Dear Parents/Guardians,

We started the term with a very short but smooth return. Great to see everyone back at school ready to go. Apart from a few minor scrapes it looks like our students returned without any major injuries during the holidays. That’s good to see.

Cross Countries

During second term we conduct our House Cross Country and the Interschool Cross Country. It is our turn to host the Interschool Carnival so we may need some support from parents.

The Cross Countries are conducted so that we can improve the fitness and endurance capacities of our students and therefore enhancing their well-being. Some students, because they find it difficult, like to opt out by getting their parents to write notes about illnesses and injuries.

We ask that you don’t buy into this and support us to enhance your child’s fitness, endurance and willingness to engage in a variety of sporting activities. We understand of course that some students may be incapacitated and not be able to run. However they can usually walk the course…even with a cold!

Please remember that we only expect the students run a distance which is age appropriate.

The dates for the cross countries are as:

**House Cross Country**
Friday 10 June

**Interschool Cross Country**
Tuesday 21 June

Special Visitors to the School

Next Wednesday our school is hosting the West Australian of the Year, Ms Anne Carey, Senior Australian of the Year, Mr Graham Edwards and Katherine Hughes who is the Junior West Australian of the year.

Ms Carey was recognised for her efforts supporting communities suffering through the ebola crisis in Sierra Leone. She was head nurse at the crisis centre.

Mr Edwards is a Vietnam veteran who also has contributed significantly to the state in many capacities, one of which was as MLA.

To mark their visit we are conducting an assembly on Wednesday 11 May at 10:50am which is straight after recess. During this assembly we are presenting Aussie of the Month awards to students who have exhibited the characteristics of caring citizenship. We will also be having a morning tea with our visitors in the staffroom.
Assembly
Our next assembly is tomorrow which will be conducted by Mrs White's year 4s from Room 9. Come along and see what they are going to present! I believe we are in for an African treat!

TravelSmart Quiz
We had quite a few students respond to our quiz last week. Those who did respond had the correct answers so the first correct answer pulled out of the box was Charlie from Room 9. Congratulations to Charlie. He received a pack of goodies that included a number of items.

School Photos
MSP Photography will be taking the school photos once again. These are scheduled for Wednesday 25 May and Thursday 26 May. Personalised Envelopes will be sent home next week. Details of packages available and the costs can be viewed on our web site.

String Ensemble Workshop
On Wednesday our school hosted the string ensemble workshop conducted by Vickie Reynolds. Students from Yakamia and Flinders Park joined our students in developing their skills and enhancing their playing of their various string instruments. I was delighted to have a listen to them at the end of the session as they played so beautifully.

I am very pleased to say that our school has many students engaged in the program. Well done to all these students.

Tile Wall Mural
Next week work will commence at putting the tiles on the wall. To do this they will be laid out on the floor in the Cooking Room in their position and then transferred and glued onto the wall that is on the left hand side of the walkway leading up to the High School. I’m really looking forward to seeing this piece of whole school community art in place.

Walk to School Day
The school will be involved in the “Walk to School Day” on Friday 20 May. We would like to have groups of students walk from various areas within our boundaries. A special letter will go home about this soon explaining where we will walk from, the times to meet and other details. Let’s make it a date…even if it is raining or looks like it might rain! It would be great to see a solid turn out as we had last year!

Walking to school gains fitness, is social and decreases carpark clutter!

Remember the date: Friday 20 May!

Canteen
Our canteen turnover continues to be a cause for concern! We need your support!

Food from the canteen is healthy and beautifully prepared by Kay and Tracey. It is also very well priced! You can help keep our canteen alive by making some purchases during the week.

Currently pancakes are available at recess time and hot chocolate drinks can be purchased in the morning. The pancakes are delicious!

NAPLAN Testing
All students in years 3 and 5 across Australia are participating in the NAPLAN testing next week. Our school is no exception.

While we want our students to try their best and are well prepared we do not want them over anxious. The tests are valuable as they give us a comparison with other schools to ensure our standards and expectations are in line with requirements. We can also do an analysis so we can see in which areas individual students need assistance.

Results will be available in August.

Please note that we also have our year 4s and 6s also do a NAPLAN test which we mark ourselves for the same reasons above!

Conclusion
Have a pleasant and enjoyable forthcoming weekend!

Regards,
Brian Lee
Principal
**Book Week Fair**

**Important corrections to book fair dates!**
The Book Fair will run from Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May, before and after school.

Our selling days are Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

Purchasing times will be 8:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

There will be no buying during class time.

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**P&C News**

Why not come and find out more about what the P&C does at APS. Our next meeting is on Monday 9 May at 7:00pm in the staff room. Carl Beck will be talking briefly to us about the Travel Smart Programme which is a Department of Transport initiative which encourages students to walk and ride to school. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend. To request a copy of the agenda please contact us via Facebook: Albany Primary School P&C or by email: albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com.

To enable as many people as possible to attend a P&C meeting, our second meeting of the term is going to be during the day on Friday 17 June at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there.

The Mother’s Day raffle will be drawn tomorrow at assembly. Good luck to everyone that bought a ticket. Money is still being collected and a total will be posted in the next newsletter.

The Canteen will be trialling a 10-minute open hatch service at lunchtimes from Thursday 16 May. Its future will be dependent on utilisation and staff workload.

The following positions on the P&C are still vacant, fundraising co-ordinator, canteen representative and general members of both our uniform shop & canteen committees. There is lots of support available if you are considering taking on one of these roles. For further information, please contact us at albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com

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**Albany Primary School TravelSmart Quiz Question**

What are 3 benefits to the school of having less students being driven to school? – possible answers (Please circle)

- Less traffic congestion and improved road safety around the school
- Less demand for parking spaces
- Students learn how to travel safely and independently
- Students who walk or ride to school are more alert and ready to learn.
- Improved fitness and health for students (and parents)
- Cleaner and better air quality
- Less greenhouse emissions

Student Name: ________________________________________________________

Room: _________
Community News

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2016 CREATIVE CAPACITY SESSIONS
CIRCUS
Puppetry
Aerials
street Acro
dance
ACTING
SOUTHERN EDGE ARTS
ENROLMENTS OPEN 2016
ph 9841 6002
southernedge.org.au

Good Country Living Fair
Sunday 15 May 10am - 2pm

- Live Music
  With the Outback Gypsies, Tony King
  and the New Roundabouts
- Film Booth
  Share your story with ‘Life on the Land’
  film crew
- Creative Workshops
- Guest Speakers
  Dr Cathie Bowen and others on
  community-resilience themes
- Kids Entertainment
  Jump in the clown, bouncy castle,
  bucking bull and more
- Free Prize Draw

Boston Brewery, 678 South Coast Hwy, Denmark
Rain or Shine

Speakers
Dr Cathie Bowen, Curtin University
Tracey Kippin
Len Wilkinson, Kids Central
Grant Westhorp, AMRC
Libby Johnson, CLEAN
Grace Verity, Anglicare
Len Wilkinson, Kids Central

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