



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2021 Term 4 Week 8

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FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK 9

7 December

- Student Council & House Captain DOME Breakfast

10 December

- RISE reward Water Fun Day

WEEK 10

14 December

- Year 6 Graduation
- Graduation Lunch 12pm
- Reports on Connect

15 December

- Final Assembly

16 December

- Year 6 ALAC Fun Day
- LAST DAY OF TERM 4!!!

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Term 1 2022
31st January
1st Day of Term 1



From the Principal's Desk

As the rain eases and the weather warms up, we are in the season of Birak. Many small fledglings will venture out of their nests and reptiles will start shedding their old skin for a new one. Traditionally this was the fire season.

An almost clockwork style of easterly winds in the morning and sea breezes in the afternoon meant that this was burning time of the year for Noongar people and they would burn the country in mosaic patterns. There are several reasons for this, including fuel reduction, increasing the grazing pastures for animals, to aid seed germination and to make it easier to move across the country.

We are now into our final weeks of the school year. There are many important events being held over these weeks, so please refer to our calendar and Connect for information.

Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea



Our many volunteers over the year make a huge impact to our school; from helping in classrooms, to being a part of the School Board and P&C. We value and appreciate your time and efforts.

We invite everyone who has volunteered over the course of the year to join us for morning tea on Thursday 16 December at 10:45am to say thank you.

Important News Re ASHS Canteen Lunch Service

Next year the ASHS P&C will not be running canteen services that we will be able to link into. ASHS is currently pursuing options via a tender process, with the possibility of APS linking in next year. As we are so late in the school year, it will be likely that I will not have another update regarding a lunch service until the new school year. As information comes to me, I will be sure to pass it on to you all. Thank you for your patience on this matter.

Busy Bee

Thank you to the fantastic group of parents, students and staff who rolled up last Saturday to help spruce up the gardens and surrounds in our Early Childhood area. We have made a great impact! We are now getting organised to mulch and replant some areas.

Thank you all!



Class Planning for 2022

Our planning for 2022 is changing on a weekly basis at this point in time. We will have class lists up for viewing on Friday 28 January 2022 at 1:00pm, however, parents need to be aware that until we actually have students in classes and our census is complete in Week 3 of Term 1, these are not final. Changes may have to be made to class configurations in the fourth week of term. We try to avoid this as a priority, but this is the position we are in at the beginning of each year.

Please let us know if you are not returning to APS in 2022 so we can include this in our planning.

Staff Changes for 2022

This year we have minimal staffing changes, but do say goodbye to a couple of our staff.

Mr Andrew Holyoake is returning to Perth with his family. We have loved having Andrew as a part of our school team and wish him success for the year ahead.

We farewell Miss Miranda Ball who has filled in at Pre-Primary following the retirement of Mrs Martine Hennig. Thank you, Miranda, and all the best for next year.

Mrs Geraldine Perrella, Mrs Lynda Cooper and Mrs Karen Wylie are retiring at the end of term. All three ladies have been a long-standing part of our school team and we will miss their expertise and seeing their friendly faces around the school. We hope your retirements bring you much happiness and fulfilment.

New staffing announcements will be made next year.

As this is our last newsletter for 2021, I wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2022, ready for another amazing year at APS!

Ms Cathy Willis

Principal

Parents...please remember that the crosswalk in front of the office is not a parking bay, please do not park here to pick the students up from school. There are 2 pick-up bays, one in front of the crosswalk and one behind.

Please make sure you use these and that your child does not cross over through the carpark.

Congratulations to all of our Honour Certificate Recipients and Rise Stars

HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

ROOM	JUNIOR	ROOM	SENIOR
2	Lillyan & Georgia	18	Travis & Lucas
3	Eloise & Caoimhe	20	William & Maia
4	Jesse & Ruby	21	Maddy & Rio
5	Henry & Savannah	22	Teddy, Edwin & Sonny
6	Cade & Benjamin	23	Katie & Wes
7	Lola & Eunyce	Science	Elle & Liam
8	Harper & Logan	Music	Oliver & Marley
9	Iziah & Alex	Digital Technology	Sophie & Joshua
LOTE	Indi & Kiahna	Phys Ed	Lola & Ava
Aussie of the Month	Aisah		



JUNIOR

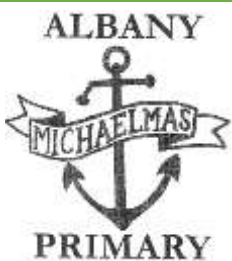
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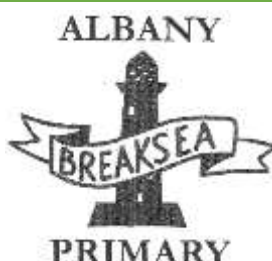
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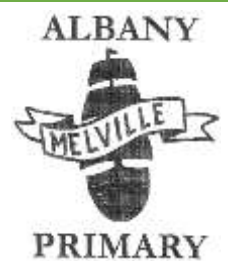
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North Albany SHS want to hear from you!



'It takes a village' to support teenagers to become responsible, competent, and connected young adults. This year, we are asking for your feedback about what information you would like from us. Please complete the survey below via the link or QR code and we will use this information to offer sessions in Term 1 next year.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3BaQgTZqbq>

Uniform Shop opening hours

Please note the Uniform shop will be closed the last week of School this term.

We are open again the week before school commences on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January from 1-4 pm



Orders can be placed online on the below website and will be available for collection on the 27th and 28th January. Polo Shirts are fully stocked however there will be a slight delay in the jackets arriving for next year.

<https://albany-primary-school-pc-uniform-shop.square.site/>

Uniform Shop Help Needed!

Volunteer opportunities in the Uniform Shop for "Back to school 2022" are now open.

Please click on the following web link, or go to the signup sheet: volunteersignup.org/3BABW

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Rebecca Wallace – Coordinator

Albany Primary School P&C Uniform Shop

E: apsuniformcoordinator@outlook.com



ALBANY PRIMARY P&C ASSOCIATION

UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST

Current as of 03 Dec 2021

POLO SHIRTS	SIZE	PRICE
Main Polo – bottle green with gold & white detail	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$27.50
Breaksea – Blue – plain with logo (Eclipse)	4, 8, 10, 14, 16	\$17.50
Breaksea – Blue – white piping	6, 12	\$27.50
Clarence – Red – plain with logo (Eclipse)	4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$17.50
Clarence – Red – white piping	8	\$27.50
Melville – Purple – plain with logo (Eclipse)	8, 12, 14, 16	\$17.50
Melville – Purple – white piping (Nell Gray)	4, 6, 10	\$27.50
Michaelmas – Green – plain with logo (Eclipse)	12, 14, 16	\$17.50
Michaelmas – Green – white piping	4, 6, 8, 10	\$27.50
JACKETS		
Microfibre Jacket – fleece lined – new style (Nell Gray)	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$55.00
SHORTS AND SKORTS		
Skorts – pleated, elastic waist – Bottle Green	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$30.00
Air Flow Shorts – Bottle Green	12, 14	\$14.00
Microfibre Shorts – Bottle Green	4, 6, 8, 10	\$25.00
LONG PANTS		
Trackpant – Microfibre – Bottle Green with gold piping	12, 14, 16	\$25.00
Trackpant – Microfibre – Bottle Green	4, 6, 8, 10	\$30.00
Jazz pant – Bottle Green	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$30.00
HATS		
Broad Brim Hat – Bottle Green	XS, L, XL	\$7.50
Bucket Hat – Bottle Green	XXS	\$7.50
Reversible Bottle/Faction Bucket Hat (Nell Gray)	S, M, L	\$15.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
P&C Enviro Bag – cotton		\$5

Also stocking a range of Second Hand Uniform, all priced at \$2.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesdays 2.45-3.30pm & Thursdays 8.30-9am

[www. https://albany-primary-school-pc-uniform-shop.square.site/](https://albany-primary-school-pc-uniform-shop.square.site/)

Enquiries to Rebecca: apsuniformcoordinator@outlook.com

All profits from the Uniform Shop go directly to the Albany Primary P&C to benefit our children.

2021 INTERSCHOOL JUMPS & THROWS AND ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Interschool Jumps and Throws and Athletics carnivals last week. In my wrap up of the house athletics carnivals, I spoke about three goals for students to focus on at these carnival days. They are achieving personal best, using teamwork and showing sportsmanship. I am pleased to say that at the interschool carnivals, our APS students once more lived up to these values and we can all be very proud of them.



I want to extend a huge thank you to the following people who made these days possible, and I hope our students have extended their appreciation to these people as well, as it is only through their effort that our students are able to enjoy these great days.

- Spencer Park Primary School for organising both days
- The teachers who gave up their time to help train and prepare teams and students for the days
- Parent helpers who volunteered time on one of (or in some cases both of) the days to ensure the day could run smoothly



We achieved some fantastic results on the day including 4th overall in the Junior carnival, 5th overall in the Senior carnival and we had 3 students win individual champion or runner up for their category.



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APS MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

GREAT NEWS! APS is getting a mountain bike trail built at the school! Construction will take place in Term 1 next year and will be heavily reliant on volunteer labour and donations of materials. In particular, we will require the following. If you can help, or know somebody who can help, please contact the school.



Materials:

- Any road base, gravel or limestone material that can be used to surface
- Medium (football-ish) sized rocks for creating a rock garden
- Building materials including timber and steel



Skills:

- Anyone that can manage a day on hand tools
- Builders and carpenters would be handy for building features
- Anyone with an Excavator or Skid steer (Bobcat)



Chaplain's Corner

Slow Down... Breathe in... Breath Out... Rest...

That's it. That's all I really want to say.

Life has a way of feeling a bit bananas sometimes, and the end of Term four is usually one of those times.

It can all be good stuff. But even good stuff can make us feel overwhelmed if there is enough of it.

Music rehearsals, basketball training, basketball games, Christmas concerts, end of year parties, family get-togethers, work, deadlines, work meetings, gift shopping, friends, dare I mention planning for 2022... the list of things to do this time of year is never short.

And somewhere in this chaos we often find ourselves reacting to whatever we are supposed to be doing next, pretending as if crawling to the finish line is what normal should look like.

It's a well-worn saying but prevention is better than cure. Before we get to fever pitch, before our calendar is completely full, we need to remember to slow down. Before we say yes to that little extra commitment, maybe take a breath and say "I will get back to you". And instead, pencil in for ourselves some moments to fill our "cup".

For me personally, my "cup" is filled by being creative, doing some reading or spending time with the family amongst nature. But what is it for you? Taking the dog for a walk? Getting a coffee with soul intention of just enjoying it? Making an overly indulgent dessert? Going to bed early?

I know I am much better company to be around when I am not running on empty. This time of year when our cups are getting low, let's try and remember to top them up by slowing down... breathing in... breathing out... and resting... even if just for a moment.

Take care everyone!

Mr Caleb Drage, Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday, Thursday



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Did you know...?

Sustainability Space

On Friday 26 November 2021 the Green Team (Jamie, Eva, April, Benjamin, Riley and Liliana (absent!)) participated in an excursion to Alannah MacTiernan's office and listened to a presentation done by the founder of the seeds in schools' programme Lita O'Keeffe. APS received four boxes filled with roughly 100 packets of seeds per box, absolutely free!

The boxes were sorted into seasons and had characters explaining how to plant, when to plant and what they were to

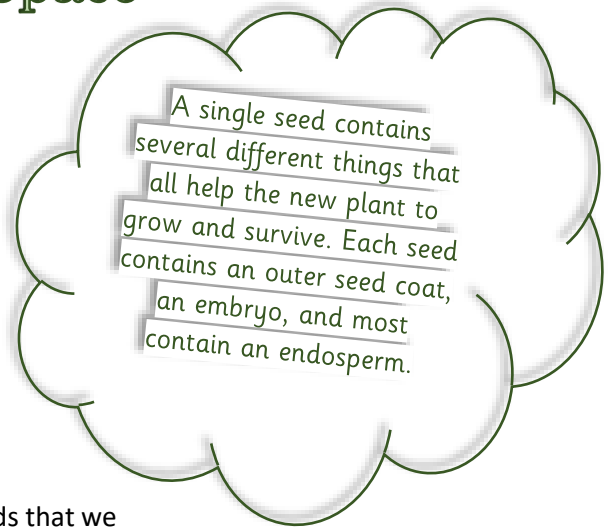
make it more appealing to younger students. Some of our seeds that we

received were Wally's Weird Watermelons, Teddy's Tiny Tomatoes, Sally's Sunshine and Snow and Charlie's Crunchy Cucumbers. These are all heirloom seed varieties to grow at school.

This was all for the purpose of creating a seed library for our school, which will mean that we have an opportunity for students to bring in seeds from home and plant them in the gardens at our school. They will also be able to take home the seeds that fall from the plants when the seasons end. Watch this space for further developments and information about our seed library.

You can learn how to make sustainable pots, reusable greenhouses and water reservoirs from old meat trays and newspapers that would normally be thrown away. We are excited about putting some of these great ideas into practise at APS!

By April, Jamie & Benjamin





Albany Primary School

1 in 5 Western Australian school children will start 2022 without anything in their school bag.

Donate your pre-loved and good condition stationery!

What to DONATE:

- Lead pencils
- Coloured pencils
- Textas
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- Pencil cases
- Sharpeners
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Rulers

Where: The Art Room
When: 8:20 am to 8:50
am every day in Week 9
& 10!

We are looking for good quality donations. Even if you don't have all the colours in a set of coloured pencils, these would still be great because we can make a matched set!



Catch the Bus and be Green

Why is catching the bus so good? You may ask.... well it's a lot better for the environment, that means less emissions and greenhouse gasses let into our air and causes less than cars. Less cars means less crashes which is safer for everyone. It also prevents lots of traffic around the school. Plus, if you catch the same bus as your friends, you can chat and gossip.

To find out which bus to catch to school, you can use the map, that we have helped to develop, which shows which routes go from different parts of town.

If you are unsure about catching the bus, go and see the lovely Mrs Marshall in the front office so you can get a form for a student bus pass, and you can ask the APS Year Five Your Move team for help.

Kind Regards,

Kiahna, Grace, Benjamin, Amber, Aisha and Lachy

Let's be kind to the environment APS!



WHICH BUS WILL GET ME TO ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL?



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO FIND OUT ABOUT OTHER ROUTES

DOWNLOAD THE TRANSPERTH APP AND SEARCH FOR THE ROUTE, VISIT WWW.PTA.WA.GOV.AU/ TRANSREGIONAL, CALL SWAN TRANSIT ON 98422888 OR VISIT THEIR OFFICE ON BARKER ROAD.

TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT SMARTRIDER

ASK AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR A FORM, OR APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.MONITORWA.COM.AU



STUDENTS IN RURAL AREAS MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO ACCESS AN ORANGE SCHOOL BUS - FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.SCHOOLBUSES.WA.GOV.AU. THIS INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS AT SEPTEMBER 2021, PLEASE CHECK WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR INFORMATION UPDATES.

Christmas Colouring Competition



24 Sleeps until Christmas!!!

Have some fun with our Colouring competition for your chance to win a prize.

Colour your picture and place your name, Room number, and return to the front office.

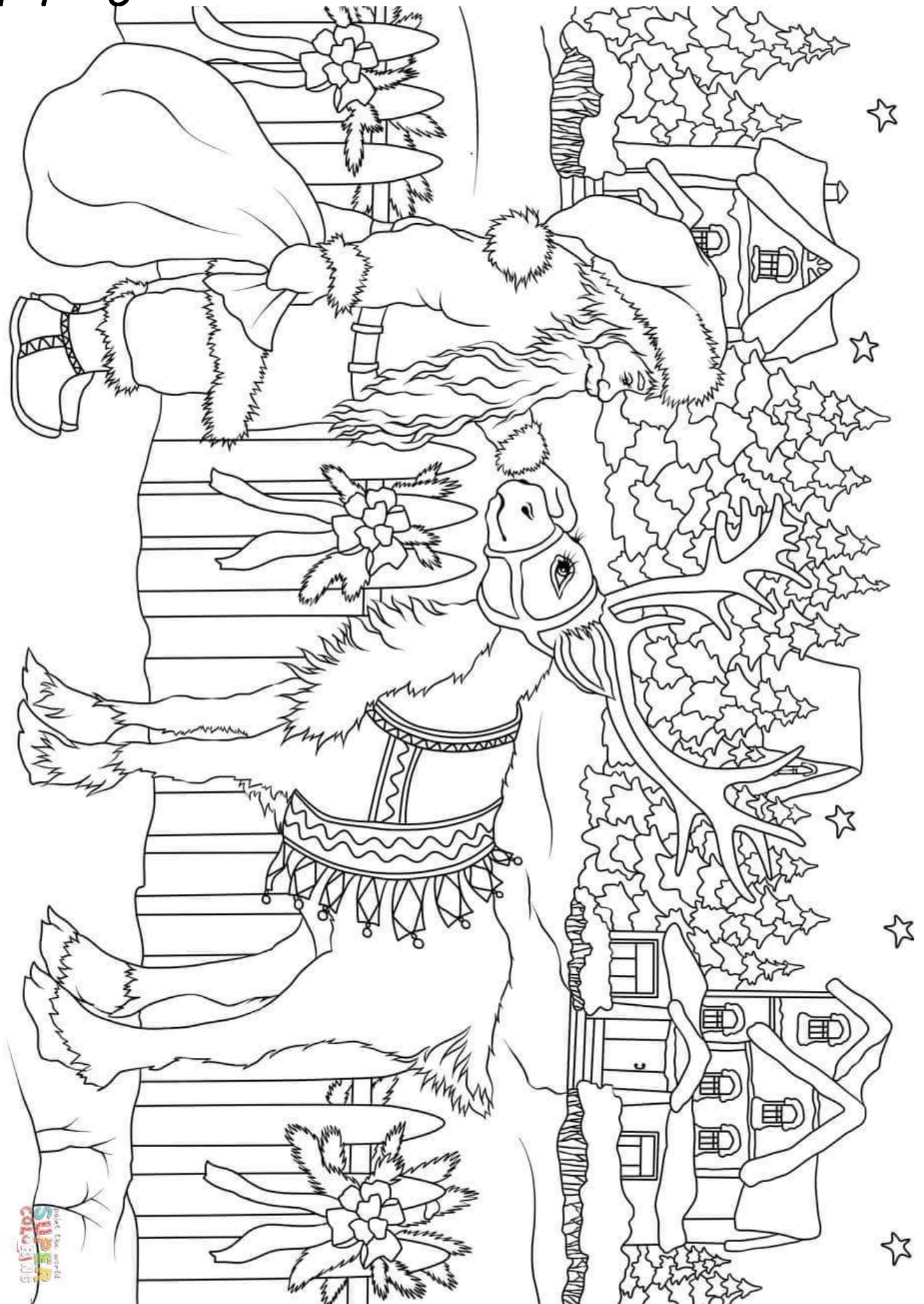
Get your entries in by Wednesday lunch time for your chance to win

Good luck...Winner announced in the next newsletter

PP - Year 3



Year 4 - 6



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.



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FILM FESTIVAL

ALBANY | WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FILM, LEARNING AND FUN

2022 Save the Date
Cinesnaps 28 April – 1 May 2022

Excitement, learning, film industry professionals and interactive film fun - coming to Albany in April!

cinesnaps
CinefestOZ
SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Cinesnaps offers students and teachers of the Great Southern region extraordinary opportunities through a program of carefully selected film, visiting filmmakers, interactive film workshops and an exciting Cinesnaps Short Film Competition for two age groups: yrs 7-9 and yrs 10-12.

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

COSTS: \$8 PER STUDENT.
TEACHERS AND SOME ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Thurs 28 April	Film screenings	Orana Cinema
Thurs 28 April	Film Activities	Museum of Great Southern
Fri 29 April	Film Screenings	Orana Cinema
Fri 29 April	Film Activities	Museum of Great Southern
Fri 28 - Sat 29 April	Free Community Screenings	Albany Town Hall

CINEONLINE Available online...anytime. Visit cinefestoz.com. Get your school membership to CineOnline to access a range of content at your convenience. Option to set up sub-accounts for other teachers and enjoy great value with content for many subjects ie: English, Media Arts, HASS, Drama, Primary and Secondary ages.

EXCURSIONS Festival week

Film Screenings - visit a screening venue for age appropriate specially selected Australian films for schools, teamed with a 20 minute Q&A with filmmaker.

Film Activities - combine with a film screening to complete a full day excursion. Activities range from experiencing new film technologies to learning more about other film industry disciplines such as directing, performance and sound. Plus enjoy Indigenous short films.

INCURSIONS Festival week

Writers, directors, actors, producers and other industry professionals can visit your school for a workshop Q&A.

Wed 27 Aug - schools outside central Albany.

Thu-Fri 28-29 April - Albany schools. Minimum numbers apply - please request early. Film guests also available for assembly visits.

SHORT FILM COMPETITION Entries close 30 June 2022

- open to all secondary students in the South West, Great Southern and Geraldton

Age categories for yrs 7-9 and yrs 10-12. This annual project encourages young aspiring regional filmmakers, working to a theme, to create and showcase original short films of 3-5 minutes. 2022 theme - released 1st Dec.

COMMUNITY SCREENINGS Festival week - Albany Town Hall

Free community screenings operate during the festival, and include appropriate film options that can also be enjoyed by school groups. Community workshops and events change each year. Stay tuned for the CinefestOZ Albany 2022 program.

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and Community Partner





Dear Parents and Carers,

JOIN A SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT MATCHES EVERY DOLLAR YOU SAVE, UP TO \$500

Saver Plus is an award winning free financial education and matched savings program, that supports families and individuals on a tight budget to develop lasting savings habits. More than 50,000 people across Australia have participated in the program, saving over \$26 million.

The Department of Education of Western Australia promotes Saver Plus to families in participating areas and eligible families are invited to participate.

What this means for you

Saver Plus is a free, ten-month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips, and ANZ matches your savings, up to \$500, for education costs. You can use your matched savings for education-related costs such as computers, laptops and tablets, school uniforms, text books, sports fees and equipment, school excursions and more.

Saver Plus can help you:

- build your skills around managing money;
- become a regular saver; and
- reach a savings goal.

Can I join?

You may be eligible if you:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card & an eligible Centrelink payment
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Have a child at school or starting next year, or are studying yourself
- Are 18 years or older

Please note: a family may receive matched funds only once.

Your privacy

Local schools have agreed to communicate directly with families in communities where the Saver Plus program is available. Schools have not, and will not, provide your personal information to any organisations associated with this program. Neither the Department of Education, nor your local school, will know if you decide to participate. Your decision to participate in this program is entirely voluntary.

How do I find out more?

Enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au or call 1300 610 355.

Kind regards,

MATTHEW TAYLOR
NATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER, SAVER PLUS
THE SMITH FAMILY

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and other local community agencies. The Program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join, participants must:

- ☒ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ☒ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- ☒ Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact Saver Plus:



saverplus@bsl.org.au



saverplus.org.au



1300 610 355



@SaverPlusAU

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CLAREMONT WOMENS FC

COACH, TRAINER & PLAYER CLINICS

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER | IN ALBANY

COACH THE COACH

WHERE: RAILWAYS FOOTBALL CLUB

WHO SHOULD JOIN IN : COACHES OF GIRLS & WOMEN

DATE : SAT 4 DEC

TIME : 10AM-11:30AM

FREE EVENT

SPORTS TRAINER WORKSHOP

WHERE: ALBANY SHARKS CHANGEROOMS

WHO SHOULD ATTEND : TRAINERS & TEAM FIRST AIDERS

DATE : SAT 4 DEC

TIME : 10AM-11:30AM

LEARN: TAPING TECHNIQUES

\$10/ PERSON TO COVER SUPPLIES

COACHED BY CLAREMONT WAFLW COACHES & STAFF

GSFLW CLINIC FOR PLAYERS

WHERE: OVAL T, NEAR RETRAVISION STADIUM

WHO SHOULD JOIN IN : GSFLW PLAYERS (CURRENT & NEW PLAYERS)

DATE : SAT 4 DEC

TIME : 12-3PM

WHAT : GAME DAY PREP/WARM UP, MATCH SIM & INFO SESSION

JUNIOR & YOUTH CLINIC

WHERE: OVAL U, NEAR RETRAVISION STADIUM

WHO SHOULD JOIN IN : GIRLS AGED 10+

DATE : SAT 4 DEC

TIME : 12-2PM

WHAT : CLINIC RUN BY CWFC PLAYERS & BBQ

REGISTER HERE

COACH THE COACH [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BVONI](https://www.trybooking.com/BVONI)

SPORTS TRAINER [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/E/SPORTS-TAPING-WORKSHOP-TICKETS-207650768037GSFLW](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sports-taping-workshop-tickets-207650768037GSFLW)

CLINIC [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BVONG](https://www.trybooking.com/BVONG)

JUNIOR CLINIC [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BVONC](https://www.trybooking.com/BVONC)





ALBANY SUMMER SURFING LESSONS!!!

Due South Surfing Academy

December 2021 and January 2022

HOLIDAY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!!

**3 day courses, group/private lessons
and NOW OFFERING Surfgroms!**

Call Mez on 0427333180 or visit f Due South Surfing Academy or www.surfgroms.com