



Albany Hills State School Herald

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Tuesday 26 November | Week 9, Term 4

NOVEMBER

- 26 P&C Meeting
- 27 [Swimming Carnival Years 3-4](#)
- 27 Junior Assembly
- 28 [Swimming Carnival Years 5-6](#)
- 28 [Year 1 Christmas Musical](#)
- 29 [Year 2 Christmas Musical](#)
- 29 [Prep Christmas Concert](#)
- 29 Sports Awards Assembly

DECEMBER

- 2 [Year 6 Farewell](#)
- 2 Prep and Year 1 Swimming
- 3 Whole School Assembly
2:00 pm
- 4 Instrumental Music, Senior and
Boys' Choir Break up Party
- 5 End of Year Book Swap
- 6 Year 6 Incursion
- 5 Final day of Tuckshop for 2024
- 5 Report Cards emailed home
- 6 Party Day
- 13 Last day of school for 2024

JANUARY 2025

- 23 Year 1-6 book pack drop off
3:00—5:00pm
- 23 Prep Parent Evening 5:30pm
- 27 Australia Day Public Holiday
- 28 First day of school 2025

FEBRUARY

- 4 Year 1 & 2 Parent Evening
- 6 Year 3 & 4 Parent Evening
- 11 Year 5 & 6 Parent Evening

Principal News...

As this will be our last full edition of The Herald for 2024, I sincerely thank everyone for your support this year.

I would like to wish our Year 6 students all the best for their future years at high school. I have no doubt that their time at Albany Hills State School has prepared them well for the challenges that lie ahead. We look forward to celebrating their time at Albany Hills at the Year 6 Farewell to be held next Monday evening.

As you can see from the calendar of events, we have a very busy last couple of weeks of term. Thank you to our staff who have worked so hard to make these end of year celebrations of learning possible for our students and their families.

I wish all families a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in 2025.

2025 STAFFING CHANGES

While not all staffing for 2025 is finalised, we do have some changes:

Mrs Sharyn Stockwell and Ms Julie Willans will both be taking pre-retirement leave. We wish both teachers all the best for this exciting next stage of their lives.

We also wish Ms Soraja Batlak all the best as she commences maternity leave.

Mrs Amanda Bouboras is transferring from Eatons Hill State School and will be joining our student support teaching team.

Thank you to Mrs Sue Eltis who will finish up relieving as a member of our student support team this year.

We welcome back Ms Holly Johnson and Mrs Lucy Walker after a period of leave.

2025 PLANNING

If you know your family won't be returning to Albany Hills next year, please let us know as soon as possible to assist us in our planning.

Our staff will do everything we can to ensure a smooth start to next year, but as I'm sure you can appreciate, many factors are out of our hands.

Students will meet their 2025 teachers next Wednesday morning. Next year we will have a composite class in Year 5 and 6.

A lot of time and care is given to the creation of classes to ensure balanced classes are formed. Parent requests for changes to classes will not be accommodated.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are currently being developed and they will be available on QParents and emailed to families on Thursday 5 December.

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.

If your email address has changed, please make sure you update your details with our office staff. If we don't have up to date addresses, you will not receive your child's report card. If you have not received your child's report card by the end of the day, please remember to check your 'Junk' mail.

2024 YEARBOOK

We will once again be providing every family with a copy of the School Yearbook which will preserve the memories of 2024 into print and photographs. Generous sponsorship by local business and our P&C has meant that the magazine will once again be available to all families free of charge.

Thank you to Katie Falcnik for all her work to capture and collate this record of our school for the year for all members of our school community to enjoy.

Chris Hansen
Principal

ICAS 2024 – RESULTS

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the ICAS Assessments in 2024. Well done to those who achieved Merit, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction awards. These assessments are renowned for the challenge they present and you should be proud of your results.

Each year, the students who score the highest results from each state for each assessment are awarded the ICAS Medal as well as their High Distinction award. This year, there were 16 Medal winners for Year 4 ICAS Science across the whole of Australia, and only 3 from Queensland. George from 4AM was one of the 3 Medal winners for Queensland! Congratulations George! You should be incredibly proud of your distinguished achievement and we are so very proud of you too!



Christie Meiklejohn
Head of Department: Curriculum and Gifted Education

YEAR LEVEL	ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS		
	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
2	EMILY (2BV)	ARIA (2GZ)	VICTORIA (2VT)
		WILL (2SB)	HUDSON (2NN)
		QUINN (2SB)	MADLINE (2NN)
3	THIAGO (3JW)	EVELYN (3JW)	
		LYANNA (3LB)	
4	LILY (4NP)	AANYA (4SO)	
	ROY (4AM)	LUCA (4AR)	
	NEELABH (4RT)		
	SEBASTIAN (4RT)		
5	VALENTINA (5SB)	WILLIAM (5SB)	
		AYLA (5PH)	
6	SAMUEL (6ZC)	LUNA (6SB)	
		ATTICUS (6SB)	

SILVER TICKETS

Congratulations to our latest Silver Ticket winners.

Ryleigh PKO

Malakai PLS

Harriet PPG

Harper 1MC

Chloe D'Ath

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YEAR LEVEL	ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS		
2	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
	EMILY (2BV)		
3	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
		THIAGO (3JW)	VINCENT (3SS)
		LYANNA (3LB)	
		BENJAMIN (3LB)	
4	HIGH DISTINCTION	DISTINCTION	CREDIT
	GEORGE (4AM)	ROY (4AM)	LILY (4NP)
			GEORGINA (4AR)
			ANNABELLE (4AM)
			SEBASTIAN (4RT)
		LUCA (4AR)	
5	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
	ISHAAN (5SB)	VALENTINA (5SB)	
		HENRY (5PH)	
		AYLA (5PH)	
6	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
	SAMUEL (6ZC)	ETHAN (6ZC)	XANDER (6SB)
			RHYS (6ZC)
		ATTICUS (6SB)	

YEAR LEVEL	ICAS MATHEMATICS RESULTS		
2	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
		HUDSON (2NN)	
		MADLINE (2NN)	
		EMILY (2BV)	
		ANGAD (2BV)	
		AVISHA (2BV)	
3	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
	EVELYN (3JW)	THIAGO (3JW)	COOPER (3SL)
		VINCENT (3SS)	LYANNA (3LB)
		INDI (3LB)	BENJAMIN (3LB)
4	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
	FUJI (4AM)	GEORGE (4AM)	LUCA (4AR)
	ROY (4AM)	LILY (4NP)	
		SEBASTIAN (4RT)	
5	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
	ISHAAN (5SB)		HENRY (5PH)
			KIANA (5SB)
6	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT
		JO (6SB)	XANDER (6SB)
		JAKOB (6MA)	RHYS (6ZC)
		SULIAN (6ZC)	
		SAMUEL (6ZC)	

FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

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COLLECT YOUR CHILD'S MEDICATION FROM SCHOOL

Student Medication will need to be collected by 3:00 pm Friday 13 December 2024 or your child's last day of attendance by a parent/guardian. Any unclaimed medications will be returned to a pharmacy to be disposed of through the Return Unwanted Medicines Project as per the Department of Education guidelines. No medication will be left at school during the holidays. Learn more about storage of medications such as asthma inhalers and adrenaline auto-injectors (for example, EpiPens) at the <https://www.nps.org.au/>

Candice Jasch
Teacher Aide/First Aid Room

ALBANY HILLS STUDENTS SHINE AT THE STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM!

Over the weekend, a small group of talented students from our school recently had the incredible opportunity to participate in the prestigious State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) at Griffith University's Conservatorium of Music, South Bank. This elite program brings together top-performing young musicians from across the state, and we are proud to say our students were selected to represent our school.

They worked alongside other students from various schools across south east Queensland, honing their musical skills and collaborating in ensemble groups. The experience was both challenging and rewarding, as they were guided by expert conductors and music professionals. Our students performed wonderfully, demonstrating not only their musical talent but also their dedication, teamwork, and school spirit.

We couldn't be prouder of how they represented our school at this prestigious event. Their hard work and passion for music were truly inspiring, and they have set a shining example for others to follow. Well done to all the participants – you've made us all proud!

Chelsea Beaman
Music Teacher



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

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Sports News...

SWIMMING CARNIVALS

Staff and students are looking forward to this week's Year 3-6 swimming carnivals at Somerset Hills State School Pool.

Wednesday 27 November: Year 3 students 9:20—approximate start time.
Year 4 students 11:30—approximate start time.

Thursday 28 November: Year 5 students 9:20—approximate start time.
Year 6 students 11:30—approximate start time.

Parents are very welcome to attend the carnival. Please remember to park in designated areas only. (**Not at the coffee shop and not in the school drop off zone.**)

Place ribbons will be given for any student swimming 25m events that place 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Age champion points are calculated for 50m events and the Individual Medley. All 50m swimmers are timed and ribbons only given for the fastest 3 times. This may mean that your child may place first in their 50m race but their time was not in the top 3 overall so they would not get a place ribbon. This is also used to determine which students may progress to the North District swimming carnival in 2025.

Craig Gason
HPE Teacher

SPORTING COSTING SURVEY

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Federation University are conducting a study to understand the costs associated with delivering and participating in community sport. To gather valuable insights, we have been asked to invite parents from our school to complete a short online survey about your total expenses related to sports participation. The results of this project will be used to make recommendations to inform the ASC sport policies and strategies to minimise the cost of playing sport.

To participate in the survey, use the QR code in the flyer to the right.

Craig Gason
HPE Teacher



Do you or your child play club sport?
Then we want to hear from you.

Complete a short survey to help us understand how much it costs to play sport



Ethics reference number: 2024/1279

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Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

Federation University

POLAR POST

The Year 4 students are running a Christmas Postal Service this year again from Monday 18 November to Thursday 5 December. Students will be able to send Christmas cards to their friends by placing them in our 7 special Year level letterboxes outside the library before 10.45am each day.

Please remember:

Cards must be in a normal size envelope with the full name and class of the receiver on the front. Your name and class must be on the back.

Front of envelope — To: Joan Smith 3KM

Back of envelope — From: Juliette Ned 2PO

No lollies/candy canes are allowed to be sent. All messages must be friendly and polite.

Cards will be sorted at second break and delivered by the Year 4 elves in the afternoon each day.

Thank you
Year 4 Teachers



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DECEMBER 13-22

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Performing Arts News...

CUSHION CONCERTS

I would like to thank all the performers who have contributed to the success of the Cushion Concerts over the last nine days. You have been wonderful and very professional. We have enjoyed our terrific and enthusiastic audiences and we thank you for your outstanding manners.

Mrs Caldwell
Drama Teacher

Student News...

CAMP CURRIMUNDI

Recently, the Year 5 students went on camp to the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre at Currimundi and it was a heap of fun. The bus trip was a good adventure! My top three favourite activities were the beach activities, circus skills and archery. I learnt a lot about being a responsible team member and the importance of 'having a go'. The cabins were comfortable and I loved sleeping in my sleeping bag! Overall, I had a great time and I hope the Year 5s next year have fun too!

Harriet 5PH

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 November Albany Hills State School students will compete in the annual Swimming Carnival. We will compete in different races like the 100m, 50m, 25m and a 10m with a floatie, the swimming styles you can choose from are breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke, and butterfly. The 100m racers must use all the strokes and the top 3 girls and boys can get a ribbon. For 50m if you come in the top 3 for boys or girls in the final, you can get a ribbon. I personally will be doing 50m freestyle, breaststroke, and backstroke. I hope everyone has a lot of fun and encourages not only their house team but also the other competitors.

Chloe 5SB

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box at present is overflowing and we need to reduce it in size. The only way we can make this happen is for everybody who has lost an item to go and have a look. You would be amazed at what you think has been lost can then make its way to the lost property box.

Do you know the best way to avoid losing things at school?

Label everything you wear and if it happens to get lost and you have to visit the lost property box there is a better chance of finding it when it is clearly labelled. Having your name on it also means that it may not even go to lost property as it can be returned to you straight away, especially if you have your class on it as well.

Harry 5SB

FUNKY FROG FACTS

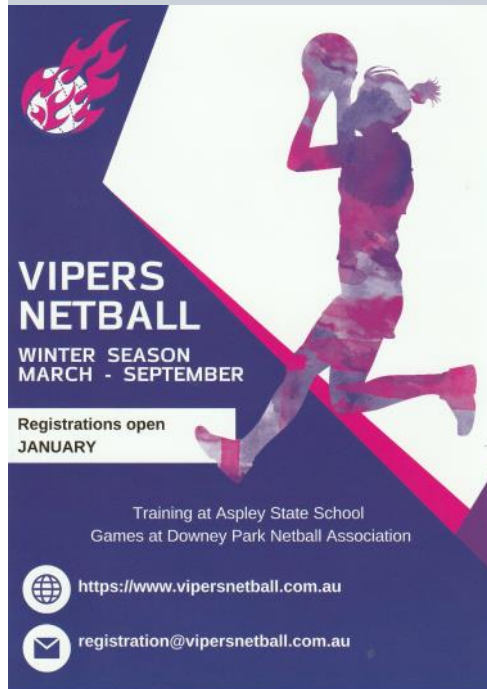
Did you know...

- Frogs live around the world, on every continent, except Antarctica.
- There are more than 6,000 species of frogs.
- A frog can't keep its eyes open when eating.
- A frog's bulging eyes allow it to see in front, sides, and partially behind it.
- A group of frogs is called an army.

Now you know some FUNKY FROG FACTS, yippee.

Sam 5SB.

Community News...



VIPERS NETBALL
WINTER SEASON
MARCH - SEPTEMBER

Registrations open
JANUARY

Training at Aspley State School
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Holiday Outdoor Experience Samford
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The Scout Queensland Outdoor Experience offers a wide variety of themed activities as well as camp craft opportunities to get young people outside these holidays! The following program depicts what themes are available each day of this program so you can select the days that sound most exciting, or get excited to try them all!

Monday 20 January Berg Buggies	Tuesday 21 January Archery Tag	Wednesday 22 January Slackline/Low ropes	Thursday 23 January Laser Tag	Friday 24 January Archery
				
Location: Beden Powell Park 68 Cash Ave North Samford	Provider: Scouts Queensland Ph: 0447 427 864	For bookings and more information check out the Scout Queensland website		

