ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I trust that all is well with your family and that your children are continuing to progress appropriately at school. Generally, we are delighted with the school tone and the manner in which students are engaged in the learning program and playing in the playground during breaks.

WA Day Public Holiday
A reminder that Monday 6 June is a public holiday and that the school will be closed. I hope you get a chance to have a long weekend too. I know for some workers they will not get too much of a break but I hope that you get one either before or after.

While the day initially celebrated the arrival of the Swan River colonists it is, importantly, a day to celebrate that we all live in a great place that has so much to offer. What I love about WA today is that we have so many people from so many places living together in relative harmony. We have the wonderful traditions of the indigenous people and the cultures of Europe, Asia, America and Africa all coming together in one community. That’s something to be proud about!

Fundraising for the Potoroo
This fundraiser, initiated by students and put to the student council, has been scheduled for Wednesday 15 June. The potoroo is endangered and to save it we need to raise funds to develop a breeding program. Our students can help by donating to this. Details have already been presented to the students.

Cross Country
Our School’s House Cross Country in scheduled for Friday 10 June. All students should be participating and trying to achieve a personal best. We hope you will come along and watch your child participate. All parents will receive a schedule for the events.

Health and Well Being
I recently attended a course that focussed on Health and Wellbeing that had, as its purpose, assisting in the health and well being of those who work in the organisation. Many of the issues raised and the solutions are universal. I know that in today’s modern world the pressure on parents and workers is quite extreme and many suffer from health problems associated with this.

A clear message from the course was that your health and wellbeing is important. No one should neglect this. It is also important to understand that it is the individual who should, first and foremost, take responsibility for their own wellbeing and this starts with good nutrition, physical fitness, adequate sleep and intermittent day time breaks. The bottom line is that you have to be consciously aware of your own well being. Being in a “good place” helps you to build relationships and support others while being in control of emotions and your own sense of contentment. In fact, building relationships, performing well in what you do and working cohesively in a team (think family) are very much part of building your wellbeing. Are you looking after your wellbeing?

Look after yourself and consciously make a decision to help yourself! Today would be a good day to start. Set some easy but worthwhile goals to achieve and go for it! I’ll leave you with that thought.

Have a great weekend!

Brian Lee
Principal
**Enrolments for Kindy and Pre Primary 2017 are approaching.** Applications for placements in both our on site Kindy, Albany Community Kindergarten on Serpentine Road and also Pre Primary places for 2017 will be available and ready for collection from Tuesday 7 June. Parents of current Kindergarten children who wish to apply for their child to continue at Albany Primary need to complete an Application for Pre Primary. Students do not automatically roll over from Kindy to Pre Primary.

If you reside outside the zone and wish to submit an application for Pre Primary, you must attach a covering letter explaining why you wish to cross school boundaries. Please be advised this will not guarantee you a place.

If you have friends with children turning 4 before June 30, 2017 but don’t have other school aged children, please let them know that enrolments for Kindy need to be made as soon as possible as places are limited.

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**Gilbert’s Potoroo Fundraiser.**

**Small Change for a Small Endangered Animal**

The Semester one Student Council are holding their fundraising event in week 8 of this Term. By the end of the week all our students should know about this little animal that lives close by which is considered to be the world’s rarest marsupial and Australia’s rarest mammal.

**The fundraising day is on Wednesday 15 June** and involves the children dressing as an Australian Animal or just free dress (neat, clean and with shoes). Children dressed as an Australian Animal will be part of a photo with ‘Gilby’ the human sized potoroo.

Students are asked to bring along any amount of “**small change for a small endangered animal**”. The coins will be used to fill in an outline of the Potoroo. Classes will be rostered to bring their coins to the courtyard. At the assembly on that Friday a cheque will be presented to the Gilbert’s Potoroo Support Group. Please support this activity by sending along your loose change and help the preservation and restoration of this special little animal.

You can find out more about the Gilbert’s Potoroo and the work being done to assist its preservation at [www.potoroo.org](http://www.potoroo.org).

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**Albany Primary School TravelSmart Quiz Questions**

Cycling is a time efficient mode of transport as you don’t get stuck in traffic or have trouble finding a parking spot. If you ride 200m in a minute how far can you ride while your friend is held up in traffic and finding a parking spot for 5 minutes?

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Student Name: ________________________________________________________ Room: ____________
**P&C News**

If you have any feedback to share about the school photos last week please email us at albanyprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com. This will help us make an informed decision on next year’s photographer.

We would like to recognise and thank our gardening helpers Jo, Sophie, Mel, Christie, Caroline and Michelle. The next Gardening group is June 16 at 9am. Please join them.

The uniform shop volunteers will be having a meeting this Friday 3 June at 2:30pm in the staff room. If anyone is interested in finding out more about how the uniform shop operates or would like to volunteer their time please come along.

The P&C members are trying their hardest to reach more people, we have heard that many of you can’t attend a night meeting so we are trialling our next P&C meeting during the day, on Friday 17 June at 1:30pm in the staffroom. Please put this date in your diary. Please note this is a trial and if the meeting is not able to attract enough people we will be forced to return to night meetings. All are welcome, please come along.

Julie Brooks
President

**Dental Therapy Centre hours during school holidays**

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be open for most of the July school holidays. We will be closed from Monday 11 July until Wednesday 13 July inclusive. If you child develops an urgent dental problem during this time please contact Mount Barker Dental Van on 0437 486 143 between 8am-4pm. For non-urgent enquiries please contact Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre when we re-open on Thursday 14 July. If you would prefer an appointment during school holiday times please call us ASAP to make arrangements.

All appointments are sent to your home address. If you have moved in the last few years we may not have your correct address and your child will miss out on their check-up, please contact us to update your details either by phone: 9841 3967 or e-mail: spencerparkdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au

**Canteen News**

Thank you to our wonderful canteen helpers, some of whom are helping out twice per term. In particular a huge thank you to SHARNEE CLOTHIER, who has given so many hours to the canteen in the past couple of weeks.

PLEASE TRY AND SUPPORT our P&C run canteen. All other Canteens have closed one or two days per week! We are trying our utmost to stay open 5 days!

Thank you
Kay and Tracey
AUSTSWIM is Australia’s national organisation for the teaching of swimming and water safety.

Courses will be presented at Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre (52-70 Barker Road) on the following dates:

Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety
Saturday 18/06/16 8am – 5pm
Sunday 19/06/16 8am – 5pm

Infant Aquatics
Monday 20/06/16 8.30am – 5pm

For all enquiries, please phone:
1300 885 666

Enrolments can be made on line at austswim.com.au

Albany Light Opera and Theatre Company present ‘Mary Poppins’

Information Night - Tuesday 21 June at 7.00pm
Auditions - Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June 9.00am till 5.00pm
Reading through show script - Thursday 30th June 7.00pm
Rehearsal days - Tuesday and Thursday starting 7.00pm from 5th July
Performances – 3 weekends (10 shows)

October
Friday 21st 7.30pm, Saturday 22nd 2.00pm, Sunday 23rd 2.00pm,
Friday 28th 7.30pm, Saturday 29th 2.00pm, Saturday 29th 7.30pm
Sunday 30th 2.00pm

November
Friday 4th 7.30pm, Saturday 5th 2.00pm, Sunday 6th 2.00pm

Casting info and songs: