



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Attachments:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We had another fun assembly last week thanks to the efforts of Mrs Mercer's year 6 class. They enjoyed putting the assembly together and everyone enjoyed the entertainment. Assemblies are always a great way to finish the week. It's always great to see parents in attendance.

Winter Sports

Summer sports are rapidly coming to a close so it's time for parents to keep an eye open for the registrations for all the winter sports. Get in early and then there are few worries about your child missing out on the sport of their desire. We will try to keep you informed when we get the information from the various associations.

Meanwhile it's been great to see our students involved in many summer sports. It's great to see that they have been down at the surf club, in swimming club, playing basketball and cricket. I also know that a number do dance, gymnastics, skateboarding and horse riding.



School Tone

Recently we have had visitors come to our school to spend quite some time in the various classrooms and in the playground. These visitors have been profuse in their recognition of the lovely tone in our school. It's always uplifting when you get positive feedback and support in this manner.

What is pleasing about this feedback is that these visitors visit many schools and certainly know what a positive school sounds and looks like. I recognize the efforts of students, staff and parents for contributing to this tone.

I know that we are not perfect but everyone is trying to contribute to our wonderful school ethos. This makes a difference.

School Council Positions Parent Elections 2016

We have three parent positions that parents can nominate for to be elected onto the School Council. To nominate you must:

1. Be a parent of a student currently attending the school.
2. Complete the nomination form that is a tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the office by 1:00 pm Friday 11 March 2016. There will be no late acceptances.
3. Be prepared to attend two School Council meetings a term (in weeks 4 and 8) for a two year term of office.

Note 1: Current outgoing members can re-nominate for a position.

Note 2: In the event of insufficient nominees the principal will canvas the P & C to seek further parent nomination.

In the event of more nominations than positions an election will be conducted by the principal with voting completed by secret ballot. Details of this process will be made available as soon as this outcome is official. Ballot papers will go home to each family. Parents may only vote once.

The School Council is an important body in our school that has to:

1. Support and have input into school improvement planning.
2. Approve, support and have input into key budgetary matters linked to the School Improvement Plan.
3. Approve annual contributions and charges set for the year.
4. Have input into school policies.
5. Be a forum for parents and staff to meet about matters that can enable the school to enhance what it does and meet the needs of the students.

Our School Council has been a strong, positive voice in our school community. We have had many enlightening and useful discussions that have led to some positive happenings in our school. If you are interested in a position further details are on our school website or talk to a current Councillor or come and see me.

Our current School Council chair, Mrs Andrea Noble, will continue in her position for 2016.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be conducted by Mr MacNish's year 3s in Room 6. I look forward to seeing you at the assembly. My thanks to the student leaders who have been doing a great job with their presentations at the assembly. And also thanks to Mr Dawson's class and Mr Evans, who do the set up each week. They do a tremendous job. Thanks!

School Discos

Please note the following details regarding the school discos coming in week 7.

1. **The Pre Primary to year 2 disco:**
Wednesday 16 March from 4:30 to 6:00 pm
2. **Yr3/4 disco:** Wednesday 16 March from 6:30 to 8:00 pm
3. **Yr 5/6 disco:** Thursday 17 March 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Food available to purchase will include hot savory and sweet items as well as drinks (juice for the juniors and cool drinks for the year 5/6s).

The theme for these discos " The Ocean and the Beach".

If you can assist on either night please complete the tear off slip on the information letter that will be sent home tomorrow with your children.



Sundowner

It is with great disappointment I inform you that the proposed Sundowner scheduled for Friday 11 March has been postponed. A date for the actual event will be determined and advertised in the very near future. Unfortunately the date clashed with another Albany community activity which has drawn away support and opportunity for parents to attend.

P&C Matters

I must take this opportunity to welcome our new P&C President to her role. Mrs Julie Brooks, who has been such a wonderful worker on our fundraising committee, is now the P&C President. Leesa Savage will continue to be the secretary and Noreen Les will remain as treasurer.

Michelle Gust, our outgoing president, has been an outstanding president and should be recognized for her services to the parent body in that capacity. During my time at Albany Primary I have been fortunate to work with wonderful presidents, secretaries and treasurers of the P&C.

Also stepping down from her role in the uniform shop is Cheryl Ward who has overseen some very favourable additions and minor changes to our uniform over the past 5 years.

I thank all parents who have contributed to our very strong P&C. I urge all new parents and those that have been in the school for some time to join the P&C or at least offer assistance so that it remains a strong, viable parent body.

Tiles Fundraiser

Last week I mentioned the Tiles Fundraiser scheduled for week 8 and 9 of this term. Your support of this project is needed for it has two key purposes. Firstly we want to create a wall mural out of ceramic tiles to beautify the school and secondly, we want to fundraise. We are hoping all children will participate and that some students will donate for two or three tiles as we need 600 tiles to create the design that has been developed by one of parents, Serena McLaughlan.

We are also encouraging parents and staff to paint a tile and have it included in the mural. The mural is shaped like a beautiful wave about to crash on to the shore and will be created using yellows, blues, greens and variations in between. You can have a look at the design in the office and we'll aim to place a picture of it on our web page.

After School Play

Just a gentle reminder again about after school play. Please ensure your children use the equipment appropriately and that they do follow our school rules. These were published in last week's newsletter.



Conclusion

It is a pleasure to be out the front of the school or at the crosswalk at the bottom car park because our parents and children are so friendly. I thank you for your kindness and thoughtful approach. It makes that job well worth doing! Thanks.

Regards,
Brian Lee
Principal

P&C NEWS

"Many hands make light work"

Here's your chance to join a dynamic team of people all working towards the benefit of your children at APS.

We require people to fill the following roles, canteen representative and committee, uniform shop coordinator and committee plus a fundraising coordinator. There is lots of support for anyone taking on these roles. If you would like more information on these roles or becoming a P&C member please email

albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com we'll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Unfortunately due to the clash with the RCNC Harmony Festival and our shortage of available volunteers we are unable to have the Sundowner at the planned time. Instead why not go along and enjoy the Harmony Festival at the Town square on March 11 from 4-9pm.

Upcoming P&C events for your calendar:

16 & 17 March - Discos

21 March - P&C meeting

21 March- 1 April - "Ride the Wave" Mural Fundraiser.

Have a great week
Julie Brooks

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 parents 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 four 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)

Uniform Shop

We are still looking for a Co-ordinator for the Uniform Shop. It would only take around an hour a week of your time and you do not need to help in the uniform shop (unless there is a new volunteer). The job really just involves rosters and ordering stock.

Also, please refrain from dropping off second hand stock to the uniform shop at the moment. Thank you.

Canteen Roster:

Mon 8 Feb	Public Holiday
Tue 9 Feb	-
Wed 10 Feb	Kylie Houden
Thurs 11 Feb	-
Fri 12 Feb	Marnie Beuker

UNIFORM SHOP

(Located in the Undercover Assembly Area)

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please note notices appearing below are not necessarily endorsed by the school. We provide this space for community groups to advertise to the school community. It is up to parents to scrutinise the activity and organisers for their child.

Lower Great Southern Hockey Association

Registration 2016

Season

Junior and senior players are encouraged to

register online at

www.lgshockey.asn.au

Alternatively enrolments

can be completed on

Thursday 3 March from

4:00 – 6:00

At the LGSHA Clubrooms, Barker Road, Albany.



For more information contact the Hockey Development Officer Mel Eastough on 0429 130on 0429 130 953 or do@lgshockey.asn.au or the Secretary of the LGSHA on secretary@lgshockey.asn.au

Great Southern Youth Girls Festival of Football

Sunday 13 March

SDJFA Pavilion, Corner of North Road and Campbell Road

9:00 – 2:00 Year 7 – Year 12

11:15 – Auskick Girls PP – Year 3

1:15 Junior Girls Year 4 – Year 6

Meet Claremont Woman Football players, Learn the skills of the game and hear about the exciting future of female football in WA

For further information contact Great Southern Female Football Coordinator Shelley McLennan 0467 792 366 or Great Southern Regional Manager Tom Moir on 0428 428 440, tmoir@wafc.com.au

2016 House Swimming Carnival



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVE 2016

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 11 March 2016

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

'Private & Confidential.'

Brian Lee, Principal

Parent Nomination for School Council