

**FOR YOUR DIARY****WEEK 3****19 February**

- Year 6,
Emu Pt Day

WEEK 4**22 February**

- School Board
7:00pm

26 February

- RISE Reward

WEEK 5**1 March**

- PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

5 March

- Assembly
Room 15

WEEK 6**12 March**

- APS
Swimming
Carnival
9:00-3:00pm

WEEK 7**ALL WEEK -**

Harmony Week

ALL WEEK -

Photo Week

15 March

- P&C Meeting
7:00pm

19 March

- Assembly
Room 16
- National Ride
2 School Day
- Fathering
Project
Campout

From the Principal's Desk

We have had another fantastic two weeks at APS. Our students have settled into their new routines beautifully and there is lots of learning already happening in our classes.

It is so lovely to wander about our grounds and see so many happy students and staff and wonderful to see our awesome parents back on site as well!!

Parent Teacher Interviews - 22 March

Please place in your diaries that on Monday 22 March school will finish at 11:30am.

I have received approval to close early so that we can offer parent-teacher interviews

throughout the afternoon. There will run from approximately 12:00 – 5:00pm.

Times and bookings will commence later in this term. We will be using an online booking system this year to streamline and organise our bookings. Keep an eye out for this upcoming information.

Dogs on School Grounds

Please be aware that dogs are not permitted on school grounds, even if they are on a leash. This is an Education Department requirement.

Whilst your precious pooch may be the sweetest natured pup, with lots of children around, behaviour can be unpredictable. Please keep your four-legged friends at home 😊

School Board Membership

Are you interested in contributing to our school via the School Board?

This is not an onerous job and we would love to have some new parents join us!

Please see the information in this newsletter and nominate if you are keen! 😊

Lapathon

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P&C is running their biennial Lapathon later this term. We will need as many volunteers as possible to help out to make this huge day a success.

If you can help out, please contact our P&C for information at albanyprimaryp&c@gmail.com

Glass Water Bottles

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few children have unfortunately dropped glass water bottles, resulting in smashed glass. Could you please send your child with a non-breakable alternative so we don't have broken glass around our kiddos. Thank you!

End of 2020 Assembly DVD

If you would like to purchase a DVD of our final assembly for 2020, please send \$5.00 with your child to the classroom teacher and we will get this to you. Final orders to be in by Thursday 25 February please.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone – we are already one third of the way though our short term!!

*Ms Cathy Willis**Principal*

Staff Profiles



Carys Nichols

Albany was the place of my childhood, and Albany Primary was my own school as a student. As a teacher, I have worked at a variety of schools in different contexts. From small schools with no towns and only farms surrounding them, to large schools with K-12 students on the Gold Coast, I have been blessed to meet and teach in different parts of Australia.

There are so many things I love about being a teacher. My job is really fun, and I get to spend my days with people who are happy to be there.

I am passionate about education being accessible for everyone. A professional highlight for me was to be accepted into a fellowship with an organisation called Limited Resource Teacher Training. I spent a month in Cambodia

working with teams of teachers from the UK, the USA and New Zealand to develop professional learning programs for teachers in schools in Phnom Penh. These Cambodian teachers had never had access to the kind of professional learning we do here in Australia, and it was incredible to see that lots of good teaching practises and commitment to care and development of children is universal in schools around the world.

When I'm not working you'll often find me at the beach with my lovable (crazy) dog Roger, gardening at home or playing sports like netball or soccer.



Jane Stein

I have been a part of the Albany Primary School community for the past thirteen years as a parent, and for the past five years as a Year Five and Six teacher. Prior to this I taught at Mt Lockyer and Spencer Park Primary schools. I love every aspect of being a teacher, however it is widely known that my true passions are writing and art!

I live locally with my husband and three teenage sons. Our home life revolves around basketball, the beach and a lot of footy!

I feel very lucky to live in such a pristine part of the world and to have the opportunity each day to make a difference in the lives of our students. It really is a privilege!

Musical Musings...

Firstly, what a wonderful start it has been to the year in the Music Room at Albany Primary School. Students have been engaged in a variety of activities that help to establish positive relationships, routines, rhythmic and melodic accuracy and of course, artfulness. From Year 1 and 2 students showing their creativity in ribbon movement games to drumming circles in the upper years, I have been impressed with the musicality, respect and enthusiasm shown by the students at our school.

It is therefore with great excitement that I invite and welcome students to take part in choir this year. I will be running two choirs, the **Junior Choir (Years 1-3)** and **Senior Choir (Years 4-6)**.

The first two sessions are '**have a go**' sessions, so students are welcome to join in and see what choir is all about. After having a go, students may sign up to be a choir member for the year, committing to take part in rehearsals and of course, performances!

Junior Choir: Thursdays 8am (Music Room)

Senior Choir: Tuesdays 8am (Music Room)

It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to not only develop their musical skills but to also do this in a fun, challenging environment with their peers.

I am so looking forward to continuing to create beautiful music with the children here.

Thank you and Warm Regards,
Ms Alison Jones
Music Teacher



Chaplain's Corner

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to let you know that I will be launching a "Lunch Time Hangout" area in the old Art shed every Thursday lunch time.

The idea is to create a space for students to come and chill out. I will have some board games available, cards, drawing things, teddy bears, music and even a guitar (as I know we have some talented muso's amongst us).

I envision it to be a place where people will feel comfortable; to come and read a book, do some drawing, play with friends, make new friends, listen to music or even just have a chat on the couch.

I am looking forward to see the great things that will come from this space.

Take care everyone!

Mr Caleb Drage, Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday and Thursday



P & C News

Our P&C has lots planned for Term One.

EVENTS

The Phil Doncon Paintstorm Incursion, and the Lapathon (which both had to be cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19) are both scheduled for this term. More information on the Lapathon will come home next week so please keep an eye out for your sponsorship forms!

In March, we will host our first ever "Dads and Kids Campout" on the school grounds! This will be organised by our Fathering Project committee and promises to be loads of fun - no Mums are allowed and we have heard it is pancakes for breakfast after your night in a tent!

We will also sizzle some sausages at the March election as APS will become a polling place, and a volunteer sign-up for this will be out shortly.

AGM

Our next meeting will be the AGM, followed by a standard meeting. At the AGM all executive positions are vacated and we invite nominations for office bearers. We have included brief descriptions of the roles - none of them are difficult and require your time mostly, not extensive management experience. We try to structure it that our office bearers do not then volunteer too often at other events, so if this sounds like something you can do please send us a message.

CANTEEN

Please, please update your children's room number and teacher. It takes two minutes to do when you login for your first order, or through the student profile if you somehow skipped this step. It makes for a much smoother lunch service for our partners from the ASHS canteen team.

Order days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with a 9am cut off each day.

UNIFORMS

Our new uniform shirts, pants, skirts, hats and jackets have arrived, and the faction polos are not far away. These will be available at the uniform store only (not online yet) from Thursday 18th. Due to the expected demand, we will place some purchasing limits in place initially, to get as many shirts to as many families as we can. A second, larger order is also about to be placed so we hope to have plenty available later in Term 2. Please be patient. Our uniform team is made up 100% of volunteers and they are doing their best to resolve supply issues as quickly as possible.



Thank you to our amazing models, Maddi, Sienna, Cadence & Ivy.

P&C Secretary

Description of the role



During school terms, the average time commitment is 2 hr/week



Organise all documents. Prepare agendas, minutes of meetings etc



Maintain register of members and ensure all members are informed of meetings to be held



Ensure all reports and agenda items are in ahead of meetings to be distributed



Bank signatory on accounts

P&C Treasurer

Description of the role



During school terms, the average time commitment is 3 hr/week



Organise all financial transactions. Prepare payments and banking, monthly reconcile of bank accounts



Attend meetings with a detailed report of financial situation to convey to members



Answer any questions on financial matters. Responsible for preparing accounts for annual audit of books



Bank signatory on accounts, main contact for ATO

P&C Vice President

Description of the role



During school terms, the average time commitment is 1 hr/week



Main contact between State P&C body, and our local P&C



Chair meetings in absence of President and other roles if needed



Work as main support to the P&C President



Bank signatory on accounts

P&C President

Description of the role



During school terms, the average time commitment is 3 hrs/week



Be organised! Understand the Constitution and legal requirements



Chair meetings twice a term, attend some sub-committee meetings too



Act as the main contact for the school parent and wider community



Prepare reports, sign documents, act as bank signatory and ATO contact

Out And About At A.P.S

Measuring Our Friends

Last Friday (12 February), Room 8 and Room 9 measured our friends. We measured with chalk and different units like feet, hands, glue sticks and cans. Our teachers unlocked the secret wall between the rooms to make a humungous classroom. Every Friday we will open the walls to work on our Maths projects.

By Room 9



Community News and Events

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.



**Albany Boardriders
2021 Junior Wavefest**

vaccinated

Ages from push in
to under 18

Planet earth needs you to sign up to the
2021 Albany Boardriders Junior Wavefest
to save us all from extreme boredom!!

Food and Drink available from canteen

March 27th or 28th
Location announced on Facebook
Register at Albanysurf.com

Logos: retraVision, COLAB CONSTRUCTION, Great Southern Bio Logic, SOUTHERN SITE HIRE, Facebook



Junior Tennis Lessons

All ages and standards

Thursday and Saturdays

All equipment provided

Kidsport voucher venue

Merrifield Park Tennis Club

Contact David Kerr 0414608523

Albanytennisacademy.com




**CENTENNIAL PARK SHARED PATH
CONSTRUCTION: COMING SOON**

Work is set to commence to construct new shared path connections at:

- Campbell Road (from Middleton Rd to Cockburn Rd)
- Cockburn Road (from Campbell Rd to Lockyer Ave)
- Symers Street (from Cockburn Rd to Knight St)
- Lockyer Avenue (approx 375 from North Rd on the western side)

Works are scheduled to start on MARCH 2ND and are expected to take 6 weeks.

Some traffic disruptions may occur during this time, please expect some delays in the busy periods before and after school.

For more information contact the City Assets Team:
cityassets@albany.wa.gov.au / 6820 3970

Dads, bring your kids and
join in for

The Campout

Pitch your tent at Albany Primary and
share a night at school with your kids
like no other. And in the morning,
we're making pancakes!

Who: Dad or Adult male role model with Kindy to Year 6 kids

Event Starts: 5:00pm, 19th March 2021 (BYO dinner, BBQ to be provided
for cooking if required)

Event Ends: 9:00am, 20th March 2021

Where: Kindy Area (Albany Primary School)

Cost: \$10 per tent/family (incl. night time hot chocolate & pancake
breakfast)

RSVP: Join the Albany Primary Dads Group and click 'Yes' I'm attending.

<https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/albany-primary-school/>

More details are available at:

<https://thefatheringproject.org/activity/?ref=32832>

Don't have a tent? Let us know and we'll help you out.

