Dear Parents

Greetings everyone! We are into the final two weeks of the school year so the pace is rather hectic as we organise for next year, while finishing off all those items we need to complete by December 18.

All classes have been engaged in celebratory activity this week to see off 2015. Now comes the important part of wrapping up curriculum work and then cleaning up in preparation for 2016.

It is extremely important that students remain at school right through to 3:00 pm on Thursday 17 December. This way they assist in cleaning up their room so that the new class can use it. It also enables them to have proper closure for the year and farewell their classmates as many won’t see each other over the 6 week Christmas break.

House Leaders 2016

Elections for House Leaders were conducted last week and the leaders will be presented at the final assembly on Thursday of next week. Congratulations to the following students who were elected:

Semester 1:
Michaelmas: Mickey, MacKenzie
Breaksea: Mohit, Cleo
Clarence: Kyron, Abbi
Melville: Brooke, Zach

Semester 2:
Michaelmas: Tait, Eva
Breaksea: Ian, Even
Clarence: Josiah, Charlotte
Melville: Lachlan, Issabella

We also would like to thank our out-going House Leaders for their contribution to the school. They have provided the school with sound service and conducted themselves very effectively throughout the year.

Our champion house for 2015 will the announced at the final assembly.

Final Assembly

Our final assembly will be conducted on Thursday 17 December commencing at 8:50 am. During this assembly we will be announcing students who will be receiving class book awards. These awards are presented to students who have either worked extremely diligently to make considerable improvement or sustained excellence in achievement throughout the year.

We believe it is important to recognise students for their academic excellence and desire to learn through continual effort.

Students from year 5 will be hosting this assembly and there will some entertainment.

Reports Going Home

A final reminder that reports will be going home, via students, in a sealed envelope addressed to the parents on Thursday 17 December. You will not be able to collect reports prior to this time as we still have work to do to get them printed and neatly packaged.

If your child is not in attendance on Thursday you may collect the report from the office either on Friday 18 December or early in the new year.

Key Dates for 2015/16

- Student finish for the year: Thurs Dec 17
- School closes: Fri. Dec 18
- School re-opens: Wed. Jan 27
- Staff Return: Thurs Jan 28
- Students Commence: Mon. Feb 1

Year 6 to 7 Transition Disco

The disco was held last night at Albany Primary School involving students from Manypeaks, Flinders Pk, Spencer Pk and Albany Primary.

We were very pleased with the way the evening unfolded. All went well and the students had a great time. Hopefully they connected with each other so that when they go into high school they see some familiar faces.
A special thanks to Julie Brooks and her team from the P & C for doing so much to ensure that the evening was a success. Also a BIG thanks to Peter Bolt, Barry Evans and our students for their work in setting up the sight, sound and decorations for the event.

**Final Newsletter 2015**
There will be a newsletter next week so please note that it may be trapped in your child’s bag with other materials that are going home on the final day of school.

**School Uniforms**
Wearing our uniform should continue right the way through to the end of the year. Black is not the new green and is not part of our uniform.

Maintaining our high standards can only be achieved through an effective partnership between parents and staff. Please do your bit to ensure your child remains in uniform until the end of the year. It will be appreciated.

Please remember the uniform shop will be open on the days leading up to the opening of school. These times will be in next week’s newsletter.

**Year 6 Graduation Service**
The year 6 Graduation Service will be conducted in the assembly area on Tuesday 15 December commencing at 8:50 am. Parents and families of the students have been invited to attend with students from years 4 and 5.

**Booklists**
A reminder that 2016 booklists are available from the office if you need one. Please purchase quality items as they do last longer. You may also find that certain stationery items from this year are still in good enough condition to use in 2016.

**Albany Primary School Website**
We have updated a number of areas of the website. If you Google us you will see that booklists, policies and other pieces of information appear in different sections. Our aim is to continue to update and improve what's on the website so if you have any ideas please let us know.

**Conclusion**
One more week! I’m sure this will go very quickly as it will be action packed. I look forward to seeing you in the school over the next few days!

**P&C NEWS**

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As we near the end of the school year, we are winding down our food stocks. Some menu items may not be available in the final two weeks. Please check at Canteen for available menu items each day or we will substitute something similar.

**Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre**
Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Friday 18th December until Wednesday 20th January 2016. If your child requires emergency dental treatment please contact Albany General Dental Clinic on 9842 2211 from 8:15am to 4:30pm. For emergencies outside of these hours, please contact your own private dentist or Albany Regional Hospital on 9892 2222.

If your child attends a Western Australian school He/She will be eligible for free basic dental care from ages 5 to 16. Our appointments are issued to your home address so please keep us up to date via e-mail: spencerparkDTC@health.wa.gov.au or Phone: 9841 3967 if you have moved house in the last few years.

Dental Therapy Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!