Dear Parents,

We have started term 4 very calmly and effectively with all students settling back into routine. Term 4 is very important as teachers will consolidate key learnings and begin the process of preparing for the next year. It is very important that students work hard in class and focus on key skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

**Term Planner**

Our term planner for this term is attached. A copy will also be posted on our website if you do misplace it. Please note that we have some assemblies to be conducted on Thursdays due some school events that affect the opportunity to conduct an assembly on a Friday.

**Principal of Leave**

Please note that I will be away from the school from Thursday 22 October to Thursday 12 November on sick leave to have surgery (a long football career has its affects!) and recovery time. In my absence Peter Bolt will take up duties as the Principal. He will be supported by Deidre Jones and Ben Goldsmith as Deputies.

**Staffing news**

The school was informed on Wednesday that Mrs Lynda Coopers’ husband died on Tuesday after a long battle with cancer. Lynda will now take time off from school for the remainder of the term and then will return in 2016.

Our thoughts are with her during this period of great personal sadness.

Miss Chelsea Norman will be teaching Room 7, Year 3s for the remainder of term. We welcome her to the school.

**School Banking**

A reminder that school banking services are now available at the school. Your child may complete school banking with Bendigo Bank. If you haven’t arranged an account with the bank for your child you may still do so by either going to Bendigo Bank or coming in and seeing bank employees who are at the school every second Thursday.

Banking at the school commenced today starting from 8:15 to 8:45 am so the next time banking is available is Thursday 29 October at the same time.

**Walking School Bus**

A reminder that the “walking school bus” continues to be a service provided each week. Please note the details of its operations below:

- **Timetable - Tuesday to Thursday**
  - Departs: Bob Thomson Gardens 8:20
  - Arrives: APS Early Learning Centre 8:30
  - Departs: APS Early Learning Centre 3:05
  - Arrives: Bob Thompson Gardens 3:15

**Student Stationery**

It’s a good time to check student stationery to make sure that your child has the necessities. These include scissors, ruler, eraser, pencils, red/blue pens, colour pencils, sharpener, glue stick etc.

If your child hasn’t got some of these it is really hard for them to be ready and organised and keep up with the rest of the class. Please check to ensure these items are available for your child.

**Year 6 Camp**

Next week we have our Year 6s on camp at Rottnest. We hope that they have a very successful camp and that all goes smoothly.

The teacher in charge, Virginia Mercer, is very thorough and well organised so the camp should be successful. Accompanying Virginia will be Deya Offer, Phil Dawson, Kathy Walker, Barry Evans and supporting parents.

Year 6 students not attending camp should be at school for the week.

**Albany Show Day**

A reminder that the Albany Show Day, Friday 13 November, will be a holiday for all students. All staff will be participating in professional learning on that day.

**Parent Assistance for Athletics**

If you can assist on the jumps/throws day or the athletic carnival day by being an official this would be appreciated. Please let Peter Bolt or Cindy Collinson know that you can. Please note that you don’t have to take up a duty all day.
School Uniform
We are delighted with the way in which our students wear our uniform with pride and look so good. Please check that your child still has a hat and that they are not wearing items such as black or coloured leggings, pants or track pants to school. Black and other colours besides bottle green are not part of our uniform.

Lost Library and Reading Books
What a huge waste of resources lost property becomes! In a school where every dollar counts spending money on replacing lost books is just wasteful!

We therefore need your help!

Please check at home to see if you have any reading or library books anywhere!!!
We will be forever grateful if you can get a book back to us. It doesn’t matter how long overdue it is or when it was last borrowed. No one will be “in trouble” about it! Please return all books to the office or the library using your children as couriers.

Please HELP!

Conclusion
I hope you enjoy the forthcoming weekend and that many of you have got your children organised into summer leisure time activities. It’s never too late to join!

Regards,
Brian Lee

P&C Meeting
Next P&C meeting is Monday 26 October at 7pm in the staffroom. Please send any items for the agenda to albanypimarypandc@gmail.com. Please consider coming and supporting and helping your school.

Canteen Roster

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New Recess Item
Jelly/Fruit cup - $1.50
Made using natural colour and flavour, reduced sugar Jelly.

Vacswim Holiday Program
Enrolments for December/January programs are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim to develop essential water safety skills.

Please see attached brochure for further information.

Physical Education News
Term 4 will be busy, busy with preparation for Athletics and students finishing off another year of schooling.

Sporting Schools (After School sport program)
Thank you to all the parents for supporting their children and giving me a lift back to school during the term 2 and 3 sporting school programs. Albany Primary School is currently investigating two activities that are cost free to parents for term 4 because the originally selected sports did not meet the criteria outlined by the program. We will keep you informed of our progress and when the program will commence.

Athletics
Preparation and training are on the way for our House Athletics Carnival in week 4. The dates to put into your calendar are November 3 (Tuesday) and 6 (Friday). The jumps day does require more parent helpers to be recorders with the assistance of the high schools students who will be measuring. The track events also require your support for it to be a success. If you are able to help please complete the parent helpers form attached and return it to school as soon as possible (or give your name to the front office). I am very grateful for your time and support in this special sporting event. Without your assistance the program is difficult to conduct.

Sun Smart
The school has a “No Hat No Play” policy that is in place throughout the year. During physical education activities there are times when the activity makes it difficult for students to wear hats. However, the aim is for students to have hats on their heads as much as possible.

All children have been informed they must be wearing hats and sunscreen for Physical Education. I have specifically taught students how to place sunscreen on their faces and have sunscreen bottles available in the Phys Ed room which the students can use before going out to Phys Ed. If your child is allergic to sunscreen please provide sunscreen to your child or alternatively provide a note indicating your child is not to wear school sunscreen. Thank you.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
Ms Cindy Collinson
Physical Education.