



# ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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9 June 2016

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### WEEK 8

##### Monday 13 June

School Council Meeting  
7:00

Room 13 and 14

Excursion—(AM Only)

Potoroo Talk

Year 5 - 1:00

Year 6 - 2:00

##### Tuesday 14 June

Room 13: Bike Ed  
10:50 –12:20

Eagle Cup

Albany Primary vs

Little Grove at APS

##### Wednesday 15 June

Potoroo Fundraiser

##### Friday 17 June

Assembly: Room 3  
P&C Meeting 1:30

### ATTACHMENTS

Interm Swimming

Lessons 2016

Note and

Permission Slip

PP—Year 6

Canteen Menu

### UNIFORM SHOP

#### Tuesday

2.45pm—3:30pm

#### Thursday

8.15am—9:00am

(Located in the Undercover  
Assembly Area)

### Dear Parents,

We finish this week with the House Cross Country tomorrow. Hopefully the weather will be kind and enable us to get through the program without too much disruption. If we do have a shower or two the event will continue so, in the event of this occurring, please provide your child with a change of shirt and maybe a spare pair of socks. Students should be wearing their house shirt and shorts when running.

Please note that the cross country schedule has been placed onto our webpage. We would like every student to participate and see if they can run a personal best. Parents are welcome to attend the event and the presentations commence at 2:30 pm.

### Assembly

Last week's assembly was conducted by Mr Wylie's Room 10. They did an entertaining set of skits on the "Friends" program that they have been doing in class. The messages were very relevant to all students and presented in a very enjoyable way. Our next assembly will be conducted by Mrs MacNish's Room 3. We hope to see you there.

### NAIDOC Week

Our school will be celebrating NAIDOC Week during the last week of the term. The staff have organised some special activities that promote the understanding and awareness of indigenous culture and issues. More details will be forthcoming in next week's newsletter.

### Is your child sick or just "sick" of coming to school?

One of the biggest difficulties facing a busy parent in the morning is dealing with a child who tells them they are feeling "sick". Questions fly and you're not sure just what is going on. Should the child stay at home or be sent to school? How do you make this call?

The most important part of this is knowing your child. Does your child use health issues to get attention? Do they exhibit anxiety by having a "tummy ache"? Is there a reason they don't want to be at school for the day? I guess there's a myriad of questions that could be asked and answered.

Another important ingredient in this decision is your attitude. If your child knows that a good piece of acting will enable them to stay home they'll use it quite regularly. If they know that staying at home may not get past first base because they rarely get to stay home and they have to stay in bed all day, then the child is less likely to complain.

During the school day we see and hear a considerable number of students using the "health card" to get attention from their teacher and get special treatment. Often they have very minor issues that don't need any medical assistance at all. It's actually about wanting adult attention and/or seeking the possibility of going home. This is an issue that we continue to address and we have modified our response to certain children. Amazingly, they are no longer getting injured or feel sick during the school day.

It's tricky! We all know when a child is really sick! It's just when they may be a bit off or at the starting point of a downhill slide into a bout of illness! We are always happy to call you and let you know that your child needs to go home. We also support you keeping a child at home if they have a heavy cold or the flu that may be passed on to others. So, the final question is.....How genuine is the illness or injury? Over to you! Good luck!

Have a great weekend.

Brian Lee,  
Principal

## Gilbert's Potoroo Fundraiser.

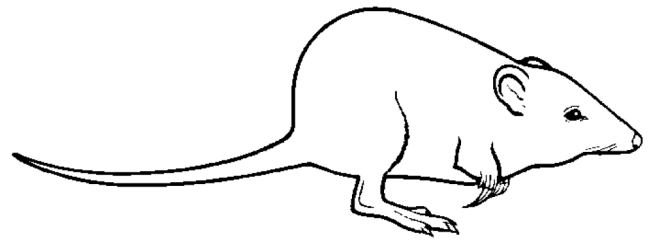
### Small Change for a Small Endangered Animal

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)



## Walking School Bus

Our amazing Walking School Bus coordinator, Georgia Kidman has had to withdraw from this role. The Bus is running very successfully from Tuesday to Thursday and it would be great to keep it going. We need your help. The coordinator's role involves being a contact for parents and other bus conductors and making sure that there are enough volunteers. The role gives the opportunity for making more connections within the school community, the option of becoming involved in the TravelSmart program and ensuring the sustainability of this valuable service. If we are unable to find a volunteer to coordinate this, the Walking School Bus will have to be cancelled. If you think you would be able to do this role please contact Georgia on 0439 952 878 or leave your name and number at the school office. A special thank you to Donna and Lisa for all your help. An even bigger thank you to Georgia for creating and running this fantastic service.

## TravelSmart Quiz

We continue to get quite a few entries for our quiz each week. This week's winner was Ethan from Room 11. Remember to get your quiz answers in by Wednesday following the newsletter.

## NEW Parent Support Group.

We are seeking parents interested in exploring the many different ways our children learn. The parent group will strive to support families with children with special needs and learning difficulties. If you would like to be involved in helping our school community excel at being a supportive, inclusive, evidence based learning environment for kids of all abilities, we would love you to join us. Our first gathering will be Wednesday 22 June, 9am at Albany Primary School.

## Gardening group

The next gardening group will be Thursday 16 June 9am. Please join us for a satisfying hour and a half of gardening. We have had a lot of feedback regarding how good the garden is looking, which is due to our APS gardener, thank you Phill Duff.

## P&C News

It is with great pleasure that we welcome to the P&C, Rowena Metselaars for taking on the role of uniform shop coordinator and Michelle McGregor for joining our canteen committee. We still have a few positions vacant if you are interested please contact us [albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto:albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com)

Please note that our new canteen prices came into effect Tuesday of this week, a new menu has gone home with the newsletter today. Two new items have been added, various home-made cupcakes will be on sale at recess on our amber days (Tuesday & Thursday) and the yoghurts are now a smaller child friendly size. Please continue to support our canteen by ensuring your child brings sufficient money to cover their lunch order, every cent helps to keep our canteen running, thank you.

The next P&C meeting will be on Friday 17 June at 1:30pm in the staffroom, everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like a copy of the agenda, please email us or collect a copy from the office.

Julie Brooks  
President APS P&C

## Cross Country

**Just a reminder that the Cross country is on tomorrow.**

Please come down and support your child/ren and remember to send your child with any medication that they require and a change of clothes, in case it rains.

We are looking forward to a great day of competition.

Hope to see you there.

Year	Preparation	Year 2	Year 1 (PP room 1)	Year 3	Year 5	Year 4	Year 6
Time	8.50 – 9.30am	9.40	10.00	10.50	11.20	11.50	1.00

## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Monday 13 June**  
Julie Anne Ramsell

**Tuesday 14 June**  
Tanya Wilson

**Thursday 16 June**  
Nicole Bird

**Friday 27 May**  
Clare Valley

## Canteen News

We now have available a new line of Yogurts-available at lunch and recess

CALCI-YUM—Strawberry, Banana and Vanilla \$1.20

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



# Community News



## TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL – A MESSAGE FROM NASHS

On **Tuesday, 14 June** we will be holding a Parent Information Night for **Year 6 to 7** from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. For more information please refer to the flyer inside the enrolment package. We look forward to seeing parents of Year 6 students.

If you have any further queries regarding the Year 6 to 7 transition program, please feel free to contact North Albany Senior High School.

## Term 3, 2016 Swimming Lessons



**Term 3, 2016 Timetables  
Available From  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Enrolments Open  
Saturday, 25 June 2016**

**Term 3, 2016 Swimming Lessons  
Commence Monday 18 July 2016**

### Final Term 2 Lesson Dates:

**Saturday, 25 June  
Monday, 27 June  
Tuesday, 28 June  
Wednesday, 29 June  
Thursday, 30 June  
Friday, 1 July**

**Contact  
SWIM<sub>2</sub>SURVIVE SWIM SCHOOL  
Ph: 08 9844 2273  
[alacswimschool@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:alacswimschool@albany.wa.gov.au)**

## ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAVELSMART QUIZ QUESTIONS

Walking or riding from school to your after school sport activity is a great option! What might be 2 good things about walking to your sport training from school?

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_