Dear Parents/Guardians,

Week one has concluded and we are well and truly up and running. Thank you to all parents who are supporting us with the wearing of uniforms and ensuring students have their hats. This has been fantastic.

The year has started really well with the playground sounding happy and there has been some pleasing play occurring.

In classrooms teachers are reporting that students are engaged and willing to learn which are great attributes. This tells me that parents are very supportive and keen to see their children doing well.

School Banking
Please remember that we have Bendigo Bank now doing school banking every second Thursday morning. This is a great way to teach your children how to save and use the banking system.

If you would like to open an account for your children you can come and see the team at Bendigo Bank during office hours or come to the school on Thursday morning and do the paperwork here.

Those who have already joined the bank can complete banking each week on Thursday morning before school in the office.

Walking School Bus
Please take advantage of this service that runs each week. The flyer regarding this was sent out last week. If you need further information contact the office.

House Swimming Carnival
Our House Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday (19 February) at ALAC. Parents are welcome to attend. Please note the carnival is for years 4 to 6 and will commence at 9:30 am and conclude around 2:15 pm.

The carnival is comprised of both competitive races and fun novelty events with the aim of every child being in at least 5 events. This means they are regularly in the water. Please ensure all notes have been returned and that your child has the appropriate swimming gear. On the day house shirts should be worn.

Please remember that we do not want parents in the bays because of organisational matters and that students must stay with their house (faction) and not be with you during the event. Also, the students will not be permitted to use the ALAC kiosk so lunches and snacks need to be brought along.

Students must attend school unless ill or injured. The whole idea is for everyone to participate and to encourage students to enjoy swimming.

Assembly
Please be advised that we have incorrect dates for two class assemblies in term 1. Thursday 24 March – Room 7 will be conducting the Assembly.
Friday 8 April - Room 8 will be conducting the assembly.

This week’s assembly is being conducted by our student councillors who will provide entertainment and manage proceedings. Please come along and enjoy the event.

If you do attend please be mindful that we have high expectations on students listening attentively and we need you all to also set this example. Your support is appreciated.

Parent Meetings
Teachers will be conducting introductory parent meetings over the next week and a bit. I urge you to attend so that you gain a sound understanding of how the classroom will be run over the year, the learning program and the expectations that will be placed on your child.
If you can't attend the meeting each teacher will be sending home an overview of their classroom organisation.

**School Council Meeting**
The first School Council meeting will be held on Monday 22 February commencing at 3:30 pm in the staffroom.

This year we have a turnover of some parents who have been on the council for two years so there may be interested parents wanting to be on this school body.

More details of the election process will be placed in next week's newsletter some positions available.

**P&C Meeting**
The P&C annual general meeting has been held back to Monday 15 February week 3 of the term. The meeting will commence at 7:00 pm and be held in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Car Parking**
With increased numbers the school parking will continue to be an issue. I ask you please to be patient, courteous and careful.

Helpful ways to reduce parking issues at the school include:
- Having your students walk or ride to and from school.
- Using the Walking School Bus.
- Dropping off and going rather than parking.
- Picking up without parking.
- If parking not staying too long. This is particularly so in the afternoon. If your child wants to play take them to Cull or Eyre Parks. They have great facilities.
- Parking in places that are permitted and not causing obstruction to other vehicles.

I understand the problems that you face and the frustrations they may cause but please take care. I believe many of you are very careful and obliging.

**Students Departing School**
We have historically faced a few issues regarding student departures after school. These include:
- Parents being late.
- Students not following parent instructions.
- Confusion about what is happening at pick up time.

We ask that you consider these issues as often they lead to anxiety either on behalf of the student or the parent. If in doubt please give the school a call and we will ensure that students know what to expect at the close of school. We are happy to assist.

**Conclusion**
Remember, if you have any concerns please contact me as we are always happy to support your family and you. Enjoy the forthcoming weekend.

Brian Lee,
Principal

‘STEINS - 2016 Round 1’
The Sciensteins, Inventionsteins and Envirosteins application process is underway for Semester 1 2016.

If your child is interested in doing an independent Science/Environment investigation with a small group encourage him/her to come and see Mr Murray for the information and forms to apply.

Students from Years 3 to 6 inclusive can apply.

For the Sciensteins they need to have an investigation question and form a group of two or three students.

If they want to be an Inventionstein students have to know what they want to invent and what the use would be for what they invent. Inventionsteins may work individually or in pairs or threes.

If they want to be an Envirostein students have to work on an idea to improve the environment. Students may work individually or in pairs or threes.

Application forms for Sciensteins, Inventionsteins and Envirosteins are available from Mr Murray in the Science Room.

Altogether up to 15 students are selected to work on different projects.

If you want to know more about the ‘Steins, or have comment or query, please contact Stephen Murray at Albany Primary School on 9842 7400.

The term ‘Stein’ is taken from Albert Einstein who was arguably the most famous scientist in the 20th century.

**PLEASE NOTE CLOSING**
DAY/DATE:
Mon 15 February.
P&C News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 15 at 7pm in the staffroom. Everybody is welcome, please bring $1 for membership. Tea, coffee and cake will be on offer and a chance to meet new people and get to know your school better.

All the positions will be open for nomination. As promised here is a quick summary of the office bearers roles:

President: offers vital link between parents and school administration; ensures the P&C abide by the law; ensures all office bearers fulfil their duties; chairperson for meetings; public face of P&C; signatory to financial accounts; ex officio member of all sub-committees and manages paid employees.

Vice President: Understudy for the president; can chair meetings in absence of president; can also be representative on sub-committee; can be signatory on all accounts.

The Honorary Secretary: posting notice of meetings; assist chairperson to draw up the agenda; recording of minutes of the meeting; dealing with correspondence; maintaining membership records; being signatory to accounts and to observe legal formalities.

The Honorary Treasurer: establish and maintain simple procedures for handling association money; issue receipts; bank money received; prepare and present written report for every general meeting, including bank reconciliation, bank statements and statement of receipts and payments; prepare books for audit and have overall responsibility for all P&C accounts.

There are subcommittees for the canteen, uniform shop and fundraising. The canteen has a representative position who liaises with canteen employees, the school and P&C to maintain smooth and efficient running of the canteen. The uniform shop has a co-ordinator position, responsible for ordering stock and organising volunteers to work in the shop. The uniform shop also has a treasurer who manages the payment of accounts and reconciles the bank accounts and reports back to the treasurer. The fundraising committee has a coordinator position that ultimately oversees the fundraising activities, liaises with the school and the P&C.

All of these roles and more are on offer in 2016. There is something for everyone. Come along and be part of the fun.
Please email albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com for a copy of the agenda.

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Welcome back to school, let’s hope we have a happy and worthwhile 2016.

Please support our P&C run the school canteen.

We are in the sad position to of having to close one day per week if more support is not shown. By allowing your child to order just once per week would make such a difference to our bank balance. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Remember – ALL funds raised help support our P&C, which in turn purchases much needed items for the students in our school.

If your child is participating in the Swimming Carnival on Friday 19 February please ensure they bring lunch as the canteen will not be supplying lunch for Carnival Students.

Thank you
Kay and Tracey

UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Undercover Assembly Area
Open Every: Tuesday 2.45pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 8.15am – 9am

COMMUNITY NEWS

The AFL is coming to our backyard when the Fremantle Dockers take on the Adelaide Crows on Sunday 28 February 2016, Sourness Park, and Mount Barker.

Tickets are available from Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com.au).

The Adelaide Crows will also be hosting an open training session on Saturday 27 February 2016. Times will be confirmed closer to the day.

Updates regarding the game are available from the Shire of Plantagenet or the 2016 AFL NAB Challenge Facebook Page.

Colin Buchanan will be here in Albany on February 13, 1:00pm at the Albany Baptist Church.

Many kids will know Colin from Playschool, and also Play House Disney on TV, others will know him for his very catchy songs, and energetic concerts! It is a fantastic event for student interested in music and rhyme.
Please check our Community Notice Board and Web Page for detailed information for events listed that you may be interested in.

DISCOVER SCOUTS

JOEY SCOUTS (6-8 YRS)
CUB SCOUTS (8-11 YRS)
SCOUTS (11-15 YRS)

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  Albany WA 6330
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