



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

WEEK 4

Monday 20 February
School Council Meeting

Thursday 23 February
School Banking

Assembly

Ear Health Screening—
Aboriginal Students

Friday 24 February
House Swimming
Carnival

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 20 February
Help Needed

Wednesday 22 February
Georgie Beeck

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday
2.45pm—3:30pm

Thursday
8.30am—9:00am

(Located in the Undercover
Assembly Area)

Another week has passed us by so quickly. Tomorrow is a very special school event for six Year 5/6 students. They will be going on the Bremer Canyon Killer Whale Expedition on the Cetacean Explorer. A special thank you to Kirsty Alexander who has not only talked to all of our senior students about killer whales in 2016 but has also been a major player in the Cetacean Explorer donating the outing to our students. Thanks also to Stephen Murray for his passion and hard work to organise the excursion.

It was great to see some new parent faces at the P&C meeting on Monday night. Last year the P&C worked tirelessly running the uniform shop, canteen, discos, catering for events, working on improving our grounds and donating time to other class and school activities. The P&C also contribute money to school projects, such as the new art shed, paving and seats, library materials, new reading books and musical instruments. If you wish to help the P&C come to the office and we can provide you with further information. The staff and students of Albany Primary School are very thankful for the valued support of our P&C.

On Monday 20 February the School Council will meet at 7pm in the staffroom. If you wish to nominate for the council please fill in the form attached to the newsletter and hand to the front office. Valuable contributions and ideas are discussed at these meetings for the benefit of our school community.

Over the last two weeks students have been busy practising for the swimming events. Yesterday a group of students had fun at the pool practicing games such as pearl dive, under and over and fill the bucket. A reminder to all parents that Friday February 24 is our swimming carnival. We have had marvellous offers of parent assistance but we still require more. If you can help please contact Ben Goldsmith. It would be great to see lots of parent spectators.

Another valuable program running at the school is the Bendigo Bank savings program. If you want your child to start learning about saving money this is a great opportunity to start. Every second week Bendigo Bank employees will be at the front office for students to bank their savings. Dates were written on the term planner.

What a fantastic introduction to our 2017 Student Councillors and House Captains we had at last week's assembly! They performed brilliantly in their first formal role of speaking to a large audience and showing off their dramatical skills. We are looking forward to working with this great group of students over the semester.

I hope this weekend is a little sunnier and you all enjoy some family time.

Deidre Jones
Principal



Principal's Quote of the Week
I learned the value of hard work by working hard
Margaret Mead



P&C News

It was lovely to welcome some new faces at the AGM on Monday. The following members of the P&C were elected to roles for 2016:

President: Julie Brooks
Vice-President: Leesa Savage
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Pending
Executive Committee: Joanne Orr, Jialin Tan, Denise Kay.
Uniform Shop Coordinator: Rowena Metselaars
Uniform Shop Treasurer: Alison Neve
Canteen Rep: Sharnee Clothier
Grounds: Joanne Orr
School Council Representative: Pete Bockman
Media: Michelle Gust & Lisa Gwynn
Fundraising Co-ordinator: Vacant
Canteen Committee: Vacant
Fundraising Committee: Debra Griffin, Lindsay Armstrong, positions available.
We can be contacted at albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com or for the uniform shop, apsunifromcoordinator@outlook.com

Please remember to support our canteen. At Monday's meeting the members of the P&C voted to transfer \$2000 from our general account to keep the canteen operational. We are continuously looking at ways to make our canteen profitable once again. If you are interested in helping to achieve this, we encourage you to join our canteen committee.

Julie Brooks
P&C President

Uniform Shop

Please remember our online uniform service, 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.

Walking School Bus

This week we had a Monday run, which was successful and will keep going. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteer bus drivers. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer!

We will be handing out bus register forms to all walking students over the next week. The register will help us keep better track of the students using the service and for contacting carers in the case of an emergency. We are also investigating the option of a Walking School Bus route to and from Cull Park. Please complete these forms and return them to the bus drivers.

Reminder: Parents of Kindy and Pre-Primary students who are doing the afternoon run should indicate on their classroom communication logs that these students will be going home on the Walking School Bus. If you forget to write this in at drop off, please ring the office to let them know.

Students from Year 1 and up are responsible for making their own way to the meeting point outside the Kindy.

I am more than happy to chat with you about the walking bus - phone/txt 0415 923 437, or come on down to the school meeting point outside the Kindy room and check us out.

Cheers Jo. (Charleton and Robson's Mum)

Walking school bus operates Monday, 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**

TravelSmart

On behalf of Albany Primary P&C we would like to thank everyone for doing their best to reduce traffic congestion around the school precinct. We realise that the parking is extremely inadequate but we believe there are a few things we can do to make things safer and less stressful:

- Please do not park on the footpath, as it is putting pedestrians and cyclists at risk.
- Please do not pick your child up at the crosswalk. Please park your vehicle first.
- Please do not park in the 'no standing' zones adjacent to the crosswalks.
- Please do not park in staff parking.
- Please consider parking a bit further away and walking, ie Dog Rock shopping centre.

Our first TravelSmart 'hands up survey' for 2017 showed 28% of children travelled to school via bus, bike, scooter or walking. Congratulations to those families that use active transport. We look forward to increasing this number throughout the year. Put Friday March 17 Ride2School day in your diary and then check out the new Department of Transport, TravelSmart website renamed Your Move: <https://yourmove.org.au/> .

Thank you.

Michelle Gust, TravelSmart Coordinator

Council Corner

NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE CURRENTLY OPEN.

The School Council has a number of roles at Albany Primary including:

1. Supporting school improvement planning,
2. Approving school budgets,
3. Policy making and review, and
4. Setting annual contributions and charges.

Aside from these official roles, the Council is also a think tank for the school - a place where the Principal, teachers and parents come together to brainstorm ideas and find solutions that enable the school to enhance what it does and to best meet the needs of the students.

There are three parent positions currently available. To nominate you must:

1. Be a parent of a student currently attending the school,
2. Complete the nomination form attached to this newsletter and return to the office by Friday 24 February.
3. Be prepared to attend two meetings a term (week 4 and week 8).

Further details can be found on the school website, or feel free to contact Andrea Noble (parent representative) on ph. 0429 920 274. Interested parents are welcome to sit in on our upcoming meeting (Monday 20 February, 7pm) to see how the School Council operates.

Andrea Nobel, Parent Representative

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 24 February 2017 at 3:30pm

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

'Private & Confidential.'

Deidre Jones, Principal

Parent Nomination for School Council