From the Principal

Dear Parent/s

Welcome to week 2 of the last term. The children have made an excellent start to the term and everybody has settled in well and adjusted back to school life.

WELCOMING BBQ
On Sunday we are having a barbecue to welcome all the new parents to St Albert's. I sent a letter home last Friday explaining the day. It would be great to see as many families as possible attend at 12pm for a barbecue lunch to welcome all of our new families. I look forward to seeing you all there.

UNIFORM
As you are well aware, there are two sport tops to choose from for our new sports uniform which will replace the existing white polo top. Both tops are fantastic, yet very different. Please fill in your responses and have your say. A lot of work has gone into reaching this stage and I would like to thank the committee for all of their hard work. The committee will meet again next week to finalise the decision based on the responses we receive. The committee and I are happy with both shirts and we look forward to announcing the new shirt shortly.

SPORTS COMMITTEE
Our next Sports Committee meeting is next Thursday 3rd November at 3:15 in the Resource Centre. We will be discussing planning for 2012.

2012
Next year St Albert's Catholic School will be going to five classes which is extremely exciting for our community. This will enable us to have small class sizes and continue to provide the best quality education for your child.

The five classes will be:
Reception: Joanne Hondow
Year 1 and Year 2: teacher to be confirmed
Year 3 and Year 4: Jenny Mittiga
Year 5 and Year 6: Karen Cash and teacher to be confirmed
Year 6 and Year 7: teacher to be confirmed and Brad Williams.
I will keep you informed with the new teaching positions over the coming weeks. I will write more in the newsletter in week 4 and elaborate on the structures of the Year 5/6 and Year 6/7 class.

REligious Education Coordinator

All Catholic School in South Australia are moving towards a new model of REC. The new position that has been formed is the Assistant Principal, Religious, Identity and Mission (APRIM).

The role is an expansion of what we have known as the Religious Education Coordinator and will include some leadership support for the Principal. The Aprim will work alongside me in developing the religious identity and mission of the school, and being a part of the broader Riverland leadership group. I am pleased to announce that Raelene Edwards was successful in winning this position and will work between Our Lady of the River catholic School, Berri and St Albert's. Raelene will teach in the 1/2 class on a Friday.

Congratulations Raelene, we are very pleased to have you working with our staff in this important area of our school.

CONCERT

As you are well aware the concert is on Thursday 17th November at 6:30pm. Claire Dalzell has put a lot of work into preparing the concert and it is all beginning to come together.

TERM CALENDAR

The term calendar was sent home last Friday. Please make sure you display this in a prominent place in your house and are up to date with what is happening in and around our school.

Jason Mittiga
Principal
St Albert’s Catholic School
News from the pastoral Support Worker

BREAKFAST CLUB
Last term I “piloted” a project to run a Breakfast Club. I am offering this again for all students. I will have Weet-Bix, Toast and Orange Juice available every Tuesday from 8.15 am in the Technology Room.

COFFEE ‘N CHAT AFTERNOON TEA
There will be a Coffee ‘n Chat Afternoon Tea on Friday, 4th November commencing at 2pm in the Hall. As this is just before Assembly I am hoping many of you will join me in a cuppa.

ALTAR SERVERS
I have given a letter to those children who have made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation during 2011 asking them to consider taking on the very important role of Altar Serving at Sunday and School Masses. Fr. Medard will be training the children and I will be assisting him.

GAIL PAGE
Pastoral Support Worker

Years 1/2/3 Maths

‘Learning about Money’
Cake Stall Fundraiser
for Caritas

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the conclusion to our “Money Unit” in Maths from last term, the year 1,2,3 Class will be holding a cake stall on Wednesday 2nd November in week 3 during recess. The children will be setting up their own stall and creating their own signs and advertising for the event. We have decided to donate the money raised to Caritas as part of the Funds for Africa appeal to help students remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

Items will include:
Cup cakes, muffins, cookies, biscuits and popcorn.
Prices will be approx. 50 cents each.

Please send some change along next Wednesday with your child/ren to buy a treat from the Year 1/2/3 students.

Thank you for your help

Mrs Mittiga
Wednesday Class Teacher

P & F News....

ST ALBERT’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
“WELCOME NEW FAMILIES”
BBQ LUNCH

THIS SUNDAY
30th OCTOBER 2011
AT THE SCHOOL - AFTER MASS
B.Y.O. SALAD
AND DRINKS
BBQ PROVIDED
SEE YOU THERE!!!

If anyone did not receive a copy of the P & F Minutes by email, please telephone the school office for a copy to be sent home.

NEXT PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING
IS IN WEEK 7
MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2011
At 7:00PM In the Library!

Lily Hansen
President.
**McCain veggie Patch Challenge**

The McCain Veggie Patch Challenge has come to a close and what a success it has been. I would like to thank everyone who helped collect barcodes this year. We were well up on last year. When I looked on the McCain website it showed that our school collected the most barcodes in SA, which proves what a supportive school and community we have.

I am in the process of ordering new equipment for our school and with so many points it allows me to choose most items in the catalogue. This equipment will be used to help set up our new veggie garden, which I hope to be started this term. Once again thank you for all your support.

*Kind Regards*
Joanne Hondow

**Canteen**

**Helpers required 9:30 am until 1:15 pm.**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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If you are unable to come in on your rostered day, please leave a message at the school office (85845110) the week prior, so that I can organise a fill in. Thankyou.

*Julie Graetz*
Canteen Manager

**Uniform Shop**

**THE UNIFORM IS OPEN**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS - 2pm – 3pm.**

**SPORTS SHIRTS**

This week is your last chance for you to put your vote in for the new sports top. Please return the notice in this newsletter.

Votes will be finalised Friday afternoon (28-10-11). Results will be put in the next newsletter.

*Jenny Hicks,*
Uniform Shop Manager - T: 85845898

**Birthdays**

**OCTOBER**

28th – Ryley Hammerstein - 11
31st – Liam Wormald - 12

**NOVEMBER**

4th – Charlotte Zimmermann – 7
6th – Ceejay Inglis - 12
6th – Charlie Stivahtaris – 12
10th – Aiden Formby - 12
12th – Elissa Unferdorben - 11
18th – Emelia Gready – 7
Community Notices……..

Is your child having trouble sleeping?

I can also teach you and your child simple tips and useful tools to take home and use immediately.
To book now call
Sheree Cameron (nee Westbrook)
0439 349 701
www.mifreedomcoaching.com.au

Community Notices……..

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BLOOD SERVICE
Visiting Berri –
Senior Citizens Centre,
1 Crawford Terrace on
26th, 27th and 28th October.
For further information or to make an appointment, please call 131495.

THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE – LIVE IT AT HOME
HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES IN 2012
In January 2012 we will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months. If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.
Nick Lorentzen
National Director
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd
PO Box 1420 Mona Vale NSW 1660
T: (02) 9997 0700
W: www.studentexchange.org.au

Can anyone help with DONATIONS FOR….

SUSAN’S ANIMAL RESCUE
ANNE’S WILDLIFE RESCUE
Donations of the following are needed urgently (or money)…….
Cat food, flea power,
worming products,
kitty litter and bedding,
kangaroo food, kangaroo milk,
wheat, hay, bird seed??
If you would like to donate from the above (or money), please telephone Martina Roberts on 85846102.
Any help would be greatly appreciated.

“GIRLS NIGHT IN”
I am organizing a “Girls Night In” fundraiser for women’s cancer and would love as many women as possible to attend.
DATE: Monday, 7th November, 2011
TIME: 4.30 – 7.30 pm (arrive at any time)
VENUE: St. Albert’s School Library
COST: $20 (this includes nibbles, champagne, orange juice and soft drink)

After costs are taken out, all the money raised will go to the Cancer Council.
I have a variety of “interesting” games to play, a movie to watch, or you may just be happy to eat, have a drink and socialize.
It would be great to see you there, and you are certainly welcome to ask your friends. If you are unable to attend, any donation that you can make will go towards this worthy cause.
Could you please let me know by Friday, 4th November how many will be attending, so that I can cater for the Night. You can email me at gailp@stalbert.catholic.edu.au or phone the School or my mobile - 0448 859 009.

Gail Page
Return Notices…….

St Albert’s Catholic School Sports Top

My preferred Sports Top is:

☐ Option One – Navy/red
☐ Existing red/white rep shirt

(please tick one box)

OPTION 1:

(Please note: The dark section is navy blue).

EXISTING REPRESENTATIVE SHIRT:

“\text{When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.}”

--Alexander Graham Bell