Dear Parents,

Greetings everyone! Last Friday, while the students were having a mid-term break the school hosted 200 educators from around the Great Southern as part a professional learning day. The focus was on Technologies within the Curriculum and participants had the opportunity to share current practices and learn about some new opportunities within this critical area.

Most importantly we can be very proud of how our school presented for the day. The preparation was first class and all the feedback about the school during and after was very positive.

The organisation of the day can be attributed to the outstanding work conducted by the P&C caterers lead by Kate Houderrani and Kim Norder, the beautiful flower arrangements by Suki, the IT and electronics support conducted by Peter Bolt and Barry Evans, the general preparation by Deidre Jones and Catherine Mumford and the support given by other school staff including cleaners, gardeners, teachers and education assistants. I was extremely proud of our school! A huge thank you to all who assisted in some way.

Discos
Don’t forget these are coming up next Tuesday and Wednesday! Please note the details below:

**Tuesday 30 August**
Kindy - Year 2, 4:30 – 6:00
Year 3 – 4 Disco
6:30 8:00

**Wednesday 31 August**
Year 5 – 6 Disco
6:30 – 8:30

Munda Biddi Excursion - Year 6

We trust that you will support this fun night by having your child attend.

Assembly
Tomorrows assembly will be conducted by our two Pre-Primary classes. We hope you can come along and see our Pre-Primaries in action. They are always a joy to watch.

Learning Journey Evening
On Thursday 15 September (week 9) the school will be open between 4:00 to 6:00pm so that parents can visit classrooms and peruse student work.

On the same evening, commencing at 5:00pm, we will be having some entertainment, from some classes and the school choirs, conducted in the assembly area. There will be dance, music and drama. Hopefully we will have excellent attendance at this for the entire show. More details will be forthcoming in next week’s newsletter.

NAPLAN
Students will receive their NAPLAN results tomorrow. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s test results please arrange a time to speak with their teacher.

Busy Week Coming Up!
Next week looks pretty full! With discos, year 6s on excursion along the Munda Biddi trail, the Dockers Cup and the Eagles Cup final there’s plenty happening.

This follows on from this week where we’ve had a number of classes attend the town library to recognise Book Week and the House Spelling Competition.
Olympics
While many may be disappointed with the Australian performance at the Olympics we can still be proud of what the athletes achieved while taking away some valuable life lessons. It never ceases to amaze me how much effort and diligence goes into an athlete getting to the pinnacle of their sport and compete at such a high level. These levels are only attained through hard work, the will to succeed and the support from others. This is a good lesson for students to take as they embark on their life long learning journey!

Student Contact Details
Parents are asked to keep their child’s contact details up to date. Current address and phone numbers are essential. Also emergency contacts for your child must be kept current. If we are unable to readily contact the parent or carer it can be quite distressing for a child who is ill or injured. You may phone the office with any changes to be made or email them to albany.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Have a great weekend!
Brian Lee,
Principal

COUNCIL CORNER

APS Annual Report
At the last school council meeting, the Albany Primary School Annual Report 2015 was finalised. We encourage you to read the document as it gives a great snapshot of the school covering student performance, the challenges the school faces, the school’s achievements and future plans to name a few.
It is available at http://albanyprimary.wa.edu.au/

Voluntary contributions
The school has received 60% of voluntary contributions payments. Thank you very much to those that have paid. The money received goes directly to buying resources that enhance the education of our kids and we would love to see a higher percentage paid. Payments can be made to the school office or by direct deposit. If you’re unsure of the amount or would like to pay in instalments please contact the office and they’ll happily accommodate you.

Have a great weekend!
Brian Lee,
Principal

House Spelling Competition
The magnificent catering team Kate Houderani & Kim Norder, with assistance from fantastic Albany Primary School parents catered for 240 Teaching staff at APS last Friday. Wow ladies we are blown away by your efforts and we know you couldn’t have done it without all the donations of food. We thank you all very much. The catering event raised $4,000 for the P&C which will allow us to further enrich the learning experience at Albany Primary School for all of our children.

Discos are next week Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31 August. Lindsay has been doing a great job preparing but we are still short of help in the canteen, if you are available please leave your details at the front office ASAP. Entry is $3, please bring small change if possible. Thank you.

Our Canteen is constantly reviewing its operations to bring Albany Primary School students the best possible service. We have implemented many changes and are currently able to offer a 5 day a week service. This service is currently under threat due to a lack of volunteers. Our volunteers enable the canteen staff to have time to prepare all the home made foods and to get the lunches out on time. If you are able to offer a couple of hours to volunteer once a term, please see Kay or Trace in the canteen. No experience is required and you may just help us save our school canteen service.

Please note that Milky Max is now discontinued, instead we have 200ml Devondale Moo milks in strawberry, chocolate & banana for the same price of $1.50.

If you haven’t joined our online ordering system now is a great time as it’s been extended until the end of term, sign up at https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/ or from the sign up link on our Facebook page Albany Primary School P&C.

Build the foundations of successful financial skills for life. Bendigo Bank offers school banking at APS fortnightly on a Thursday morning (please see term planner for dates). The next banking date is 8th September. For more information, contact Albany Bendigo Bank 9842 1911.

**Do you want to collaborate with other parents for positive outcomes for your children at APS? You do!**

Then the P&C is the place for you. Come along to the next meeting on Friday 26 August (Tomorrow) at 2pm in the staff room. Find out how we can all work together to benefit all our children at APS.
SWIM SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL
HOLIDAY SWIM LESSONS

ALAC Swim School will be offering a holiday swim program for pre-school aged children.

Running in line with Vacswim, this program is the perfect way to build on the swimming skills children have developed throughout the school term, or to give them some extra practice during the holidays.

**Bookings for this Holiday Swim Program are now open – as places in these programs are limited and very popular – early registration is recommended to secure your place.**

Please contact Nola and Casey at Swim School on 98442274 or email [alacswimschool@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:alacswimschool@albany.wa.gov.au) should you wish to enrol in this program or have any further queries.

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**Basketball Season 2016/17 Season**

Registration dates are Sunday the 11th from 10-2pm at ALAC (This is a combined Winter sports registration day which is held by ALAC. There will be someone available on this day to sign off any Kid sport vouchers on behalf of the ALAC.) There will also be 2 registration nights on Tuesday the 13th of September and Thursday the 15th of September from 5.30-7.30 at the meeting room at ALAC.

Fees for the season will be $110 for juniors and $140 for seniors. Court fees will be forwarded as soon as season dates are finalised.

If you would like more information please visit the website. [http://www.albanybasketball.net/](http://www.albanybasketball.net/)

**Expression of Interest**

If any year 4 boys keen to play basketball this upcoming season please contact Leesa Savage 0438426464.

Any year 5 boys keen to play this basketball season please contact Naomi Boccamazzo 0429232766