Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 3. We have had a sound start to the term with a few new enrolments to get the term underway. I’m sure the term will be busy but interesting for everyone involved in the school.

In-term Swimming

Thank you to all the parents and students who have made this run so smoothly from the start of the term. Classes that were to commence day one did so with the minimum of fuss. Thank you for being ready and organised. It’s very much appreciated. Hopefully all our students will get the chance to develop their skills further and pass a stage or two.

Semester 2 Student Leaders

Our student house captains and councillors change over at the commencement of term 3. We therefore have our new set of leaders commence their roles from Monday. The students who will be taking up positions are:

Student Councillors:

House Captains:
Breaksea: Ian N, Even K
Clarence: Josiah M, Charlotte L
Michaelmas: Taite C, Eva L
Melville: Lachlan S, Issabella D

We thank our outgoing leaders for their contribution to the school. They have done a great job in the various roles and whilst taking up responsibilities.

Student Reports

Any parent wishing to discuss their student’s report is welcome to do so. I would recommend that you do this as soon as possible so that you can work with the teacher on matters that need to be addressed.

Staffing Matters

Please note the following staffing changes for the commencement of this term:
Jenny McSevich Room 4 is on long service leave for the remainder of the year. Justine Reynolds will be replacing her.
Phil Dawson Room 12 is also on long service leave and will be back in week 8 of this term. His replacement is Jane Connelly.
Lisa Matson Room 7 is currently on sick leave and being replaced by Dianne Enright her partner teacher.
Teresa Daly Room 8 is on long service leave for 6 weeks and is being replaced by her partner teacher, Lynda Cooper.
We also welcome to the school Melissa Daw who will be working in each classroom doing Health Education and Emma Chard who will be working in Room 17 each Wednesday. We hope that new staff to the school enjoy working here. They bring into the school a range of skills and talents that I feel certain will benefit the students.

Assembly

Thanks to Room 13, Year 6 for conducting the assembly on the last day of term 2. Our next assembly will be Friday 29 July and conducted by our student councillors.
**Conclusion**

I’m sure everyone is enjoying our solid winter rainfall and coolish temperatures particularly on weekends when watching or playing sports! It looks like we have a few more months to go! Don’t let it put a dampener on your weekend.

Brian Lee,

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**Voluntary Contributions and Charges**

Today we have sent home a reminder of Unpaid Billing Items in envelopes with your children should you have any outstanding payments due. As part of this statement, we have included our school bank account details to trial the collection of payments for larger billed items via direct debit for parent’s convenience. Please do not make payments for classroom excursions or DVDs through this method – these will need to continue to be paid to the classroom teachers for recording.

If you have received an account from the school and there is an error please contact the school on 9842 7400 and speak to Catherine Mumford as soon as practical to prevent further statements being sent home.

As always the school offers payment plans if you are unable to make payment due to financial difficulties. Again, please contact Catherine to discuss how we can assist you to ensure that your children do not miss out on participating in school events.

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**Canteen Roster**

**Monday 25 July**
Rebecca Lovitt

**Tuesday 26 July**
Amber Nathan

**Thursday 28 July**
Dinah Roecker

**Friday 29 July**
Joanne Orr

**Uniform Shop**

**Tuesday**
2.45pm—3:30pm

**Thursday**
8.15am—9:00am

*(Located in the Undercover Assembly Area)*

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**P&C News**

**Parent Support Group**

Please join us in a group that is 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. Wednesday 27 July at 2pm at Albany Primary School.

**Gardening Group**

Please join us for an hour and half of fun and gardening at Albany Primary. Come to the office at 9am on Thursday July 28, 9am.

**Canteen News**

For your convenience online canteen ordering commences Monday, don’t forget to sign up for an account at [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au). You can order on the day but the lunch order is required by 8:45am or order in advance.

Thanks for supporting our canteen.

Julie Brooks
Walking School Bus
A big thanks to all who have supported the walking bus to date and especially to Georgia as initial coordinator. I have taken over this role now and am really keen to see it continue and thrive.

This term the goals are to set up a bus register (see below) and increase the number of bus drivers (we have lost 3 from last term) so we can keep the service running. Coffee vouchers and other incentives will also be introduced for bus drivers to acknowledge their fantastic work :)

I am more than happy to chat with you about the walking bus - phone/txt 0415923437 or come on down to the school meeting point outside the Kindy room and check us out.

Cheers Jo,
(Charleton and Robson’s Mum)

Walking school bus operates
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Departs Bob Thomson Gardens (waterfall park opposite Dog Rock) 8:20am arrives at school 8:30am
Departs school (meeting point outside Kindy room) 3:05pm arrives Bob Thomson Gardens 3:15pm

BUS REGISTER - please return completed form to bus driver
Name and room number
Child 1:_______________________________________________________________Room: ________________
Child 2:_______________________________________________________________Room: ________________
Child 3:_______________________________________________________________Room: ________________
Parent/Caregiver: ____________________________________________________
Contact Phone number: _____________________________________________
I can take on a bus driver role, please circle availability
Tuesday am / pm  Wednesday am / pm  Thursday am / pm
Other: ________________________________________________________________

‘STEINS 2016 Round 2
The Sciensteins, Inventionsteins and Envirosteins application process is underway for Semester 2 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 to 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.