



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2021 Term 4 Week 4

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 4

5 November

*Graduation Photo

Week 5

9 November

*ASHS Band

Lunchtime
performance

10 November

*ASHS Transition.

Year 6 offsite

*Year 5 Student
Leader Speeches
Due

11 November

*RISE Reward

12 November

*Albany Show Day
– No school

Week 6

16 November

*ASHS Transition
Year 6 Offsite

17 November

*Student Leader
Speeches & Voting

18 November

*House Captain
Speeches & Voting

19 November

*Assembly Room 8



From the Principal's Desk

There have been some great events over the past few weeks, making our school a very busy place. Our Year 6s have had a wonderful week at Rottne Island; managing to explore and ride in wild winds and rain! Our annual faction carnival was a great success over the two days. The success of these events is due to a large amount of time our staff input to plan and run them. I thank all of our team who dedicate additional time to this for our students.

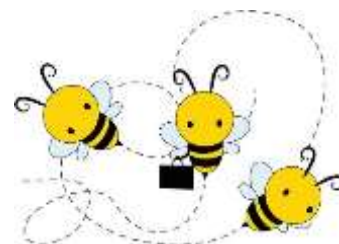
Planning 2022

We are in the midst of planning class structures for next year. Please let us know in the office if you know you will be leaving us in 2022.

Busy Bee Garden Tidy Up

We are planning a gardening busy bee for Saturday 27 November, 9am – 12pm.

We would love you to come along and help us spruce up the grounds. More details will follow to sign up for the morning!



Ms Cathy Willis

Principal

For your Diary part 2!

Term 4 is getting busy...here is what is happening in Week 7 & 8...

Week 7

22 November

*P & C Meeting 7pm

23 November

*Interschool Jumps & Throws

24 November

*Back up Interschool Jumps and Throws
*APS Kindy Parent Info Session, 9am APS
Staffroom

25 November

*Interschool Athletics

26 November

*back up Interschool Athletics

Week 8

29 November

*Board meeting

1 December

*Pre Primary Parent Info Session, 9am
APS Staffroom

3 December

*Assembly Room 6
*ASHS & NASHS Year 6 Orientation
Day

ROTTO REVIEW 2021

by Tay



Year 6 Rottnest Camp, October 2021

Here is my review on Rottnest Camp. This year's camp had lots of ups and downs, like the weather on Tuesday or the "under renovation" Lighthouse Tour. But overall, everything turned out just great.

This camp is a camp for fun but also for some work - but not too much. This camp is great for our social skills and fitness skills. It also is a great place to learn all of Rottnest's history and culture. This camp is an amazing time to become better at being self-sufficient and independent.

My favourite parts of Rottnest Camp were the island bike ride, being with my friends and playing foxholes. I think that the teachers should keep the island bike ride because it's a great time to improve your physical and mental fitness. The funniest thing to me on camp was when Mrs Mercer was talking, and then fell back into a fox hole which was pretty funny!

We all stayed in the Governors Circle and some of the girls stayed in the Sergeants Mess. The dorms were amazing. In the dorm I was in, we had two showers (one inside and one outside). There were also three toilets (one inside and two outside). We had to do house chores though - like the dishes, brooming and cleaning our rooms. With the eating situation, we had dinner all together in the dining room and then we made our lunches in the mornings. We could eat our packed lunch any time (usually midday). Breakfast was in the cottages. There were lots of choices.

In my opinion, I would give the Rottnest Camp a big 5 STARS. I thank all staff members and parent helpers who came to camp and helped us. This camp would be nothing without them. Rottnest Camp was such a great experience. If I could go again, I wouldn't change a thing!!!



LOTS OF FUN

YEAR 6 ROTTNEST CAMP 2021



Lots of beaches





We would like to say a big thank you to the following people who helped out at the Rottnest Camp

Rob Moir, Matt Mitchell, Nicole Newton, Jane McLean, Findlay MacNish & Barry Evans



2021 JUMPS AND THROWS

AND HOUSE ATHLETICS



Congratulations to all students who participated in the Jumps and Throws and Athletics events last week. It was fantastic to see students across both days working hard to earn points for their house. I believe that there are three main goals that all students should be striving towards on these days. They are achieving personal best, using teamwork and showing sportsmanship. I believe our students demonstrated all of these ideals, and from all reports, had a lot of fun in the process!

I was also very impressed with the gratitude demonstrated by many of our students who showed that they appreciated all the hard work that went into making these days successful. This was made clear by the biggest cheer of the day going to the parent helpers, to whom I would like to extend another huge thank you, we simply couldn't do it without you. I hope those who volunteered their time found enjoyment from knowing that they contributed greatly to making these days an awesome event for the kids.

This year saw a new approach to scoring where every place in every event mattered. The scores were awarded as follows:

- Individual events
 - 50 points for 1st
 - 45 points for 2nd
 - 40 points for 3rd
 - 1 less point for every place after that (eg. 39 points for 4th, 38 for 5th)
 - Note: the winner of a Division B event is considered 9th place, behind the 8 runners in Division A
- Team events
 - 200 points for 1st
 - 150 points for 2nd
 - 100 points for 3rd
 - 50 points for 4th
- Grand Relay
 - 400 points for 1st
 - 300 points for 2nd
 - 200 points for 3rd
 - 100 points for 4th



This new scoring system brought with it huge overall scores, so it was shocking to see how close some of the final scores were, especially in the senior carnival. Here they are...

- Junior Carnival
 - 1st place – Clarence – 5416 points
 - 2nd place – Michaelmas – 4874 points
 - 3rd place – Melville – 4493 points
 - 4th place – Breaksea – 4123 points
- Senior Carnival
 - 1st place – Melville – 11359 points
 - 2nd place – Clarence – 11349 points
 - 3rd place – Michaelmas – 11295 points
 - 4th place – Breaksea – 10871 points



It is at this point that I would like to remind all students that the houses are made up and the points don't matter, it's all just a bit of fun. What matters is the effort you put in, the way you worked as a whole school APS team to achieve great results and the sportsmanship you showed.



Congratulations to the Individual Champions, Runners up and 3rd and 4th place getters in each age/gender category. These students and their total points earned across all Jumps and Throws and Athletics events are listed below.

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place
Yr 4 Girls	Jasmine - 404	Annie - 334	Charlie - 317	Ava - 308
Yr 4 Boys	Kade - 397	Richard - 359	Xavier - 355	William - 354
Yr 5 Girls	Grace - 445	Chloe - 316	Ari - 288	Eva - 256
Yr 5 Boys	Will - 393	Ben - 353	Kai - 347	Travis - 297
Yr 6 Girls	Lucy - 414	Freya - 356	Amelia - 311 Addison - 311	N/A
Yr 6 Boys	Mitchell - 381	Marley - 342	Scott - 341	Archie - 319

Congratulations also to our new school record holders. As with Cross Country this year, school records will now be kept for all Jumps and Throws events for students to try to break in future years. This year's winners will therefore all be the current record holders and these results are stated below.

	High Jump	Long Jump	Triple jump	Turbo Javelin	T-Ball Throw
Yr 4 Girls	Charlie 1.12m	Jasmine 3.14m	Jasmine 6m	Annie 14.84m	Annie 23m
Yr 4 Boys	Kade 1.24m	Richard 3.71m	Richard 8.3m	Richard 24.02m	Jax 37.08m
Yr 5 Girls	Grace 1.14m	Grace 3.26m	Grace 6.69m	Ebony 13.52m	Grace Felton 27m
Yr 5 Boys	Will 1.26m	Kai 3.5m	Will 7.03m	Jerry 14.79m	Will 34.98m
Yr 6 Girls	Lucy 1.19m	Lucy 3.43m	Addison 7.92m	Elisha 15.75m	Erin 28.95m
Yr 6 Boys	Scott 1.27m	Archie 3.75m	Scott 7.5m	Angus 20.1m	Angus 36.75m

I sincerely hope you all enjoyed this year's carnivals. To those students moving through to the interschool carnival, we wish you the best of luck in representing our school. We hope that you do it with great pride and strive to achieve the same three ideals mentioned above of personal best, teamwork and sportsmanship.



Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to LEDA Security Products, especially Jane Henderson, for arranging a no cost replacement piece for our damaged bike pump hose. Also many thanks to the City of Albany's Damian Bradley for supplying the tools and man-power to replace the hose. We appreciate the kind gesture from both businesses in supporting our Your Move Ride to School students being able to access a working bike pump on our school grounds.



Chaplain's Corner

Are you a "Thermometer" or a "Thermostat"?

When I was younger someone who cared for me and took time to talk to me, challenged myself and some of my friends to be a thermostat.

Let me explain... When I went to school there was a thermometer outside the staff room and on the really hot days the students would crowd around it in hope that the thermometer would get up to 40 degrees. As a rumour had spread that if the school got to 40 degrees or over, then the students had to go home. This may have been true, but no one really knew for sure, but we lived in hope.

While in contrast, the staff room had an air conditioner which was controlled by a thermostat. In one way the thermostat did not care what the temperature was outside, as once it is set and decides what the room should be it then works hard to make that the reality. So, while it may have been hot outside, the thermostat was set to a nice cool temperature. This meant that the thermostat's job was to work to get the room to the desired temperature and once it was there, to keep it stable.

Looking at this example we can see that the thermometer is passive: it only reflects the surrounding temperature. While the thermostat is active: it actively works to change the room to the desired temperature.

So, what does it mean to be a thermometer? A thermometer is someone who reflects the culture around them. If the classroom or workplace is tense or full of strong emotion. Then someone who is a "thermometer" will also be this way. Whereas someone who chooses to be a "thermostat" will actively work to change the culture around them to where it "should" be.

Let's be honest, being a "thermometer" is the easier choice and really takes no effort at all, as it is only reactionary. We all know that feelings are infectious and that is why it is easier to go with the flow and be passive. However, it is important to note that when we are being passive we are not contributing anything new to those around us. While it is true that being a "thermostat" is hard work, it is also much more rewarding and has the huge potential to bring positive change into our own life and those around us.

So... Are you going to be a "thermometer" or a "thermostat"?

P.S.

Q: Why did Pavlov's thermostat have a bell?

A: for Air Conditioning

Take care everyone!

Mr Caleb Drage, Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday, Thursday



P & C News

Our huge celebrations for Bike Month have come to an end. Big thanks to our Sustainability Sub-Committee and the student Your Move team for making the start to Term 4 so much fun!!

All bike riders from 'Wheels Wednesday' went into the draw to win one of 3 \$50 vouchers and winners were drawn at our last assembly

- Luke Room 22, Tristan Room 8 & Charlotte Room 21

Our P&C online mega bike raffle was very successful, raising over \$1,200 for our school. We give big thanks to both Rebecca Stephens MLA for the \$450 donation and also to Impulse Cycles who increased this by \$50 to make a mega \$500 bike voucher prize! It was lovely hosting Mrs Stephens at our assembly to present the prize.

Congratulations to Paul Mackey, whose prize was eagerly accepted by both Oscar and Mia on the day. Have fun spending your voucher!

Finally, the most active bike riding class in Week 2 goes to Mrs Offer's Year 4s in Room 20.

Well done! A special whole class morning tea is coming your way. Enjoy!

Thank you to the parents that donated cakes and slices for our recent sports carnival day. We were once again supported by Amanda and Simon Winchester with their "Mr Sippy" van being at the oval to look after parents and teachers with hot coffees – and all cake sales for the day will be donated straight to our P&C.

ASHS P&C have unfortunately made the decision to step away from managing the canteen at their school. This will impact our families, and our P&C continues to look for a solution so that we can provide lunch ordering for students next year.

For the remainder of Term 4, lunches will be supplied by ASHS on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

One meeting left in the year – Monday 22nd November at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Open Board Meeting

Our last Board meeting for the year will be held on Monday 29 November at 7pm in the Staff Room.

This is an open meeting, where all APS parent and community members are welcome to attend.



Have some fun with our Newsletter word search...Can you find all the words?



Newsletter Word Search

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 OUIIWUZZLDDHRJCMQSP
 VWUCXWVJSLDHMAHNOWJF
 ALLOHKLEOSAGRCKTJIMA
 YOSEUADEGFDPDSOMSRMDL
 DTFOANEBDRCXJXKEXMIB
 FEGYZVDLRVOAOFKFSIGA
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Undercover Area	Albany Primary	Rottnest Camp	Michaelmas
Athletics	Mrs Willis	Assembly	Clarence
Mrs Jones	Bike Club	Digi Tech	Melville
Library	Swimming	Breaksea	Mr Smith
Rise	Sport	Music	Lote

Congratulations Toran Room 15 for winning the Quiz from the last newsletter! Well done

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.

REGIONAL ROADSHOW

Crunch & Sip®

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Albany Golf Club

FREE COME & TRY

ALBANY GOLF CLUB

Friday 5th November
3:45pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 7th November
1:00pm - 2:30pm

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My golf

WHAT'S ON

November 2021



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A PORTRAIT OF AUSTRALIA

Stories through the lens of Australian Geographic Exhibition

20 Nov to 6 Feb

Discover the remarkable stories of ordinary Australians in this exhibition celebrating the bush, the outback, the coast and the people who live there. A travelling exhibition from the National Museum of Australia developed in collaboration with Australian Geographic.

Free Entry. 10am – 4pm in the Eclipse Building

IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD

Exhibition

27 Oct until 10 Nov

Spencer Park Primary School will be showcasing the brilliant art of their students at their biennial art exhibition here at the Museum of the Great Southern. This is their eighth exhibition and will include art displays of sculptures, photography, collages and paintings.

All Ages. Free Entry. 10am – 4pm, in the Eclipse Building.

AUSTRALIAN NURSES AT WAR

Exhibition

20 Oct until 30 Jan

This exhibition is a tribute to those women who have dealt face-to-face with war—the sick, the wounded, and the dead. Those who served close to the battlefield experienced firsthand, not only the discomforts of makeshift field hospitals, including mud, dust, bad food, and lack of amenities, but also the risks and horrors of war. Many army nurses sacrificed their health and well-being in the service of Australia. Some sacrificed their lives.

Free Entry. 10am – 4pm in the Pop-Up Galleries.



TUESDAY CURATORIALS

Learn fascinating history and natural science stories

Lights, Camera Action

Filmmaking in Albany over the years.

Presented by Malcolm Trail, Historian & WA Museum Honorary Research Associate.

2 Nov

For Those Returning

Post WW2 reconstruction in Albany.

Presented by Malcolm Trail, Historian & WA Museum Honorary Research Associate.

16 Nov

A Friendly Light

The Eclipse Island story.

Presented by Malcolm Trail, Historian & WA Museum Honorary Research Associate.

30 Nov

Bookings required. Call 9841 4844 to book your place.

Gold coin donation. 10.30am – 11.30am in the Co-op Building

LITTLE FOOTPRINT, BIG FUTURE

Exhibition – Coming Soon to the Discovery Centre.....

What's one small action you can take to help your local environment?

This interactive exhibition is designed for children and families. Explore this free exhibition to discover choices and actions that you can take in your everyday life to make a positive impact on the local environment that we all love.

LIVING ROOM CONVERSATIONS

Connecting through lived experiences

28 Nov

Town Team Albany and Museum of the Great Southern have collaborated to create and host Living Room Conversations. These short events allow the community to share and learn more about each other's culture, community, background, and identity.

Speaker: Andrew Bliske, on the role of beauty, learning from the UNESCO Baha'i Gardens in Israel.

Bookings appreciated – PH 08 9841 4844. 2.00pm-3.00pm in the Co-op Building

POSTER PRINTING FOR TEENS

Free Workshop

20 Nov

A fun free printmaking workshop is coming up with our artist in residence Artist Emily Monty. For this workshop we will be using some linocut printmaking techniques as well as experimenting with some other mediums to make ourselves a poster! Ages: 13-17yrs

Places limited, bookings required – PH 08 9841 4844. 12.30pm-3.30pm in the Co-op Building

Show Respect

Include Others

Be Safe

Personal Excellence