



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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23 June 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 10

Monday 27 June

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week

Assembly 8:45—9:15

Tuesday 28 June

House Captain

Breakfast—8:00

Eagles Cup at Denmark

Wednesday 29 June

Student Council

Breakfast—8:00

Year 4 Excursion

Thursday 30 June

Year 2 B.F.G Excursion

Friday 1 July

Assembly Room 13

Reports Issued

TERM 3

WEEK 1

Monday 18 July

School Starts

Interm Swimming Week 1 and 2

PPI, PP2, Room 1, 3, 4, 6,
7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 and
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Dear Parents,

It's been a wet few weeks but fortunately we have been able to continue with the cross countries which are our big events this term. On Tuesday we hosted the Interschool Cross Country out at the race course. In this event we came a credible third overall. A pleasing result! A special thank you for Peter Bolt and Jenny Jay for organising this on the school's behalf. Also, congratulations to our team who performed admirably. Colby was runner up which was a great effort in his division.

WAPPA Conference

Last week I participated in the WAPPA conference in Perth. This was a very successful event which provided principals with an update in what is happening in education around the world. A number of speakers focussed on successful schools being collaborative and having strong participation and interactions with their community. Within classrooms the focus is on what is being learnt and not what is being taught!

One presenter focused on "mindset". He asked the question, "Which of your students come to school with a closed mind and which come with a growth mind?" Students with a growth mindset embrace challenges, persist more, see effort as being useful, embrace the success of others and learn from feedback. At the other end of the scale we see students who don't face a challenge, see effort as a bad thing, ignore feedback and see the success of others as a threat. A growth mindset increases motivation and therefore a desire to learn.

Parents and educators have a strong role in enabling students to have a growth mindset. A large part of this is expectations from both. Both can also be sound role models by demonstrating their love of learning. Importantly teachers should be conducting well structured, engaging learning processes. As I stated before focus on the learning and not the teaching. Teach less and learn more!

As a school we are striving to achieve a more collaborative approach to learning amongst the staff and within the classrooms. We continuously talk about improving expectations and wanting our students to enjoy learning and meet challenges. It's ongoing!

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home with students on Friday 1 July. No report will be available before then as we have much to do to prepare them before delivery. The teachers have put a lot of effort into these and need to be recognised for this. I thank them for their diligence. If you have concerns that emanate from the report please make an interview with the teacher on return to school in term 3.

Commencement of School Term 3

Students are expected to return to school on **Monday 18 June**. There is **NO pupil free day** at the start of the term.

Annual School Report

Interested parents may like to read the "Annual School Report 2015" which has been placed on our webpage.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be conducted on Friday 1 July by our year 6s from Room 13. Thank you to our year 1/2 students from Mrs MacNish's class for conducting last weeks fantastic assembly.

Art Project

Melissa Daw is helping run the Year 5 and 6 Art Project. If you have any containers with or without lids that you could please donate to the Art Shed, it would be greatly appreciated, as these will be used to hold paint and water. Meat trays, margarine and yogurt containers will be great.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

- ◇ The school will be conducting a "Welcome To NAIDOC Week" assembly on Monday morning commencing at 8:50 am. All parents are welcome.
- ◇ During the week we will have several activities occurring including story telling, displays, friendship bands being made and Aboriginal art celebrated.

We believe the week will be engaging for all our students.

Have a great Weekend

Brian Lee
Principal.

Interschool Cross Country

On Tuesday our Term 2 Cross Country program culminated with our participation in the Great Southern Public Primary Schools event at Percy Spencer Race Course. Five runners from each division ran either the 1500m or 200m course which consisted of grass, bush and sand terrain. Of the eight schools participating, Albany Primary performed very well with a pleasing third place overall finishing behind Flinders Park (2nd) and the champion school for 2016, Denmark. Our third place reflected consistent 'top half' finishes across the divisions with the Year 6 Girls the highest scoring team and Colby (Year 3 Boys) was the highest place individual receiving a silver medal for his runner-up champion placing. Congratulations to the team and their coach, Mrs Jay, for representing the Albany Primary School so well.



Interm Swimming

Term 3, 2016 will commence on Monday 18 July, not Tuesday as previously indicated in both the Newsletter and the original swimming notes.

This means that if your child is enrolled for In-term Swimming for the first two weeks, they will now be participating in the full 10 days of tuition.

Therefore, we need to request an additional \$6.00 per student (or \$2.50 if you have a pool pass) for this first lesson on MONDAY 18 JULY.

We apologise for any confusion this may have caused to parents.

WEEKS 1 and 2 (Monday 18 July to Friday 29 July)

LESSON TIMES	CLASSROOM
9.35 to 10.15	Room 5, year 2 Room 8, year 4
10.20 to 11.00	Room 17, year 2 Room 9, year 4
11.05 to 11.45	Room 6, year 3 Room 7, year 3 Room1, PP & year 1
11.50 to 12.30	Room 3, year 1 & 2 Room 16, year 3 Room 10, year 4
1.05 to 1.45	Room PP1 Room 11, year 5
1.50 to 2.30	Room PP2 Room 12, year 5

COST: Bus Fare & Pool Entry \$ 60.00
 Bus Fare with Pool Pass \$ 25.00

WEEKS 3 and 4 (Monday 1 August to Friday 12 August)

LESSON TIMES	CLASSROOM
9.35 – 10.15	Room 2, year 1 Room 13, year 6
10.20 – 11.00	Room 4, year 1 Room 14, year 6

COST: Bus Fare & Pool Entry \$ 60.00
 Bus Fare with Pool Pass \$ 25.00

P&C News

With the cooler weather upon us, why not warm yourself up and increase your Child's calcium intake, by purchasing a hot chocolate from the canteen on sale every morning and recess for only \$1.00. A reminder that the new canteen menu price list went home last week and spare copies are now available on the wall next to the canteen hatch. Also keep a look out for our online ordering information which will be appearing shortly.

The first daytime P&C meeting was held last Friday afternoon and was successful in attracting a few new faces. Thanks to everyone who turned up. We hope the first meeting wasn't too daunting and we will see you again. The decisions made were for the sale of Hash Browns to be restricted to a Tuesday and Thursday as they fall into the category of an amber food, which means that we can only sell them twice a week to comply with the Department of Education Healthy food and drinks policy. An abbreviated version can be found here <http://www.waschoolcanteens.org.au/parents/healthy-food-drink-policy/> It was also decided to close the canteen open hatch service at lunchtimes, with the desired outcome of running a viable business that can maintain a lunch service 5 days a week. This closure will take effect on day one of term 3, 19 July 2016.

We would like to thank Rowena Metselaars for taking on the role of uniform shop coordinator and a few extra volunteering shifts lately too. Thanks Rowena. If you have an hour spare once or twice a term and are willing to volunteer in the uniform shop, please email your contact details to albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com or see one of our awesome volunteer team members at the uniform shop which is open Tuesdays 2:45 – 3:30pm and Thursdays 8:15 – 9am.

Julie Brooks
P&C President

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 27 June

Carman Burgess

Wednesday 29 June

Hitomi Yamasaki

Thursday 30 June

Jess Stockwell

Friday 1 July

Alison Lambe

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

2.45pm—3:30pm

Thursday

8.15am—9:00am

*(Located in the Undercover
Assembly Area)*

Canteen News

UNFORTUNATELY "CHOC MINT" MILKS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.

Thank you to all our lovely volunteers who are making themselves available once per term for 2 hours. If you would like to help out, please ring Kay or Tracey 9842 7422

Don't forget our HOT CHOCOLATES are available before school and at recess
ONLY \$1.00

Road Safety

Committee meeting will be held next week to discuss a proposal for changes to road conditions to improve traffic flow around the school district. We continue to encounter a lot of congestion around the area and students need to be reminded that the crosswalks are not operational until a traffic warden is present (recruitment process underway). At the moment vehicles have right of way, so please take extra caution when crossing and driving. The APS P&C have asked that parents please be reminded to **NOT PARK ON PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS** and avoid reversing into traffic. We all understand parking is limited but a level of safety needs to be maintained regardless. Thank you for your understanding.

First Parent Support Group

FIRST PARENT SUPPORT GROUP was held this Wednesday at 9am. We had a great start with fantastic people, excellent ideas within a safe and supportive environment. We would like to hear from parents with children with learning difficulties that are diagnosed or undiagnosed. The group is for any parent or caregiver that has a child that may just be having a really hard time learning for whatever reason. It was decided that we would meet every fortnight starting in week 2 of term 3, Thursday July 28 at 2pm. If you are unable to make it and have something you would like to discuss please email: parentgroupalbanyprimary16@gmail.com