From the Principal………..

Dear Parent/s

Another busy week is in store for us at St Albert’s with swimming lessons, AGM, Mardi Gras and a musical performance entertaining the children.

AGM

We are providing a crèche tonight and we have quite a few children attending. The AGM commences at 7:30 and will be finished by 8:30pm. Reports will be tabled and spoken to and then the major focus will be on the strategic planning session in which we will do in groups lead by teachers. Following the AGM we will have drinks and nibbles.

MARDI GRAS

The Mardi Gras is with us once again and it promises to be a wonderful day. The following is a list of things you will need to know for the day.

★ You can dress up as a pirate, Captain Hook, Tinker Bell, Peter Pan or an Indian.

★ The parade starts at 11:45am. Our float will be somewhere near the Primary School. Children need to be there by 11:30am. We will be taking the bus and walking besides the big pirate ship that Mr Thiele has made for us. Please see return notice with this newsletter.
Good luck to Aiden Formby who is a junior ambassador this year. I know Aiden has put a lot of effort into his fundraising and we wish him all the best.

I would also like to wish Claire Dalzell all the best for her role as a senior ambassador. Claire has done an amazing job to combine this with being a new mum, running Little Albee’s and all her work with the CWL.

After the Mardi Gras our year 7 students will be running a Nippy’s stall at the Nippy’s Gift to raise funds for their Canberra trip at the end of this year. Please support them and purchase a few Nippy’s drinks to get you through the night. Thankyou to Tim Kassulke for organising and setting up the stall.

**SACRAMENTS**

The Sacrament dates for this year have been set and sent out to the families of children making their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Reconciliation is on 17th May and First Communion on 5th June and Confirmation will be on Sunday 31st July.

Raelene will be back in term two and will resume her role as year 2/3 teacher and Religious Education Coordinator. Consequently Music will return in term two.

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

On Thursday we have a very special guest attending St Albert’s. Andrew Chinn will be working with the choir and then the whole school singing popular songs that we sing in our liturgies. Andrew has composed over 200 songs and the children will know a many of them as we go through them on Thursday. Parents are invited to attend at 11:30 am on Thursday in the Parish hall or Ardill Court (weather dependant) at no cost. It is a show not too misses!!!!

**PEER MEDIATORS**

Yesterday our peer mediators commenced their peer mediation program for 2011. Peer mediators are our senior students from the year 6 and 7 class. The year 6 and 7 students are role models for other students and help solve problems in the yard should they arise. Peer mediators help make St Albert’s a safer and better place to be at all times. The goal of peer mediation is to reduce conflict and provide children with problem solving skills. Peer mediators create a safe atmosphere, allowing disputing students to tell their stories and assist them in working out mutually acceptable agreements. If a peer mediator feels the situation is out of their jurisdiction, they will refer the situation to the teacher on yard duty immediately. Peer mediators wear orange vests so that they are easily identifiable. It is an excellent program and helps further develop leadership qualities in our senior students which will hopefully carry on to high school and beyond. At St Albert’s we are all about forming leaders of the future and making children more independent and resilient.

**CONDOLESCENCES**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Spilsbury family on the sudden passing of Tiarna last Thursday. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Jason Mittiga
Principal
St Albert’s Catholic School

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION……..**

**SAPSASA Swimming**

We wish Zane, April, Suzie and Melody all the best as they compete in the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival this Friday.

Brad Williams
P.E. Coordinator.
**YEARS 4-6 CAMP…….**

Just a quick reminder that all permission and medical forms need to be returned to school by no later than this Friday. The camp levy also needs to be paid by this Friday.

To allay any fears you may have over the height of the river, I recently contacted the camp supervisor and he assured me that the venues used for the various activities are very safe and the he is constantly monitoring the situation. We would encourage all children to bring some mosquito repellent with them. We will have some mosquito sprays that plug into a power point in the dorms to help control any mosquitoes at night that may be in the room and make it pleasant to sleep.

Brad Williams
Camp Coordinator

**Birthdays…..**

**FEBRUARY 2011**

25th – Tiarna Inglis – 8  
26th – Jesse May - 11  
28th – Kaitlin Francis – 6

**MARCH 2011**

4th – Tia Drake - 8  
11th – Isaac Edwards – 7  
14th – Thomas Alm – 9  
14th – Zara Nicholson – 11  
15th – Suzie Stivahtaris - 13  
16th – Melody Pfeiler - 11  
21st – Declan Morgan – 7  
22nd – Arron Nitschke – 9  
28th – Riley Stasinowsky - 9

**Uniform Shop…….**

OPEN:  Friday afternoons - 2pm – 3pm.

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager  
T: 85845898

**LAP…….**

Thank you to those who have offered to be a part of this year’s Learning Assistance Program. I am currently in the process of matching up volunteers with students and will contact you shortly with details. If there is anyone who did not send a form back but would like to be involved, please don’t hesitate to contact me or telephone the school office and leave a message.

Reanna Arthur
LAP Coordinator

**Canteen…….**

**CANTEEN ROSTER** (Family name)

*Helpers required 9:45 am until 1:15pm.*

**FEBRUARY**

25th –  
MARCH  
4th – Dansie  
11th – Davis  
18th – De Been

Remember to put an ‘L’ or ‘R’ beside food ordered for recess or lunch.

*Have a great week,*  
*Kind Regards,*  
*Julie Graetz*

**Playgroup…..**

Little Albees  
Playgroup  
Every Thursday from 9am-10:30am  
At St Alberths school.  
Playgroup is open to all public with children ages Birth – 5yrs.

Claire Dalzell  
Playgroup Coordinator.
Community Notices

THANKYOU…..THANKYOU

On behalf of Aiden I would like to thank the many school families who have lent ‘sea creatures’ for Aiden’s Nemo float in this year’s Mardi Gras. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Aiden is looking forward to the day and has enjoyed the experience and the opportunity once again to raise funds for the Loxton community through being a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador. Thanks again!

Julie Graetz.

Return Notice – Mardi Gras

My child/ren would like to be involved in this year’s Mardi Gras St. Albert’s School float.

I would like to be involved with setting up/walking on the day – please contact me on

Name.................................................................