



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

WEEK 4

Monday 8 August
SWIMMING

Rms: 2,4,13 & 14

School Council Mtg

Friday 12 August

Assembly: Room 16

WEEK 5

Monday 15 August

Eagles Cup
GSG v APS (GSG)

Friday 19 August

PUPIL FREE DAY

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 8 August

Abigail Quetulio

Wednesday 10 August

Help Needed

Friday 12 August

Kate Houderrani

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

2.45pm—3:30pm

Thursday

8.15am—9:00am

*(Located in the Undercover
Assembly Area)*

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and your child has settled back into school routines readily this term. In-term swimming can affect routines and may have an impact on your child's excitement levels. Some students absolutely love the swimming while others aren't that enthused. I must say that in general we have been very pleased with the uptake and engagement displayed by the students. We have had very few glitches and issues throughout the first three weeks. There's only one week to go!

P&C Meeting

Great to see a number of parents brave the cold to attend Monday night's P&C meeting. As usual the meeting agenda brought forth some very interesting discussion and enthusiasm from those present. I always come away from the meetings feeling very fortunate that we do have parents so engaged in our school. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Students with Learning Difficulties and Educational Risk

During the P&C meeting there was some discussion about students who have learning difficulties. Currently there is a group of parents who are meeting quite regularly at the school to discuss ways of supporting each other and the children. This group is meeting on Friday 26 August in the staffroom. Interested parents are welcome. There have been some asking about how the school supports these students.

Because of this, I have placed a copy of the school's processes and procedures on the school website for providing students with assistance. Please take the opportunity to have a read of this. The processes have been in place for a number of years.

To give you some idea of what we do I can quickly explain that we have a "Students at Educational Risk" co-ordinator, Deidre Jones, who manages this important process. She meets with teachers and assists them to put in place a range of classroom strategies and accommodations to support these students. All are on some sort of individual or group plan that have specifically stated targets for achievement.

At this time of the year we are also required by the Department of Education to provide them with information about the students we have enrolled that are either at risk in their learning or have a learning disability due to a diagnosed condition (eg autism). The "at risk" factors can include medical, ADHD, dyspraxia, identified processing issues etc. We have this readily available and we also ensure that information is passed on from year to year for the next teachers.

Food Traffic Light System

The Health and Education Departments have, in partnership, developed the traffic light system for rating healthy foods to be made available through school canteens. This guide enables our canteen committee and workers with very effective guideline for setting out the canteen menu. This system is well worth being understood and could be used by parents and students when making choices about the foods consumed during a week. We will aim to provide more information about this over the next few weeks.

Albany Primary School Website

We continue to try and improve the information on our school website and place in updates. Please take a look and see what's on there. This week we have more information from the Sciensteins and the afore-mentioned processes for supporting students with learning difficulties.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be conducted by Room 16, Year 3. The class has been working on presenting an interesting and well-rehearsed program. We hope you can join us next Friday.

Conclusion

The end of winter sports is now in sight! I hope that we have some pleasant weather for you all as these activities move toward their conclusion. Enjoy your weekend.

Brian Lee
Principal

P&C News

We have had some parents concerned about ordering online. Once you have successfully placed your order through our online canteen service you will receive a confirmation email sent to your registered email address, this confirms the order has been received. If you don't receive a confirmation email please don't hesitate to try ordering again (we can issue refunds if an order has been placed twice) OR ring Kay and Tracey in the canteen on 9842 7422. If you are having technical issues, please call Online Canteen direct on 1300 116 637.

Thank you to everyone supporting our canteen either online or over the counter it's looking like our canteen has finally managed to cover the costs associated with Term 2, we still have a long way to go before we can say we are in profit. A huge Thank you to Kay, Tracey and the Canteen Committee for all your persistence and hard work. To all the families and staff at Albany Primary School, please continue to support our canteen for us to maintain a viable business once again.

We are still looking for new volunteers to join our uniform shop. It involves volunteering one hour of your time once a term. It's a great way to meet new people and lots of mentoring is available. Please contact our Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator Rowena on 0406 147 531 or apsuniformcoordinator@outlook.com

Thank you to everyone that braved the cold on Monday to attend the P&C meeting. A few decisions were made in regards to the allocation of P&C funds. \$650 was pledged to purchase a bike pumping station, if a grant application with WA Bicycle Network is successful.

The funds raised from Lapathon will go towards the Art Shed renovations and infrastructure. For further information on our P&C meeting please email albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com for a copy of the minutes or alternatively a copy will be located outside the uniform shop. *(please allow time for this to be generated, we are all volunteers)*

P&C Events/Fundraisers for Term 3	
19 August	PD catering
30 & 31 August	Discos
21 September	Lapathon & Sausage sizzle
Term 4 – Sundowner 18 November	

Julie Brooks
P&C President

Crosswalk Attendants

We have received notification from the Albany Police that 3 new Crosswalk Attendants are due to commence duties shortly. Albany Primary will be given priority for the Fox Way and Suffolk Street crossings as soon as they have completed their training.

Catering

As part of our fundraising efforts the P&C is undertaking to cater for the morning tea and lunch for 250 staff on the next school Professional Development day on **FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2016**.

On catering days we ask people to supply morning tea foods such as cakes, slices, muffins and scones, and lunch finger foods such as sandwiches, sausage rolls, sushi, mini quiches and other savouries. This time we are also looking for donations of fruit, bread, cheese, crackers, cooked chooks and cold meats. If you are not up to baking but could assist by donating one of these items please get in touch.

All funds generated from the catering are returned to the school for the ongoing provision of resources and equipment for our children.

If you are not already on the Catering Contact list and think you may be able to help out by donating some food please send your name to Kate Houderrani on 0450 522 729.

Thanks,
Kate



Library News

The Library at Albany Primary School has a great selection of books for all students to access. At the moment we have a lot of overdue books, this means that the student with the overdue book cannot borrow another book until it is returned. This also means that all other students do not have access to this book.

Books can find their way in to some very strange places so check under the bed, behind the lounge chairs and at grandma's place.

We strongly recommend the use of Library bags as this keeps the books in good repair for all students.



'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 15 students are selected to work on different projects.

Applications are judged on:

"Doability" – can the project be done through the school?

Relevance – is the project useful for students?

Originality – is the project a new idea?

For ScienceSTEINS there are two additional criteria: does the question show what is being changed, and does the question show what is being measured?

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.

Applications close on **Friday 5 August 2016**

Killer Whales Research from 2005

Killer whales are a part of dolphins – they are the largest member of the dolphin family.

Killer whales live in groups.

Killer whales stay together through their life with their family pod, mum and children.

Female whales have one strip from the tail to the middle of the body and on each side there is a nipple. And on the male there is a strip from the tale to the middle of the body and it has no nipples.

The fins on the killer whales can look very different. Killer whale girls have small curved fins and boy killer whales have very long triangle shaped fins. The fins are used to identify individual animals.

Their eyes are each below a white eye patch. The eye patch is also different in all killer whales and used for identification.

Killer whale research

Why do they come here to Bremer bay?

Because they have good food at Bremer bay to eat.

Breeding there is a good place to go at Bremer bay.

What is the different?

All killer whales don't sound the same.

All pods use sounds like whistles and clicks to talk to each other and echo location to hunt and find each other.

They have a number of teeth they have over thirty peg teeth.

When you want to tag them you will have to hit them really hard with a special harpoon or crossbow.

When you want to get some flesh of the animals you will have to use a cross bow to get flesh samples.

They beach themselves in some places to eat seals and families cooperate to nock a penguin of the ice.

The Bremer Canyon – what is it?

The canyon is a big deep valley under water.

It is of the coast of the Bremer bay.

It takes one and a half of two hours to get their by boat.

On days that are rough and bumpy you are most likely to see killer whales because they like rough seas.

So what is going on out there?

At the bottom of the canyon there is a hydrocarbon leak.

Then compounds that leak out can be eaten by bacteria.

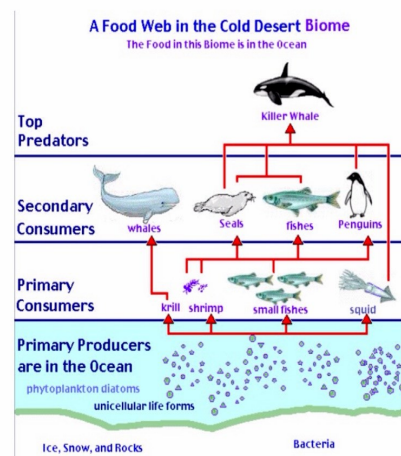
The bacteria are eaten by bigger animals and the animal wastes are used by plants like fertiliser beginning a food chain.

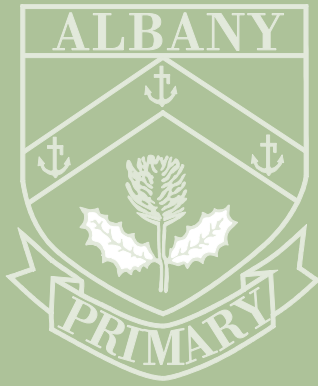
Why are the killer whales only there in summer?

Different temperature in the sea. There is a warm current; its name is the Leeuwin Current. The warm Leeuwin current slows in the summer allowing concentration of nutrients to create the food chain. Even Blue whales come to the area. The blue whales are the largest animal that has ever lived in the world.

Killer whales are very interesting to learn about, fantastic creatures to look at and Kirsty was fantastic at telling us all of the stuff that like killer whales Kirsty was awesome at telling us all of that!

Written by Layla, Room 13





Community News

Hi Guys and Girls

For all you Groms out there who are looking for some action in the water over the winter season - we are soon to be running a surf program to get you started so that you will be up and ripping by the time Summer comes round.

The 6 week winter program will cover the following topics:

- Surfing Skills and Techniques
- Ocean Awareness
- Surfing Fitness
- Equipment and boards

What you need

To be keen and enthusiastic (beginner to intermediate ability)

Surfboards and wetsuits provided if required

When Every Wednesday

Starting 10 August – 14 September 2016 (6 week program)

Time 3.45 pm to 5.00 pm

Location Middleton Beach (Surfers end)

Cost \$150 for 6 weeks

For any information about the Winter Surf program, please phone:

Kylene : 0438 966 003 **Aido :** 0417 975 178