Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again the end of a term is upon us and on reflection, the school continues to flourish and be a place of harmony and learning.

While the term had many highlights class work has continued with many students performing very well as they strive to achieve.

**Dates for next term**

One final reminder:
- **Monday 25 April:** ANZAC Day public holiday
- **Tuesday 26 April:** Staff return and office open
- **Wednesday 27 April:** Students recommence

**100% Attendance**

We have many students who have attended 100% this term. On average there are about 10 to 15 students in each year group that have attended at this level. There are other students who have only missed one day which is also excellent.

Everyone should aim for full attendance with the understanding that this is not always possible.

Please remember that full attendance makes a BIG difference to student performance at school.

Well done to these students and families.

**Learning Journeys**

All classes will have invited parents to participate in a learning journey during the past two weeks. I hope you have had a chance to come in and see your child’s work.

If you have any concerns after seeing the work please make an appointment to see the teacher.

**Interschool Swimming Carnival**

Our school team competed in the Interschool swimming Carnival on Wednesday 6 April. The students tried hard and performed creditably. Overall we were placed third in the event behind Denmark and Little Grove.

Congratulations to all who participated and well done to Amity Byatt who was Champion Girl in her age group. A special thanks to Mrs Mercer for organising the team on behalf of the school and thanks to Mrs Jay and parents who assisted and spectated on the day.

**ANZAC Day Parade and Service**

Those of you having your children participate in this event on the 25 April need to note:

- Our school forms up at 9:30am sharp
- Meet Mr Lee and staff at the Town Hall
- The service will commence at 10:00am
- The service concludes at 10:45am
- Parents collect their child from the edge of the Peace Park and Princess Royal Drive.

If you would like further information regarding the ANZAC Day Parade there will be a briefing session held at the RSL Club on Wednesday 20 April at 5:30pm.

Website: [http://rslwahq.org.au/Contact-Us.aspx](http://rslwahq.org.au/Contact-Us.aspx)

I look forward to seeing you there.
Assembly
Friday’s assembly will have an ANZAC flavour so that we can commemorate this special day. The assembly is being conducted by the year 4s from Room 8. We hope to see you there.

Conclusion
With only a day to go everyone will be looking forward to the vacation. Poor me….I have to go to Broome!

I hope staff and students enjoy their break. See you after the vacation.
Brian Lee
Principal

Book Fair
We will once again be holding our yearly Scholastic Book Fair in Term 2 on Monday 9 May until Friday 13 May

P&C News
All students have finally completed a tile for our “Ride the Wave” mural designed by artist Serena McLauchlan. The tiles have been cured and are ready for construction to begin in Term two. Thank you to all those that contributed in raising $1,500 and it’s great to see that money is still coming in.

Kim Norder has put together a Mother’s Day raffle hamper. The hamper will be worth a value of $200. Tickets cost $1 each and ticket sales will start today in the Front Office (Thursday 7 April) and tomorrow (Friday 8 April) from outside the Undercover Area. Alternatively take a book of five home to sell to family and friends over the holidays. The raffle will be drawn on the morning of Friday 6 May.

Road Safety, TravelSmart and Walking School Bus
2016 has seen a renewed effort to try to alleviate the traffic congestion and increase road safety around our school. The Walking School Bus is increasing in popularity and we are considering including Mondays in Term 2 but this requires more volunteers to help make it sustainable and safe. Grandparents are welcome to volunteer and even if you are not able to do it regularly we need people to fill in if our regular volunteers are away. Please contact Georgia on 0439 952 878. We are in the process of changing the bus route and making the communication and collection of students more efficient. We will keep you posted with developments. The TravelSmart Program in Term 2 will involve a quiz in the newsletter and prizes for correct answers. We will be participating in the Walk to School Day on Friday 20 May. There will be local TravelSmart maps of Albany available in the office. We will be adding suggestions in future newsletters of how to avoid the 'nightmare pick up time' by parking at alternative areas and walking to the school.

Road Safety, TravelSmart and Walking School Bus

I would like to thank the Albany Primary and Albany Senior High School Road Safety Committee for their continued hard work to try to find workable solutions to our parking and road safety issues. There will be an installation of two children's crossings over the April holidays and whilst they are not fully operational until the traffic wardens present, it is a step in the right direction. Please note that the new children's crossings are much like the existing speed humps without traffic wardens (wardens to be appointed). Pedestrians must give way to vehicles. There will also be "no parking" either side of these crosswalks. Please take note of the "no parking" areas, which includes all of the footpaths. These areas will be patrolled by the Ranger Department in Term 2.

Michelle Gust.
Chairperson APS & ASHS Road Safety Committee

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.

Canteen Roster:

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A big thank you to Jacob from Room 12 for his efforts in taking care of the vegie garden outside the canteen, it is great to use our own grown produce.