



## What's on

### March

29 Hot Topic: Reading  
29 Girls Touch Trials  
29-30 Regional AFL Trials  
31 Playgroup Meeting  
31 Free Dress Day  
31 Last day of Term 1

### April

17 Public Holiday  
18 Term 2 begins  
18 Whole School Assembly  
19-20 Year 1 Bunyaville  
19 Regional Netball Trials  
20 Regional Hockey Trials  
21 District Cross Country  
24 ANZAC Assembly  
25 ANZAC Day Holiday  
26 No Junior Assembly  
26 Hot Topic: Daniel Morocmbe  
Curriculum Information session  
26-27 Regional Football Trials  
28 Year 4,5,6 Gala Day

### May

1 Labour Day Holiday  
3-4 Year 6 Excursion

## Reminders

### Front Gate

Closed  
8.30 am - 9.00 am  
2.50 pm - 3.15 pm

### Back Gate

Open 7.30 am  
Closed 3.20 pm  
Closed weekends and  
school holidays

### Uniform Shop

Mon Closed  
Tues 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm  
Wed 8.00 am - 9.30 am  
Thurs 8.00 am - 10.00 am  
Fri 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

### Money Collection

Mon - Fri  
Place in window box  
outside school office.

### Coffee Van

Wednesday 1.30 pm  
Outside Auditorium

### Office Hours

Mon-Fri  
8:00 am - 3:00pm

## A message from the Principal...

### Highlights of Term 1 and onto Term 2

The first term of 2017 has certainly rushed on by. It's hard to believe that only nine weeks ago the newest additions to our school, the Preps, joined us for the beginning of their formal education.

They quickly settled in, have begun reading and writing, socialising, and adapting to routines.

Their teachers are enjoying the fun and learning along with their students. The Preps, along with Years 1 and 2 will enjoy Under 8s morning and the Fancy Dress Ball mid-way through next term.

Also in the world of Prep we will be welcoming parents to an information morning and evening for the 2018 intake. As Albany Hills is enrolment managed, families in catchment are the first to be considered, and out-of-catchment families are most welcome to attend and to be placed on a waiting list.

Throughout Term 1 many students in Years 4 to 6 participated in representative sport bearing testament to the quality of the PE and Sport program being delivered by Mr Moores and Mr Gason. The Running Club has over 100 students practising each week and no doubt this will stand them in good stead for the North District Cross Country trials in Week 1 of Term 2. All students in Years 4 to 6 have participated in Friday sports practice getting ready for the three Gala Days next term. It is a joy to see their enthusiasm as their skills grow and develop. Thanks to the PE teachers and staff who coach the teams throughout the week.

Our Year 6s are working very hard on their studies but took time out to attend Camp Goodenough for three days. They returned to school having bonded with each other and having gained in independence and self-awareness. Our Student Captains have a very busy life having attended two leadership days as well as talking on responsibilities at school. The Sports Captains assist with equipment and interact with the younger students on a rostered basis. Our Music Captains balance their instrumental music with getting ready for the Senior Musical scheduled for the end of the term. No doubt many will be involved in the Uniting Church Fete, along with other students in the choirs.

We have progressed the Science and Art Building and are looking forward to its completion in late May. This will enable us to organise 'messy' lessons in Science and Art, something I'm sure the students will enjoy. Next term will also see the construction of the Senior Playground and new Handball Courts so there will be some disruption to the areas students have available to play in.

Overall a very busy and productive Term 1, with just as much to look forward to in Term 2.

### Staff Change

Carol Halba, our Business Manager has retired after 24 years of service with Education Queensland. We wish Carol a happy retirement and thank her sincerely for all her hard work here at Albany Hills over the past 14 years. A new, permanent Business Manager will be appointed next term. Unfortunately, we bid farewell to Donna Fredrickson, our hardworking acting Business Manager. Donna has secured a permanent position at Ascot State School and will begin working there in Term 2. Thanks go to Donna for the effort she put into making sure our school runs efficiently and the bills were paid during Term 1.

See everyone bright eyed and ready to work in Term 2.

Rod Mason  
Principal

**Free Dress Day - Gold coin donation**  
**Friday 31 March**

## Hot Topics

The discussions between staff and parents on Wednesday afternoons have been very successful and they will continue into Term 2. I am searching for ideas and topics that are of interest to parents. They may be about how things are done at school, or an exploration of what could be done. The topic may be educationally based and could include aspects of child and family well-being.

All suggestions are most welcome and may be sent to the school or to my own email [mmaso6@eq.edu.au](mailto:mmaso6@eq.edu.au)

'Hot Topics' are held at 2.00 pm on Wednesdays.

Look for information on the topics in The Herald and on the website. No bookings are necessary.

### March 29 – Reading

This week's Hot Topic is on Reading with our Master Teacher Dale Roberston. Come along if you'd like to know more about:

- Strategies for teaching reading
- Reading comprehension (What is CARS & STARS?)
- How is reading assessed?
- What can I do at home to help?

**April 26** - Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum, in the library.

Rod Mason  
Principal

## From the Deputies...

### The Herald

There will be no Herald in Week 1. The next Herald will be published in Week 2.

## Junior House Captains



Congratulations to these Year 2 students. They were presented with their badges at the Whole School Assembly today.

### Bradman:

Rocco Bolton and  
Imogen Loxley

### Cuthbert:

Isaac Cichocki and  
Maddie McPheat

### Fraser:

Sienna Conway and  
Vincent James

### Laver:

Mason Cremonini  
and Sienna McLucas

## Uniform Excellence

We would like to thank the parents of Albany Hills State School for their efforts ensuring their children are in correct uniform each day. This was very noticeable on our recent visits to classrooms. We are very proud of our students and their high standards.

A reminder that students in Years 4 – 6 will need to wear their black shoes and navy socks to school on all sports days including Gala Days. If they have special shoes for their sports they are to change just prior to the game.

## Free Dress Day

This Friday, the last day of term, will be Free Dress Day. The SRC (Student Representative Council) is raising money for future school improvements. Students may choose their own outfit (no theme this time) and bring a gold coin donation to join in the fun. Please make sure your outfit is appropriate for



school. Remember to wear closed in shoes, no hair colour and no singlets are to be worn.

## Playgroup

The first committee meeting was held last week with some great plans made. The next meeting will be held this Friday 31 March at 8.45 am in the Parent Room (Uniform Shop). Any parents, carers and community members interested in helping to run the playgroup are invited to attend this meeting.

## Future Date Claimers

For your diaries:

Fundraisers for our local school chaplaincy service.

**Saturday 3 June** - High Tea and Fashion Parade in our auditorium.

**Monday 24 July** - Albany Creek's Longest Dinner at The Coffee Club

**Saturday 21 October** –Trivia Night at Albany Creek State School.

## Enrolments

If you have a child coming to prep next year, please submit enrolment forms to the office. Current families, particularly of Year 6 students, please be aware that the sibling policy only applies if there is a sibling in the school at the same time, i.e., intended enrolment commencement and/or attendance of the sibling must be concurrent with the attendance of current student for the application to be valid. For example, if the applicant will be commencing in 2018, but the current enrolled sibling finishes school in 2017, then the application will not be valid. If your 2018 prep student is in this category, it is strongly recommended that enrolment forms be submitted as soon as possible so that the child may be added to the waiting list with the out-of-catchment applicants. If you have any enrolment questions please email [admin@albahillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@albahillss.eq.edu.au)

## Every Day Counts

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning, every day of the school year.

This term concludes at 3.00 pm on Friday 31 March.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

## 2017 NAPLAN Tests

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the annual NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests in Week 4 of next term.

The dates for the tests are as follows:

### Tuesday 9 May

Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing tests

### Wednesday 10 May

Reading test

### Thursday 11 May

Numeracy test

It is important that Year 3 and 5 students are present on these dates so that they are able to sit the tests under the same conditions as their classmates.

Friday 12 May is set aside as a 'catch up' day for the tests, however, this will usually be done under the supervision of a teaching staff member in the administration building. We strongly advise that you ensure your child is present on the set dates to participate in the tests with their classmates.

Recently, parents of students in Years 3 and 5 received a brochure entitled "NAPLAN: 2017 Information for Parents".

More information can be obtained from your child's class teacher or at <http://www.nswieap.edu.au>

There will be a special "Hot Topics" session devoted to NAPLAN early next term. Details will be published at a later date.

If you have any questions or concerns around exemptions, withdrawals or provisions for students with disabilities, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or Mr Steve Wiedman at [swied3@eq.edu.au](mailto:swied3@eq.edu.au).

## QParents Is Coming!

Great news: Albany Hills State School is proud to be able to offer QParents in the near future.

**For your registration to QParents to be successful we will need your current email address.**

Therefore if you **have changed** your email address recently, you will need to update your details with [this form](#).

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour Information
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address.
- Enrolment details.

For more information check out this link:

<https://det.qld.gov.au/about-us/det-apps/qparents>



## Silver Tickets

Congratulations to the following students who have earned themselves a silver certificate. Tobi 3CB, William 4ZE, Georgie 4PB, Connor 5AD.

We have an exciting extension to our Silver Ticket Rewards Program. At the end of each term, our student leaders will represent the silver tickets that were given during the term for students to take home and keep. We will begin each term with empty boxes.

## Thanks, Parents

We would like to thank all parents and carers for attending the parent-teacher interviews in recent weeks. These interviews provided an important opportunity to discuss children's progress and to build positive relationships between home and school.

## 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](http://www.albahillss.eq.edu.au)



Twitter: @AlbanyHillsSS

### QSchools app:

download and make Albany Hills a favourite.



**QParents app is coming soon!**



Have a great week.

**Steve Wiedman**  
**Beth Henderson**  
Deputy Principals

## ANZAC Day



### Assembly

The school will be holding a whole school assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day on Monday 24 April. The assembly will commence promptly at 2.00 pm in the Auditorium. There will be representatives from the Australian Defence Force involved in the assembly. The junior choir will be singing at the assembly. There will be two representatives from each class laying a wreath. Two senior ADF children will be representing the Defence families in the school. .

This is an important date in our school's calendar as we have a large number of Australian Defence Families at the school. Everyone is welcome so please come along and help us educate our children on the importance of ANZAC Day. Help us remember on ANZAC Day.

### Helpers Needed

We are looking for volunteers that could spare some time on the morning of the ANZAC Day assembly (Monday 24 April) from 9.15 am to help set up the auditorium ready for the assembly in the afternoon. With lots of hands it only takes about 1 hour to set up the auditorium

Any parents that would like to be involved by volunteering their time for this special event please contact the school office on Ph 3264 0777 or email [kocon48@eq.edu.au](mailto:kocon48@eq.edu.au) to Mrs Karen O'Connor our Defence School Transition Aide. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

### March

On ANZAC Day, Tuesday 25 April, Albany Hills will be marching in the ANZAC Day march at Kallangur with the Pine Rivers District RSL Sub-Branch. This is a great opportunity for the students and parents to proudly represent our school.

**Details of the march are as follows:**

**7.30 – 7.45 am** – All children assemble outside the Kallangur Fair Shopping Centre, 1473 Anzac Avenue Kallangur– in the car park of the Woolworths Supermarket. There is NO PARKING here.

**8.00 am** – Students and staff prepare for the march.

**8.15 am** – March commences for students and staff. Parents are to meet students at the RSL following the march.

**8.45 – 9.00 am** - March finishes – Please meet your child at our school's designated area.

#### Important information:

- All children must be in school uniform (including correct shoes and socks).
- School hats must also be worn.
- Please bring a water bottle.
- Children are encouraged to wear medals of relatives during the march.
- Please note that parents who wish to march in the parade are invited to march as a group behind our students.

This is a great way to support our school community and an honour for our students. We hope many students and parents will support this special event. Please contact the school if you require any further information: [admin@albahillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@albahillss.eq.edu.au)

### Badges

ANZAC Day badges will be on sale outside the tuckshop on Friday 21 April and Monday 24 April. The school captains will be selling badges from 8.15 am until 8.45 am each of these mornings.

**There is a choice of a Badge for 50 cents or a sticker for only 20 cents.**

Remember to wear your badges or stickers to the special ANZAC Day assembly on Monday 24 April.

### Australian Defence Force Families

Special invitations have been emailed this week to ALL Australian Defence Force families inviting them to our ANZAC Day Assembly. The assembly will be held on Monday 24 April at 2.00 pm. If for some reason you did not receive an invitation please contact Karen O'Connor the Defence School Transition Aide on email [kocon48@eq.edu.au](mailto:kocon48@eq.edu.au) .

### Pine Rivers RSL School Poster and Essay Competition

Each year the Pine Rivers RSL Sub branch holds an essay and poster competition for schools in the local area. This competition has two major prize sponsors in Metropolitan Funerals and Norths Leagues Club. **There is over \$2000 worth of prizes for students to win.**

Entries Close Friday 31 March and need to be delivered to the Pine Rivers RSL Sub Branch by 4:30 pm

Download the entry form here: [Pine Rivers RSL Entry Form](#)

**Mrs O'Connor  
Defence School  
Transition Aide**



## Instrumental Music

Term two will see the string ensemble rehearsals return to **Wednesday mornings**.

Be in the auditorium at 7.30 am for tuning.

Thank you for your support.  
Debbie Clancy-Jones  
Instrumental Music Coordinator

## Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum



Announcing the implementation of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum.

Throughout this term, our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with students across the school (Prep to year 6). The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

Information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum can be found at <http://www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum>

**Another parent information session will also be conducted as a Hot Topic on Wednesday 26 April at 2.00 pm in the library.**

Mr Gason  
HPE Teacher

## Sports News



## Running Club

It is great to see all of the students continuing to come along. We will continue with Running Club next term on both Wednesday and Thursday at 8am. All abilities welcome.

See you **all** on Wednesday.

Yours in sport  
Mr Gason  
HPE Teacher

## Advertising In The Herald

Do you work for a company that would like to advertise in our weekly Herald Newsletter? Do you own your own business? The Albany Hills State School Herald is a great way to reach your audience and support our school.

**We have advertising opportunities starting in Term 2 from as little as \$150 per Term for 10 editions of The Herald.**

By advertising in our trusted school Herald, you can build a positive reputation among the families of our school and wider community, simply through this association.

Spaces are limited so be quick. Contact Katie Falcnik for more information.  
[kfalc20@eq.edu.au](mailto:kfalc20@eq.edu.au)

## Would you like to receive our school Herald via email?

Starting in Term 2, we will be able to send out our school Herald via email, if you would like to be on this email database, please email  
[herald@albahillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:herald@albahillss.eq.edu.au)

with your first name and email address.

Katie Falcnik  
School Promotions Officer

## School Banking



Banking helpers for 18 April are: Jeff, Meredith, Natalie and Natasha.

If you are interested in checking out the banking process or would like to join our monthly roster please pop in to the banking room (uniform shop) on a Tuesday morning after drop off and see Lynne or Tanya.

## P&C News

## Tuckshop

We are still in great need of some new helpers. 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.

## Tuckshop Donations

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!

Tuckshop Roster 18 – 21 April	
Tuesday	Katrina B Rowena
Wednesday	Leanne E Trudi H
Thursday	Sarah W Natalie F Sian T
Friday	Lynne S Justine Mc Estelle M Donna T

## Student News

### Articles for The Herald

Any students wanting articles in The Herald are to first show their teacher for checking, then they can be sent to:

[herald@albahillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:herald@albahillss.eq.edu.au)

### Staff Profile of the week



**Jason Nicholson**  
Schools Officer (Grounds and Facilities)

#### ***What does your role involve as Schools Officer here at AHSS?***

General maintenance of buildings, mowing, gardening and fencing. I'm a carpenter by trade, which is very helpful with a few of the maintenance projects around the school. I also coach the rugby league and touch teams for the Year 4, 5 and 6 Gala Days.

#### ***How long have you been at AHSS?***

This would be my 4<sup>th</sup> year.

#### ***Are there any major projects you've got coming up this year at the school?***

We are about to install the netball hoops and courts on the oval which is exciting.

#### ***Is there anything you would want the parents and students to be aware of around the school grounds?***

It would be great if no rocks or sticks would be thrown onto the oval, it makes mowing a bit tricky

sometimes. And of course it's always a big help if students don't walk through the gardens.

#### ***What do you get up to when you're not working?***

I play footy (AFL) for Aspley. I've just started there actually, and it's been loads of fun. I've just finished playing in a social cricket team too. I love music, I've got quite an eclectic mix of music that I like to listen to. One of my favourite bands is the Red Hot Chilli Peppers.

#### ***What do you like most about working here at AHSS?***

The students are really respectful to the staff and each other. It's great to see.

Katie Falcnik  
School Promotions Officer

## Community News

### 7<sup>th</sup> Combat Brigade Open Day

Everyone is invited to attend 7<sup>th</sup> Combat Brigade Open Day on 22 April at 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Park, Chermside. There will be lots of really interesting displays, defence vehicles that the children can explore and climb through and many free activities. It is a great experience for your family. [Full details can be found at this link.](#) This activity is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

- Climb through and explore the defence vehicles.
- Demonstrations of military equipment
- Live music.
- Military working dogs.
- Helicopters.
- Rides and face painting.
- Food and Drink.

Mr Mason and myself both attended last year and it was a fabulous morning, Hope to see everyone there.

Karen O'Connor  
Defence School Transition Aide



## Pine Hills Hockey Club Inc.

We NEED energetic, friendly girls, boys, women & men to join our club.

**Grass Players for U9 & U11 (born 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009).**

**Grass & Turf Players for JG (born 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)**

**If you are over 17ys old and want to join us please get in touch.**

Grass Players train Thursday nights at James Drysdale Reserve (Jinker Track) and Games are Saturdays at Downey Park.

Turf Players train Wednesday nights at Burringbar Park Chermside and Games are Friday nights at Carina, Colmslie, Chermside, Redcliffe or St. Lucia

Email us [join@pinehillshockey.org.au](mailto:join@pinehillshockey.org.au)  
visit [www.pinehillshockey.org.au](http://www.pinehillshockey.org.au)  
or call Megan on 0414 340 643

A poster for the 7th Combat Brigade Open Day. It features a large number '7' in the top left corner. The text reads: '7<sup>th</sup> Combat Brigade Open Day', '10am - 3pm Saturday 22 April 2017', '7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Park, Chermside'. Below this, a list of activities includes: 'Military Working Dogs', 'Infantry Fire and Movement', 'Armoured Vehicles', 'Artillery', 'Helicopters', 'Australian Army Band Brisbane', 'Children's rides', and 'Food and Drink Stalls on-site'. A large 'Free Entry' banner is prominent. At the bottom, it says 'PLEASE - NO PETS ALLOWED'. The background of the poster shows various military vehicles and personnel in action.