# ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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## Attachments:

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**
The Easter break is here so I hope families get a chance to be together and find time to enjoy a bit of leisure time.

Please remember that school will recommence on **Wednesday 30 March** as Easter Tuesday is a gazetted holiday for schools.

**Assembly**
Our assembly was conducted today due to the Easter break. Thanks to Room 7 Year 3s for setting up the program and entertaining us.

Our next assembly is the final one for the term on Friday 8 April which will be conducted by Room 8 Year 4s. The assembly will have a focus on ANZAC Day. We will not be having a service due to the timing of the official ANZAC Day this year.

**ANZAC Day Parade**
As done in previous years our school will be participating in the official ANZAC Day parade held in the city centre and culminating in the service at the Peace Park.

We would love to see a large contingent of Albany Primary School students and parents join us in the parade. In previous years we have had many of our students in attendance.

Over the next few newsletters I will ensure that details regarding the parade are published so students and parents can arrange to join us.

In the meantime if you know your child and you are going to attend please complete the form included in the newsletter and return it to the office. This way we will know who to expect to be there on the day.

Please note that ANZAC Day is on the Monday before we return to school after the April vacation.

**School Council**
The School Council held their second meeting for the year on Monday afternoon.

The School Council chair is Andrea Noble and welcomed Peter Bockman, Kellie Shields, Phil Dawson and Melanie Whitfort onto this council.

Other Council members include Deanne Rolland, Darren Kay, Paul Nielson, Teresa Daly and Stephen Murray.

During the meeting we discussed the Sun-safe policy, students playing sport in the sun, cyber bullying and students using social media.

Obviously we have grave concerns about how our students may use electronic social media and the issues of integrity, privacy and misuse associated with the various opportunities available to students.

The issues of cyber bullying and use of electronic social media will be further discussed by staff to see if we can assist in students understanding the issues that arise from their use.

As a School Council we urge all parents to:

- Monitor their child's use of Instagram, Snapchat, twitter, texting, websites visited etc.
- Ensure that privacy settings are used by students.
- Inform their children that what they input electronically can always be found and may be used against them.
- There are laws that have been established to protect them and others.
- Let their children know that they should disclose to them or their teacher incidences of cyber bullying and ensure that they don't engage in it.

There are many sites established by WA and Australian government authorities and departments which provide considerable support and suggestions as to how parents can support their children in these issues. In the future I will publish some of these in the newsletter.

As you can see the School Council does discuss some very important issues that affect our families and our school.

**Albany Primary School Webpage**
We have been trying to update the webpage and improve information made available on it. Therefore we will regularly place new material and documents on it. I hope that you take the opportunity to have a look.
The webpage is:
http://www.albanyprimary.wa.edu.au/

**"Ride the Wave" Tile Mural**
What a fantastic participation level we have had for this activity. Many students have wanted to complete more than one tile and have done some amazing art work.

We ask parents to please ensure that they do pay for a tile so that the P&C has funds to support the school and continue to enhance their resources for students. Many thanks to those who have already sent their money in.

A special HUGE thank you to Serena McLaughlan who has been taking the classes in the art shed for the past three days. Also we need to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of Julie Brooks and all the parents who have assisted. It has been a fabulous school activity.

I'm looking forward to the tiles going up onto the wall in the forthcoming weeks.

**Conclusion**

**Enjoy your Easter break and for all you football maniacs…..It's back!**
**Regards**
**Brian Lee,**
**Principal**

**Book Fair**
We will once again be holding our yearly scholastic book fair in Term 2 week Two or Three. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

**P&C News**
We extend a welcome to all new P&C members, especially Rebecca Lovitt for taking on the role of uniform shop coordinator.
A big thank you to Serena McLauchlan who has volunteered her time to work with all students this week in painting tiles for our "Ride the Wave" mural that will be assembled next term. It looks like we may exceed our target of 600 tiles.

The disco was a great success and raised $1,703.00. Thank you to all parents who offered their time to help. The money will be allocated to a school project/area next term.

We still have a few positions available on the P&C. If you are interested please contact us at albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com or on our Facebook page Albany Primary School P&C. If you would like any further information about what the P&C does in our school come along to one of our meetings next term on Monday May 9 at 7pm or Friday 10 June at 1:30pm. Alternatively we are happy to discuss any ideas or contributions you can make.
Enjoy the extra-long weekend.

Julie Brooks
P&C President.

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**

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| Mon 28 Mar | **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** |
| Tue 29 Mar | **PUPIL FREE DAY** |
| Wed 30 Mar | Melissa Probert |
| Thurs 31 Mar | Stefania Castellanetta |
| Fri 1 April | Noreen Les |

HELP NEEDED for Thursday 7 April please, ONLY 2 HOURS is required 8:45am – 10:45am

A REMINDER if you pack a lunch from home that requires a fork or a spoon – please remember to pack a fork or spoon. We have had to give up to 5 spoons and forks a day away.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
*(Located in the Undercover Assembly Area)*
Open Every: Tuesday 2.45pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 8.15am – 9am

**Dental Therapy Centre hours during school holidays**
Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be closed on Friday 15 April until Tuesday 26 April.
If you child develops an urgent dental problem during this time please contact Yakamia Dental Therapy Centre on 9841 3498 between 8:15am – 4:30pm or Mount Barker Dental Van on 0437486143 between 8am-4pm.
For non-urgent enquiries please contact Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre when we re-open on Tuesday 26th April or email us at: spencerparkdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au
For after-hours dental emergencies please contact your own private dentist or Albany regional hospital on 9892 2222.

The staff at Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre would like to wish all children an enjoyable break and **REMEMBER – YOU MIGHT BE ON HOLIDAYS, BUT YOUR TOOTH BRUSH NEVER IS!!!**

**Albany Primary Basketball – The Hulkettes**

On Saturday 19 March, these year 5 girls, "The Hulkettes" became the 2014/2015 Albany Basketball Association- Round Robbin winners. Coached by the fantastic Karel Murdoch, the team was undefeated all season! Congratulations to the other APS teams for a great season.

**Tile Mural Fundraiser**

## ANZAC DAY PARADE 2016

Please complete the information below to if you will be attending the ANZAC day parade.

*Child(s) name:* _____ *Room:* _____

*Parent Name:* _____ *Contact Number:* _____

*Parent Signature:* _____ *Date:* _____