

## ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2021 Term 4 Week 6

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### TERM 4 - Important Upcoming Dates

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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	22 P & C Meeting 7:00pm	23 Interschool Jumps & Throws	24 Back Up Interschool Jumps & Throws  APS Kindy Parent Info @ 9am staffroom  ACK Kindy Parent Info @ 1pm Serpentine Rd	25 Interschool Athletics	26 Back Up Interschool Athletics
	K1A attend	K1B attend	K1A attend	K1A attend	K1B attend
8	29 Board Meeting 7:00pm	30	1 APS Pre Primary Parent Info @ 9am staffroom	2 IMSS Final Music Concert 5pm	3 Assembly Rm 6 ASHS & NASHS Year 6 Orientation Day
	K1A attend	K1B attend	K1B attend	K1A attend	K1B attend
9	6	7	8	9	10 RISE Reward
	K1A attend	K1B attend	K1A attend	K1A attend	K1B attend
10	13	14 Year 6 Graduation Year 6 Graduation Lunch 12pm Reports on Connect	15 Final Assembly	16 Year 6 ALAC Fun Day Last Day of Term	17
	K1A attend	K1B attend	K1B attend	K1A attend	

\*\* Student Reports will be available on Connect in Week 10, Tuesday 14 December. If you are requiring assistance with your Connect please contact the Front Office 9844 2860

Show Respect Include Others Be Safe Personal Excellence

### Congratulations to all of our Honour Certificate Recipients and Rise Stars

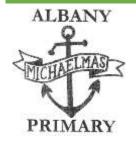
HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS						
ROOM	JUNIOR	ROOM	SENIOR			
2	Decoda, Rio & Nate	15	Toran & William			
3	Leo, Leia & Caleb	16	Lyndsey, Emilie & Nicolas			
4	Summer & Jordyn	17	Anneleise, Freya & Liam			
5	Sabella & Elisha	18	Beau & Markus			
6	Adam & Madyson	20	Elise & Jasmine			
7	Ryder & Grace	21	Santi, Cadence & Harry			
8	Brandon & Elle	22	Lilla & Luke			
9	Adriana & Finnley	23	Oscar & Branden			
LOTE	Raymond & Bree	SCIENCE	Riki & Caleb			
Phys Ed	Sienna & Grace	Digital Technology	Bo, Mathew & Jackson			
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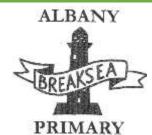


<b>JUNIOR</b>	SENTOR
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Lucy	Travis
Mīa	Noah
Gabbī	Marco

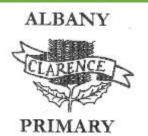


### **FACTION POINTS**











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### Chaplain's Corner

Bang! Fizzle! Pop!

The Fireworks are always a fun family affair.

My daughter asks about fireworks all year round. So when we get close to the Albany show weekend it is exciting/a relief to let her know that soon she will be able to stay up late and watch the fireworks again.

Yet as magical as the fireworks are they don't last forever and the build-up and excitement for them is probably the best part (well it's definitely the longest part).

As we get towards the end of another year. It has been a timely reminder that though graduation may be the big spectacular end for many (especially the year Six's), we should not wish away the build-up. This is the time to savour the special moments. Stand still, look around, and breathe in the world as it is in this moment. It will pass soon and wishing for the end to be here already will just mean that you have missed the present.

And as cliché as it sounds, the present, is a gift (mind the pun). So let's try to stop chasing future rainbows and their pots of gold. Be content in this moment. If we say "I will be happy when... (fill in the blank)". Or "If I can just finish... (fill in the blank) then I will be content". Instead choose contentment and happiness in this moment, in this situation, today.

Someone much more eloquent then myself put it this way:

"The Future is... the most temporal part of time--for the Past is frozen and no longer flows, and the Present is all lit up with eternal rays."

Take care everyone!

Mr Caleb Drage, Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday, Thursday



### Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations Toran!

Toran won first prize for his skate park models at the show last weekend under the category for recycled bits and pieces for the Juniors Crafts and Cookery. He also took out the top prize for the Best Exhibit Junior Crafts 8-11 years at the Agricultural Show.



### Out And About At A.P.S

### Pre-Primary Police Visit

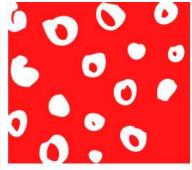
On Thursday 11 November Neil and Kelly from the Albany Police Station visited Albany Primary. Room 2 and Room 3 students looked inside the Police car, held their very heavy vests, discussed what Police do and asked lots of interesting questions. We were all so excited to see everything up close.

In Health this term, we have been learning about emergencies. This was a fantastic opportunity to further learn about emergency services! Thank you so much Neil and Kelly for visiting.



# Year 3 Fire Safety Visit















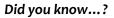
### Sustainability Space



Give Write is an organisation that is focused on providing kids who cannot get school products to use sets of stationary and supplies for free. Give Write takes second-hand school supplies and donations of new materials to package into first day kits for kids.

APS is going to be a collection station for school supplies during the last two weeks of this term. You will be able to donate good quality second hand stationery items or new products. Think about the pack of pencils that are missing a few colours, or the left-over glue sticks that you might not need. Those would be awesome donations. This is an exciting new project that we are taking on and we will be working closely with the P&C to make it happen.

Watch this space to see how you can be a philanthropist to help other kids have what they need for school next year!







For more information on Give Write and conditions of item donations, please click <u>here</u>.



Recycling school stationery to give WA Kids in need the tools to succeed

giveWrite.org.au

Give Write is a WA based charity that takes donations of new and used stationery to recycle, repackage and re-gift to kids in need in WA.

### Why support Give Write?

#### Improving the community and addressing poverty

- ·There are approximately 593,000 children and young people in Western Australia\*
- ·Of these, around 44.000 are living below the poverty line\*
- At some local schools, as many as 1 in 5 students start the new school year with nothing in their schoolbags

#### Caring for the environment and reducing local landfill;

- In Australia alone, over 140 million pens are sold annually, with the majority discarded after a single use and ending up as long-term problematic waste.\*\*
- -This results in around 700 tonnes or 1100 cu metres of plastic waste being dumped in local government landfill sites across Australia.\*\*



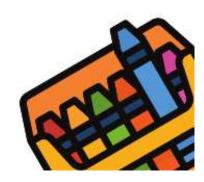
#### Assisting our teachers:

- 93% of teachers use their own money to purchase supplies for their school or students \*\*\*
- ·25% of those mostly primary teachers spend more than \$1000 a year on supplies.\*\*\*
- Of the 7804 teachers and principals surveyed, 78% buy stationery, 76% buy classroom equipment and 44% buy library resources and textbooks.\*\*\*

#### Teaching children about philanthropy:

We know it is important for children to understand the significance of helping others in their community, and hopefully these are actions that continue throughout their lives.

- Generous acts increase subjective well being, feelings of vitality and self esteem)\*
- Generous acts may also change the way people view the world, making them value cooperation, interdependence, and their own good fortune (Lyubomirsky, Sheldon, & Schkade, 2005).
- Encouraging young children to see helping as part of their identity may nurture their generous behaviors (Bryan et al., 2014)
  - \* According to the 'Profile of Children and Young People in WA' report by the Commissioner for Children and Young People Western Australia, as of February 2019, there are approximately 593 000 children and young people living in poverty in WA
  - \*\* From ecopromotions.com.au
  - \*\*\* From The Australian Education Union's State of Our Schools research report which surveyed 7804 teachers and principals
  - \*\*\*\* From The White Paper for the John Templeton Foundation by the Greater Good Science Centre, UC Berkley, May 2018.



### 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.



### **#SUMMERREADINGCLUB**

**HOW MANY DAYS CAN YOU READ THIS SUMMER?** 



REGISTER FOR BEANSTACK FREE ON OUR LIBRARY WEBSITE OR PICK UP A READING LOG IN THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY ALBANY WA GOV. AU











#### WHAT IS "BEANSTACK"?

Beanstack allows you to track your minutes and activities and receive weekly book recommendations. It includes reward badges for logging the books you have read and writing reviews.

#### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- 1. Go to albany.beanstack.org
- Click on the "Register on Individual or Family" button.
- Fill in the information! If you are a parent registering a child, be sure to enter your information under "Adult Information". Beanstack allows families to be linked together, so that all family members can be accessed with one login.
- Once you are registered, you will be taken to your account page. This is where you will log your minutes and activities and track the badges you earn!

#### **HOW DO I LOG MINUTES AND ACTIVITIES?**

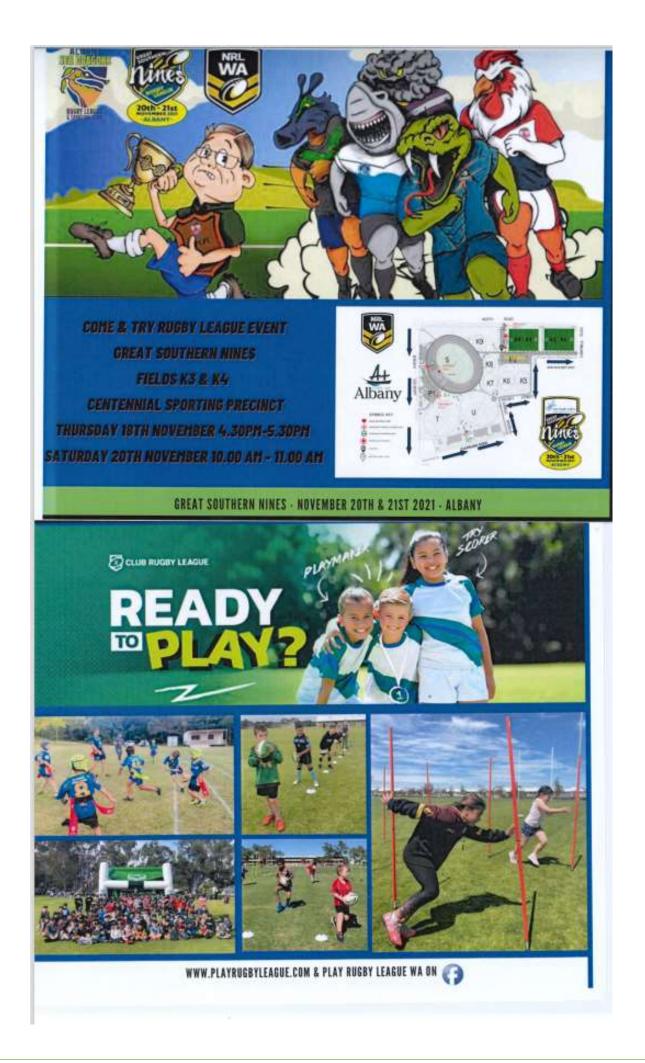
- Go to <u>albany.beanstack.org</u> or download the Beanstack Tracker app for Apple and Android and log in.
- Click on the "Log Reading and Activities" button in the upper left corner or on the plus sign (+) in the app.
- Follow the prompts on the screen to log what you have accomplished: books, minutes or activities.
- When you hit a reading landmark, you will receive a badge and may be eligible for a prize!

#### **BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS**

Remember to log your book titles and include an email when registering to receive great recommendations.







### 2022 Contributions and Charges

Please find attached the 2022 Contributions and Charges letter. Please note payments are not due until the new School Year.



### ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Strive to Achieve"

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#### 2022 Contributions and Charges Policy

Endorsed by the School Board on 01/11/2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Support for the Voluntary Contributions and P&C Contributions in 2021 was approximately 65% overall. To enable easy payment, the school accepts cash, cheques and will continue to offer direct debit payment for Voluntary Contributions, In-term Swimming and Camps. The school is considering offering direct debit options for excursions in 2022. We will also be offering parents the opportunity to pay these Voluntary Contributions with their Booklist payments at Albany Office Products Depot. Please be assured we will support parents by offering a range of payment plans, if this will assist with family budgeting. These can be arranged with the Principal or Manager Corporate Services.

We hope you will continue to support our decisions and be prepared to make these important voluntary contributions and charges payments, as they will assist in the quality education we provide for your children.

Thank you for your continuing support in this matter.

The Albany Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2022. The schedule is broken into four sections and will allow families to calculate all costs relating to education that they may incur throughout the school year. This is a requirement of the School Education Act 1999 and will understandably be very useful in enabling families to budget for such an important area of their expenditure.

#### 1. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The total amount of voluntary contributions parents and carers can be asked to pay has been contained within the \$60 maximum per child set in the School Education Regulations 2000.

Description	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
Art	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
English	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
LOTE	Office Course	1,000	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Maths	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Phys Ed	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Science	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
HASS	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Technologies	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Total School Requested Voluntary Contributions	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
P&C Voluntary Contributions (See Section 4)	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15,00	\$15.00
Total Parent Voluntary Contributions Requested for 2022	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00

The costs outlined are for the whole school year and represents \$1.25 per week.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the areas listed. The actual costs per child are shown in the table above. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be enhanced when each family makes a contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments.

#### 2. CHARGES FOR EXTRA COST OPTIONS

A breakdown of estimated Extra Cost Optional courses for your child's participation in school visits, excursions, class activities etc for 2022 have been included in the schedule below. Students will only incur costs when they are involved in a particular activity.

The amounts represent the maximum charged for scheduled activities in 2022.

As in the past you will be asked to make payment for each activity as it approaches.

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Library Books: Replacements for lost or damaged books will be per item. Letters requesting payment will be sent from the school to the parents mailing address and payment can be made at the front office.

The charges schedule includes costs associated with:

- Specific learning activities and available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made, ie school visits, excursions, classroom cooking etc.
- Specific learning activities available to selected students, but conditional upon a payment being made, ie Primary Extension and Academic Challenge (PEAC), School of Instrumental Music, Interschool Sport.
- Other activities are available to all students, but conditional upon a payment being made, ie classroom excursion, graduation costs, etc.

Please note: all schools, including ours, offer other services that incur costs but are not directly related to educational costs. These may be directly through the school or by way of the P&C and include school photos, Scholastic Book Fair, school uniforms, vacation swimming, charitable collections (Red Nose Day, Free Dress Days). These services are available to parents if they wish to make use of them. While it could be helpful to include them in calculating up-front costs, the actual costs vary and have not been estimated in our calculations.

#### 3. ITEMS FOR PERSONAL USE IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

You will also receive a personal items list indicating what your child will need during the year. These can be purchased through any retailer although the school P&C Association is using Albany Office Products Depot as part of their fundraising efforts.

#### 4. VOLUNTARY APPROVED FUNDS

Other voluntary funds at Albany Primary School include a P&C Voluntary Contribution currently set at \$15 per child. In the 2021 school year the P&C Association assisted the school by financially supporting the eight learning areas with the provision of resources and equipment to assist the teaching programs and student wellbeing in all classes. So far this year the P&C have funded the Phil Doncan's Paint Storm Incursion, mini whiteboards for every student, as well as supporting our PBS reward days and funding our End of Year Assembly Book Prizes.

Ms Cathy Willis Principal