Dear Parents,
We’re almost half way through the final term and I can feel the urgency swelling like a tidal wave. Let’s just hope we don’t crash furiously onto the shore in a big heap! So far the term has been motoring along really well. It just needs to continue.

Important Events Coming Up
We do have some very important events coming up that everyone needs to note.

♦ Friday 11 Nov Albany Show Day: Students do not attend school on this day while staff will be involved in school business.
♦ Friday 18 November: Sundowner and movie night at school. Commencing at 5pm and running to about 8:30 pm. Picnic on the lawn followed by an outdoor movie. Please come along to farewell the end of the year.
♦ 21 November: Day with The Scientist
♦ 22 November: Interschool Jumps Day
♦ 24 November: Interschool Athletics Carnival

Departing the School for 2017
If you know that you are leaving the school next year would you please let the office staff know. In this way we can be better organised for 2017. We will miss you!

Staffing News
I have been informed by John Goetze that he will officially retire at the end of the year. John has been a long serving deputy at the school and we wish him well. Over the years John has given considerable service to Albany Primary School. I realise he has been away for some time through different types of leave but now his retirement is official.

I will continue to inform you of staffing matters as they arise in the next few weeks.

Assembly
The next assembly will be conducted by both Room 1 and Room 11. We hope you can come along and enjoy the performances.

During our previous assembly the instrumental students performed to rapt applause!

Silver Coin Fundraiser
The P&C are conducting a silver coin fundraiser for the next 4 weeks. Each class is asked to build up a store of silver coins which are donated to the P&C. The P&C will tally up the amounts raised on a regular basis and let the classes know how much they have put in. The coins only need to be silver! Please help out by giving your children the opportunity to bring along the loose change you have floating around your house, car or boat!
House Carnival Results
Please note below the list of champions and runners up from our House Athletics Carnival which was conducted last week:

Senior Athletics Carnival Winners
Breaksea
Michaelmas
Clarence
Melville

Junior Athletics Carnival Winners
Clarence
Melville
Michaelms
Breaksea

Year 4
Champion: Adelie
Runner-up: Pippa
Year 5
Champion: Elsie
Runner-up: Jaz
Year 6
Champion: Amity
Runner-up: Jaz
Equal First: Finn and Lachlan

Conclusion
Have an enjoyable weekend. Hopefully the weather will be all right for the Albany Show. Don’t eat too much fairy floss!
Regards,
Brian Lee
Principal
Sustainability Education at Albany Primary School – Stephen Murray

At our most recent meeting it was suggested we inform the school community of sustainable education initiatives occurring at Albany Primary School. So here’s an indication of some of the sustainable initiatives.

Albany Primary School is a member of Sustainable Schools WA. Sustainable Schools WA has two ‘prints’ to guide thinking.

A regional group Education for Sustainability in the Great Southern is coordinated through the school. We have a long time in place school plan known as Stepping into the Future – this plan guides school processes in a number of areas with six steps overall - a copy of the plan is available on request.

We have a number of learning resources throughout the school.

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We have sustainability ‘innoculations’ on an annual basis. The Department of Fisheries, Albany Waste and Recycling Education, South Coast NRM and Albany City Council Garden Department directly teach students throughout the school on matters to do with looking after the land and water, and being a responsible community citizens.

We were among the first schools to qualify for the National Solar Schools program and for the State Schools grants for solar installations. Data on solar power collection at Albany Primary is available at www.sunnyportal.com and follow the ‘publicly available’ tab using the search box for ‘Albany Primary’; or follow this direct link … https://www.sunnyportal.com/Templates/PublicPageOverview.aspx?plant=e7e788b7-8af8-4c86-b8df-b1b05897f99&splang=

We have very well run recycling programs; focussing on paper and card, and battery recycling. We have regular school wide clean-up and beautifying sessions. Several classes regularly replant vacant areas with local flora. We regularly participate in ‘Crunch and Sip’, an initiative to encourage healthy eating. We participate in the ‘Travel Smart’ walk to school community program.

Albany Primary is long time member of the Water Wise schools program. Albany Primary is a long time member of the Waste Wise schools program.

If you want to know more, or if you have any suggestions on initiatives that could improve our sustainability education, please contact the school.

Stephen Murray

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**Classroom News - Room 17**

Sophia, Billy and Jake hold their trophy after winning the Year 2 Slow Marble Roll Competition.

The team were able to control the rate of decent of their marble, recording a time of nearly 45 seconds, to beat the other ten groups.

Well done Sophia, Billy and Jake on your teamwork, accuracy and clever strategies.
Volunteers
Many of our long-standing canteen and uniform shop volunteers will be retiring from Albany Primary School at the end of the year, they have done an amazing job over the years. We thank them for their service to Albany Primary P&C.

We require volunteers for 2017 to fill the many gaps in our rosters. If you have a spare 2 hours of your time once a term, please contact the Canteen or Uniform Shop or email albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com

Canteen
Please note that toasted sandwiches are only available Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as the old saying goes “refusal may offend”. Requesting toasties on the other days may not be met due to staff time constraints.

The marquee at the Athletics Carnival was a success raising a further $200 to Canteen sales for the day. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and a big thanks to Tracey and Michelle for running the stall all day.

Due to technical issues with our online ordering Wednesday 9 November orders were missed. Our Online Canteen is currently investigating the problem. We apologise for any inconvenience but please rest assured that your child will never go without lunch. Families affected by this outage will be receiving a credit voucher.

Uniform shop
Exciting times for the uniform shop…………. As of 2017 you will be able to order uniforms online, similar to our online canteen. But with no need to upload money to an account. This will also see the end to availability for EFTPOS facility. This means that the uniform shop will be cash sales only in 2017, anyone wanting to use cards will need to order online. Your order will then be packed ready for collection when the uniform shop is next open. We are hoping this will make processes easier for all the volunteers that operate the uniform shop and will save you the time of waiting in queues.

Fundraising
The 5c Small Change Challenge commenced this week. There is a container in each classroom for students to place their spare small change in. It’s a race to see which class can raise the most money in 4 weeks. The class with the biggest total will win a prize in week 9. Watch out for the growing tallies on your classroom barometer. Good luck.

General News
The P&C has recently donated $8,500 towards the Art Shed development not including any further donations of Lapathon money and $200 towards the food costs for year 5 “festival”.

Why not come along and help decide where the remaining money that you all helped raise will be allocated. The school has provided us with a wish list and decisions will be made at the next P&C meeting on Monday 21 November at 7pm in the staff room. We hope you can join us.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all families and staff at Albany Primary School to attend our Sundowner on November 18 from 5pm followed by a screening of the Labyrinth on the big screen. Please see the flyer for further information.
Come for a Fun Night Out!

Family Science Show

Believe it or Not?

Monday November 21, 2016
7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Albany Primary School

For Keen Science Students (Primary and Secondary) and Parents/Guardians

What do you reckon?

Have ALIENS landed on Earth? Can some people read YOUR mind? Is TELEKINESIS – what’s that?! And for that matter what’S CIENCE? Can Sciece answer ALL questions?

Watch on or join in!

See the YIP YIP stick. Test how science can be used to sort out explanations and claims. Give your point of view. And see how Science answers common claims – can wearing jewellery made from certain crystals help to keep you healthy?

Highly Relevant to Everyday Life …

Just how does the scientific method work? How is Science done? How does it help progress. Is Science always right? And more …

Cost: $12 per person.

Presenter Dr Peter H. Eastwell

As numbers are limited, places need to be filled on a first-in basis.

To Book

To book, please email the name(s) of those in your group wishing to attend, as well as the name of your school, to albany@sciencetime.com.au by November 17. If places are still available, you will receive a subsequent message containing payment information. Booking is important to ensure that the show is not overbooked or that you are alerted in the event that bookings are insufficient to support the show.
On Friday November 18 please join us at 5pm for the opportunity to socialise with other APS parents and listen to fantastic music by Geoff Waldeck. We will then follow with an outdoor screening of Labyrinth Rated G.

Sundowner starts 5pm, the movie will commence 7pm. Entry will be a gold coin. BYO picnic, bean bags and low chairs. Sausage sizzle, Sukis Thai delights, cool drinks, popcorn and coffee will be available to purchase. Thank you to Geoff Waldeck, The Inflatables, Jamie the Clown and Quick Shot Coffee for supporting this event.