was done to one of the buildings by unknown persons who entered the school late in the evening. This illegal entry is the second incident of vandal damage to the school following damage to buildings and trees over the weekend.

Queensland Police Service and Government Security have agreed to increase patrols through the school grounds. If you observe suspicious persons entering the school grounds out of school hours please contact the following agencies immediately.

- Albany Creek Police Station- 3264 0599
- School Watch – 131 788
- State Government Security – 3224 6666

The School Community has worked diligently to provide excellent resources for the students. We can not allow the actions of a few to have a negative impact upon the learning environment. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The dedication and competencies of Mrs Dickson-Ford have been acknowledged. From this week until the end of this month Mrs Dickson- Ford will be working in Education Queensland's Teaching and Learning Branch to support the development of English programs. Upon her return, Mrs Dickson – Ford will be able to impart her knowledge of these new programs to our teachers.

ENROLMENTS 2010

Once again, thank you for encouraging friends and relatives to seek enrolment details. We have been delighted to welcome additional new families to our School Community. Your support and recommendations are helping to ensure that Albany Creek State School continues to provide a caring, supportive and challenging learning environment for local children. If you have friends and relatives planning to enrol children for school next year, please encourage them to contact the office to seek enrolment details and to make an appointment to meet with a member of the School Administration Team.

FACILITIES

State School of Tomorrow (SSOT). A project manager has been appointed to support the delivery of this program that will fund the renovation of several classrooms. By the end of this month we plan to have progressed the planning for these developments to a point that a comprehensive briefing can be tabled at the November meeting of the Parents and Citizens' Association.

SSOT renovations can include repainting, replacement of carpet and vinyl, installation of infrastructure to support learning technology, enclosing of verandas, removal of internal walls to create larger classrooms and the purchase of furniture. (Computers can not be purchased but interactive whiteboards can be included.) We can't install air-conditioning units but we can have the electrical installations included for future acquisitions. We will be attempting to have many of the renovations carried out over the Christmas Vacation.



BER – BUILDING THE EDUCATIONAL REVOLUTION

Primary Schools of the 21st Century Component: This week school staff took responsibility for developing detailed plans for the internal reorganisation of the library so as to incorporate the additional space to be provided by the BER – P21 program. The extensions will occupy the courtyard space in front of the entrance to the Annex. The project manager has been asked to provide to the school preliminary costs for the extension to the library and the construction of a new two-storey classroom block before the next meeting of the Parents and Citizens' Association.

National School Pride Program - NSP: As soon as tenders close for the construction of covered links and refurbishment of Blocks C and H we will publish details pertaining to the construction program in the Creek Weekly. The refurbishment of Block C – Year One Block will take approximately three weeks. This will be scheduled to minimise disruption to learning.

AROUND AND ABOUT: RESPONSES TO YEAR SEVEN:

Congratulations Students from 7B! The letters of persuasion that I received to support an end of the year excursion to Sea World demonstrated conclusively that the excursion is an important component of your end of year activities. Speaking with the students I was impressed by their understanding that participation by each student is dependent upon his or her commitment to studies and demonstration of exemplary behaviour throughout the term.

CLASSES FOR 2010

Very soon we will be looking at classes for the 2010 school year. There is a strong possibility that we may have to form some composite classes, however classes are compiled after a great deal of dialogue among the administration team, classroom teachers, and specialist staff. Parents who have any special requests regarding the placement of their children are asked to submit these in writing to the Administration Team members by Monday 2 November. While no guarantees can be given, consideration will be given to all such requests. Requests need to be on education grounds, not on individual teachers' personalities. To assist us to prepare class lists for 2010, please advise on the form below if your child will NOT be attending Albany Creek in 2010 (disregarding present Yr 7's). If you have already provided us with this information please disregard this request.

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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I wish to advise that at the end of the year, I will require transfers for my children:

..... Year
..... Year

as they will not be attending Albany Creek in 2010.

They will be attending School in (if known).

Signed: Phone:

Kind Regards
Paul Kingston
A/PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

19 **PUPIL FREE DAY**
23 Yr 4-7 Skate Night
24 Trivia Night

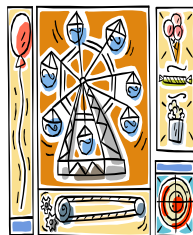
MONEY DUE DATES

OCTOBER

20 Year 1- 4 Swimming

FETE DATE 2010

Please mark in your diary now that the date for next year's fete is SATURDAY 24TH JULY 2010. If you can help out in any way please contact Ruby Peinke on 0404 677 928 or email her on peinke@iprimus.com.au



P & C FUNDRAISING- SKATE NIGHT

Years 4-7: Friday 23rd October

Time: 5:30-7:30pm. Doors open 5:15pm.

Please note: This is a P&C fundraiser. These nights are well organized but supervision at this event is the responsibility of parents/guardians.

SPORT / MUSIC / YR 7 PHOTO ORDERS

Photos will be available for viewing in the foyer of the school office from next week. Order forms may be collected from the school office. Please hand your completed order forms in at the school office as soon as possible.

BANDANNA WEEK!

From Monday 26th October, 5B in conjunction with the student council, will be selling bandannas to help raise money for Canteen. The students are allowed to responsibly wear the canteen bandannas at school for the week, with official Bandanna Day being Friday 30th October. Please note that only Canteen bandannas can be worn and any students not

following the school rules with their bandannas will no longer be allowed to wear them.

Bandannas cost \$3 and will be sold at the hall canteen from 8am to 8.45am. The bandannas come in a variety of patterns and once they are sold out we will not be getting anymore. Students are allowed to buy bandannas for their parents and other family members.

PREP 2010

HAVE YOU ENROLLED YET?

Children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 will be eligible for the preparatory year of schooling in 2010.

Enrolment appointments for 2010 are currently being booked by our administration staff. You may wish to make an **enrolment appointment** anytime from now on by phoning the office on 3264 0111.

CHAPLAINCY TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night 2009 is coming!

On the 24th October, commencing at 7:00 p.m. a Trivia Night will be held at our school hall to raise money for the chaplaincy services in the Albany Creek cluster. We now have over 80 raffle prizes, a \$100 prize for each person from the winning table and many other great prizes that will be up for grabs throughout the evening. We have 17 tables booked already but have the capacity for many more. Why not get a table of up to 10 friends and/or family together for a great night out and a great cause? Tickets are now on sale for \$10 each. Your \$10 ticket will give you entrance to the Trivia Night and a chance at the lucky door prize. Contact Michelle Royle on 3264 01111 for your tickets and a fun night out.

Many thanks to the following families/businesses who have made a donation towards our Trivia Night:

- Criddle Family
- Tyre Power Brendale

YEARBOOK 2009

2009 has been another eventful year for ACSS and one of the best ways that you can relive these events is through our Yearbook. The ACSS Yearbook is a compilation of sporting, social and academic successes which our students have achieved throughout the year. And it is now that time of the year where the P&C are seeking support from parents/caregivers to help offset the cost of printing the Yearbook. We are looking for Family Sponsors, at the cost of \$25 per family, which entitles you to a copy (before they are sold out), plus your family name will be printed in the yearbook. We are also still looking for local business who would like the opportunity to advertise in our yearbook. If you are interested in being a Family Sponsor or know of a business that can help, then please contact either Leanne Dierens (027 253 785) or Karen Britton (040 845 924).

Leanne Dierens and Karen Britton
Year book Coordinators

BOOK FAIR 2009

Book Fair will take place in Week 4, from 26th October – 30th October in the Library. A vast range of books, posters and other educational products will be on sale in the Library each day. Please note the following opening hours:

Monday to Friday 8.15am – 4.00pm

Next week you will receive an invitation brochure advertising some of the products available at the Book Fair. There will be two opportunities to win a \$25 voucher to use at the fair. Entry forms will be available in the Library during the Book Fair. This will be drawn on Friday 30th October at 4.00pm.

We are once again looking forward to your support in this annual event, which demonstrates to children the importance of books and provides additional resources for our school library.

Thank you.

Petra Reibelt. (Teacher-Librarian)

TUCKSHOP

Ingredients urgently needed this week: Ingredients urgently needed this week: self-raising flour, strawberry jam and plain sa-ka-ta crackers.

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking winners this week are: Jamie (2B) and Taylor (1C).

ONLINE POETRY COMPETITION

2009 is the Year of Creativity!

Students are invited to submit an entry to the Online Poetry Competition. The task is to write a Haiku Poem. Traditionally, the Haiku is a Japanese poem about nature, consisting of just three lines. The competition is open now and runs through until

Friday 6th November 2009. Visit www.learningplace.eq.edu.au.

REMEMBERENCE DAY MANUSCRIPT COMPETITION

Pine Rivers RSL Sub Branch is conducting a Manuscript competition entitled "What Remembrance Day means to me". Students from Grade 4 – 7 in the Pine Rivers district have been invited to submit an essay which should contain no more than 500 words. Cash prizes will be awarded for winning students and their school. Category winners will receive \$300 and money for their school and there is also encouragement prizes of \$100 to be won. Entries must be submitted by Friday 23rd October to Mrs Tina Mortensen, DSTA.

YMCA NEWS

YMCA are taking bookings for care on the Pupil Free Day of October 19th. If you are seeking to book your children in for that day please contact YMCA as soon as possible. The program for the Pupil Free Day will be the same as a vacation care day; the service will open at 6.30 am and close at 6.00 pm. Children will need to bring lunch and YMCA will provide afternoon tea. If you regularly attend OSHC on Mondays, there is no need to cancel your booking for that day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROTARY AND ARTS ALLIANCE ART FESTIVAL 2009- 17TH AND 18TH OCTOBER 2009 AT ALBANY CREEK STATE SCHOOL HALL-

The Arts Alliance of Pine Rivers, sponsored by the Albany Creek Rotary Club of Albany Creek, proudly presents its 2009 Arts Festival at Albany Creek State School. Come and see great artwork, sculpture and photographs for sale then be entertained by Bush Poets, Writers, Musicians and dancers from the local area. Doors open 9am to 3pm on Saturday and 9am to 2pm on Sunday.

Albany Creek Rotary Club will be holding another Book Fair here in the school Hall on Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November.

NORTHSIDE WIZARDS BASKETBALL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CLINICS

Clinics will run for 8 weeks on Saturdays from 17th October to 5th December 2009 at the South Pine Sports Complex, Brendale. Cost \$10 per week. Students can obtain a registration form from Mr. Smith.