It has been a good, hectic start to the school year despite having to make a few changes to the class structures. I would like to thank everyone involved for their efforts and patience throughout this process. I have been particularly proud of the students of APS.

During the week I have already had the pleasure of visiting classrooms and reading the educational goals students have set for themselves for this semester. I am looking forward to discussing their progress in relation to the set goals. Some Year 5 and 6 students created brilliant art pieces depicting a range of various sports which are on show in the front office.

Yesterday the Year 4, 5 & 6 students went to ALAC for the swimming trails. Feedback from staff said that it was great to see all the students having a go at lots of the events and striving to achieve. Next week the remainder of the students go to the pool to practise the swimming games. We are looking forward to the Carnival on 24 February. Special thanks to the parents who have already assisted with the swimming trails and those who have offered to help with the carnival. Parent help is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all staff for their dedicated approach to their job and the education of our students. Teachers are busily planning for the term’s work and getting to know the students in their class. Over the next few weeks each class will be holding a parent information meeting. Try to attend these meetings as the teacher will outline the processes for the classroom and it provides you with an opportunity to ask questions about general year level work and classroom procedures.

Just a reminder that many of our staff’s working hours commence between 8.30 and 9.00 so could you please refrain from parking in the labelled staff parking bays otherwise the staff are late for work as they cannot park their cars.

I would like to encourage any parents to come along to the P&C AGM on Monday 13 February at 7pm in the staffroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with other parents in our Albany Primary community. The Agenda can be found on the school website: http://www.albanyprimary.wa.edu.au

Attached is also information about being part of the School Council. This is also an opportunity for you to be part of the APS community.

Have a great weekend.
Deidre Jones

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**Principal’s Quote of the Week**

I think it’s very important to set a goal. Then you know what to strive for and how you want it achieved.

*Michael Jackson*
Walking School Bus

The walking school bus is up and running
This term we will trial a Monday bus service, so please take up the opportunity to walk to school on this day.

**Walking school bus operates**
**Monday (trial), 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*

If you would like to know more about the walking bus please phone/txt me on 0415923437 alternatively come on down to the school meeting point outside the Kindy room and check us out.

A big thank also you to all our wonderful volunteer bus walkers your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Cheers Jo
(Charleton and Robson’s Mum)

Uniform Shop

Please remember our online uniform service, [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) is up and running for Uniform Shop orders and payments via banking direct debit. There is no EFTPOS available this year for our Uniform Shop and you will not be able to make EFTPOS payments at the office. Cash only thank you!

Also remember to label your child’s uniform as we have many items of clothing in our lost property basket that we are unable to return to your child.

New opening hours:
Tuesdays 2:45 - 3:30pm
Thursday 8:30 - 9:00am

Canteen News

Thank you to our many parent volunteers for your time and efforts in our canteen. It has been very pleasing to have so many new parents offer to help us in the Canteen this year. We hope you will find the experience enjoyable and rewarding.

Please note that Pre-Primary and Kindy students are able to place Canteen orders for lunch. So please support our Canteen with your lunch requirements.

School Council Nomination

ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
NOMINATION FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVE 2017

Please complete the information below to nominate for a parent representative position on the School Council.

I, _______________________________________, would like to nominate to be on the Albany P.S. Council.

*(full name)*

I have a child who attends Albany P.S. **Child(s) name:** ____________________________________ **Room**

I understand that there will be an election if there are more candidates than parent vacancies.

**Nominations close Friday 17 February 2017**

Please return slips to the school office in an envelope addressed to:

‘Private & Confidential.’
Deidre Jones, Principal
Parent Nomination for School Council