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Tuesday 1 October | Week 1, Term 4

OCTOBER

1-3	Advanced Music Workshop
2	No Junior Assembly
7	Public Holiday
8	Year 2 & 3 Swimming
8	Whole School Assembly 2:15 pm
9	No Junior Assembly
10	Music Parent Committee Meeting
13	2025 Book Pack orders due for free delivery
14	Prep and Year 1 Swimming
15	Year 2 & 3 Swimming
15	Senior Assembly 2:00 pm
16	Junior Assembly
17	Year 3 Grandparents Concert
19	Trivia Night
21	Prep and Year 1 Swimming
21	Evening Music Fest
22	Year 2 & 3 Swimming
22	Senior Assembly
22	P&C Meeting
23	Junior Assembly
24	Instrumental Music 2025 Parent Evening
25	World Teachers' Day
25	Day for Daniel
28-30	Year 5 Camp

Principal News...

Welcome back to Term 4! Students have settled back into routines very quickly and staff are ready for what will be a very busy term ahead. This term is always a productive one and it always seems to go very quickly as we finish off programs, review our achievements and plan for next year.

Parents may be aware that this term is an 11 week term. Most schools are continuing to keep their end of year calendar of events to be completed in Week 10. I have listed some key dates below, but our school's full calendar can be accessed on our [school website](#) or on QSchools.

Week 9	
Wednesday 27 November	Sports Awards Assembly
Thursday 28 November	Year 3 and 4 Swimming Carnivals
Thursday 28 November	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Friday 29 November	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Carnivals
Friday 29 November	Prep and Year 2 Christmas Performances
Week 10	
Monday 2 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 3 December	Final Whole School Assembly
Thursday 5 December	Report Cards issued
Friday 6 December	Party Day

In Week 11, an alternate approach to supervision and instruction will be in place. Further details to come.

2025 ENROLMENTS

It seems early to be talking about next year, but planning for 2025 is well underway. Ms Henderson has almost completed enrolment interviews for Prep children who are starting at our school next year and I thank her for all the time she has given to these important transition meetings. Children who were born between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 are eligible to enrol in Prep next year.

If you know someone who lives in our catchment who is enrolling their child next year, please ask them to contact us as soon as possible. Similarly, if you know your child won't be attending our school next year, please let us know. Accurate planning for next year is important to make sure we are well positioned to provide the best opportunities for your children.

Albany Hills State School - Equity and Excellence 2024



Wellbeing & 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.



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.



Culture & Inclusion

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

PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREAS

The two pick up and drop off areas on Keong Road and in the council car park are no standing areas before and after school. Please observe and follow the requirements of the signage in these areas. Please make sure other family members or family friends who drop off or collect your children are aware of these rules.

PUTTING THINGS RIGHT

From time to time, issues arise within the school community that may cause concern, emotional upset and/or distress. Most issues can be readily resolved through effective communication and explanation. At times, concern is based upon misinformation. At other times, concern is well founded and the raising of the issue permits the school to reassess procedures to further benefit students.

Parents and carers are reminded of the Albany Hills State School Enrolment Agreement – it is the responsibility of parents and carers to treat school staff with respect and support the authority of school staff thereby supporting their efforts to educate your child.

Chris Hansen
Principal

From the Deputy Principals... 2025 BOOK LISTS

We are pleased to advise that we will be using Jaybel Office Choice for the 2025 back to school packs.



Please ensure that your child has everything listed on this form to start the 2025 school year.

- Ordering is fast, secure and convenient. Simply visit www.jaybel.com.au/booklists Enter your school code and password then follow the easy ordering steps.
- AHSS School Code: **B TSAH001** & Password: **AH2025**.
- If you prefer not to order online, please call the Jaybel booklist team on 3423 5888. They will assist you with placing your order and taking payment over the phone.

Important information regarding your delivery

- Order before 13 October 2024 for FREE delivery, orders placed after 13 October will incur a delivery fee of \$9.95.
- Orders placed before 3 January 2024 will arrive before Term 1 2025.
- Deliveries will commence on or before December 2024. Orders are shipped with Authority to Leave and do not require a signature on delivery. Please allow up to 3-4 working days for orders to be delivered after order placement.
- Once the order has been dispatched you will receive an order tracking number via email.
- Contact Jaybel sales@jaybel.com.au if your order hasn't arrived by January 13, 2025
- For assistance with the website, your order, delivery information, or a general enquiry, please contact Jaybel sales@jaybel.com.au or call 3423 5888.

SILVER TICKETS

Congratulations to our Silver Ticket winners from the end of Term 3.

Alex PKO

Roman PKO

Lilly PLH

Peyton PLH

Sean PLH

Charlotte PLS

Harry PLS

Mathew PLS

Hollie PPL

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YEAR 6 FAREWELL

DATE CLAIMER:

Monday 2 December (Week 10)

6.30 pm

AHSS auditorium

More details will be sent via letter/email to the families of all Year 6 students in the coming weeks.

Steve Wiedman
Beth Henderson
Jodie Farley
Deputy Principals



FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

[Prep and Year 1 Swimming](#)

[Year 2 and 3 Swimming](#)

[Uniform Price List](#)

[Enrolling at Albany Hills State School](#)

Tuckshop News...

PREP ZOOPER DOOPERS

The tuckshop are very happy to announce that in term 4 on Fridays Prep students will be allowed to come along to the tuckshop at second break to purchase a Zooper Dooper. They are 50 cents each - it really helps your preppie if you are able to provide the correct money. It is busy and fast paced but the students really enjoy the opportunity to come along especially when the summer temperatures set in.

Tash Boland
Tuckshop Coordinator



STEP INTO HISTORY

On Tuesday 27 August, Year 2 students "stepped back in history" at the incursion. They participated in hands on activities and they learnt about how daily chores were done in the past. Students saw the evolution of communication over time and experimented using ink and a quill for writing. Through engaging with objects from the past the students were able to make a connection to history. These activities provide very valuable experience to help enhance learning.



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Sports News... 2024 CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 6 September, the whole school came down at different times to run the cross country! The Years 3,4,5 and 6 ran in the first session (8:40 am to 10:45 am) and the Preps, Year 1s and 2s ran in the second session. (11:30 am to 1:00 pm) The whole school ran their best even if they weren't good at running and all the lovely parents helped cheer on for all our houses and runners. At the end of the day, the whole school came down to watch the relays and get notified which house won the overall competition. There was a very tight gap between who won with all the houses close on points. But in the end, Bradman took the trophy.



Alan 5JW

TENNIS QLD PRIMARY SCHOOLS CUP

Albany Hills fielded a very capable contingent of orange ballers to compete at the Tennis Queensland Primary Schools Cup competition at the Shaw Park Tennis Centre on Monday 9 September. The Met North division of the tournament was well attended with teams from Kelvin Grove, Mitchelton and Samford State Schools, and Genesis Christian College, proving to be worthy opponents. A strong performance across the board on a very hot day led to an overall team finish of 5th.

Our team played fairly and in the spirit of good sportsmanship. It was a long day under the hot sun but we stayed well hydrated with plenty of water and fruit and other snacks between games. There were some great individual performances from our leading players winning closely-fought contests. I can report that the school has found a number of strong doubles combinations for future years, including Valentina "stand and deliver" teaming with Jake "the Jakenator" proving to be unbeatable, and Chloe "has anyone seen my racket" partnering with Aanya "power forehand".

There was also plenty of talent and grit shown by up and comers Matilda, Oscar, Vienna, Henry and Ayla, putting the school in a very strong position for the Orange Ball competition next year. Thank you to Mr Gason for his tireless organisational efforts as usual and the parent volunteers and supporters (including grandparents) for helping to keep the day fun and moving on schedule. Thanks also to Ross for the extra coaching. We can't wait for next year.

Valentina 5SB



HOW TO REPORT SCHOOL ABSENCES

OPTION 1

Log your child's absence through your QParents account via the mobile app.



Need to register a QParents account?

Contact the school office for more information:

Phone: 3264 0777

Email: office@albahillss.eq.edu.au

OPTION 2

Email the school:
studentabsences@albahillss.eq.edu.au

OPTION 3

Phone the student absence line:
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Student News...

PONYTAIL PROJECT

My name is Tilly and I am in Year 6. On Saturday 5 October I am cutting my hair for the Ponytail Project. My aim is to donate 30cm of hair. I have been growing it for the past 4 years.

I would love to have your support and help raise money for people with cancer. My hair will go towards making wigs for people who have lost hair because of treatment.

<https://www.ponytailproject.com.au/fundraisers/tillyhughes/qld-2024>

Tilly 6ZC



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

From the 7 August to the 4 September some of the Year 5 students went to the Albany Creek State High School for the Enrichment Program. In the program, the History group learnt about the Gold Rush and the Eureka Stockade. We also learnt about Governor Hotham and how the furious miners burnt down the Bentley Hotel. Mrs Brown taught us well and in the end, we had to act as characters from the past and perform in front of our parents. Overall, it was a very fun experience, and I hope we can do it again.

William 5SB

COMPOSTING

What is composting?

Composting is when you put food scraps into a bin and leave it for a long time to let bugs and worms break down the food and turn it into nice, rich soil.

Why do we compost?

It reduces waste and what we send to landfill, builds healthier soil, improves plant growth and reduces greenhouse gas emissions like methane. It also makes our school more sustainable.

Composting cycle at school

We collect fruit and vegetable scraps from students during lunchtime so please don't put plastic in the compost bins. The scraps are emptied into one of the four composting bins. The decomposed materials are used in various locations throughout the school to improve the gardens.

Cooper 5PH



DATE CLAIMER: TRIVIA NIGHT (in support of chaplaincy)



When: Saturday 19 October, Doors open at 5:45 pm, Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

Where: Albany Hills State School auditorium
In aid of: Chaplaincy at Albany Hills State School, Albany Creek State School and Albany Creek State High School. Come along and enjoy a night of fun!

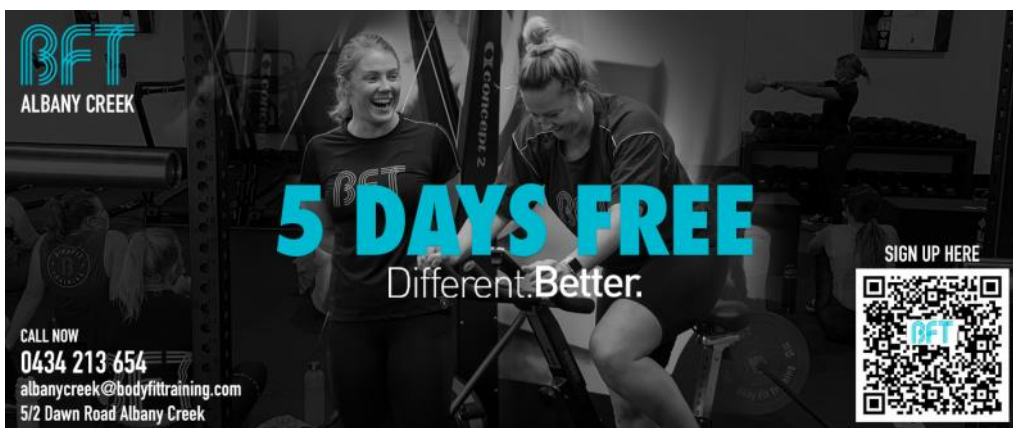
Cost: \$15 a ticket. Tables of 10.

Purchase your tickets online: <https://brushfire.com/sua/TriviaNight/582704>

We also need your help please. We are looking for prizes for the Trivia Night. Examples might be:


- bottles of wine
- stationery items
- craft items
- vouchers of any shape or size
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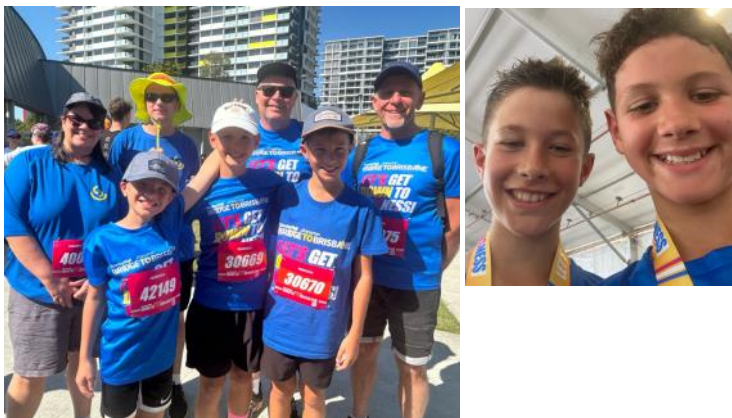
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BRIDGE TO BRISBANE

On Sunday 8 September we attended the Bridge to Brisbane to fundraise for our chaplain Rachael. We had a wonderful team of staff, students, and parents. Together we raised over \$2,700. To get to the start line we caught a bus from Chermiside. It was a super busy event with almost 6000 people in the 5km event. There were lots of different teams in their own special shirts and dress ups which was fun to see. Next year we hope to get a bigger group of Albany Hills parents and students to join in to support this cause. After finishing our run, we waited at the finish line with our medals for our mums. We finished our 5km in under 28 minutes and next year we look forward to running faster and beating this year's time!

Laikin & Royce 5HM



BRIDGE TO BRISBANE

On Sunday the 8 September I did the Bridge to Brisbane 5km run. I did it with my dad and my friend. This was my first time doing Bridge to Brisbane. We did it to raise money for Parkinson's Queensland because my grandmother suffered from Parkinson's. Parkinson's is a disease that affects movement such as walking. It took us 53mins to finish the 5km, it was very fun. As we ran we got covered with water and there was some amazing music by DJs along the way. At the end of the run, we had some delicious food and then did some fun activities. I would like to do it next year as it was a lot of fun and it was nice to know we raised money for some charities.



By Jasmin 5HM

TUCKSHOP

At Albany Hills, we are so lucky to have a tuckshop that operates five days a week. This is thanks to parents, grandparents and carers who volunteer their time. On behalf of all students, we wish to thank these volunteers for all their hard work. We appreciate everything you do! I especially love the meal deal days, and I love the ice blocks available at second break every day. They are a bargain and range from just 50c to \$3.00. If you would like to get involved and join the tuckshop roster, reach out to tuckshop@albanyhillspandc.org.au.

Amelia 5PH

MATHS TOURNAMENT

In Week 8 of Term 3, a few teams of extraordinary maths kids went to the maths tournament our school held in the auditorium. Our school made 6 teams, but there were 42 teams in total. The first event for the day was the Team event which lasted 45 minutes, and they gave each person at your table a booklet with ten questions. You and your team had to solve as many questions with correct answers as you could, and for each correct answer, your team got 4 points. You could work with either your whole

team on each question, or you could each work on a question. We then had a 30-minute lunch break to eat and play. The second event of the day was the Relay event which lasted an hour, where you could only work with one other person at a time. The supervisor at your table gave you one question, and you and your partner worked on that question for an average of 3 minutes for each question. The highest-scoring Albany Hills State School team came seventh, but we all had a great time and enjoyed the tournament a lot.

Ruby 5JW

CARING FOR ANIMALS IN THE HEAT

Here at Albany Hills State School, we are lucky to have our own dam, which local wildlife can drink from and bathe in when they're hot. We can also help at home by having a birdbath, or by putting out a shallow container of water with rocks or a stick in it, so smaller animals are able to climb back out.

Another good reminder to keep our pets cool in the heat is by giving them extra water, and not to walk dogs when footpaths are too hot for us to stand on with bare feet. Together we can improve and even save some animals' lives in the hot weather!

Reuben 5PH

COMBINED BANDS NIGHT

On Thursday 15 August, AHSS Senior concert band walked down to Albany Creek SHS to practise for their concert that night. We rehearsed Acropolis by Matthew R. Putnam and Alleycat Rumble by Paul Kucharski along with Eatons Hill SS, Albany Creek SS and Albany Creek SHS. Those songs would be our finishing pieces that night.

At 6:00 pm, all the schools gathered in the high school's Multipurpose Centre (MPC) where the ACSHS stage band played and people took their seats. After everyone had arrived, Eatons Hill played two songs followed by Albany Creek SS who also performed two songs. Next, it was our turn. We played Samba-Lelê by Bruce Pearson and Mechanical Monsters by Randall D. Standridge. After that, it was Albany Creek SHS Concert Band. They played Fanfare for An Incredibly Important Occasion and Fiesta. Then we all joined together for Acropolis and Alleycat Rumble. At the end of the night, everyone had songs stuck in their heads.

Matilda 5PH

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

At the Cross Country it was very intense, but we all managed to run past the finish line. It was very fun!

The top three in my race were 1st Laura (which is me) 2nd Ella, and 3rd Sophie. Sophie is my best friend. It was extremely tiring and I felt like my legs were going to fall off and I couldn't even open my mouth to speak.

Last year I came 3rd and got an age champion medal, and I was so surprised! This year I was in the relays after second break. Then at the end of the day they announced the winners of the cross country and the top three place getters got a medal. At the end of the day, I had a medal, a ribbon and another ribbon for relays!!!

I love the cross country.

Laura 4SO



MET NORTH SOCCER

Hi, my name is Leila, and I am going to talk about Met North Trials The Year 5 girls soccer team made it through our Term 2 Gala Days undefeated! This meant we qualified for Met North Championships, which was all the winners from Metropolitan North competing for a place at regionals.

The first team we played was Wilston. It was a close but excellent game. We pushed and pushed to get a goal. Going into the second half no one had scored. Then suddenly, we had a free kick... it was indirect, so I quickly tapped the ball. "BOOM!" Blair had kicked the ball past a wall of defenders and into the goal. We kept our defence up and won the game 1-0.

Our second game against Milton wasn't as fortunate. We played a phenomenal game, but unfortunately, with ten minutes left of the first half, Milton had scored. We walked off at half time getting ready to score. Sadly, we didn't. Milton scored two more goals after that.

Our team walked off the pitch disappointed, but proud of our efforts and teamwork. After we went home, we got an email saying that another region had dropped out and we were going to REGIONALS!

Leila 5KW

DANCE CLUB

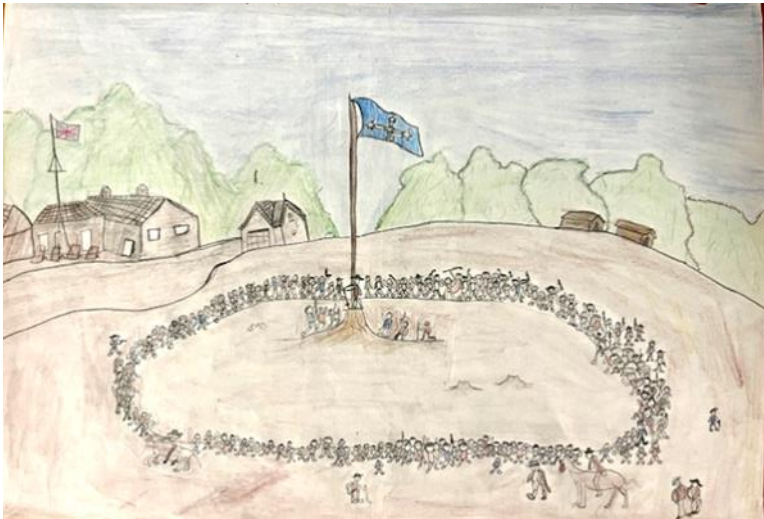
Come join dance club to make new friends and have fun. We are right now making our own routines with a group of friends for the cushion concerts coming up in Term 4 and we cannot wait to perform. So, come join, do your own dance, and have fun.

The benefits of joining dance club are that you can make new friends, feel more confident, be creative and stay fit all while having fun. Hope to see you there.

By Sophia 5KW

THE EUREKA STOCKAGE BATTLE

The Eureka Stockade Battle, which happened on 3 December 1854, was a turning point in Australia's history. It was because of this battle that democracy was born.



Alan 5JW

Community news...

Nature Neighbours Encounter

Bird Week Community Celebration

When & Where

October 20th 2024
9:00 – 11:30 am
Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre,
Off Old Northern Rd, Bunya 4053

Free tea, coffee & light snacks provided by Bunyaville EEC P&C
BYO water bottle

Gold coin donation to PRKA & RAWR

RSVP to Agatha by 13 Oct
agamb17@sq.edu.au or text 0423 958 425

WALK & TALKS

Guided forest walk from Bunyaville EEC to find feathered friends. (Closed in shoes and sun protection needed.)

Pine Rivers Koala Care volunteers will discuss their role in rescuing and rehabilitating koalas and wildlife.

Reptile Amphibian Wildlife Rescue volunteers will speak about valuing, respecting and rescuing wildlife.

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PREP - GRADE 6

Families for Inclusive Education



The [Families for Inclusive Education \(FFIE\) Project](#) helps families develop a clear vision for their child's school years, learn about inclusive education policies and supports, and develop advocacy skills and peer support networks.

In its sixth year, this is an initiative of Community Resource Unit Ltd (CRU). For more than 35 years CRU has worked to promote positive change so that people with disabilities can belong to and participate in community life.

THIS PROJECT:

- helps families develop communication and advocacy skills so they can work effectively with their child's school,
- builds families' confidence and support networks so they can sustain their efforts as valued partners in their child's education,
- provides information and resourcing to service providers including local schools.

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT OFFER:

Full-day, face-to-face Workshops: "Inclusion and belonging at the local school: The parent advocacy tool-kit" This workshop features new and updated content and will be provided across South-East Qld and regional areas throughout 2024.

Participants will learn about:

- Knowing your child's gifts and setting a vision for inclusion success
- Embracing your role as an advocate
- What authentic inclusion in the regular class looks like
- Education laws, policies and supports
- Speaking positively and confidently to work collaboratively with the school
- Advocacy tips to stay strong and effective

Book at cru.org.au/events or call (07) 3844 2211

Online Workshops: Free online short workshops are also provided regularly. Example topics include: transitions, curriculum inclusion, advocacy skills and friendships.

Information & Consultations: Information and individual consultations to families and others who support the education of students with disability. educationproject@cru.org.au / <tel:0738442211>

Resources: Extensive online inclusive education resource webpages including pre-recorded webinars and workshops. cru.org.au/our-work/inclusive-education/resources/

Peer Networks: Fostering of peer support networks.



PLEASE NOTE:

- All workshops are delivered by CRU consultants passionate about inclusive education and experienced in advocating for inclusion.
- Assistance to families to attend workshops: Where interested families live outside these locations, there is a small amount of travel/support funding available. (These workshops are for parents/guardians of students with disability currently enrolled in a Queensland state school). Eligible families can apply through CRU to access this support.
- **FFIE workshops for families are free to attend**

TERM 4 WORKSHOPS FOR 2024

Face to Face



For more information or to register click the links below:

- Sunnybank Tues 15th October [click here](https://www.cru.org.au/events)

Online



Term 4 online workshop to be held on 29th October
"Taking Stock and Aiming High: Planning for the 2025 school year"

For more information or to register [click here](https://www.cru.org.au/events)

You can stay informed about our upcoming events by checking our [website](https://www.cru.org.au) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cru.org.au) page or you can sign up to our [mailing list](https://www.cru.org.au/subscribe) Or visit [cru.org.au/events](https://www.cru.org.au/events) for all upcoming events

