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Term 4

3 December 2021

5-6D Farewell and best wishes to



Taj



Chelsea



Jem



Abe



Jason



Jack



Kiana



Kai



Mikayla

We wish to thank and farewell our incredible Year 6 cohort. They have been outstanding role models and leaders in our school community, displaying kindness, resilience and dedication in all aspects of their schooling life.

We thank them for their considerable contributions to Springdale Heights Public School.

Graduation Dinner

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Parents and carers (limit of 2) will be able to come and view the initial events of the evening, including the presentation of students and School Captains will be reading the Farewell Poem. This will occur outside the hall. Areas will be marked off and parents will be directed where to stand.

Please be aware that after this presentation, parents will be asked to leave and return at **8:30pm** to collect their child.

NOTE ARRIVAL TIME:

Please **arrive** at the Conargo Road gate by **5:50pm** to allow students to assemble together for a **formal walk in at 6pm**.

5-6H Farewell and best wishes to



Charlotte



Tyler



Damian



Alyssa



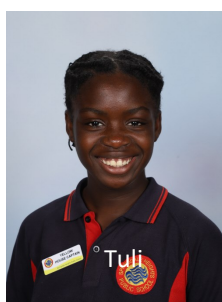
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Rachel

End of Year

We would like to thank everyone for your understanding and support during our COVID restrictions and closures this year. Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel several events. Throughout the year we have been guided by the advice from the NSW Department of Education and Department of Health to ensure safety and wellbeing of our whole school community.

Refunds for the Year 3/4 and 5/6 excursions have been processed. Any amounts not refunded have been transferred to Fees in Advance, which can be used at a later date.

End of year Activities

Due to current restrictions many annual activities have not been able to proceed.

Activities that will be permitted are;

Monday 6 December

- **Golf Skills Day** for all K-6 students. Each class will participate in a golf skills session with a trained golfer who will present the lessons here at school. **No cost.**

Wednesday 8 December

- **Presentation Day starts at 9:30am.** We are just clarifying that unfortunately with COVID protocols we must follow from the DOE (Department of Education), no parents can attend the Presentation Day. We know this will be disappointing for our students and families but we are bound by regulations. Photos of the day will be shared on our social media platforms ASAP.
Thankyou for your support and understanding.

Thursday 9 December

- **Laser Tag for Year 3/4 students**, lunch at Alexander Park and finish the day at the movies to watch Boss Baby 2.
Cost is \$40.
- **The Year 6 Farewell dinner** will cater for students only. The cost for the event is \$15. Please return your note as soon as possible for catering numbers. **Arrive** at the Conargo Road gate by **5:50pm** to allow students to assemble together for a **formal walk in at 6pm.** *Complete details are on the front page of this newsletter.*

Friday 10 December

- **Laser Tag for Year 5/6 students.** Permission note and \$20 must be returned to attend. Leaving school at 9:10 am and returning at 11:20 am.
- **Canteen Meal Deal \$5** for a sausage in bread and a drink. Last canteen day for the year.

Monday 13 December

- **Appeals Day—The Year 5/6 students will run stalls.**

Thursday 16 December

- **Pool Party 10 am to 1 pm (PLEASE RETURN NOTE AND MONEY ASAP).**
- **Last day of school for the year**

**SRE Ecumenical and Catholic Scripture Teachers
would like to wish families a happy Christmas
and a safe holiday.
We look forward to resuming SRE in 2022.**

We would like to recognise the wonderful job that the 2021 Student Representative Council have done this year.... far from normal.... our SRC adapted to the challenges and performed their tasks admirably.

Congratulations to you all for being resilient to change and challenges!

Violet is a winner!

Starting 2022

Information for Starting School in 2022

Start Date for Years 1-6 Students

Tuesday 1 February is the first day of school for all Year's 1 to 6 students.

Start Date for Kindergarten

Thursday 3 February is the first day for Kinder.

Phone Eftpos Transactions will Cease

In 2022 our over the phone eftpos service will cease. All payments are to be made via the POP payment section online or send cash payment in to the office with your child.

How do I make a pop payment?

The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting

- ◆ Parents (which is located at the top right hand side of the screen) then,
- ◆ Make a Payment
- ◆ Enter payment details
- ◆ Enter credit card details
- ◆ Confirmation of payment details
- ◆ Online Payment Receipt.

Canteen and P&C payments **cannot** be made through POP.

Book Packs \$30

Book packs will be sold in the hall 1, 2 & 3 February for \$30 each. To avoid triple handling, the book packs will go directly to the classroom after payment has been received.

Label Everything

Everything you send to school with your child needs to have their name on it. The cost of constantly replacing items such as lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers can be avoided by labelling each item with the child's name. This does not guarantee it won't be lost but it will help to return it to the right owner when found.

Hats

Hats are available for \$15 each in the school office. POP payment, in office eftpos or cash. **No eftpos via phone is available.**

Uniforms

We only have a small amount of second hand dresses and new shirts available at the school office. Uniforms can be purchased from Albury Uniforms and Schoolwear 1104 Mate Street North Albury.

Library borrowing

Each class will have a set class Library borrowing day. Borrowing is weekly and the books are due for return the following week on their class Library day.

To avoid lost books, have a safe and regular place to keep the book ready for return after it has been read.

Compulsory Attendance

Please read pages 5 & 6 about regular attendance and we hope that all students have a full and prosperous school year in 2022.



'Tell Them from Me' Survey

Violet's mother recently returned the *'Tell them from Me'* survey to enter into the draw for a \$40 canteen voucher.

Thanks to Violet's mum Carlee for taking a few minutes of time to reply to the survey, which provided feedback on all aspects of the school.

Congratulations Violet!

CANTEEN—WE THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Alison for another year in the canteen and despite much of the year being unpredictable and sometimes the canteen not being able to operate at full capacity, Alison has still served up 100's of lunches and Meal Deals to our students/your children. A thank you also to Nicole and Leah for your help in the canteen.

Online ordering has been a convenient and successful introduction for families and will continue next year.

Appeals Day Monday 13 December

On Monday 13 December, the Years 5 and 6 students will be running our annual Appeals Day. This year we will be raising money for new play equipment for the school. The students have organised stalls with face-painting, hair colour, raffles, and competitions like highest high jump and longest footy kick, with prizes for infants and primary students.

All students are encouraged to bring their spare change and enjoy the carnival atmosphere of the morning, while raising money for our school.

SENTRAL PARENTAL PORTAL APP



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Thank you to those families who are already using the SENTRAL Parent Portal.

From parent feedback, we have streamlined our communication and will only be using SENTRAL for whole school communication, including absences. Class Dojo will remain as the preferred communication between parent and teacher.

A letter was recently posted to families who have still not accessed the SENTRAL portal. We encourage all families to download and access the portal so that you can keep up to date with the latest school information.

To Access the App

*Download the **SENTRAL Parent App** from the Apple App store or from the Google Play store. Please select the school name from the dropdown and login using the same credentials used when registering for the Parent Portal account.*

- **One letter per family has been generated with a parental portal access key**
- **Please note the access key is case sensitive and must be entered exactly as it appears**
- **You must use a valid email address to create your username**
- **Please contact the school on 6025 6433 if a second parent requires an access code**

Absence Notification

Each day an SMS notification will be forwarded to parents of any child that is absent on the day. Your response is required with a valid reason for their absence for our records. Please note that a response with just the word "sick" is not a valid explanation and your child will still be marked as absent/unjustified.

This free app and portal means that you will be able to keep track of homework, book parent teacher interviews, give permission for school activities, inform the school of current or future absences, change of family details and communicate with teachers. You will also be able to access the current PBL Handbook, Prospectus, newsletter and canteen menu.

AWARDS

Class Awards

Kinder

Zahli A
Bailey E
Levi M
Chloe R
Franki T

K/1 B

Sheyon T
Aedan B
Harry W
Jakai B
Charlie M
Dakoda B

1/2 C

Ollie M
Declan K
Flynn B
Logan F
Klay T
Liv W

1/2 W

Oliver D
Freya W
Oscar G
Poppi S-T
Tyler W
Tylah S

3/4 B

Mahson E
Teddy M
Indi W
Rubii M
Hoze H
Mathew H-S

3/4 S

Yvonne B
Jordan G
Steven J
Lachlan S
Jakai S
Keeda B

5/6 D

Sandra N
Riziki H
Mpamo B
Tyson C
Abe M
Jason S

5/6 H

Ollie B
Charlotte C
Rachel W
Woonsen P
Pixie H
Luca M-W

GOLD Awards

Kinder

Samuel B
Jett G
Marley M
Lola S-T
Kristopher S
Violet S
Franki T

K/1 B

Muhammad N

1/2 C

Benji B
Ollie M

1/2 W

Max W
Evelyn O
Lidia E
Ayat J

3/4 B

Joshua B

3/4 S

Logan T
Beau L
Lucas R
Max B

5/6 D

Sienna C
Jack T
Mikayla W
Mpamo B
Zeek B
Chelsea F
Riziki H
Allysann M

5/6 H

Isabell T
Tyler C-S
Kelsey S
Elizabeth Mc
Tuli M

Congratulations to the Gold Award recipients for the year.

You will be treated to ice cream, treats and FREE play on the 14 December



LAST DAY of school
for all students
is
Thursday
16 December 2021



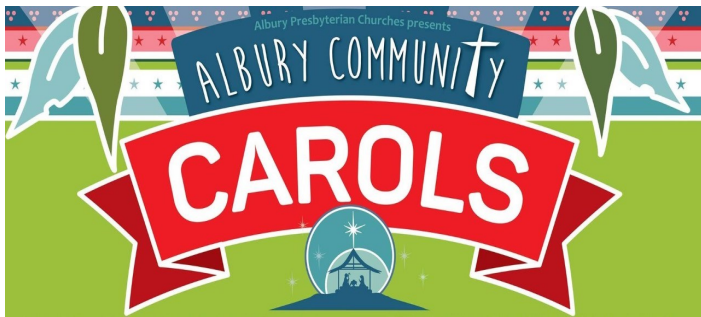
Don't forget over the holidays to take the time to read a book!



- ◆ Reading a book is a great way to calm the mind
- ◆ Reading is a source of fantasy and knowledge
- ◆ Reading is the key to knowledge
- ◆ Knowledge is the key to life
- ◆ Reading can be done at any time and is free
- ◆ Read out loud to someone or even read to your pet...

You can always pick up a book and read!

Community News



Two Events

ALL FREE

Thurgoona Community Centre
15 December 5pm

Albury Presbyterian Church
16 December 6pm

Come along to a FREE fun and exciting community carols event sharing the heart of Christmas.

An amazing outdoor Christmas celebration for all with live music, puppets, an uplifting story and fun activities for the kids.

ALSO

Free BBQ, Zooper Doopers and water provided!

The advertisement for Joss Facility Management features a dark blue background with a white speech bubble containing the text 'CLEANERS WANTED'. A megaphone is shown at the bottom right. The Joss logo is at the top left. Text at the bottom provides contact information and shift details.

Joss
Facility Management

CLEANERS WANTED

Applicants need to be available to work Monday to Friday between the hours 5:00am-7:00pm.

- Split shifts: 5:00am-9:00am and 2:00pm-7:00pm
- Day shift available from 11:00am-3:00pm

careers@jossgroup.com.au
www.jossgroup.com.au

The advertisement for 'Engaging Adolescents™' has a red border and a pink 'FREE' badge. It includes a photo of a family and a list of learning objectives. Contact information and the Mission Australia logo are at the bottom.

FREE

Engaging Adolescents™

2 session program:
Monday 6th December 2021
Friday 10th December 2021

10.00am to 12.00pm

ONLINE
Via Microsoft TEAMS

This is a 2 session program—to complete the program you will need to attend all sessions

A free program for parents and carers of adolescents.

Learn:

- Common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents;
- New understandings of adolescence;
- Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them; and
- Skills for tough conversations to handle those problems you just can't ignore.

Please RSVP by emailing
ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au
Or
Call Jayne on 0428 162559

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner.
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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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