

**FOR YOUR DIARY****WEEK 9****14 June**

- Bike Ed Year 6
Middleton Beach
9am-1:10pm
- Board Meeting 7pm

16 June

- Munda Bidda Bike
Year 6 Excursion

18 June

- Assembly Rm 20

WEEK 10**24 June**

- Interschool Cross
Country

25 June

- RISE Reward

WEEK 11**NAIDOC WEEK****28 – 30 June**

- IMSS Concert Perth

30 June

- School Reports
Available on Connect

2 July

- Last Day of Term
- Assembly Rm 17



From the Principal's Desk

Foodbank Albany

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Merrifield Food Drive for Foodbank.

We have a box in our front office and are collecting donations for Foodbank to assist Merrifield Real Estate in their goal to collect 1000kg of canned and non-perishable food for Foodbank Albany.

Please assist us in this worthy cause by dropping off your donations of any canned and non-perishable foods. For example, canned goods, long life milk, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meals, pasta, rice...

Do We Have Your Correct Email?

It is almost time for Semester 1 Reports to be sent home. These are sent electronically to the email address we have for you. If you have changed your details lately, please contact our office to make sure we have the correct email address.

Absentees

I sincerely thank all parents and caregivers who strive to send their children to school every day. Every day matters.

If your child is absent, we are required to have a reason and notification from you for our records. Thank you to everyone who is observant in following up on this for us. You can notify us in several ways – phone call, email, the absentee textline 0438 978 463 or written note.

School Dress Code

It is wonderful to see the new uniform being proudly worn by students. 2021 is the year for phasing out our old uniform pieces and transitioning in the new uniform. Our P&C Uniform Committee continues to work tirelessly to ensure we are planning for stock levels and a smooth transition. There are investigations ongoing about the recycling of old uniforms.

Our Moral Purpose

Together our community nurtures diversity

and pursues personal excellence to unlock potential.

What is personal excellence?

When we think of excellence in a school setting we often think straight away about academic achievement. Whilst this is a very important part of personal excellence, it is one facet of how we define personal excellence in our moral purpose. Personal excellence is about us striving to be our very best. Some of the areas we consider are academic achievement, sporting prowess, social and emotional capacity, and creative capabilities.

Importantly, personal excellence means we develop and strive to achieve our goals. These are different for every person. It is the progress we make against achieving our goals and giving our best every day.



With only three weeks of term to go, there is still much work to be done. Our students are continuing to work hard and show RISE across the school day. The last day of term is Friday 2 July. Have a super weekend.

Ms Cathy Willis

Principal

Staff Profiles



Peta Thobaven

My name is Peta and I am one of the Special Needs Education Assistants working at Albany Primary, and have been for the past 14 years. I enjoy working with students and helping them gain confidence to try for themselves. Working as an Education Assistant is a rewarding and sometimes a challenging position. I hope my time working alongside the students has helped them fulfill their goals.

I joined the school board in 2018 to offer the perspective from an Education Assistant. I have watched the school progress through many changes over the years.



Melanie Whitfort

Hi, my name is Melanie. I began teaching at Albany Primary School in 2014 and I am currently teaching in Room 22 with a great group of Year 3 students. I have also previously taught students with additional education needs at Albany Secondary Education Support Centre and Katanning Senior High School.

I am married with three gorgeous daughters, who attend North Albany S.H.S. My family all play hockey and I am lucky enough to play on a team with one of my girls. When not at school, you will usually see me around Albany ferrying my girls to their various interests.

I love teaching at Albany Primary School as I get to work every day with fabulous teaching colleagues and help my students to reach their personal best and to always have a go at different learning opportunities. A highlight of teaching is celebrating with my students as they become more successful in their learning and can apply it to different areas of their schooling.

Congratulations to all of our Honour Certificate Recipients and Rise Stars

HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

ROOM	JUNIOR	ROOM	SENIOR
2	Ruby & Jude	15	William & Bree
3	Kid & Estelle	16	Emilie & Lyndsey
4	Olivia & Summer	17	Riley & Amara
5	Kyah & Sarah	18	Lachlan & Grace
6	Johnny & Theo	20	Kaylee & Rubi-May
7	Deaghan & Grace	21	Claire & Maeve
8	Ajay, Elle & Henderson	22	Lilla & Ginny
9	Adriana & Thomas	23	Fulin & Kate
LOTE	Hannah & Ella	SCIENCE	Leilani & Faris
Phys Ed	Mila & Jethro	Digital Technology	Advik & Harriet
Aussie of the Month			Taylor



JUNIOR

Charlotte

Juliette

Chloe

Ben

Harper

SENIOR

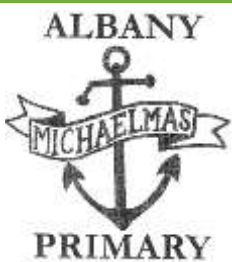
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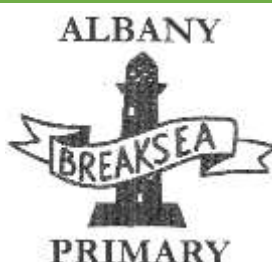
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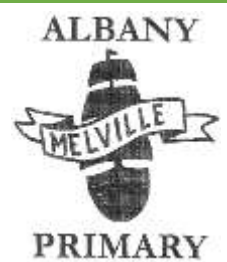
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Show **R**espect

Include Others

Be **S**afe

Personal **E**xcellence

2021 Albany Primary School House Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who took part in the 2021 Albany Primary School House Cross Country on Thursday the 3 June. The effort shown on the day by all students who participated was admirable and lived up to the school motto of 'Strive to Achieve'. It was clear that many students had trained hard and prepared well for the event which resulted in some fantastic performances on the day. It was also fantastic to see strong sportsmanship showed by so many students through acts like encouraging others, congratulating fellow competitors, and helping friends to finish the race.



This year brought a few changes to the Cross County process, namely, the introduction of new courses for all year levels. With the introduction of these courses came a new recordkeeping process for top student times. The table below shows this year's champions for each gender and age group, who are consequently the current record holders for these courses. Competitors in future years will be striving to beat the times set by this year's runners to become the new record holders.

GIRLS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Champion Girl and new record holder	Ruby B 4min 20sec	Sienna B 4min 8sec	Kate L 7min 33sec	Harriet Y 7min 33sec	Grace F 9min 25sec	Freya B 8min 46sec
Runner Up	Matilda K	Elora M	Eunyce I	Annie W	Grace O	Eden I

BOYS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Champion Boy and new record holder	Cade J 4min 8sec	Bayden J 3min 40sec	Jackson B 6min 47sec	William S 6min 28sec	Ben F 8min 12sec	Mitchell E 7min 37sec
Runner Up	Archie S	Adam M	Teddy W	Kade W	Jakob S	Lorcan C

Champions and runners up who received medallions are also able to take these into 'The Trophy Shop' at the North Rd Shopping Centre to have their names engraved on their medallion free of charge.

Another change this year was to the points awarded to participants to contribute towards their house's total. This new scoring system was designed to award all students for striving to achieve their best. The points were awarded as follows:

1st = 50 points

2nd = 45 points

3rd = 40 points

4th = 39 points

Every place after 4th gets one less point than the place before.

The race for House Shield Champion was very close with Melville running out winners on the day with 2505 points. Clarence slid into second place with 2417 points, Michaelmas was third with 2278 points and Breaksea came fourth with 2089 points.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parent helpers, Year 6 captains and teachers who worked hard to help make sure the day ran smoothly. It was the great team effort that made this year's Cross Country a great event!

Regards,

Paul Carron

PE Teacher



Chaplain's Corner

Tell me I am not the only person that has eaten a piece of pizza and regretted it? Or tried to eat a freshly cooked batch of biscuits only to find out it was a big mistake?

This may sound crazy but just hear me out first. Last week in a moment of hunger I could think of nothing better than a freshly cooked homemade pizza. So I did what any semi-capable hungry male would do and I attempted to create something edible. Now let me tell you, there was a lot involved. I found some ingredients, I cut the ingredients, prepared the base, selected only the choicest sauce (BBQ of course). Once it was eventually prepared, I then had the difficulty of waiting for the pizza to cook and the cheese to melt. I found myself checking through the oven glass door every two minutes, like it was a window into some sort of happiness factory.

When it was about ready I carefully took the pizza out of its inferno home and placed it onto a chopping board to slice into perfect little triangles. I then picked up the best looking slice and placed it into my mouth. But within an instant I knew I had made a mistake. Why? It was not that it wasn't a perfect pizza (it was), it wasn't that it didn't taste good (it did), and it wasn't that I was hungry for something else (I wasn't). It was that in my rushing and want I had burnt my tongue and my mouth was now having to deal with the reality of molten sauce and cheese.

Why do I share this little story?

Well it was a timely reminder of the importance of patience.

I knew that it didn't matter how good the food was for the rest of the day, it was all ruined from this point forward. I had shattered all that hard work and all that potential. In the last newsletter I touched on the value of 'gentleness' and what that looks like in a world where people can easily convince themselves that they are more important than others. The truth is, is that patience is usually an overflow of gentleness. You see when we place value in other people around us and care for their needs before our own we are practising gentleness and quite often patience too. Patience will also produce growth in our own character. Meaning it is not just good for the recipient but actually beneficial for us too.

You see there are things in our life that look good for us, and they are good for us. But ultimately for them to be the best for us, requires on our behalf to have patience. The pizza was good. I wanted it and it was going to be the satisfaction to my hunger. However, because I did not exercise my patience I was unable to enjoy it fully for what it was. This applies not just to food, but also to the more important things in life like; family, friendships, purpose, truth, hard work, love etc. All of these things take the magic combination of effort and then some waiting. For example; you do not plant a seed and get disappointed the next day when you don't find a tree in its place do you? So for us to truly enjoy things usually requires some waiting for the right time.

There is a Greek Proverb that states: "One minute of patience, ten years of peace." Or as I could say in my learnt predicament- "One minute of patience and a large pizza piece" (pun intended).

Take care everyone!

Mr Caleb Drage

Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday, Thursday



P & C News

Canteen Update

Snack Shack, who is provided by the ASHS Canteen, will operate on a very limited basis for the remainder of Term 2.

THURSDAY will be the only day each week that APS families can place and receive a lunch order, and homemade meals (such as macaroni cheese etc) will be unavailable until further notice.

Albany Primary School P & C apologises for the late notice, and the extent of the changes being made, and hope to provide further news shortly about resumption of canteen services for Term 3.

For further queries please contact Albany Primary School P & C on email: albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com

Out and About at A.P.S

With big thanks to Mr Smith, Mr Drage and our Year 6 Student Leaders, the Art Room was open at lunchtime on Wednesday. Students were invited to take part in dot painting, origami, drawing illusions and free art of their choosing.

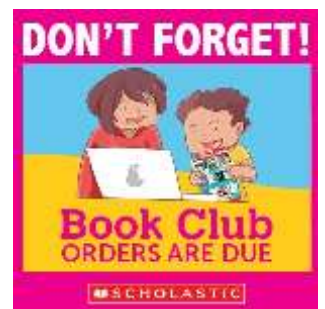


Library News

Issue 4 of Scholastic Book Club is now available online until **14/6/2021**. Please be sure to place your orders before this due date. If you have any enquiries, please contact Mary Pumphrey in the Library Monday-Thursday or contact Scholastic 1800 021 233.

How to order on Book Club:

1. Your child brings home a Book Club catalogue from school.
2. Discuss with and help your child pick the book(s) they would like to read.
3. Order online via scholastic Australia loop website or app and the school will take care of the rest (Loop orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process). **ORDER ONLINE ONLY.**
4. If you are new to Book Club follow the wizard to set up your profile, click the order tab and select your school and child's class. Add your child's first name and last initial so the school knows who the book is for. Enter product item number shown on the book club catalogue and finally make payment via credit card.



Thank you to the Albany Primary School parents, students and staff for supporting Book Club at our school.

So far the school has earned \$900 in rewards which will be spent buying more books for our library.

School Board

Parent Representative Vacancy

APS invites parents to nominate for a vacant position on the School Board. The membership would be for a period of three years. All nominations are to be received by the Principal before 4:00pm Friday 25 June 2021.

Parent members of the School Board bring their experience as parents at the school and the views and context of the wider school community to School Board meetings.

School Board members may:

- * help monitor, review and evaluate aspects of the school business planning and are aware of the components of the Statement of Expectations;
- * endorse the business plan which outlines the key directions of the school;
- * endorse the annual school report, annual school budget and student performance targets;
- * endorse financial arrangements necessary to fund school objectives, priorities and directions;
- * approve charges, contributions and items of personal use (booklists);
- * help formulate codes of conduct for students; and
- * promote the school in the community.

The School Board does not

- manage the day to day running of the school. For example, it does not employ staff, decide which classes students will be assigned to, or resolve issues relating to individual teachers and students and/or parents;
- discuss individual issues relating to teachers, staff or parents-these are very clearly management roles, and therefore the responsibility of the principal;
- intervene in educational instruction of students.

If you would like to nominate for the school board, please see attached the nomination form or pick up a hard copy from the front office.



School Board Nomination – 2021-2024

The school would like to invite parents to nominate for a vacant position on the School Board. The membership would be for a period of three years.

All nominations are to be received by the Principal before 4:00pm Friday 25 June 2021.

Name of Nominee: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Name of person nominating: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

When nominating, you might like to nominate yourself or nominate another parent. When submitting the nomination, the person being nominated must sign to give their approval for nomination.

Please provide some background information about the nominee in regard to the following areas listed below. This information will be shared with the School Board and may be shared on the ballot paper should an election be necessary. (School and community background, number years at a school, commitment and participation in school activities)



Department of
Education

Shaping the future

Is your child starting Kindergarten next year?

You can apply to enrol your child if they are turning four years old by 30 June 2022. Contact your local public kindergarten or community kindergarten for more information. Apply by 23 July 2021.

Every day of a child's education matters.

To find a public school in your area visit education.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline



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.



Kanga Words
Have fun playing with words...
Tactics and a little luck wins the game

KANGA WORDS BOARD GAME GROUP
Perfect for parents of children who are struggling with literacy and a chance for many to look at words in a different way.

Term 2 - 13th & 27th May, 10th & 24th June
4pm - 5pm
Albany Public Library
Bookings Required 6820 3600
library.albany.wa.gov.au

ALBANY AND REGIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN NEED OF FOOD RELIEF

Please feel free to share this information around our community.

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

Every Tuesday 7am to 9am

In the little park in Mokare Road, Spencer Park

All welcome

FREE burgers, soup, fruit salad, fruit, tea, coffee and other items as they become available.

TUMMY WARMERS

Every Wednesday 3pm to 4.30pm

St Johns Church's little hall, York Street, Albany

All Welcome, Takeaway or stay and have a chat

FREE soup, sandwiches, fruit salad, fruit, tea, coffee, milo

Albany and Regional Volunteer Service is located at Lottery House, North Road. Contact 9841 3588 Tues, Wed, Thurs volinfo@arvs.org.au



ALBANY MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB
KIDS MTB
WEEKLY GUIDED MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES FOR KIDS AGE 9+
THURSDAY 4-5:30PM

MEET AT THE FORTS CAR PARK
CORNDARUP/MT CLARENCE

TO REGISTER
CONTACT JAMIE
0409 048 204

FREE FOR ALBANY MTB MEMBERS
NOT A MEMBER? THAT'S OK...
JOIN AUSCYCLING & ALBANY MTB CLUB
WWW.AUSCYCLING.ORG.AU



Maggie Dent presents

Live Streamed

Maggie Dent will be live streamed from the Eastern States to present:

Calming our Kids (birth to adulthood)

When
Thursday 1st July
5pm registration for 5.45pm start. Concludes at 7.15pm

Where
Albany Master Builders
30 Graham St, Albany

Cost
FREE event, coffee & muffin from Quick Shot coffee at registration
Please note this event is for 16yrs+, no children

RSVP
Bookings required through Eventbrite [click here](#)
For more information contact 4families on 6164 0600 or families.albany@relationshipsaustralia.org.au

Parenting service information stalls

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