



"CREEK WEEKLY"

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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SPEAKING COMPETITION

The final of the Speaking Competition will be held in the hall next Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. It is evident from the semi-finals that the standard is very high with the delivery of speeches by the students both entertaining and most informative. My congratulations are extended to all students who have entered the competition. Thank you to our teachers for the quality of their instruction and to parents and caregivers for encouraging their sons and daughters to participate in this valuable learning opportunity.

PUPIL FREE DAY

The collegiality and professionalism demonstrated by the staff as they responded to the pupil free day activities deserves high praise. The first session saw the staff participating in team activities to refine and to report on their year level English Curriculum initiatives. I was impressed by how each year level team could articulate clearly what they are expecting of their students and how each team is contributing to the success of the English Program.

The second session provided year level teams with an opportunity to respond to NAPLAN data and the new Prep to Year Three Literacy and Numeracy indicators. Once again, the staff identified priorities for 2010 and demonstrated how much can be achieved by teamwork. The findings and recommendations made by the staff will guide our planning and the delivery of engaging curriculum programs throughout 2010.

Later this week our Year One Team will be involved in moderation of students' work with teachers from other schools. Albany Creek is one of only two schools from North Brisbane selected to participate in a state wide trial of the new Prep to Year Three indicators. Already our teachers have made significant contributions to the project. We wish them every success with there interschool moderation.

BER – BUILDING THE EDUCATIONAL REVOLUTION

Primary Schools of the 21st Century Component: The concept plans for the extensions to the Library Resource Centre have been shared with the Project Manager and architect. We are confident that our suggestions will be endorsed. The plans include the construction of an additional teaching space of approximately eighty square metres along with internal remodelling, new interactive learning technology and new furniture.



We have asked the architect to have sketches available for presentation at the next meeting of the Parents and Citizens' Association scheduled for Tuesday 03.11.09. It is proposed that the extension be constructed in the paved area in front of the stairs to the existing library annex.

Members of staff will be visiting new schools to inspect classroom accommodation blocks. Our next BER responsibility is to refine our plans to replace the existing Year Five Block. By this time next year we are hopeful that the construction of the new teaching block will be nearing completion. We are working to a tentative timeline that would see the library extensions completed first and a start made to the new classroom block after the 2010 NAPLAN tests have been completed. The anticipated construction time for the new classroom block is twenty-six weeks.

TRIAL OF NEW LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Our Year Six and Year Seven teachers have been trialling the effectiveness of the latest interactive white board technology.

The interactive whiteboard will be relocated to Prep later this term and then to the middle school for teachers to consider the potential of the technology to enhance learning programs. Both of the Building the Educational Revolution programs and the State Schools of Tomorrow program will help fund the installation of interactive whiteboards should there be support for this initiative from the teaching staff.



Each of our year levels has been provided with a digital camera to support the implementation of class information Communication Technology (ICT) programs. In coming weeks, four teachers from the junior school will be released for one day to participate in a specialised professional development program to enhance the use of ICTs from Prep to Year Three.

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
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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER
 23 Yr 4-7 Skate Night
 24 Trivia Night

MONEY DUE DATES

NOVEMBER
 3 Yr 2 Enchanted Forest
 Yr 3 Maths Workshop

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



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.

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

Order forms are now available from the office for all of the photos taken earlier this term. Please complete the order forms with payment and return to the office by **Friday 6th November**.

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.

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:

- Best-Semple family

DONATIONS OF KITCHEN ITEMS

Do you have any kitchen items that you simply do not need anymore? We are in need of such items as dinner plates, serving platters, cutlery and electric fry pans. These items can be dropped to Mrs Thompson 5A or Mrs Robinson 5D.

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 (0427 253 785) or Karen (0408 455 924).

Leanne and Karen
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

This 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)

BOOK PACKS

Grant Education has now collected the book pack orders from the school office. If you have not yet ordered your book pack for next year and wish to do so, please contact Grant Education on 3881 3100.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have supported the school by ordering your book pack through Grant Education.

Anne Knight
Book Pack Co-ordinator

TUCKSHOP

A huge thank-you to Wendy from Grindz Café for donating another 10kg bag of flour to the tuckshop. Ingredients needed this week: strawberry jam, plain rice crackers, sliced pineapple and foil.

UNIFORM SHOP

New polo shirts are due to arrive at the uniform shop in mid to late November.

HOUSE COLOURED SPORT SHIRTS

The Music Supporters Group, a subsidiary of the P&C are selling the House Coloured Polo Shirts again. They can now be worn on Friday of every week as well as the three sports days of the year. These are the ONLY House shirts that can be worn on Fridays as part of the school uniform for Grades 1-7 (not Prep). They are available by pre-paid order up to Friday 13th November 2009 to be back in time for the Swimming Carnival. The cost of the shirts is \$20 each and the order forms are available from the office and the tuckshop. If you have any enquiries regarding this matter please see Ms. Lien or phone Kerry 0412 727 245.

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.

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.

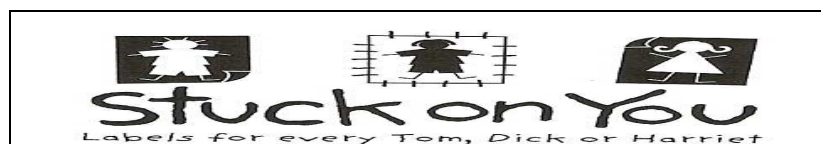
SPINAL EDUCATION AWARENESS

This year The Spinal Education Awareness Team is a free visit to our school. As in previous years this will involve the Year 2, 4 and 6 classes. This visit will take place on Thursday 26th November. We would like to thank the new sponsor supporting Motor

Accident Insurance Commission and the AAM Foundation which allows for this free program for this year only.

FUNDRAISING

With the Book Lists for 2010 organised, it is now time to turn your attention to labels for those books and uniforms.



Don't wait until January 2010, check out the offers and discounts on the back to school packs at <https://www.stuckonyou.biz/albanycreek> or direct Phone Orders on 1800 645 849. Quote or enter 'Albany Creek State School' as the Fundraiser Name, to support our Fundraising. Thank you to the parents and caregivers of students who have already supported our school by placing an order.

YMCA NEWS

We are planning the Christmas vacation care program – now. We are hoping to have more and better excursions. If you have any suggestions about excursions, or other things we can do during vacation care; please let us know.

On Friday 30th October, here at After School Care, we will be having a special afternoon tea to help raise funds for research into a cure for cancer. Come along on Friday afternoon, or drop in before school and help us help young people struggling against cancer.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

GLOBAL MARKET DAY

The Arana Hills Church of Christ will be holding a Global Market Day on Saturday 31st October 2009 at 2 Bringelly St, Arana Hills from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. For further information please phone 0411 801 553.