



FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK 2

ALL WEEK –

Healthy Lunchbox
Week

12 February

- APS
Swimming
Trials 9:30 -
2:30

WEEK 3

15 February

- P&C Meeting
7:00pm

19 February

- Year 6,
Emu Pt Day

WEEK 4

22 February

- School Board
7:00pm

26 February

- RISE Reward
- Swimming
games
practice
11:10-11:40

WEEK 5

1 March

- PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

5 March

- Assembly
Room 15

WEEK 6

12 March

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



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome Back!

What a fantastic start to 20201 we have had! Our students were all settled and busy early on Monday morning. We were all relieved that this week has gone ahead for us in Albany.

Over the next few newsletters we will be introducing our staff to you. Keep an eye out for our staff profiles. There are three to share in today's newsletter.

Our New Staff

This year we welcome several new staff to our amazing team.

Ms Cathy Scott	Year 1
Ms Deborah Greenwood	Year 5
Mrs Tanya Dixon	Digital Technologies
Mr Paul Carron	Physical Education
Miss Alison Jones	Music
Mrs Alicia Sims	School Officer
Mrs Bree Crockett	School Psychologist

We also welcome back Mr Michael Gardiner to Science, who has been on extended leave for the last 6 months.

Keep an eye out for their profiles over the next few newsletters 😊

Parents on School Grounds

As we plunge into some uncertainties around Covid restrictions, I have a few reminders. Parents are welcome to come to pick up and drop off their children. We do ask that you follow the social distancing and hygiene guidelines. All classrooms have hand sanitiser you are able to use. Please ask the teacher if you cannot see it. At this point, we will be able to have parents in for classroom rosters and assemblies. Please just give our teachers a couple of weeks to organise these for you. Let us know if you have any questions about this.

Class Restructures

In the next few weeks we will be reassessing our class structures and may possibly need to do some reshuffling. Our official enrolments are due to the Department at the end of Week 3, and this affects our budget allocation. We have a few full classes already, and so will see how this goes. Fingers crossed we will not need to, however, please keep this in mind.

Class Information

In the next few weeks teachers will be sending out an information letter to all parents. This will introduce you to your child's teacher and give you an outline of their expectations for the class.

We will not be holding an information session as well as this. Instead, we will be offering parent-teacher interviews at the end of Term 1, as an opportunity for you to have a one-to-one catch up about how your child is going at APS. Of course, you do not need to wait until then if you would like to touch base with staff about your child. Feel free to pop in and have a chat, if convenient, or phone to make an appointment. Just remember, staff are quite busy first thing in the mornings, so it may be best to arrange another time with the teachers.

We always want our parents to feel as though they are kept informed about their children's progress. Let us know if you have any concerns.

Connect

Please see our wonderful office staff if you are not able to access Connect. We will be using this electronic platform more and more this year as a way of both improving our communication processes and reducing our carbon footprint!

Notes Going Home

Over the next week there will be quite a lot of notes coming home which need to be returned with your permissions.

We have new policies in place for students accessing the internet and any applications we use. Medical forms and other updates are also important to return.

End of 2020 Assembly DVD

If you would like to purchase a DVD of our final assembly for 2020, please send \$5 with your child to the classroom teacher and we will get this to you.

Have a wonderful start to the Term. We are so excited to be back this year, helping our amazing students learn and grow.

Ms Cathy Willis

Principal

A Note from the School Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year.

My name is Rochelle Klose and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.

Please contact me on 9842 7566 and / or rochelle.klose@health.wa.gov.au

Staff Profiles



From Left: Deidre Jones, Deputy Principal; Cathy Willis, Principal; Reece Smith, Deputy Principal

Cathy Willis Principal

Albany became my new home in August 2019, and I couldn't be happier to be here and leading this amazing school. My family has loved Albany for many years, and we are so pleased to be settled here.

Over the past 30 years I have worked in many metropolitan and rural schools, as a teacher and leader. I was privileged to be a part of the Department of Education's Harvard fellowship in 2019, enabling me to travel to and study at Harvard University and work on a strategic project for the department.

I am a country person at heart, having grown up in the Wheatbelt. After 20 years in Perth, I decided to make a move back to the country.

One of my loves is travel and I have been to many different parts of the world. I lived and worked in London for two years before settling back in WA. I am looking forward to our world being a safer place again so that I can visit some more places and family overseas!

Deidre Jones Deputy Principal

Hi to the Albany Primary School Community

My name is Deidre Jones, Deputy Principal. I am a long standing staff member of Albany Primary School, approximately 20 years.

Prior to coming to Albany Primary School I have been a teacher in a number of communities throughout Western Australia such as Goldsworthy, Kalgoorlie, Corrigin, Southern Cross and a few more. I began my career teaching Year 1 and have since taught all year levels.

At Albany Primary School I spent a number of years teaching Year 7 students. During these years I was part of the Walkabout and Musical Production organisation teams and having memorable sleepovers! My entire career has been focussed on encouraging students to be life-long learners and have a passion for being the best person they can be.

I am very lucky to have a wonderful husband, two beautiful daughters and three adorable grandchildren, one who is only three weeks old. I love spending my free time playing with my grandchildren.

I am looking forward to a great 2021 with the Albany Primary School students, parents and staff.

Reece Smith Deputy Principal

I have been lucky to spend the past three years of my career in public education as part of the leadership team at Albany Primary School. Previous to this I have been a Principal, Deputy Principal, Coordinator and Teacher at various schools in the Kimberly, Goldfields, Wheatbelt and Metropolitan area. I love working at our school because of the amazing students, supportive community and engaging and experienced staff.

I am also a parent at Albany Primary School with a daughter in Year 1 and another daughter due to start Kindergarten in 2022. In my spare time, I like to play sport, skateboard and hang out at the beach with family and friends.

Please say hi if you see me walking around the school!

Week 1 - Year 6 & Year 2 Students

In Week One, Year Six students from Room 16 joined together with Year Two students from Room 9 to begin a programme of learning that will see them collaborate, share and build strong relationships.

Students read to one another and engaged in fun conversation by answering 20 interesting 'getting to know you' questions! Stay tuned for more!

Teachers - Ms Stein and Ms Nichols.



Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to the new school year!

My name is Caleb Drage and I am the school Chaplain for Albany Primary school. I love this city of Albany and can often be found enjoying the beaches and beautiful coast lines around where we live. I tend to find enjoyment out of most things in life but I particularly like music, people and creativity. A not so interesting fact about me is that at one

point in my life I thought it would be a good idea to stick my face inside a beehive... this I have since learned is not a great idea.

Luckily my role within the school does not involve bees very often but instead my role involves supplying pastoral care for students, teachers and parents for those within the Albany Primary community. My aim is to support people facing challenging personal and social issues while creating an encouraging and caring atmosphere. As a chaplain I will listen, understand and refer to extra help if appropriate. I will be available at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

I am excited to start a new year alongside this fantastic school community, together I know we can tackle whatever challenges we may face along the way, and together we will cherish the victories both big and small.

Bring on 2021!



Mr Caleb Drage, Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday, Thursday



P & C News

Welcome to 2021 at Albany Primary, and especially a warm welcome to our new families who have started with us!

The P&C committee meets every term in Week 3 and Week 7. Meetings are held on a Monday evening in the staffroom from 7pm and everyone is invited to join us. We have some set formalities that we have to follow, but we try to keep meetings casual and friendly, and they are usually all wrapped up before 9pm.

The next meeting is Monday 15th February – we hope to see you there!

UNIFORMS

Unfortunately, due to the situation in world shipping we have not yet received our order of beautiful new school polo shirts. We have everything crossed that they will be here and available for in-person sales by Week 3. Our uniform shop opens every Tuesday afternoon from 2:45 until 3:30pm and every Thursday morning from 8:30 until 9:00am.

Due to the volunteer work required in uploading items and photos to QuickCliq, and the variation in sizes as we adjust to a new supplier, we will not be listing new uniform items for online sales this term. Please call in and see our team of volunteers to arrange new uniform for your children, and remember the current uniform is perfectly fine to wear for all of this year.

CANTEEN

Once again, parents can order lunches for their children to be supplied by the nearby ASHS canteen.

Lunch can be ordered every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through a QuickClic account. These are very easy to set up for new parents at www.quickcliq.com.au. Orders must be submitted by 9:00am on the day the lunch is required – not late orders can be accepted.

Please make sure you update your children's class number and teacher when you log back in for 2021 to ensure things run as smoothly as possible for our partners at ASHS.

AGM

This will be held immediately prior to the Week 7 meeting, and is the annual meeting where a new team of office-bearers and executive members are selected. If anyone wants any information about these positions please email us at albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com and we will be happy to help.