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Tuesday 10 November | Week 6, Term 4

NOVEMBER	
11	Junior Assembly
11	Remembrance Day
13	Gala Day
16	Prep & Year 1 Swimming
17	Senior Assembly
18	Junior Assembly
18	AHSS Book Swap
23	Prep & Year 1 Swimming
23	Book Club Orders Due
24	Year 2 & 3 Swimming
24	Prep 2027 Orientation Morning
24	P&C Meeting
25	No Junior Assembly
25	School Captain Speeches
26	Tuckshop Meal Deal Day
26	Music Gala Evening
27	Sumo Robotics Excursion
30	Year 1 Christmas Concert
30-4	Wellbeing Week
DECEMBER	
1	Senior Assembly
1	ACSHS Orientation
2	Junior Assembly
2	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Carnival
3	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Carnival
4	Year 2 Christmas Concert
4	Prep Christmas Concert

Principal News…

2027 PLANNING

Recently in The Herald, I wrote about the considerable time and effort teachers invest in preparing classes for the new school year. Alongside this work, staff are also focused on ensuring a smooth and successful transition for all students.

As part of this process, children are being introduced to their new play and eating areas. Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will spend a morning visiting several classrooms within their next year level, helping them become familiar with new learning environments.

Some students require additional support during transitions. These students will have opportunities to explore their new areas alongside support staff, allowing them to build confidence and familiarity. Social stories may also be used to assist with this transition.

Teachers will meet with their students' incoming teachers to share valuable information that will support each child's learning and wellbeing.

During the final week of the school year, all students from Prep to Year 5 will visit their new classroom, meet their teacher, and spend time with their future classmates. That afternoon, students will bring home a note advising families of their class placement for 2027. Please note that parent requests for class changes will not be considered.

Please let the office know as soon as possible if your family will not be returning to Albany Hills next year.

A BUSY END TO THE YEAR AHEAD…

Over the next few weeks, there are many school events being held to celebrate the end of the year and showcase the many talents and interests of our students:

- Our Readers' Cup team under the guidance of Mrs Robertson are eagerly awaiting this event which will be held on 19 November.
- Many aspiring Year 5 students will be focused on the student leadership positions for 2027. School, House and Arts Captains and Vice-Captains will be chosen this year and be ready to take up positions at the start of next year. Speeches will be presented during Week 8 and the subsequent elections will decide the student leaders for 2027. Congratulations to all students for applying, as that in itself is a significant achievement. A hard copy of the process has been provided to all students who have received their Senior Student badge.
- We are all looking forward to the Music Gala Evening on 26 November. This event features all our instrumental musicians playing as bands and ensembles as well as our Senior Choir and Boys' Choir. What a great way for these students to show off their talents and to reward their parents for all the assistance they give to the program during the year.
- Our Year 3-6 Swimming Carnivals to be held on 2 and 3 December will provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their ability in the pool, whether it be aiming to represent our school at the district carnival next year or just as importantly, aiming to perform to the best of their ability and achieve personal bests.

Albany Hills State School - Brighter Futures 2026

Belonging & Engagement

Promote the wellbeing of students and staff, respect the diversity of the school community and implement proactive measures in order to maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Build a shared understanding of inclusion that promotes a whole school approach to differentiated teaching and learning practices.

Educational Achievement

Implement a repertoire of pedagogical approaches for all students, particularly to lift student achievement from B to A in English and expand current collegial practices to include ongoing teacher capability development.

- Our Sumo Robotics teams have been working hard planning and building their robots ready to take on the challenge of teams from cluster schools at Albany Creek State High School 27 November.
- The Prep, Year 1 and 2 Christmas concerts in Week 9 will entertain families and staff who will no doubt be amazed by the range of talents displayed and by the standard of the performances.
- Year 3-6 sporting achievements will be acknowledged during our Senior Sports Awards Assembly on 4 December.
- On Monday 7 December, we will be farewelling our 2026 Year 6 students as they prepare to venture into the next chapter of their lives. They have worked hard, contributed greatly to the school and forged bonds of friendship that will stand the test of time.
- Our last assembly for the year will be a whole school assembly on 8 December and will commence at 2.00pm.
- Class party day will take place on Thursday 10 December. This year the tuckshop will be providing the option of a party day meal for students in Years 1-5. Furter communication of specific details of the day will be provided shortly to families.

A great deal of work goes into these activities, with many thanks to the staff, parents and the students themselves for putting such effort into sharing their joy in being part of Albany Hills State School.

PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

A reminder to obey the parking signs around our school, particularly in the pick up/drop off areas on Keong Road and in the bottom council car park. Please also be considerate of our neighbours at pick up and drop off time.

Chris Hansen
Principal

REMEMBRANCE DAY

To commemorate Remembrance Day, each class will view a digital assembly made especially for this important day of remembrance.

The presentation contains the history of Remembrance Day and explains why we commemorate on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month each year. The presentation also includes the full protocol for a commemorative service which includes the Ode, Last Post, One Minute's silence and Reveille.



NED AWARD

Congratulations to Lachlan, the very worthy recipient of the Ned Award for November.



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DRAW TO REMEMBER

Our Defence School Mentor, Mrs Karen O'Connor has worked with the Bray Park-Strathpine RSL Sub-branch to organise a special Remembrance Day activity called Draw to Remember. This activity is promoted and supported by the RSL Subbranch.

The Art Club and the Sketch Club will be part of this special activity. Working with Miss Molineux and Ms Thompson, the students will be creating beautiful chalk drawings on Remembrance Day to engage with the Anzac tradition through creativity and reflection. Please take a minute after school to view these beautiful art works displayed along the pathway on the way to the auditorium.

The library will have a Remembrance Day display set up which you are all welcome to view with your child.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

To commemorate Remembrance Day and to support members of the Australian Defence Force, both retired and currently serving members, poppies will be for sale in the outdoor learning area for Years 3 - 6 and outside the tuckshop for Prep - Year 2.



Poppies will be on sale on Wednesday 11 November from 8:15am until the second bell.

Poppies cost $1 and have been donated again this year by Mrs Carol Fraser, a former grandparent of the school, in honour of her husband who was an ADF Veteran.

Karen O'Connor
Defence School Mentor

Sports News…

SOCCER IN SPAIN

Ari Hart of 5PH is heading to Spain in late November for the Surf Cup International football tournament. Ari is representing Coach Max Football Academy and will compete with teams from around the World, across a 5 day event, in the coastal city of Salou. Other well known teams competing in the tournament include academies from Arsenal, FC Barcelona and Paris Saint Germain. We wish you all the best, Ari.



Craig Gason
HPE Teacher

SILVER TICKETS

Congratulations to our latest Silver Ticket winners.

Chelsea 3SH

Jackson 4SB

Jake 5AM

Georgina 6MA



FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival



Library News…

ALBANY HILLS GREAT HOLIDAY BOOK SWAP

The Albany Hills Great Holiday Book Swap is happening next week on Wednesday 18 November. Students will have the opportunity to swap up to three pre-loved books for something new to enjoy over the school holidays.

Please keep an eye out for the information letter and permission slip coming home this week. The letter will include all the details about how the book swap works, what books can be brought in, and when students need to bring them to school.

Keep on reading
Dale Robertson
Teacher-Librarian

SRC News…

TOY CARS



The SRC are looking for donations of any Matchbox cars or small toy cars that are no longer used at home. These will be used by our Year 1 and 2 students during break times and will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any to spare, please drop them into the office.

Thanks to those who have already donated!

Mrs Plamenac
SRC Coordinator

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 8 is out now! Please place orders by Monday 23 November. You can find extra copies of the catalogue in the school office or view online at: https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/

Rebecca Yin Foo
Book Club Coordinator

P&C ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The P&C warmly invites all members of our school community to join us for the Annual P&C Celebration on Sunday 22 November at 1:00 pm at The Blended Collective Café, Cashmere Village Shopping Centre.

- Sunday 22 November
- 1:00 pm
- The Blended Collective Café, Cashmere Village Shopping Centre

Please RSVP to Tash by 14 November.

natasha.boland@albanyhillspandc.org.au

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Tash Boland
P&C Coordinator







TUCKSHOP MEAL DEAL DAY



WELLBEING WEEK DONATIONS

As we prepare for Wellbeing Week (Week 9), focusing on Friendship & Kindness, we are seeking donations of any unused or leftover Friendship Bands resources that families may have at home. These items will be used in wellbeing activities across the school. If you are able to donate, please send them to the school office.

Thank you for supporting this special week.

Cindy Ballantyne
Support Teacher

SPORTING SUCCESS

Three Albany Hills students recently represented their sports with pride at national competitions, achieving outstanding results and showcasing incredible sportsmanship.

Harry competed at the School Sport Australia games in Newcastle last week as part of the Cricket team. Harry's team finished in an impressive 2nd place, and Harry was recognised for his efforts by receiving the Most Consistent Bowler Award for his team.

Also representing Albany Hills were two past students who graduated Year 6 in 2025.

Faye was part of a dominant hockey team that went undefeated throughout the tournament, winning every game on their way to being crowned National Champions.

Blair competed in football (soccer), helping his team achieve an outstanding 2nd place finish against strong competition from across the country.

We are incredibly proud of Harry, Faye and Blair for their achievements and for representing their school, teams and communities so well.



John Moores
PE Teacher



Student News…

WE ARE RESPECTFUL

Around our school you might have seen posters reminding us to be respectful - not just around your friends and family but also to strangers, classmates and teachers. These are some ways that you can show respect -

- Saying please and thankyou
- Not talking over people
- Listening to teacher's instructions
- Helping others

We hope to see more respect around our community. If a teacher observes you showing respect, you might get lucky and receive a silver ticket where there is a chance for you to win a free zooper dooper kindly donated by our school principal Mr Hansen.

By Alba + Mikayla 5AM

COMPOSTING REMINDER

Here at Albany Hills we try to compost as many fruit and vegetable scraps that we can. Compost is formed when you put things like apple cores, banana peels, eggshells and fruit skins into large storage containers, so they can break down and eventually become soil. The things that you should not put in the compost are plastic and sandwiches. Always be very careful when you put your fruit scraps and peels in the compost.

Jasnaaz 5PH and Pearl 5AM.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

This article is a reminder about when Bands are on, what you need to bring, and where you need to go.

JUNIOR BAND

When is it?

Junior Band is on Thursday 2nd Break eating and play time.

WHAT do you need to bring?

Yourself, Your instrument, and your lunch.

WHERE do you need to go?

Auditorium

SENIOR BAND

WHEN is it?

Senior Band is on Tuesday morning (set up at 7:20, Begin at 7:30, end at 8:30)

WHAT do you need to bring?

Yourself, Your instrument, music, pencil and your other belongings (that includes BAGS and LAPTOPS)

WHERE do you need to go?

Auditorium

I hope this is a helpful reminder to both parents and students.

Zoe 5NM

Community News…

