

**FOR YOUR
DIARY****WEEK 2**11 February

- Swimming Trials

WEEK 314 February

- P & C Meeting 7pm

16 February

- Open Evening 3 – 5pm

17 February

- Constable Care Sessions
- Year 6 Emu Point Excursion

18 February

- Constable Care Sessions
- P & C Sundowner

WEEK 421 February

- Board Meeting

23 February

- Bike Club

25 February

- Assembly Room 15

*From the Principal's Desk**Welcome Back 😊*

We are excited to begin 2022! Our students have settled in beautifully and it has been relatively smooth sailing so far. We have quite a few new families to our school, and it is lovely to see our students taking them under their wings and helping out new people on the first few days.

We are delighted to welcome several new staff to the amazing APS team:

- Mr Craig Arkell has joined us and is teaching in Year 4.
- Miss Amy Coetzer is teaching in Year 3.
- Mrs Monique Mackenzie is teaching in Year 1/2.
- Mrs Alice Morgan joins us to teach a Kindergarten class.
- Mrs Sallee Tuffley joins us to work one day per week in both Year 3 with Mrs Eley and Year 5/6 with Ms Greenwood.

Class Changes Occurring Monday 7 February

We have made the decision to commence an additional class, beginning this Monday, 7 February.

This will impact upon most of our classes as we shuffle numbers and move students. However, the big positive is that most classes will have fewer students in each of them after the change. Whilst this is a disruption, we are keen to implement the change earlier rather than later. We would like to have students in their new classes as soon as we can, settling in and getting to know their friends and teacher.

We are busily working behind the scenes to re-allocate students, using the friends lists they wrote last year, and ensuring the best combinations of people. Sourcing an additional teacher is another high priority.

We plan to move students and their belongings on Friday afternoon, so they are ready to start on Monday morning in their new class. New class

lists will be placed on the windows outside the Digital Technologies Room on Friday afternoon.

I sincerely thank our parent community for your patience and understanding. By supporting this change now, we all have students' best interests at the forefront and minimise disruption later on in the term. I know you will support your children positively with this change.

As always, should you have any concerns, please let us know.

Parent Information Meetings

In Week 3, parents are invited to come in to meet teachers and see classrooms on Wednesday 16 Feb, from 3-5pm.

Teachers will be giving a brief talk in their rooms about expectations for the year and other year level information.

Specific times for class talks will be sent out next week via Connect and Facebook.

Communication with the School

We use the *Connect Now* app to deliver the majority of our information directly to parents and caregivers. Unfortunately, due to technical issues, we are unable to set up our current Connect classes. We will be advised when the issue has been resolved and a message will be sent to Parents via Connect.

New families will be sent information in the next week with instructions on how to sign in and use the app.

Our newsletters will be placed on Connect, as well as Facebook. Please keep your Connect app on with notifications allowed, so you receive our information.

Covid Restrictions

As we all adjust to the new mask mandate (isn't it frustrating if you wear glasses!!) I would like to thank our parent community for being so cooperative in complying with this when going into classrooms.

Parents who are going to be volunteering at school sites more than once per week are required to be vaccinated, as per the information from the Chief Health Officer. If coming in only once per week, you do not require proof of vaccination.

As always, parents are required to sign in at the front office (or K/PP area) when coming on to school grounds for reasons other than pick up/drop off.

As more changes occur, these will be communicated to all parents via Connect.

Canteen Service

I am waiting on news to hear of a trial of a new lunch service for our students. This will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The same procedure as last year will be used; parents will need to order on Quick Cliq. We are just awaiting a confirmation of when the service will start. Further information will be sent out via Connect and Facebook when we have it.

Reminders for the Beginning of Term:

Morning Arrival We ask that students do not arrive before 8:30am in the mornings. Staff are busy preparing for their day and classroom doors open at 8:35am. If students are at school before 8:30 they are asked to sit and wait in the covered assembly area, where supervision is provided.

Parking Parking is always at a premium during drop off and pick up times. Due to building works occurring at the Youth Centre on the corners of Middleton Rd and Campbell St, the car park is unavailable for the duration of 2022. Families are encouraged to explore other transport options such as biking or busing to school.

Uniforms We are hoping the new order of uniforms will arrive soon. Our School Dress Code Policy is endorsed by the School Board and can be viewed on our webpage at <http://albanyprimary.wa.edu.au/>. Please note that the green and white checked dresses are not a part of the dress code.

Ms Cathy Willis

Principal

Chaplain's Corner

A new year full of new opportunities, new experiences, new questions and some of those old questions, like: What happened to January? Where did I put that school lunch box? Does the school shirt still fit? Where is that other sock and why is there a fridge light but no freezer light?

If you are anything like me, you will still be trying to stop yourself from writing 2021 (luckily it's an easy fix changing a 1 to a 2). 2022 is here and it will be here for at least 11 months so let's give it our best shot.

For those that don't know me, my name is Caleb and I am the School Chaplain. I am available at APS on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I love my job at this great school and am excited to be here and be involved. Part of my role is to be present and to be available to listen, to give a little bit of extra time to people when they need it, and to encourage an inclusive and caring learning environment. It truly is a privilege to be here and I hope that together we can make 2022 a great year.

Also in other exciting news, remember those Christmas Shoeboxes we packed last term? The ones we filled with toys, toiletries, hair-ties, pencils and teddy bears? Well I have received confirmation from Santa that they arrived in Papua New Guinea! Yay!

Because of your generosity and care, the children of Papua New Guinea know that they are loved and not forgotten. Thanks again to this great school community for getting behind the cause.

P.S. I saw this picture on Mrs Claus' Instagram so something tells me Santa his enjoying some R and R.

Take care everyone!

*Mr Caleb Drage,
Chaplain*

Days at Albany Primary School
Wednesday, Thursday





ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT TERM PLANNER TERM 1



| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | 31 January | 1 February | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Swimming Trials |
| 3 | 14 P & C Meeting | 15 | 16 Newsletter Open Evening 3-5 pm | 17 Constable Care Sessions Year 6 Emu Point Excursion | 18 Constable Care Sessions P & C Sundowner |
| 4 | 21 Board Meeting | 22 | 23 Bike Club | 24 | 25 Assembly Rm 15 |
| 5 | 28 | 1 March Students V's Teacher Game | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 6 | 7 – Labour Day | 8 | 9 Newsletter | 10 APS Swimming Carnival | 11 Assembly Rm 20 |
| 7 | 14 School Photos P & C Meeting | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Fathering Camp Out |
| 8 | 21 Board Meeting | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Assembly Rm 5 |
| 9 | 28 | 29 | 30 Newsletter Students V's Teacher Game | 31 Interschool Swimming Carnival | 1 April |
| 10 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Assembly Rm 17 |

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