Dear Parents and Caregivers

Student Leadership at Albany Hills

As our students grow and mature over their years of schooling, opportunities to be involved in leadership activities become available. Junior School Sports Captains are selected by the end of Term 1 each year. They play an important role at Cross Country and at the Junior Sports Carnival.

Our Senior Captains (School, Sports and Music) are elected in Term 4 of the year before they take up office. They are nominated from the pool of students who have gained their Senior Student Badge in Year 5. The process of getting a Senior Student Badge is quite rigorous, involving completion of community oriented and leadership tasks, recording these and gaining references for each area. This is implemented by Mr Wiedman and the Year 5 teachers. In 2016 we had over 70% of our Year 6s gain their Senior Student Badge and this year we are looking for all students in Year 6 to have their badge by the end of the year.

The School Captains (Jayda Gibson and Julian Korbatis) and Vice-Captains (Dallan Langenhoven and Liam Marra) play a vital role at Senior and Whole-school Assemblies, ANZAC Day and at the Year 6 Farewell held at the end of the year. They also represent the school at official occasions including the Leaders Investiture at ACSHS. Leadership days are held in the city and locally so that the four captains mingle with leaders from other schools.

Our Sports Captains are elected in the year previous also. Keeley Cawte and Poppy Stephen lead Bradman, Seth Elsworth and Olivia Lefrancke head up Cuthbert. Fraser’s leaders are Ryan Bezjak and Xavier Colussa, whilst Laver is ably led by Grace Kennedy and Jacob Rose. Sports Captains perform vital roles at the annual Athletics Carnival and Cross Country events. They also help on Junior Sports Day and Under 8’s. Our PE teachers have organised for Sports Captains to be involved with junior school students during the breaks, and they also help with setting up for lunch time play and Friday sports days.

Music Captains (Alyssa Aspinall, Aarya Doolabh, Poppy Ryan and Jenna Willemse) are also kept very busy helping out with the Senior and Junior Musicals, Instrumental Music Camps and performances and the Annual Talent Quest. They are also involved in the Junior and Senior Music Camps, and the performance at the Uniting Church Fete.

Our students are our finest example of all the things that are good about Albany Hills State School. All Year 5s and 6s are considered leaders as they provide role models to the younger students in the way they wear their uniform with pride, and participate in all activities displaying enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

Rod Mason
Principal
School Council Meeting 21 February

At this meeting the Council will be asked to receive and approve the 2017 Improvement Plan, the Investing for Success 2016 report and the Investing for Success 2017 Plan. The Improvement Plan sets out the tasks and activities for the year as we work towards the vision of every student performing to their personal best.

The I4S report and plan outlines the use made of Federal Government funding to improve student learning. This ceases at the end of the year and we have as yet received no information on what the future may hold. This is a substantial source of funds (about $700,000 over three years) and certainly has contributed to gains made over this period.

For the first time the School Council will review an annual report outlining the work done in 2016. The Council will be asked to review the report and compile a summary of findings for the school community. As an Independent Public School the School Council has the responsibility to receive these reports as part of their role in monitoring progress towards our strategic targets. Once dealt with by the Council, reports and plans are placed on the website for the public to access.

Congratulations to all the swimmers who represented our school at the North Districts Trials. Congratulations and good luck to those who now go onto the next level, competing next week to get into the Metropolitan North Regional team that will go onto the state competition.

Rod Mason
Principal

From the Deputies…

Student Leaders’ Investiture

Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2017 on their appointment to the following positions. They received their badges at a special investiture ceremony held today.

School Captains:  
Jayda Gibson
Julian Korbatits

School Vice Captains:  
Dallan Langenhoven
Liam Marra

Music Captains:  
Alyssa Aspinall
Aarya Doolabh
Poppy Ryan
Jenna Willems

Bradman Captains:  
Keeley Cawte
Poppy Stephen

Cuthbert Captains:  
Seth Elsworth
Olivia Lefrancke

Fraser Captains:  
Ryan Bezjak
Xavier Colussa

Laver Captains:  
Grace Kennedy
Jacob Rose

We wish them every success in their endeavours this year.

Are Your Details Correct?

Have you changed your home, work or mobile phone number recently? Do you have a new email address or have you moved house? Have your child’s medical details or emergency contacts changed? If so, we ask that you please notify the school office of the new information as soon as possible. It is important that these details are kept up to date in the event they are needed. Please email changes to: office@albahillss.eq.edu.au or phone 3264 0777.

Silver Tickets

Congratulations to our latest Silver Ticket winners.
Noah PJP, Jamie PJP, Jenna 1MC, Ceiligh 1CN, William 4ZE, Oliver 4PB, Tamara 5AD, Makayla 5HM.

Triple P

Triple P has lots of different ways parents and carers of kids and teenagers can get free support. All families are different, so if you’re looking for a little bit of help or a lot, or something in between, you can register for seminars and groups or arrange one-on-one support.

Getting Organised

Does your child need help getting organised? Download the 2017 homework calendar to keep up to date with key dates and school holidays www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/det-homework-calendar.pdf

Before and After School

The correct area for Year 1 students who arrive for school early, i.e. before 8.30 am is in the small covered area near Teaching Block 2. Students are to be seated. Parents are welcome to sit in there in the mornings and afternoons too. Prep students sit in the junior covered area and Years 2-6 in the senior covered area. Please note that before 8.30 am and 3.00 pm parents are not to wait outside classrooms or along the walkways. We thank you for your support and cooperation.
No parking at Radius Medical Centre

We would like to remind existing parents and advise new parents to the school, that parking in Radius Medical Centre’s upper and lower car parks for morning drop off and afternoon pickups is not permitted.

During these times, our patients/customers are finding it difficult to find a park, which has resulted in patients needing to park outside of the complex, and on one occasion an elderly patient had to cancel her appointment as she could not find a park and could not walk the distance if she parked elsewhere.

Albany Hills State School has a parent carpark, therefore it would be appreciated if you could use this designated car park. Signs will be erected in the coming weeks, and if you continue to park here, you will leave us with no option but to have your car towed away.

We will be policing the car park during these times to ensure that the patients/customers of the Medical Centre, Pharmacy, Dentist and Sullivan Nicolaides are able to park trouble free.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance regarding this urgent matter.

Kind regards
Sue Warrell
Practice Manager

Science News

Young Scientist of the Year
It’s that time again to start thinking about The Young Scientist of the Year (YSOTY), do you have any great ideas of an investigation you would like to do, an environmental project, build something, or maybe you have an idea for a maths project?

We will have a Hot Topic session with more information on Wednesday 8 March.

World Science Festival
The World Science Festival is back in Brisbane. They are inviting students to submit questions to ask during our key education program Pioneers in Science and are offering up to five free places for all questions chosen for our two shows.

worldsciencefestival.com.au
Pioneers in Science
(There is a free workbook to assist students to develop their questions).

Astronomy
South East Queensland Astronomical Society (SEQAS) visited our school during the student free week to work with staff around our telescopes. They are a small friendly group of volunteers who run free public viewings from sunset on 1st and 3rd Sundays at Bracken Ridge Reserve via Jude Street entry. Visitors are most welcome and members will share their knowledge of observing and astrophotography. For more information you can visit their website at www.segas.org and on Facebook.

Anita Roberts
Lead Teacher: Science
Teacher: 2BR

Stay In Touch
There are at least four easy ways to stay informed about what’s going on at Albany Hills.

Facebook: @AlbanyHillsStateSchool
(The official school site)
Website: www.albahillss.eq.edu.au
Twitter: @AlbanyHillsSS

TrySports
Albany Hills State School values sport and physical activity and the role this can play in developing happy, healthy students who carry good habits into adulthood. Sports and active play encourages the modelling of team work, decision making and essential social skills, such as N.E.D., that are helpful in all areas of life.

Our focus on school sport here at Albany Hills is to encourage maximum participation, physical development and safe play. Albany Hills State School offers wide range of sporting and recreational activities to cater for the needs of all students.

Students in all year levels have a physical education lesson each week taught by a specialist teacher. Students in the upper year levels participate in an additional sport lesson each week. Our philosophy in sport and physical education is to give our students a whole range of activities so they can choose a sport for life.

Year 3s participate in a program on Thursdays called Trysports and this semester the we are learning about netball and soccer. Students will need to wear their house shirts, bring a hat and water bottle. Sunscreen is also available and we encourage the students to be self-monitoring on applying this after lunch. If you have any

QSchools app: download and make Albany Hills a favourite.

QParents app is coming soon!

Steve Wiedman
Beth Henderson
Deputy Principals
questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

**District Swimming and Netball**

Congratulations to these students who were selected in the North District Swimming Team:

Xavier Colussa  
Daisy Heyman  
Jalen Proud  
Rhiannon Smith  
Poppy Stephen  
Sean van Breda

Congratulations to these students who were selected in the North District Netball Teams:

**U11:**  
Danika Bettridge  
Jenna Willemse

**U12:**  
Olivia Lefrancke  
Kayla Sutton

Craig Gason  
John Moores  
HPE Teachers

The newly named North by North West Swimming Carnival was held at Lawnton Aquatic Centre last Thursday. The values of NED (Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best) were on display for all to see.

The Albany Hills team of 16 swimmers from Years 4 to 6 gave their best all day.

Controversy still surrounds the disqualification of one competitor, Donald. Was it the non-standard swimming costume (feathers)? Was it the webbed feet? Or was it simply because Donald failed to enrol at a school before competing? Children coped well with the distraction and the crowd were entertained.

Peter Mahoney  
Year 6 Teacher

**Music News**

**Parent Music Committee**  
The first Music Committee Meeting is being held on Thursday 16 February in the music room. Meeting starts at 2.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what’s planned for year ahead.

Peta Lilly  
Chair  
Parent Music Committee

**Instrumental Music**  
All instrumental lessons and all rehearsals have commenced.  
**Year 1 and 2 Dance Club**  
Mondays - first break in the auditorium. All students are welcome.  
**Year 3 and 4 Dance Club**  
Tuesdays - first break in the auditorium. All students are welcome.  
**Senior Dance Club**  
Mondays - second break in the auditorium. All students in Year 5 and 6 are welcome.  
**Junior Choir**  
Years 2 and 3. Thursdays second break in the music room. All students are welcome.  
**Boys’ Choir**  
Years 3-6. Wednesdays second break in the music room. All boys are welcome.  
**Senior Choir**  
Years 4,5 and 6. Tuesdays second break in the music room. All students are welcome.  
**Drama Club**  
Mondays first break in the music room. Students in Years 5 and 6 will be involved. Letters will be available soon.  
**Senior String Ensemble**  
Thursday mornings - 7.30 - 8.30 in the auditorium.  
**Senior Concert Band**  
Tuesday mornings - 7.30 - 8.30.  
**Senior Musical Actors**  
All auditions have taken place and students have received their rehearsal lists. These rehearsals start next week.

Mrs Di Ormiston  
Music Teacher

**Lunch Clubs**

The Lunch Club schedule is now available and will be posted on the wall in each class room. You can also view the Lunch Club schedule on our school website at this link: [Lunch Clubs]

**P&C News**

**Tuckshop**  
We are still in great need of some new helpers on a Friday. Please come and give Tuckshop a try, the kids would love to see you there!  
Call in or contact Sharon or Gill on 3264 0728.

If you are unable to volunteer in the Tuckshop but would still like to help us out, we accept donations of crackers, pasta, cans of beetroot etc. These can be dropped into us or put in the children’s tuckshop box.

Many thanks!  
Sharon & Gill

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**Chocolate Drive Fundraiser**

Watch out for your Easter Egg Fundraising chocolates this week, they will be sent home with the youngest child this Thursday.

Helen Mills  
P&C Chocolate Drive Coordinator
The Flag

Sergeant Jamie Stevenson from the Australian Army demonstrated to eight Year 6 students how to raise and lower the flag. He then did a talk to all Year 6 students about the protocol of the flag. The flag must not touch the ground because it is a sign of disrespect. The big star on the flag is called the federation star. We appreciate Sergeant Jamie for coming and teaching us about the flag. If you see students putting up the flag, you should stand still until it is raised.

Sam Geutjes
6JW

Staff Profile of the Week

This week we are featuring one of our Year 4 teachers, Mrs Rex from 4AR.

Mrs Rex 4AR

How long have you been teaching? 13 years

What is your favourite subject? Science.

Where did you last teach? Marshall Road State School in Holland Park.

What do you do when you’re not teaching? Look after my energetic 2 year old.

What book are you reading at the moment? A Magical Girl by Karen Foxlee. One of my favourite authors is Enid Blyton.

What do expect from your students? That all students come to school, be safe and want to learn.

What is your favourite thing about Albany Hills State School? That everyone is understanding and trusting of each other.

Katie Falcnik
School Promotions Office

Community News

World’s Greatest Shave

The Albany Creek Leukaemia Group is participating in the annual World’s Greatest Shave.

DATE: Thursday, 16 March

TIME: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

PLACE: The Hairologists, Charter Hall (Coles)

REGISTER: worldsgreatestshave.com/take-part/

ENQUIRIES: Kaye (3264 3050; kaye_fox@hotmail.com) Shave or Colour your hair, and fundraise for the Leukaemia Foundation, to support patients with Leukaemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma and other blood cancers.

Strathpine Scorpions Netball Club

LIMITED POSITIONS LEFT!!

Strathpine Scorpions Netball Club is a small, family orientated club with a proud tradition of offering participants the affordability to play netball.

Fees for 2017 are: $280 Included in your fees are team photos, club break up and entry fee for PRNA carnival. A discount of $10 per sibling is offered also.

Registrations can be done online, follow the links on our Facebook or website pages.

Contact: Melissa Tynan 0416 160 029 secretary@strathpinescorpions.com

Pine Rivers Netball Association, Les Hughes Complex, 119 Francis Road (Corner Baker Street), Lawnton.

We look forward to welcoming you to our club.