Dear Parents,

Week two of the term and the year 6 students are on camp at Rottnest. Last report indicated all was going along well. Meanwhile back at school it’s always a bit quieter with the 60 older students missing from the playground.

House Athletics
The carnival will be upon us fairly soon. At the moment Cindy Collinson, aided by staff, is busily preparing for the event. This year we are going to host the carnival on the ASHS oval so that will be something different!

If you can assist at the carnival (Friday 6 November) or the jumps and throws day (Tuesday 3 November) please let the office, Peter Bolt or Cindy know.

We are hoping that all students are in as many events as possible and we have a great two days. See you there.

Screen Free Week
The P&C and the school would like to try a “Screen Free Week” as a fundraiser. Information has gone out today clearly explaining how this activity will work.

The “Screen Free” idea is to place real value on getting our children away from their screens (TV, computers, ipads etc) and physically doing something instead.

Basically the fundraising is about raising money through sponsorship. Please encourage your child to participate to raise fund but also have some time doing other things besides looking at a screen!!

Principal’s Absence
A reminder that I will be absent from school until the 13 November 2015. Peter Bolt will be acting as Principal whilst I am away.

Show Day Holiday
As stated in previous newsletters Friday 13 November, Albany Show Day, is a holiday for students. This is to support the Albany Show as we have done so for many years.

During this day the school will be open for business and staff will be engaged in professional learning.

Request for Class Placement 2016
Parents may make a written request for class placement for next year’s class.

Requests can be made on the basis of:
- A student having a special learning need and support.
- A student requiring special support for social/emotional reasons.

Please note that requests for a particular teacher or not to be with a particular teacher will not be considered.

Teachers put a lot of effort into ensuring classes are well structured and meet the needs of students taking into account social/emotional matters, relationships, cognitive development and physical development.

All requests should be forwarded in an envelope addressed as follows: Attn: Brian Lee, Private and Confidential, Request for Class Placement 2016.

Closing date for requests is Thursday 12 November 2015.

If you would like to meet with a school representative to discuss your request please make an appointment to see Mrs Deidre Jones.

Meetings
A reminder that the P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday night commencing at 7:00 pm in the staffroom.

Also the School Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 2 November commencing at 7:00 pm.

Assembly
Please note the assembly this week will be very brief and conducted by senior students. Honour certificates will be presented. Our next assembly is scheduled for Thursday 5 November, conducted by Mrs Whitfort’s Room 5.

The assembly is scheduled for a Thursday as we have our athletics carnival on the Friday.

Library/Reading Books return
Another plea for parents and students to look for school books at home. We need your support in this matter. Please take a good look around and if you do spot a book please return it. We will be very grateful. Thank you.

Middleton Road Playing Field
Processes are underway to grass the Middleton Road playing area. One soccer ground has been sprayed and
will be re-grassed during week 5 of the term. This will mean it will not be in use for the remainder of the year. Other areas of that particular playing area will remain in use. The P & C have supported this program by contributing to the costs. I thank them for their support.

Staffing News
Mrs Sue White will be commencing long service leave at the start of week 4. Mrs Diane Enright will be replacing her for the remainder of the year. Diane has worked for a number of years in the school on long term relief placements and knows it very well.

Deb Butterworth is fast coming to the end of her tenure at our school as well. Deb will also be getting married in a few weeks’ time. Her last day at school will be Friday 6 November. She has been a wonderful EA in our school over her time here.

Conclusion
The term is already flying by and there’s plenty of action. Importantly, students should be working hard to add further skills in Literacy and Numeracy. If you have concerns please see the class teacher. The last 8 weeks of the year are important in consolidating skills learnt over the year.

Enjoy the forthcoming weekend.

Regards,
Brian Lee

Earn & Learn Points and Spend
Thank you to everyone who handed in Earn & Learn points to APS. By the end of the promotion we had collected just over 44,000 points. These points have now been used to order educational resources that will have a direct and positive impact on the teaching and learning programs within the school. These resources should arrive at APS early in 2016.

Inter-House Athletic Carnivals.
A reminder that the Yr 4 - 6 triple jump, long jump, throwing events and 800m are scheduled for the morning of Tuesday 3 November on the APS oval. On that afternoon the Yr 1-3 will participate in jumping and throwing events.

A copy of the program for this day is with this newsletter. Please be advised that times allocated are approximate however we will endeavour to not start any specific event ahead of schedule.

The main carnival for PP- Yr 6 track and team games is scheduled to be held on the ASHS oval on Friday 6 November. A reminder to all of our parents and friends who are planning to spectate on that day, that you must not park your car in the grounds or carpark areas of ASHS. Please park at APS and make the short walk up the hill via the footpaths, not through the ASHS grounds. Your cooperation on this point is critical. There is limited parking on the streets near the oval and should be restricted to those who have personal mobility issues.

We are still short of filling all the official roles that we have for parents and volunteers. Please contact the school asap if you can assist with duties on the Tuesday morning or the Friday. Thank you to those who have already put their names forward. We will be in contact next week as to the role you will be undertaking.

A copy of the program for the main carnival will be sent home on the Monday 2 Nov. If you have a need for specific information in advance of that day then please contact the school.

P&C News
All parents and carers are welcome to attend the P&C meeting on Monday 26 October 7pm in the staffroom. It is the second last meeting for the year. Please come along.

Paint donation
We would appreciate a donation of any remnant pots of exterior paint. Mrs White’s year 4 class have two great chairs that will end up in the nature play area for everyone to enjoy. If you have any paint please leave at the office for Michelle.

Thank you

Canteen Roster

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FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL LUNCH ORDERS
The canteen is asking parents and students to pre-order their lunches for Friday 6 November 2015.

If you wish to order lunch for Carnival Day please return the lunch order slip with the correct money, to the canteen by Monday 2 November.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Dental Therapy Centre
The Dental Therapy Centre provides a free and continuing dental service for all enrolled students until the age of 17 or the completion of year 11. Routine treatments such as examinations, cleaning, x-rays and fillings are carried out by Dental Therapists under the supervision of a dentist. Appointments will be posted to the home address we have on record. Please call us if you haven’t received an appointment in the last 18 months. It could be that we don’t have access to your current address. We request that Students are brought to the Dental Therapy Centre by a parent or guardian, if you are unable to attend the appointment you can call us or send an e-mail to make other arrangements.

The centre is open Monday to Friday 8:00am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

The telephone number in 9841 3967 and our e-mail address is spencerparkdtc@health.wa.gov.au