

ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2021 Term 3 Week 10

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 10 24 September

*RISE reward

****TERM 4****

WEEK 1

*Monday 11 October -First day of school

12 October *Yr 6 Boys High Jump 1:10pm

14 October *Yr 6 Girls High Jump 1:10pm

WEEK 2

18 - 22 October * Year 6 Rottnest Camp

18 October *Yr 5 High Jump Boys & Girls 1:10pm

19 October *Year 4 High Jump Boys & Girls 1:10pm

20 October *The Lap WA for **Telethon**

22 October * Assembly Room 18

* Parents/caregivers are all welcome to watch the High Jump *

From the Principal's Desk

Learning Journeys

Thank you for joining us at school for our Learning Journeys on Wednesday 22 September. It was fantastic to see so many parents on site and engaging with their child/ren about the work they have completed over the year.

NAPLAN 2021

The parent report for students in Year 3 and 5 who completed NAPLAN this year have been sent home. If you have any questions regarding your child's achievement, please contact their class teacher to discuss this further.

Some highlights from this year NAPLAN include;

- -Our Year 3 Group Mean was above the Australian Mean in all areas tested.
- -Our Year 5 Group Mean was above the Australian Mean in Writing.
- -The number of Year 5 students who have made 'Very High' progress from Year 3 in Reading and Writing is significantly higher than that of Like Schools.

As a whole staff we will use this data to reflect on our school achievement, programs and initiatives in place as well as set goals and aspirations for individual students and cohorts.

Attendance

Every day matters. Our goal is to ensure that every student at Albany Primary School has the opportunity to gain an education and achieve their full potential. Attending school is a critical foundation for unlocking this opportunity.

Our whole school attendance for Term 3 currently sits at 91.3%. This is a great achievement and does exceed the 90% threshold required for regular attendance. Please continue to support your child's education by sending them to school unless there is a reasonable cause for them to not attend eg. sickness.

Farewell Mrs Hennig and Welcome Miss Ball

After many years of service to Albany Primary School and the Education Department, Mrs Martine Hennig has decided to retire. We thank her for all her contributions to the education of our students and we wish her the best of luck in the next chapter of her life. We welcome Miss Miranda Ball who will take over in Room 2 for the remainder of the year.

Whiteboards

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, some key work with the school's improvement agenda has been the establishment of school-wide **Student Engagement Norms**. A key aspect of these norms, and other work we will introduce you to next term, is the use of whiteboards.

Our P&C has kindly donated the funds to purchase enough new whiteboards for every student in the school. Thank you P&C for your kind contribution. Take a look at the whiteboards in action!







Have a safe and happy break! Term 4 commences on Monday 11 October. We look forward to seeing everyone back for our last term of 2021.

Mr Reece Smith

Deputy Principal



Students In The Spotlight

Congratulations to all Junior Choir and Senior Choir students, as well as selected High Strings Students, who performed at the Albany Entertainment Centre for the Great Southern Primary School's Music Festival in Week 8. I was immensely proud of our Albany PS children who performed beautifully and can happily say had lots of fun along the way!

Well done to our singing soloists Katie Robinson and Cadence Talbot, and our instrumental accompanists Emilie Harrison, Eden Itaas and William Schupp, who all performed admirably. Thanks as well to our awesome strings teacher Helen Grandage who made our High Strings students' involvement in the festival possible.

And lastly, a big thank you to parents and families for their ongoing support in getting your children to school early each week for rehearsal and who were able to attend - we hope you enjoyed seeing your children perform alongside other schools in our community in a such wonderful venue!

Warm Regards,

Ms Jones

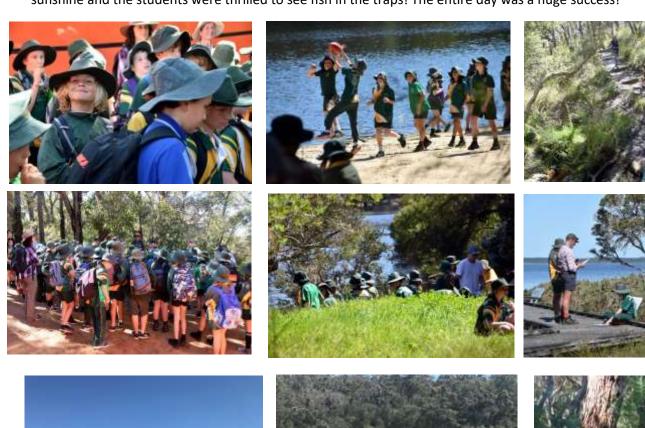




Out and about at Albany Primary School

Year 6 Luke Pen Walk

On Tuesday 21 September the Year Six students were lucky enough to complete the 7km Luke Pen Walk Trail. The weather was a sublime 24 degrees with a slight breeze. At the half way mark we sat on the banks of the Kalgan River to eat lunch and complete some written research on Luke Pen and the Kalgan area. All students completed the trail displaying resilience, mateship and inclusivity throughout the day. The students were then transported to the Kalgan Fish Traps where further research was conducted in regard to their creation. Oyster Harbour was glistening in the sunshine and the students were thrilled to see fish in the traps! The entire day was a huge success!









Congratulations to all of our Honour Certificate Recipients and Rise Stars from the 17^{th} September·

HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS			
ROOM	JUNIOR	ROOM	SENIOR
2	Vida & Percy	15	Ethan & Addison
3	Helena & Liam	16	Jethro & Erinn
4	Maddison & Kayden	17	Ella & Stephanie
5	Olivia & Jasper	18	Molly, Finn & Zahran
6	Raymond & Aisah	20	Grace & Angela
7	Faharna & Ryder	21	Xavier & Amelia
8	Bo & Nina	22	Cooper & Angie
9	Thomas & Sophie	23	Maximo & Odin
LOTE	Leilani & Claire	SCIENCE	Jobe & Cadence
Phys Ed	Bella & Charlie	Digital Technology	Jobe & Amelia





Georgie & Estelle

Aussie of the Month

Quiz Winners

Congratulations Ruby from Room 4 and Cadence from Room 21 for your answers from last week's quiz! Great work...



Chaplain's Corner

"Hi everyone!

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to "Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes". Thank you to the parents who have taken kids shopping and taken the time to put thought into the gifts. It has been so great to see the students get excited about giving gifts to those in need.

I am reminded of the saying "It is better to give than to receive". It is an odd thing to say. I mean who wouldn't want to receive rather than give? Would you prefer to receive a car or give one away? Would you prefer to eat a nice meal or to pay for a meal for somebody else? Well the truth is... The proof is in the pudding (mind the pun). I have seen it. And kids are experiencing it. I have seen the joy in the student's eyes while they have been talking with me this week. They are so excited at the prospect of giving someone; a bar of soap, a pack of pencils or a teddy bear. Far more than they would ever be receiving those things themselves. It is a timely reminder that even small things can give substantial joy.



What makes it all the more profound is that as we give, our joy will often even surpass the joy that the receiver gets. There is something deep within us that is evoked through the gift of giving. Most parents know this.

The preparation for a birthday cake may take time, planning and expense, but at the end of the process there is a joy in sharing it with friends and family that you just don't get if you were to eat the whole thing yourself. Though the cake may be nice, the joy just isn't the same if we don't give it to others. And so we stumble upon another oddity in our lives. That joy multiplies the more you give it away- it does not diminish.

And on that note, this picture shows all the happiness we are going to be sharing with some needy children around the world.

Well done everyone!

See you next Term.

Take care everyone!

Mr Caleb Drage, Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday, Thursday



P & C News

CELEBRATE WA BIKE MONTH AT APS!

WHEELS WEDNESDAY: 13 OCTOBER (WEEK 1) RIDE TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST + BIKE CLUB

Get your wheels turning and enjoy a muffin and fruit when you arrive at school. Students, families and staff are all welcome! You'll also be ready to roll for Term 4 Bike Club that same day.

MEGA BIKE VOUCHER RAFFLE - ON SALE WEEK 1

Get your ticket for a chance to win a \$400 Bob's Bikes voucher AND support our P+C fundraising! Keep an eye on Connect and the P+C Facebook page for more details. Prize drawn at Week 2 Assembly.

GET CREATIVE - ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY WEEK 1

Colouring in K - YR 2 Poster design YR 3 - 6 Bike poetry ALL YEARS Great prizes to be won - more details coming soon on Connect

CLASS COMPETITION - WHO ARE OUR BIKE CHAMPS?

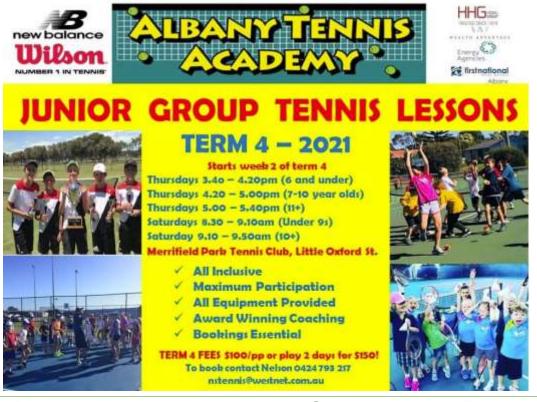
Week 2 is the inter-class competition to find out who are our APS bike champions! The class who has the highest amount of riders over the week will receive a fantastic bike treat...stay tuned for more details.



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











This October Join ALBANY CYCLE CLUB Free Guided Bike Rides Each Monday in October



4th October 2pm Meet near Frenchy's Restaurant, Frenchman Bay Rd. An easy 5km or 8-12km followed by a sausage sizzle, free to participants.

11th October 4pm Meet Emu Point Reserve, outside Emu Point Café. 5km or 10km

18th October 4pm Boardwalk ride 5km with hills or 5-10km towards Emu Point return. Meet Middleton Beach between Surf club and North end playground.

25th October 4pm Lake Seppings. 3km or 6 km trail. Meet on grass near car park on Golf Links Rd.

These guided rides are free but you will need:

- Auscycle membership. This can be the <u>free 4 week trial</u> or <u>Lifestyle</u> membership at \$5/\$7 month. Please bring evidence of membership. Go to auscycling.org.au/membership. If help needed call Liz 0416178763
- · A bike in good working order
- A helmet that meets Australian Standard AS/NZS:2063:2008
- · A participating parent if you are under 8



For potential cancellation notice due to unreliable weather conditions, go to Albany Cycle Club facebook page



SPACE HEROES

Survival on a hostile planet

Mon 27 Sept - Fri 1 Oct, 10am-1pm Mon 4 Oct - Wed 6 Oct, 10am-1pm

Could you be a Space Hero and survive on a hostile planet? Get hands-on building and experimenting as you face the challenge of repairing the space station, protecting yourself from plummeting temperatures, and sourcing drinking water on an alien planet. Explore how scientists and engineers are using STEM technology in Space and how these space age developments soon become part of our daily life.

Drop-in and join us at the Discovery Centre during the above dates and times for the school holidays where a number of demonstrations and hands-on activities will be happening for children and families. No bookings are required. Free entry.

For more information phone 98414844, or visit museum.wa.gov.au/greatsouthern

LOST IN SPACE

All other activities in the Discovery Centre are open from 10am-4pm, Monday to Sunday, where little learners can play at being astronauts.



Dental Therapy Centre opening hours September/October School holidays

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be CLOSED week one and OPEN week two during the school holidays. If you have a dental emergency during our closure please contact Yakamia Dental Therapy Centre on 9841 3498.

All appointments are now sent to your home address. If you have moved in the last few years we may not have your correct address and your child could miss out on their check-up. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be given to someone in need. Your child is eligible to attend a Dental Therapy Centre from ages 5 to 17.

Please contact us to update your details either by phone: 9841 3967 or e-mail: spencerparkdtc@ health.wa.gov.au

The staff at Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre would like to wish all children and parents a happy and safe break ©

