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Attentive Listening

Mutual Respect

Right to Pass

No Put Downs

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Attachments: Term 2 Student Planner

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winter is coming! No, this is not Game of Thrones but the fact that the weather in Albany has turned and we are heading for some cool months!

The start of second term also brings about the change in junior sporting seasons for the students. I would hope that those of you who want your children to be involved in a winter sport were able to register them. I trust that all students enjoy a great season!

Use of School Facilities After School

We always try to accommodate groups wanting to use our facilities after school particularly those that support students or who are community based agencies.

In return we ask that students, parents and others who may be on site protect our school from damage, vandalism and unsafe play.

In particular I ask that parents who are at the school watching their children train for a sport, ensure that their other children use our facilities properly, play on our equipment safely and don't leave rubbish lying around.

I raise this matter as already we have had our junior toilets trashed by some children after school. Please support us so that we can support you!
Thank you.

Uniforms and Winter

With the onset of cooler weather students may well be rugged up in the morning! This may include the wearing of gloves, a big jacket, maybe a hat or beanie and even a scarf. While these items may well be needed on the way to and from school they are not required during the school day.

Parents of girls are reminded that our uniform does include green or grey tights only. I understand that to keep warm the girls like to wear tights but please make sure that they are within school dress code. I appreciate your support in this matter.

Student Stationery Check Time

The beginning of the term is always a good time to check with your child about the state of their personal stationery. This includes items such as rulers, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, textas, eraser, sharpener and scissors. It's good to check if these items need replenishing! Having all this equipment in good condition assists your child to engage in the learning program more effectively.

Attendance Levels

When Mr Bolt checked attendance levels at the end of term 1 he noticed there were around 10 to 12 students per year level who had achieved 100% attendance for the term! That's a fantastic effort! Congratulations to all these students.

We also know that there are many students who only missed a day or two and that was because they were either ill or injured. That's also a pleasing effort.

High attendance at school is highly desirable when seeking to achieve.

Community ANZAC Parade and Service

I'd like to thank the parents and students who attended this and marched with the school during the parade.

Due mainly to the timing of ANZAC Day and the chance of inclement weather numbers in attendance for the parade were down noticeably. Hopefully next year we will return to the responses we've had in previous years.

Thanks to Ewan from year 3 for carrying our banner for us and Amity and Charlotte (Year 6s) for laying the wreath on behalf of the school.

Also thank you to Greg Grey for attending as a staff member. Findlay MacNish was to join us but was required for choir duties.

Assembly

Next week's assembly will be conducted by Mrs White's year 4s. It would be great to see you there.

Our final assembly for term 1 was conducted by Room 8. We thank them for helping us commemorate ANZAC Day in as very fitting way. Thanks to Teresa Daly and Lynda Cooper who were the staff involved!

Travelsmart Quiz

Here's a chance for you to win a prize or two. Over the next few months we are going to run a "Travelsmart" quiz through our newsletter. Anybody can participate! All you have to do is answer the question on the slip provided in the newsletter or through the office and place that into the box in the office marked "Travelsmart Quiz" by Wednesday of the following week from the newsletter.

Here is the first quiz question:

It is 800m from Cull Park to Albany Primary School. If I walk from the park to school and I can walk 100m in a minute how long will it take me to walk to School?

The winner of the quiz will be the first correct answer pulled out of the box.

Please get your answers to the office by Wednesday 4 May 2016

Conclusion

I hope your children had a great holiday and that you had a chance to spend some time with them. Enjoy the forthcoming weekend.
Regards,
Brian Lee

Parking at School

This continues to be an issue. Apart from the fact that we have too few bays and areas to park readily and easily we have continued to have parents park in staff bays.

Sometimes in the morning, I believe, this is because parents erroneously think all staff must be at school and therefore they can park in a free staff bay as it won't be required.

The reality is that staff arrive at school between 4:50am (cleaners) until 9:00am (education assistants and part time auxiliary staff). By the time the full staff group is here there is not a spare bay in sight! Also our cleaners start work at 3:00pm in the afternoon and need to be able to park in a bay to start their job on time.

Please understand that staff have a right to a bay as a student or class may be relying upon their attendance. I put it to you that, if in your work place customers and visitors were parking in your bays and you couldn't find a bay, you would be feeling a tad frustrated, annoyed and disrespected.

I please make sure that you do not park in staff bays!

Library Book Fair 2016

Albany Primary School Library will be hosting our annual Book Fair in Week 3 of Term 2.

Reading with your children can have a significant positive impact on their educational and literacy development. Visiting the book fair will be like visiting a bookstore just for children. You and your child will discover a wonderful range of children's picture books, novels, non-fiction books, novelty items, such as posters, pencils, pens, erasers and much more.

A percentage of all purchases made will go back to the library to purchase new resources for the school library which ultimately benefits the students of our school.

We look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair which will be held in our Library on
Tuesday 10 May 2016

Wednesday 11 May 2016

Thursday 12 May 2016

Purchasing times will be before school each day from 8.30 am to 9.00 am

And after school from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. If need be we may also have purchasing time only before school on Monday 16 May depending on demand.

No purchases after 9am on Monday as everything will be packed for return.

More notes will be sent home next week.

If you have any questions regarding the book fair or are able to help on any of these days please contact Mary or Dee in the library.

Road Safety and Walking School Bus

Just a quick reminder about the Walking School Bus points from last term. 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 two children's crossings were installed by the City of Albany over the April holidays. Please remember they are not fully operational until the traffic wardens are present and that the new children's crossings are much like the existing speed humps. 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.

P&C News

We start the term with a HUGE THANK YOU to Kim Norder and Kate Houderani for organising the PD catering at the start of this term and not to forget all the parents that donated the food.

A decision has finally been made about the continued operation of the canteen. For those of you that are unaware, the canteen has been running at a loss since the year sevens went to high school at the beginning of 2014. Our canteen managers Kay and Tracey have done a wonderful job in trying to increase sales but unfortunately it's still running at a loss.

In 2015 the canteen made a loss of \$7,000. In light of this the P&C have deliberated over several solutions to the problem and have made the decision to close the canteen open hatch service at lunchtime. This means as of Monday 2 May the students as APS will no longer be able to buy food from the canteen at lunchtime. Lunch orders will continue as normal. We hope this will alleviate some of our loss, but unless the canteen is supported by the staff and students at APS we may be left no choice than to further reduce the hours of the canteen service.

This decision will result in implementing changes in our canteen. To do this we need some members to join our canteen committee. If you are interested please contact the P&C through our Facebook page Albany Primary School P&C or albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com

On a brighter note Kim Norder and Deb Griffin have been busily selling raffle tickets for our Mother's Day basket of goodies valued at \$200. Tickets will be on sale outside the undercover area tomorrow (Friday 29 April) and at various times next week. Tickets are \$1 each or why not take a book of 5 home to sell to family and friends. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 6 May.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

Mon 2 May	Amanda Plowman
Tue 3 May	-
Wed 4 May	Lisa Gwynn
Thurs 5 May	HELP NEEDED
Fri 6 May	Melissa Probert

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.

WANT A GOOD LAUGH

Monty Python's - Spamalot is being performed in May in Albany

**Presented by
Albany Light Opera and Theatre Company**

Port Theatre, Princess Royal Drive, Albany
Director: Airell Hodgkinson
Musical Director: Findlay MacNish

**May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 at 7:30pm with
Matinee 2:00pm 15, 22 at 7:30pm**

Tickets: \$28 adult, \$25 student/concession, from Paperbark Merchants, York St
www.paperbarks.com.au/tickets.html

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Student Name: _____ Room: _____