2013 AGM Principal Report

Well what a big year it has been in 2013 with so many wonderful things happening in and around the school. Events such as the Mardi Gras, AWAD, Bookweek and school concert bring the school community together and I am so thankful for the way in which the staff, children and parents get involved.

NUMBER ONE IN NUMERACY

We were informed by the Catholic Education Office that St Albert’s ranked number 1 in Numeracy for NAPLAN results in 2012. That is number 1 in all of the schools in South Australia!!! Not a bad effort for a small country school!!!!!!!

As a school we should be very proud of our results and acknowledge the things we do well.

ICT1-1 Learning

Last year we had parent information sessions to introduce the concept of 1-1 learning for the students in years 4-7 for 2014. The parent sessions have been well attended and the feedback has been positive. It is an exciting time for St Albert’s and the staff and children are very excited about the implementation of 1-1 for 2014.

Our aim is provide technology-rich learning environments where students have access to technology when and where they need it. Choice of tools and rich multimedia options enriches personal inquiry and transforms the way that children think and learn giving them greater control over how, where and when they learn. We believe that technology is used as a tool in the delivery of the curriculum, rather than being the focus.

Year 4/5 children will have their own laptop for school use.

Year 6/7 will either purchase their own Acer tablet or use a school Acer tablet.

STAFF: At the end of 2013 we farewelled Brad Williams, Rebecca Goldsworthy, Jenny Mittiga and Alex Tilley. Brad is moving onto leadership in the Northern Territory. Brad has been at St Albert’s for the past 7 years and has been a wonderful asset to our school. I wish Brad and his family all the best for their venture to the top end and look forward to hearing all the stories they will have to share. Jenny Mittiga has moved back to Adelaide to be with our daughters and grandchild. Rebecca and Alex have both been at St Albert’s for the year and Rebecca has moved to Mildura and Alex is in Adelaide to be with her family and work at another Catholic School. I thank them all for their commitment to St Albert’s catholic school.

SCHOOL VALUES

In 2013 I introduced Principal awards underlying our school values. At St Albert’s we are very proud of our school values and all children are fully aware of the importance of them in and around the school.

Our Five School values are:
Respect
Honesty
Trust
Pride
Support

2014 priorities

ICT Implementation
School Improvement Plan (due 2015)
Teacher Standards (AITSL)
Australian Curriculum
Parents and Friends Committee

THANK YOU

Finally, I would like to thanks the School board, Staff, parents and students for the support you provide our wonderful school. We are so lucky here at St Albert’s with the excellent facilities we have and the children are the beneficiaries of all we have and offer at St Albert’s.

Jason Mittiga

Principal

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