Dear Parents/Guardians,
The holidays went in a blink of an eye and we are now back into school for the 2016 school year.

Welcome to everyone especially our recently enrolled students and their family members. We hope you feel welcome and settle into your new school as quickly as possible.

I’m looking forward to another great year at the school! We’ve had a very positive start.

Staffing Matters
Just prior to the beginning of the year we recognised the need for an extra class so we employed Chelsey Norman to take a year 3 class. Chelsey was at the school last year in term 4.

During the last week of the holidays Cindy Collinson informed me she was going to be at One Arm Point in the Kimberleys for at least a term so we appointed Jenny Jay to the school as our physical education teacher.

As Judy Goodall is on long service leave Vanessa Paterson and Mike Staudd will be taking music for semester 1.

John Gootze is on leave for medical reasons and so Deidre Jones will continue as acting deputy for at least term 1. Lisa Matson and Dianne Enright will be therefore taking the year 3 class in room 7.

From Tuesday of next week Peter Bolt will be on leave for personal reasons. He will be returning later in the term.

I’m sure the new staff will enrich the educational program of our school.

House Swimming Carnival
The House Carnival for students from years 4 to 6 will be held Friday 19 February at ALAC commencing at 9:30am and concluding at 2:20pm. Students will be bussed to and from the venue. Details have already been sent home with consent forms and a request for information about swimming levels.

All students from years 4 to 6 will be able to participate as we have several “team games” that are played in the shallow end. These are always good fun. Each student is expected to be in at least 5 events on the day.

Swimming Trials
The swimming trials for the House Carnival will be conducted next Thursday 11 February. Year 5/6 students will be swimming in the morning and year 4s and non swimmers from years 5/6 will be going down to the pool in the afternoon.

Students need to return permission slips as soon as possible.

Walking School Bus
The walking school bus is in action again this year. Parents can drop their children at Bob Thompson Gardens in the morning and they will be walked to school with a co-ordinator. In the afternoon the students can meet the co-ordinator at the kindy gate and then be walked back to Bob Thompson Gardens to be collect by their parents.

A copy of the walking bus flyer is included with the newsletter which gives further details.

There are many advantages in using the walking bus one of which is that you don’t have to manage the confusion of the parking at the school.

Parent Parking
A reminder that parents need to not park in staff bays. We have limited bays for staff and they need to be able to come and go without having to worry about parking.

We encourage parents to drop and go unless they have younger students.

Also, walking or riding to and from school are great ideas and excellent ways to minimise vehicles in our parking areas.

Staff bays are marked.

Assembly
Our first assembly will be held next Friday 12 February commencing at 8:50 am. We will give out our first honour certificates for the term.

We hope to see you there.

Student Requirements
We ask parents to note the following:
1. Students need the full list of stationery that was listed on the booklists.
2. A library bag is required by all students.
3. All items need to be labelled with the student's name.
4. Teachers are able to request further stationery items from parents up to $25.00. This is because booklists are minimum requirements and do not include specific items that a particular teacher needs students to use.

Your support in these matters would be appreciated and will assist your child in the classroom.

Uniforms
It has been wonderful to see our students in uniform and all looking "the goods". A reminder of the following:
- Students may wear their house shirt on a daily basis.
- A sunsafe hat is worn at recess and lunch time.
- One small, smooth or soft bracelet/anklet and neck chain can be worn.
- Runners/shoes and sandals that tie or velcro fasten should be worn.
- Label all items particularly hats, jackets and jumpers.
- The lost property container is in the covered assembly area which parents can check.
- The Uniform shop times are available from the office. It's open twice a week and run by P & C volunteers.
- Students must not wear water proof jackets, scarves, gloves etc during the school day.

Please continue to support the staff by ensuring that your child always wears a uniform. If you need assistance regarding uniforms please see me.

Parent Meetings and Classroom Information
Over the next few weeks teachers will be sending home a broadsheet that explains class processes and be holding a parent meeting. I think you'll find these informative and urge you all to attend.

Conclusion
I'm sure we will have another fine year at Albany Primary School. If you have some concerns about student performance please see the class teacher. For general school matters you are always welcome to come and see me.

I hope your child has a great year.

Regards,
Brian Lee
Principal

‘STEINS - 2016 Round 1
The Sciensteins, Inventionsteins and Envirosteins application process is underway for Semester 1 2016.

If your child is interested in doing an Independent Science/Environment Investigation with a small group encourage him/her to come and see Mr Murray for the information and forms to apply.

Students from Years 3 to 6 inclusive can apply.

For the Sciensteins they need to have an investigation question and form a group of two or three students. If they want to be an Inventionstein students have to know what they want to invent and what the use would be for what they invent. Inventionsteins may work individually or in pairs or threes.

If they want to be an Envirostein students have to work on an idea to improve the environment. Students may work individually or in pairs or threes.

Application forms for Sciensteins, Inventionsteins and Envirosteins are available from Mr Murray in the Science Room.

Altogether up 15 students are selected to work on different projects.

If you want to know more about the ‘Steins, or have comment or query, please contact Stephen Murray at Albany Primary School on 9842 7400.

The term 'Stein is taken from Albert Einstein who was arguably the most famous scientist in the 20th century.

Parents and Citizens Association News
The P&C 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held Monday 15 February at 7pm in the staff room. A General Meeting will follow immediately after the AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend. All of the positions within the P&C are open for nomination. If you would like further information about the roles within the P&C please follow the links on the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) website; http://www.wacsso.wa.edu.au/
Please contact me via email if you have any questions or would like an agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Kind Regards
Michelle Gust

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UNIFORM SHOP

(Located in the Undercover Assembly Area)
Open Every: Tuesday 2.45pm – 3.30pm
            Thursday 8.15am – 8am
Community Notices

Spencer Park Dental Therapy
Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre provides free general dental treatment for enrolled school children from pre-primary through to year 11 or until they turn 17, whichever occurs first. We will be issuing enrolment forms to new and pre-primary students shortly. Parents of enrolled students are reminded to update contact 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 address, this means that your child misses out on their dental visit. To update contact details either phone the clinic on 98413967, call in and tell staff or send us an email to spencerparkdc@dentals.health.wa.gov.au.

The clinic is currently running behind schedule due to staff shortages. If you think your child has not been seen in the last 18 months please contact us to make an appointment.

We hope to see you all soon,
Susanne and Kayleen.

Community Notice Board

- Music for young children.
  Piano Class for 6 year old beginners
  Kindermusik (0-5 yrs)
- Junior tennis lessons
- 2016 dance at twilight dreams dance school
- Kangas netball club (Year 3-6)
- Albany Ballroom Dance Studio
- Hockey WA High Performance Coaches
- BodyCare Health Club
- PIAF – The Snake Run Project

Please check our Community Notice Board and Web Page for detailed information for events listed that you may be interested in.

Albany Primary School
Walking School Bus

The Walking School Bus is run by volunteers.

Co-ordinator
Georgia Kidman
0439 952 878

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Why use the walking School Bus?

Parents of children with younger siblings

- You can park right next to the park, where you are able to collect your child without leaving the car.

Working parents

- 8:20am departure as opposed to classroom opening after 8:40am, 3:15pm arrival as opposed to collecting at 2:50pm

Energetic children

- Walk settles them for school, and an afternoon walk gives them time to reflect on their day with their friends.
Sustainability at Albany Primary School

Here at Albany Primary School we have a number of ongoing and completed projects related to sustainability.

There is an excellent paper and card recycling program ably led by the "Recyclones" in Mr Wylie's class. Please encourage your child to put paper and card in the large recycling bins – the bins are to be found throughout the school.

We also have a very effective battery recycling program. Please encourage your child to bring all use batteries to the school. Batteries can be placed in a battery recycling collection bin outside the Science Room.

Over the years various replanting projects have occurred; last year Mrs White's Room 9 class planted the south side garden beds in 2015 and Room 9 in 2016 have just weeded the beds in readiness for additional planting in the winter of 2016. Also, various community members, including Mrs Welshman, Mrs Orr and Mrs Gust (and others) have planted the embankment adjacent to the junior playground. Every plant provides oxygen and habitat for other organisms.

The solar panels continue working away. To date 24 of our panels have recorded the following:
Total power made – 38,664 MWh
Total amount saved – $11,135.20
Tonnes of CO2 kept out of the atmosphere -- 38,000kgs
To see the latest data go to www.sunnyportal.com.au and search for Albany Primary School.
And there are another 12 panels on a separate system so you can add 50% to the figures above to get our full total.

A major replanting is in the works but more about that later once the timeline is finalised.

If you have any comment or query on matters sustainable please contact Stephen Murray on 9842 7400.
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RUN PROJECT
THE SNAKE

Great Southern Festive Australia
13 Feb - 6 Mar 2016 | perthfestival.com.au

For more information please contact Vancouer Arts Centre on 9848 5460 or visit perthfestival.com.au

Select an accommodation form for the event and complete the application.

Register to win a minimum prize to the event. Win a unique experience with a surprise guest at the main event.

Vancouer Arts Centre in association with the City of Albury through the A P A commission.

Urban Art

Chad Meek

Linda Hoey

James Geracie

Amitee Carnachan

Director and Choreographer

Executive Producer

The Snake Run Project features a combination of an extraordinary soundscape, art collage in an exhilarating performance driven by an immense performance, workshops, design and community involvement all culminating in a huge show on Saturday, 13 February. Incorporating dance, parkour and street performance is a world-first community-led street party and a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the iconic area where a spectacular site for skaters around the world, Albury's Quay downhill skate run in Happy Street is
MUSIC FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.
Piano Class for 6 year old beginners
Thursdays 4:15 - 5pm
Brunswick Rd, Albany

New mini group starting soon using the innovative "Encore on Keys " junior system created in Australia. Children meet their instrument right from the start and are provided with a thorough and balanced approach in a fun way using the loveable "Onkie" characters. It is essential to own a keyboard or piano. Call Janet Austin on 98444165.

Kindermusik (0-5 yrs)
Sing, sway, laugh and play in these stimulating and exciting music & movement classes created to light up your child's brain.
Music with movement will enrich your child's development in so many ways.
Check out details on my website. Janetsmusicfun@com.au

JUNIOR TENNIS LESSONS
Starts week 1, term 1.
Thursday's at Lawley Park Tennis Club
Saturday’s at Merrifield Park Tennis Club
All ages and standards
Fl ters available www.albanytennisacademy.com
Bookings and enquiries contact David Kerr 0414608523 or justacetennis@hotmail.com

2016 DANCE AT TWILIGHT DREAMS DANCE SCHOOL
14 Argyll st, Gledhow
Contact Mob 0428 129 672
www.twilightdreams.com.au

Monday
3:45-4:30 P 11-13 y olds Jazz-Ballet/Contemporary
7-8 PM 14y olds to Adult Ballet/Contemporary

Tuesday
3:30-4 Pm 4-6 y olds Ballet
4-4:45 Pm 7-10 y olds Jazz-Ballet/ Contemporary Hip Hop
4:45-5:15 Pm 5-8 y olds Hip Hop
5:30-6:15 Pm 9-12 y olds Hip Hop

Thursday
9:15-10 Am Adult Ballet

Friday
3:30-4 Pm 4-6 y olds Jazz-Ballet
4-4:45 Pm 7-10 y olds Ballet
4-4:30 Pm 7-12 y olds Konga (Dance/Boxing)

Saturday
9-9:30 Am 3 y olds Tiny Toes Dance

All classes are offered FREE for the first week Feb1st-6th for try outs
When signing up for 2 terms receive 30% discount.
Per term: Half hour class $110, 45 mins class $130, full hr class $165

KANGAS NETBALL CLUB
Junior D Grade Trials
Sunday 7 February 2016
ASHS – 9:00 am – 11:00am
Year 3 – 6
All new players and teams welcome for information contact
Kathryn – 0400 532 094
Trish – 0407 425 511
Hockey WA High Performance Coaches
and former Hockeyroo Goal Keeper
Toni Cronk
are visiting Albany Hockey Turf & Mount Barker Hockey Turf
Saturday 20th February & Sunday 21st February

To participate in this massive weekend of hockey

Register Now

***** For players of all ages and all skill levels *****

Hockey WA and the LGS HA are organising two Participation Clinics on 20 & 21 February 2016.

The Field Player Clinics will take place as per the following:
Saturday 20th February, Albany Turf: 2:00 - 5:00pm;
Sunday 21st February, Mt Barker Turf: 12:00 - 3:00pm.

You can either attend 1 session for $50, or both sessions for $75.

The Goalkeeper Clinics to be run by former Hockeyroo Toni Cronk will take place as per the following:
Saturday 20th February, Albany Turf: 11:00 - 2:00pm;
Sunday 21st February, Mt Barker Turf: 10:00am - 1:00pm.

You can either attend 1 session for $75, or both sessions for $125.

To register for the clinics:
Go to LGS HA facebook page or the website www.lghockey.asn.au and follow the link.
Or you can type this into your browser: https://lgsha-participation-clinics.eventdesq.com

Registrations close 8th February 2016 at 5.00pm.

If you require further information, please contact Mel Eastough 0429 130 953 or do@lgshockey.asn.au
## Kids Classes

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**Bodycare Health Club**

**Starts 8th February 2016**

**For Bookings Phone:** 9842 2762
# Kids Classes

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Membership to be paid up front for the duration of the current school term at commencement of classes. Membership can be used to access all classes.

Please ensure participants have a light snack, been to the toilet and are ready to go at the class start time.

Bring sports shoes, drink bottle and a smile :)

**Starts 8th February 2016**

**For bookings phone: 9842 2762**
Albany Ballroom Dance Studio

Kids classes start 4th February

- Movement to Music
  Kindy to 12 yrs
  Friday's 4.30pm - 5.30pm

- Medal Class
  8 yrs + for those wanting to do gradings/medals
  Friday's 4.30pm - 6.30pm

$8 per class/$15 for both

For more information please contact Donna

0407980010

Albany Italian Club, Albany Highway,
DMIA/Danceport accredited instructors