



# ALINJARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## FRIENDSHIP

No 17—31st October 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to the P&C for a great "Freaky Friday" disco. The students did a great job of dressing up, or their parents did! All monies raised will go to school projects. A huge thank you to Mr Andrew Lyle for being an awesome DJ. We also have a new treasurer, thank you to Ms Melissa Roworth for taking over the reigns for the coming year.

Thank you to those families that have taken the time to complete the survey, your input is valued. I have extended the deadline for another week, it will close on 7th November 2017. In order to validate the survey results we need more families to give their input. The link is below:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/EEetHySY>

Hard copies are available in the front office should you prefer that method. Your responses are completely confidential.

Mrs Lock, an inaugural member of APS staff, has retired. Claire is a much respected member of our staff and made a difference in the lives of many students who attended APS since it opened. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

We are currently planning classes and structure for the 2018 school year. Please advise us if you know that your children will not be attending our school next year. Any requests for 2018 should be put in writing addressed to the principal. Obviously we cannot make any guarantees.

The year 6 fundraising activities are coming up, the family fun afternoon and quiz night on Friday 10th November. Tickets are still on sale. Please note that children are **not permitted** to attend the quiz night as alcohol will be served. No BYO will be allowed. The school is a smoke, and drug free zone during these activities. Responsible services of alcohol practices will be in place for the event.

Swimming for years 1-6 commences next week. All monies should be paid prior to the lessons starting. Should you be experiencing financial difficulties please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a payment plan. All children should attend lessons. Water based activities are part of every Australian child's life and as such they should have the confidence to participate. Classes for pre-primary students commence on Monday 20th November.

Pupil free days for 2018 are listed below, students do not come to school on these days:

29th and 30th January (school commences on Wednesday 31st January 2018 for students)  
Monday 30th April (term 2)  
Monday 16th July (term 3)  
Monday 8th October (term 4)  
Friday 14th December (term 4) (school finishes for students on Thursday 13th December)

*Mrs Lesley Meyers*  
Principal

**CHILDREN MUST NOT ARRIVE AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8.25 AM**

*Congratulations to the following children who received Merit Awards at the assembly on Thursday 19th October:*

*Jasmine from EC1*

*Alexander from EC2*

*Toni from EC3*

*Nikolas from EC3*

*Amira from Room 1*

*Abbi from Room 2*

*Ali from Room 2*

*Gisele from Room 3*

*Ankith from Room 3*

*Kayla from Room 5*

*Abdiqani from Room 6*

*Fatima from Room 6*

*Joey from Room 7*

*Zahraa from Room 7*

*Ali from Room 8*

*Georgia from Room 9*

*Ha from Room 9*

*Mischa from Room 12*

*Archer from Room 13*

*Kaiser from Room 15*

*Teba from Room 17*

*Febe from Room 17*

*Tyler from Room 18*

*Nikola from Room 5 for Italian*

*Mina from Room 13 for Phys Ed*

*Stacey from Room 6 for Science*

*Lucas from Room 12 for Science*

*Sara from Room 8 for Drama*



# AdoptASchool



Are you planning on visiting Bali soon...or do you know anyone who is? AdoptASchool has lots of books which have been donated for our sister schools. If you know of anyone who could take a few kilos of books to Bali, please contact Susan on 0402 914 521 or [cromb@tpg.com.au](mailto:cromb@tpg.com.au) The books will be collected from your accommodation by one of our volunteer coordinators. Many thanks.

# FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hello Alinjarra Families

In this newsletter we cover the STOP part of the program.

We explore with the students the unhelpful behaviour they use when having a conflict. Many of these you would be aware of, back chatting, eye rolling, lashing out, "It's not fair", drama queens and not taking responsibility. These behaviours are obvious roadblocks to solving a problem.

In class we look at ways students can give themselves a quick reminder to use helpful behaviour. It may be a red ribbon around the wrist, or a small red dot drawn on their wrist, or a silly song they think of, or a happy memory or a special small object like a precious stone. Each student picks one that they relate to.



For the younger students the simple hand gesture of thumbs up or thumbs down is used.

The next step at this stage is to understand everyone's feelings and needs. If we think someone is mad, but they are really sad, then we will choose the wrong solution to the problem. If we don't understand the needs of those involved, then we will choose the wrong solution.

For example

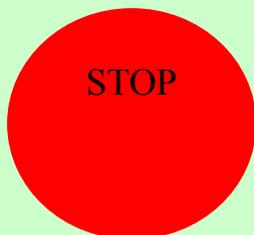
Jack wants to play soccer but the others on the team don't think he knows how to play well enough. Jack doesn't want any major position; he just wants to feel part of the team. When the others tell Jack he can't play and won't be on the team, Jack lashes out, calling them names. The other boy's response to this is just as unhelpful.

All involved need to use their chosen reminder to calm down and stop using unhelpful behaviour.

Then they need to understand the feelings and needs.

Team's feelings and needs – all positions are already filled with great players. They feel that if Jack plays the team won't do as well.

Jack's feelings and needs – sad as he would like to feel included as part of a team.



Stop unhelpful behaviour

What are the needs of everyone?

What are the feelings of everyone?

If you would like more information please don't hesitate to call.

Cheers

Ms Jones – School Chaplain

## SECONDARY SCHOOLING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018

### NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Education coordinates a range of student scholarships, grants and prizes to meet some of the costs of secondary schooling. Scholarships for 2018 are now open for applications.

Eligibility criteria and information on how to apply can be found at: <http://www.education.wa.edu.au/home/detcms/navigation/education/secondary-school/additional-learning-opportunities/scholarships/> An online submission process is used for lodging most applications. Instructions are available on the website.



**Stirling Leisure Centres**  
HERB GRAHAM  
MIRRABOOKA



**Only \$10  
per session**

## Junior Basketball

**Have fun and play your favourite sport!**

- Runs with school terms
- Qualified and experienced coaches
- Wednesday afternoon from 4pm
- Suitable for all skill levels
- Saturday mornings from 9am
- Register as a team or individual

Contact the centre on (08) 9205 7320, or visit  
[www.stirling.wa.gov.au/hgjuniorsports](http://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/hgjuniorsports) for more information.



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# Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

Alinjarra Primary School  
Year 6 Fundraising

# QUIZ NIGHT

10<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm

Undercover Area

\$60

for a table of 6

Alcohol served on the night  
(Strictly no BYO)

For bookings, check in  
with Mr Todd in Room 17

Or speak to staff in the  
front office

Responsible service of alcohol is in operation for  
this event, please bring valid ID and remember to  
drink responsibly

Raffles

Beer &  
Wine

Prizes

Games

Strictly Adults Only