



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1

**FRIDAY 24
FEBRUARY**
House Swimming
Carnival

Tuesday 28 February
SciTech Visit

Wednesday 1 March
SciTech Visit

CANTEEN ROSTER

**MONDAY 27
FEBRUARY**
Julia Kelly

**WEDNESDAY 1
MARCH**
Carmen Burgess

FRIDAY 3 MARCH
Fiona Morrison – Smith

UNIFORM SHOP
Tuesday
2.45pm—3:30pm

Thursday
8.30am—9:00am

(Located in the Undercover
Assembly Area)

Week 4 is nearly done and dusted. Everybody seems to be so busy and time keeps flitting by!

Over the last 2 weeks teachers have been busy having parent information sessions. It was pleasing to hear that lots of parents were taking this opportunity to get to know their class teacher and the routines of the classroom. I have also noted that there are a number of parents already giving up their personal time to assist teachers in the classroom. A big thank you to those enthusiastic parents.

Big swells did not stop our Bremer Canyon adventurers last Friday. On the road by 5.30, they had a huge day travelling, sailing and viewing amazing sea and bird life. I even heard that the stomachs did a little flipping!! Thank you to Paul Davies-Reid for driving the crew there and back, Kirsty Alexander, Stephen Murray and Gary Wylie. An opportunity of a lifetime which was enjoyed by all the students.

Michelle Gust has also been busy with some of our students on Monday painting the symbols of a bicycle and a person in our school grounds. The symbols are directing everyone to follow these symbols to get to the bike rack and to remind all riders to walk bikes in the school grounds. Thank you to Michelle and the wonderful children who helped make our school a safer place.



Tomorrow is our school swimming carnival. We look forward to seeing our students participate in a variety of events. I hope to see the wider school community coming down to ALAC to enjoy the competitive atmosphere of our House competition.

Enjoy your weekend.

Deidre Jones
Principal

SciTech is Coming!

Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 1 March 2017

Students will experience a Science Show and a hands-on Science workshop

If in Kindy to Year 3 students will experience... **MOVE IT**

If you are in Year 4 to Year 6 students will experience... **PROVE IT**

Great Science shows and hands-on activities from the best known Science presenters in WA. **PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!** See your child's teacher or Mr Murray for a timetable. For top value stimulating learning please send \$6 to your classroom teacher by Monday 27 February 2017.

Stephen Murray
Science Support Teacher



Principals Quote of the Week
If I have a thousand ideas and only one turns out to be good,
I am satisfied.
Alfred Nobel



Social Worker Corner

Albany Primary and Amity Health have collaborated to offer a Social Work Service to the school community. School Social Workers assist students by providing services in response to their social, emotional and life adjustment to school community.

Our Social Worker, Debbie Doak, offers counselling services to students and their parents/families to promote their learning and engagement in schooling. Debbie's office is room 14 and she works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Debbie looks forwards to getting to know the Albany Primary students and school community.

Debbie Doak
Social Worker



Chaplains Corner

Hello everyone,



This is my first Chaplain's Corner article to say hello and introduce myself to parents and the wider community as Albany Primary School's chaplain for 2017.

I am in my 9th year as a school chaplain, having worked across both high schools and primary schools, more recently returning from working in three primary schools in the Kimberley.

I know Albany Primary has a strong and proud history of success and care for its students, and it is wonderful for me to be able to join this caring school community. My personal passion is to help students build self-belief, resiliency, respect of self and others; I know these values are held highly by the school as well.

If I can be of help to anyone, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school, you would be most welcome.

Susan Anderson
YouthCARE Chaplain
Work Days - Wednesday and Thursday

Council Corner

This week was the first School Council meeting of the year. An action for which was to ratify the APS School Business Plan for 2017/18. As a technology enthusiast, I was very happy to see the inclusion of Technology as a focus area, and the support of our children's class teachers' to explore the new technologies curriculum which is now coming into effect. I was pleased to hear about the practicing of touch typing in school, which is a useful life skill, as well as an advantage to our children when they start sitting NAPLAN tests online.

This meeting also meant saying goodbye to some School Council members whose terms had expired. The council has a great collaborative environment, and I encourage other parents to nominate for the council, to learn more about how the school functions, and to have an input into its direction.

Darren Kay.

School Council Nomination

ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVE 2017

Please complete the information below to nominate for a parent representative position on the School Council.

I, _____, would like to nominate to be on the Albany P.S. Council.
(full name)

I have a child who attends Albany P.S. *Child(s) name:* _____ *Room* _____

I understand that there will be an election if there are more candidates than parent vacancies.

Nominations close Friday 24 February 2017 at 3:30pm

Please return slips to the school office in an envelope addressed to:

'Private & Confidential.'

Deidre Jones, Principal

Parent Nomination for School Council

P&C News

OUR P&C NEEDS YOU !!!

As the P&C we operate under a constitution (rules & responsibilities). Currently we are in breach of our constitution because the position of secretary is vacant. If this role is not appointed by the end of term one, we will have no choice other than to cease operations, which includes the services of the canteen and uniform shop that we provide.

The secretary's role is not very demanding. It involves attending 2 meetings a term in week 3 at 7pm and week 7 at 1:30pm and an occasional executive meeting. Job description follows:

- Assisting to draw up the agenda.
- Recording minutes at the meeting
- Maintaining membership records
- Signatory to all P&C bank accounts

If you are willing to take on this role or require further information, please contact the P&C at albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com

Thank you to the following people who have taken up roles on the P&C since the AGM last week. We welcome Jolene Pinchin to the role of treasurer, Noreen Les and Michelle McGregor will take on the bookkeeping roles in the canteen. We will sadly say goodbye to Jenny Simpson at the end of the term, in a cost reduction measure for our canteen. Jen has done an amazing job of the canteen accounts for the past 8 years, most of which was voluntary. We wish her all the best and thank her dearly for her dedication to APS P&C.

Our fundraising coordinator position is vacant and our fundraising committee is very low on numbers. If you have some time to spare or maybe some great ideas for fundraising, please come along to our first fundraising meeting for 2017 on Tuesday 28 February at 2pm in the staff room. We will be planning for the year ahead, starting with the discos in week 8. All welcome.

All monies raised from fundraising is donated back to the school. Low numbers of volunteers will inhibit our capacity to raise funds this year and therefore our ability to donate to the school to benefit/ enrich the learning environment for all our children at APS. If you are unable to attend but have suggestions, feel free to email us at the above email address so we can consider all options. Our decisions will be made based upon the ability of recruiting volunteers to run these events.

Julie Brooks
President

Uniform Shop

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Term 1- 4 2017

Do you have a spare 30 - 45minutes once every 4 - 6 weeks? 1-2 shifts per term is all that you need to volunteer! Tuesday afternoon and/or Thursday morning. Full training provided.

Great opportunity to become involved in the school, meet friendly faces and support your School Uniform Shop and the P&C.

If you are interested please contact Rowena Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator on 0406 147 531 or apsuniformcoordinator@outlook.com

Rowena Metselaars

Dental Therapy News

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre provides free dental examinations, oral care advice, preventative, restorative and emergency treatment for children from pre-primary to Year 11. The clinic is staffed by Kayleen (Dental Nurse), Susanne (Dental Therapist), Jaqui (Dental Nurse), Michelle (Dental Therapist) and Tracey (Dentist).

Enrolment forms will soon be issued to your child if he/she has recently changed schools or enrolled in Pre-Primary, please make sure these forms are returned before the end of term 1 if you wish to use our service.

Parents of enrolled students are reminded to contact the centre to update your details if you have moved in the last few years. All appointments are posted home and many of these are returned to us due to incorrect addresses, this means that your child misses out on their dental visit. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be taken up by someone else. You can call us on 98413967, drop in or send us an email to spencerparkdtk@dental.health.wa.gov.au.

To keep your child's teeth healthy during this important stage of growth we recommend brushing twice a day, parents should always assist with one daily brush and use adult strength toothpaste providing children are spitting it out. Teeth should be brushed for a minimum of two minutes and children are encouraged NOT to rinse after brushing.

We hope to see you all in here soon.

Community News

ALBANY PRIMARY JUNIOR SOCCER

The 2017 junior soccer season will commence in Term 3 and registrations will take place over the following 3 days:

Tuesday 14th March - 2.30-3.30pm and

Thursday 16th March 8.15-9.00am outside the Assembly area.

Saturday 18th March – 9am-12noon at the new Soccer Clubrooms next to ALAC.

Children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 can register. Fees are as follows:

MiniRoos – Under 7s (Pre-Primary and Year 1) - \$85

MiniRoos – Under 8s – Under 11s (Years 2,3,4 & 5) - \$95

Junior League – Under 12s (Year 6s) - \$110

KIDSPORT vouchers need to be presented at time of registration.

Enrolling your child in junior soccer requires a level of commitment from both the parents and the child. We count on parents from each year group to coach and manage their child's team and to help out on our clubs canteen day. Children also need to have an understanding of the level of participation they will need to display to positively aid in their teams' success.

If there are any queries or if you would be interested in coaching or managing a team this year, get in touch at albanyprimaryjsc@gmail.com.

Thanks so much,

Kate Houderrani



CAKE STALL

Donations required

Albany Primary School will be holding a cake stall on Election Day, Saturday March 11 to help raise funds for the school.

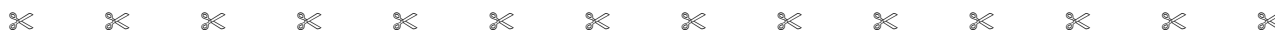


We are hoping our families can contribute to the stall to make it an outstanding success.

We would like donations of: Whole Cakes, Slices, Biscuits, and other baked goods.

You will also need to include a list of ingredients attached to your baked goods.

Unable to bake goods? Can you help on the day.



CAKE STALL DONATIONS

Baked goods donated: _____

Help on the day:

Full Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

**ALL DONATED GOODS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY 10 MARCH**