



# ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Attentive Listening*

*Mutual Respect*

*Right to Pass*

*No Put Downs*

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## Attachments:

### **Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Last week finished with the House Swimming Carnival for Years 4 to 6. It was a great way to finish the week off as it was a very successfully conducted event. More details further into the newsletter.

### **Family Sundowner**

Last year's Family Sundowner conducted by the P & C was a great success as it was a lovely evening with many families coming to the school to enjoy each other's company.

This year's Sundowner is scheduled for Friday 11 March and will be held on the lawn area at the back of the library and the staffroom. This will enable students to play while families have a picnic.

The P&C will conduct a sausage sizzle for those who would like to purchase and a coffee van will also be on site. However please bring other picnic items for your family such as snacks and drinks.

There will be music and a chance to gasbag! All new families are particularly welcome!

### **After School Play on School Grounds**

There have been a number of concerns raised with me in regard to students playing on school equipment after school including:

- Students screaming and squealing
- Inappropriate use of equipment
- Inattentive parent supervision
- Students playing in areas where they should not be playing or running.

As the person responsible for the wellbeing of all on site and the manager of the school's facilities I am concerned that these issues have arisen.

Parents are asked to support the school by ensuring that their child does not breach the following school rules when playing on site after school:

1. Walk on all paths and walkways.
2. Play without screaming and squealing.
3. Keep off the stage in the assembly area and only walk in this area.

4. Only one student at a time on the flying fox.
5. Only five at a time on the circular swing in the adventure playground.
6. No climbing up trees and on buildings.

As I have cleaners and teaching staff still working at school after the siren parents should take their children home straight away. This would also alleviate parking issues.

Please be mindful of these matters as the behaviour of some children needs to change. Your support in this matter would be appreciated.

Please remember that no child should be playing in any area before school even if you're present. Students are permitted to play on the basketball court in the mornings. Thank you.

### **Canteen Blues!**

We got a case of the canteen blues  
Just take a look at the news  
Users down yet the prices good  
You gotta use it you really should

We got a case of the canteen blues  
We can keep it if you choose  
Talk with your feet come and buy  
If you don't use it I don't know why

We got a case of the canteen blues  
One day at a time we could lose  
Canteen may shut no place to buy  
Tasty made food excepting a pie!

Yeh.....

We got a case of canteen blues  
Just hoping we have a change of news  
Kids rushing in to buy a meal  
Canteen safe that'd be unreal!

No more canteen blues!!!

### **Assembly**

The assembly this week is being conducted by Year 6s from Room 14. Come along and enjoy the entertainment and also recognise the students who are receiving honour certificates. I'm sure you will enjoy yourself! See you there.

## House Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Clarence for being victorious in this year's swimming carnival conducted last Friday.

We had a great day which was very well supported by parents. We thank them for attending to support their children. We were particularly pleased with the students who participated in so many events. What a great effort! Well done.

### The results are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Clarence – 528**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Breaksea – 460**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Michaelmas – 446**

**4<sup>th</sup> Melville – 313**

### Champion swimmers for 2016 are:

| Year    | Champion | Runner Up |
|---------|----------|-----------|
| 4 Girls | Harriet  | Imogen    |
|         |          | Pippa     |
| 4 Boys  | Jack     | George    |
| 5 Girls | Ivy      | Lily      |
|         |          | Alex      |
| 5 Boys  | Xavier   | Fergus    |
| 6 Girls | Amity    | Abbi      |
| 6 Boys  | Lachlan  | Gus       |

Thanks to all parents and staff for assisting on the day. The help was really appreciated. We must particularly thank Deidre Jones, Virginia Mercer, Jenny Jay and Peter Bolt for their work in organising and running the carnival.

### “Ride the Wave” Tile Fundraiser

During weeks 8 and 9 the P & C, in consultation with the ground committee, is conducting a fund raiser which involves every student creating a ceramic tile picture (painted) that will be glued on a school wall as part of a huge wave.

The final wall “mosaic” will be about 2.5 m high and about 6 m long. We would like all students, staff and interested parents to also paint a tile.

The grounds committee is keen to see this project occur as it is trying to beautify the school with student art works placed on walls and in garden areas.

The fundraising part is that we want all students to buy a tile for \$5.00. If the student would like to do another tile it will be available for only \$2.00. They can even do another for another \$2.00.

We ask you to support this fundraising and beautification initiative. A “mock up” of the final mosaic is available to view in the school office.

## Conclusion

I hope everyone has a great forthcoming weekend. It looks like the weather is going to be warm so there might be a chance to hit the beach!

Regards,  
Brian Lee

**Basketball Country Champs** in Perth. In week one the under 12s girls team beat Mandurah in the final by 3 points. We had Mackenzie and Jorja in that team. Last weekend (week two) the under 13s girls also won by 3 points but after two lots of overtime!! Very close and exciting game. Jaz was one of the members of that team.

### CANTEEN ROSTER:

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Mon 29 Feb    | Cathie Contier     |
| Tue 1 March   | -                  |
| Wed 2 March   | Leesa Savage       |
| Thurs 3 March | Donna Anderson     |
| Fri 4 March   | Julie-Anne Ramsell |

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we may possibly have to close our canteen one day per week. A number of Albany schools have reduced their opening days to 3 or 4 days per week. We really don't want to have to do this.... So.....

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CANTEEN – as any funds raised go to our P&C

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

*(Located in the Undercover Assembly Area)*

Open Every: Tuesday 2.45pm – 3.30pm  
Thursday 8.15am – 9am

### The Walking School Bus

The Walking School Bus has had a busy start to the year with approximately 10 children travelling each trip to and from school, the parent using the service find it has a positive impact to their day, and children really enjoy their walks. The Walking School Bus is run by volunteers. We are lucky to have 4 volunteers from Albany Volunteer Association - Mr and Mrs Halbert, Brooke and Coralie, we also need some parent helpers so if you can help just once or at the same time each week please put your name in the time slots you can do in the Admin office. Thank you for your involvement and assistance, let's help each other and reduce the parking hassles.

Walking School Bus Coordinator - Georgia Kidman [0439 952 878](tel:0439952878)

**Please check our Community Notice Board and Web Page for detailed information for events listed that you may be interested in.**

## **Steins Semester 1 2016**

There have been many applications for the Steins for Semester 1 2016.

All applications were interesting and worthy of doing. However it is only possible to work thoroughly with 6 different projects.

Some of the ideas could be explored at home and I have encouraged students to work with a parent on these ideas.

Another area of note was the number of inventions that students wanted to make that needed an electronic/remote control component. Unfortunately this is beyond our resourcing at present but if there is a community member who has expertise in electronic engineering please contact Stephen Murray at the school. Finally, if a student was not successful this time there will be another opportunity in Semester 2 2016. Students can talk over ideas with me right up until they submit the application in early Term 3

The following students have been successful in applying for the Sciensteins and Inventionsteins for Semester 1 2016.

### **ScienceSteins**

Montana – Rm 13

Megan – Rm 14

Sara – Rm 13

*What type of landscape will cause the colour of a fabric to fade – brick, grass, sand, wood, rock?*

Lekeishia – Rm 12

Emma – Rm 12

Misha – Rm12

*How many taps or strokes of the right rock does it take to light a fire?*

Ezra – Rm 13

Sudarshan – Rm 13

*Which is the best preservative between salt and sugar? We will place three pieces of apple on a Petri dish and add salt to one, sugar to the other and nothing on the remaining slice.*

### **InventionSteins**

Abbey – Rm 6

Rocco – Rm 6

Teaghan – Rm 6

*A glove type thing that extends so it's like you have a long glove with cleaning essentials on it.*

Will – Rm 6

*A UV wristband that can tell you when to put sun screen on.*

### **EnviroSteins**

Alex – Rm 11

Lily – Rm 12

Lilly – Rm 11

*We would love to keep working towards improving the chances of survival for the Gilbert's potoroo through education and fund raising.*

Congratulations to all and thank you to all applicants. As I said, all applications were worthwhile. Remember "if at first you don't succeed try again".

Steins will meet from 12.20pm to 1.10pm every Monday.

If you want to help out in any way please contact me at the school.

**Stephen Murray**

Teacher, Scien



