Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and had time to relax and enjoy some time off work. While we had a day or two of rain we did have some pleasant weather which made for some chances to be outside and having some recreational fun.

Assembly
We had another wonderful assembly last week with the Year 3s from Room 7 putting on a great show. They used a range of multi-media to entertain us and conduct the assembly. Some great ideas!

Our final assembly for the term will be conducted on Friday 8 April. The Year 4s from Room 8 will be conducting this assembly which will have a strong ANZAC flavour. This is because we will not be having an ANZAC service as the official ANZAC Day is on the other side of the holidays. We would love to see you there.

ANZAC Day Parade
Once again our school will be participating in the ANZAC Day Parade being conducted by the community on ANZAC Day. We have had a great turn out of students for this parade and would love to see another strong turn out by our school. Please come and join me for this march.

I will ensure details regarding the march, including start time and the program, are provided for you before the holiday break.

If your child and you are joining us in the march would you please complete the tear off slip with the newsletter and return it to school so we know who to expect on the day. I look forward to your participation.

Learning Journeys
Some classes have already conducted their learning journey while others still need to do this. These will be rolled out over the next week.

The learning journeys are a chance for you to view your child’s work and discuss with them what they have been doing in their class. During this time in the classroom parents are not expected to discuss student progress with the class teacher. If however you have some concerns after seeing your child’s work please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss these with the teacher.

Safe Use of Social Media
This topic continues to be of interest! Last week the Community Police Officers visited the school and spoke to the Year 5s and 6s about this topic and road safety.

Young people find it difficult to understand that what they place on the Internet can’t always be retrieved! An abusive or suggestive message or anything that could have them seen in a “bad light” could be dragged out in the future and possibly used against them.

Parents need to closely monitor how their children are using social media and also have in place some clear guidelines that help keep the child safe.

As you all know, unfortunately, there are some very unscrupulous people within communities who will behave in ways that cause children to be in danger! Please protect your child by being diligent in this matter.

Walking and Riding to School
Recently Michelle Gust did a “hands up” survey to ascertain how students get to and from school. After seeing the results I’m not surprised our car parking and roadways are chock a block each afternoon and morning.

Some of the issues related to crowded roads and parking areas could be easily resolved by having more children walk or ride to school each day. Many students live within a kilometre of the school and could readily walk or ride within about 15 minutes or less. Perhaps children in your area
 could walk or ride together or with an adult who can assist.

Early next term we will do a “Walk to School Day” and maybe a “Ride To School Day” Please keep an eye out for future information about these.

**Bringing Toys/Electronic gadgets To School**
Please note that toys should not be brought to school unless they are being used for “Show and Tell” or as part of the learning program.

Students are asked not to play with toys or electronic gadgets during recess and lunch times.

Over many years we have seen that bringing items like this to school causes a number of problems including thefts, breakages, exclusive behaviours and bullying.

Please assist us in this matter by ensuring your child doesn’t bring these items to school. Thank you.

**Forthcoming School activities**
- Interschool swimming carnival: **Wednesday 6 April**
- Year 6 Cricket Carnival: **Thursday 7 April**

Notes related to these activities have been sent home to all those who are involved.

**School Term Dates**
Please note these dates for the end of term 1 and the commencement of term 2:
**Term 1 concludes:** **Friday 8 April**
**Term 2 Commences:** **Wednesday 27 April**

Please note that the office will be open on **Tuesday 26 April**. All staff return from vacation on this date.

**Conclusion**
It’s been a busy term with many enjoyable activities happening. One more week to go and everyone has another break!!!

Brian Lee, Principal

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**PD Day Catering**
As part of its yearly fundraising efforts the P&C undertake to cater for the school staff on their professional development days. To do this we ask for donations from school parents/carers/friends for a plate of sweet or savoury goods to be dropped off on the day. This is a simple and easy way that you can contribute to the school. We have a PD day coming up at the beginning of term 2. If you have not been on the catering list before and think you can help by donating a plate please text your details to Kate Houderrani on 0450 522729.

**School Soccer Teams**
If you have enrolled your child to play soccer in the 2016 season - Team lists will be posted outside the canteen this Friday (1st April) afternoon.

Thanks,
Kate Houderrani

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**Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre Term 2, 2016 Swimming Lessons**

**Term 2, 2016 Timetables Are Now Available**

Enrolments Open Saturday, 2 April 2016

Term 2, 2016 Swimming Lessons Commence Tuesday, 26 April 2016

Contact Survive Swim School
Ph: 08 9844 2274

Swim School Team Leader
Nola Osborne
Email: nolao@albany.wa.gov.au

Swim School Coordinator
Casey Willmore
Email: caseyw@albany.wa.gov.au

For further enquires or to make an enrolment – please contact our swim school staff

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