



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2021 Term 1 Week 3

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From the Principal's Desk



Thank You

A huge and sincere thank you to our parent community for embracing the mask wearing requirements and current Covid restrictions. I understand your frustrations around some of the changes in place. We are currently all in a bit of a circling pattern; we know there will be more restrictions coming, but when and what is a big unknown. As always, I will endeavour to keep you updated as quickly as I can with information as it comes to me.

You may be aware that schools are operating under slightly different guidelines to the general community. In today's newsletter there is an infographic explaining what a close contact is in a school setting.

Class Restructure

Thank you to our school community for your understanding and support of our recent class restructure. Whilst I know this was not an ideal start to the school year, it now means children are in much better class arrangements and can get on with the teaching and learning programs in a more seamless manner. I am glad we undertook this restructure at the beginning of Week 2, instead of waiting for another couple of weeks. Our students are all settled now and engaged in their learning programs.

Parent Information Afternoon

Although we have had to cancel this afternoon for parents due to the current restrictions for parents in classrooms, you will receive this week, via your Connect account, an information letter from your child's classroom teacher. Information about classroom procedures and our PBS expectations are contained in these letters.

We are hoping that in the future we can have another open afternoon for parents to visit classrooms. In the meantime, you are most welcome to speak with teachers about how your child is progressing in class. Please phone or email us to arrange a suitable time.

Lunch Service –Tuesday and Thursday

We are very happy to be offering a lunch service via the North Albany SHS canteen. This is a five-week trial to see if an ongoing service to our school is viable. Orders are placed through QuickCliq, as per last year. Please make sure you have updated the teacher and room number of your children.

We will keep you updated of changes after the trial period.

Media Consents

Today you will receive an electronic set of our Media Consent forms. It is a requirement for us to renew these each year to have permissions for publishing and to enable your children to access information technologies.

Please return these as soon as possible.

You will soon receive another set of permissions electronically, for Third Party Consents for any applications we use in school. These include class based programs and whole school programs used for the library, assessments, school photos, etc.

Ms Cathy Willis

Principal



School-based close contact in a high caseload environment

Testing and isolation advice for schools

Close contact definitions in schools

Face-to-face

At least 15 minutes face-to-face contact where a mask was not worn by the exposed person and the person with COVID-19.

Small indoor space/classroom/no mask

Greater than two hours within a small indoor space or classroom environment, where masks have been removed for this period by the exposed person and the person with COVID-19 (note: others wearing masks in this scenario would not be a contact).

Advised by WA Health

Someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

Confirmed positive case

Notify your school and isolate for a minimum of 7 days.

- At Day 7, if symptoms are present remain in isolation until symptoms clear.
- If no symptoms after Day 7, leave isolation and no testing is required.



Asymptomatic close contact

Notify your school, isolate for 7 days from date of contact with positive case:

- If symptoms develop, refer to **Symptomatic close contact**.
- If still asymptomatic, take a RAT on Day 7.
 - If positive, refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
 - If negative, and no new household members have tested positive – self-isolation ends after Day 7, and people should monitor for symptoms.

Symptomatic close contact

Notify your school, isolate for 7 days from date of contact with positive case, and:

Take a PCR or RAT test as soon as symptoms develop:

- If positive, refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
- If negative stay in isolation, and if you used a RAT, take a second RAT in 24 hours and remain in isolation.
 - If then positive, refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
 - If negative and no new household members have tested positive – take a RAT again on Day 7, before ending isolation if a negative result is returned.

***Report your positive RAT to WA Health at**
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister



Symptomatic (not a close contact)

Get a PCR test immediately and isolate until the result is returned:

- If positive, refer to **Confirmed positive case**.
- If negative, not required to isolate but should stay home where possible until symptoms clear.

If you take a RAT because a PCR test is unavailable:

- If positive, refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
- If negative, continue to isolate and repeat RAT in 24 hours – if negative after this follow-up test, you are not required to isolate but should stay home until symptoms clear.

FACTION POINTS



Chaplain's Corner

Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.

But seriously did you know its "Random Acts of Kindness Week"?

Just the other day I witnessed somebody allow another person to go before them in that dreadful Dome/Kmart carpark intersection, and we all know how generous that is when you just want to be out of there already. This little gesture made me reflect on all the ways we can show kindness to others.

This week I will be focussing on encouraging the students to show little "random acts of kindness" to others and especially those they usually do not interact with. Writing notes of appreciation for people, complimenting others, holding the door open for others or offering help when somebody is in need, are all little things that can impact our whole community and make it a more enjoyable place to be. I think in our current climate of having to be flexible and adapt to change a little kindness goes a long way.

As parents and caregivers, we are the biggest influence on our children, we can show them that being kind to others can and should be the norm. Maybe start the conversation and ask your children about what it means to be kind? Ask what ways we can show kindness? Or about a time when someone showed kindness to them and what that looked and felt like?

If you would like some more ideas, click on the links below:

[150 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS \(wcskids.net\)](https://www.wcskids.net/150-RANDOM-ACTS-OF-KINDNESS)

[Random Acts of Kindness | Welcome](#)

Take care everyone!



YouthCARE

Supporting WA school communities

Mr Caleb Drage, Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday, Thursday

Show **R**espect

Include Others

Be **S**afe

Personal **E**xcellence

P & C News

Our P&C AGM will be held on Monday 14 March at 7pm - venue TBC

At the AGM, all office bearing positions will be declared vacant, and we will be calling for nominations. We are very keen to hear from people that have the skills to take on either the Treasurer or Secretary role in particular. Meetings are held twice per term and a summary of the role is outlined below.

Our Fundraising Sub-Committee will also be looking for a new Co-ordinator. Plenty of support will be offered from Ainslie, who is stepping down after a busy 2021 in the role.

Your P&C offers financial support to many school projects, including the recent toilet painting upgrades, special incursion visits to the school, book week activities, bike club, RISE reward days and more. It also manages the Uniform Shop, to keep uniforms prices as low as possible for families.

The bigger the team we have, the more we can add to all of our student's experiences at Albany Primary. We would love to talk to anyone interested in knowing more about what we do!

P&C President

Description of the role



During school terms, the average time commitment is 3 hrs/week



Be organised! Understand the Constitution and legal requirements



Chair meetings twice a term, attend some sub-committee meetings too



Act as the main contact for the school parent and wider community



Prepare reports, sign documents, act as bank signatory and ATO contact

P&C Secretary

Description of the role



During school terms, the average time commitment is 2 hr/week



Organise all documents. Prepare agendas, minutes of meetings etc



Maintain register of members and ensure all members are informed of meetings to be held



Ensure all reports and agenda items are in ahead of meetings to be distributed



Bank signatory on accounts

P&C Vice President

Description of the role



During school terms, the average time commitment is 1 hr/week



Main contact between State P&C body, and our local P&C



Chair meetings in absence of President and other roles if needed



Work as main support to the P&C President



Bank signatory on accounts

P&C Treasurer

Description of the role



During school terms, the average time commitment is 3 hr/week



Organise all financial transactions. Prepare payments and banking, monthly reconcile of bank accounts



Attend meetings with a detailed report of financial situation to convey to members



Answer any questions on financial matters. Responsible for preparing accounts for annual audit of books



Bank signatory on accounts, main contact for ATO

A Note from the School Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year.

My name is Rochelle Klose and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.

Please contact me on **9842 7566 / 0427426137** and / or rochelle.klose@health.wa.gov.au

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.

Before School Care

 77 Sanford Rd, Albany 6330

 9841 6672

 albanioshc@wpcyc.com.au



[REGISTER TODAY!](#)



PERMANENT BOOKINGS ONLY

Service opens at 6.45am

- » **Breakfast and School drop-off provided** 
- » **Bookings** via email
- » **Please note, we have limited spaces available** so spots are booked on a first come first serve basis. Our standard cancellation policy applies.

Cost

\$35 per child per day before CCS entitlements

KICK IT SKILLS

A FUN AND FAST WAY TO KICK IT. AFTER SCHOOL

JOIN the FUN

ONLY
\$40
REGISTRATION
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Play with your friends at KICK IT.SKILLS.

Led by our trained coaches, we provide an inclusive environment for your child to discover their unique skills.

- For boys and girls in Kindergarten to Year 6
- 45-minute weekly sessions, over 4 weeks
- Delivered directly after school on the oval
- Fun activities and modified games that develop skills through game play
- All equipment supplied



ALBANY PRIMARY
SCHOOL OVAL



WEDNESDAYS
3:15PM - 4:00PM
2nd - 23rd MAR (Wk 5-8)

REGISTER TODAY

kickitfootball.com.au/skills

CONTACT: BONNIE 0401 009 773

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NUMBER 1 IN TENNIS

ALBANY TENNIS ACADEMY

HHG LEGAL GROUP
TRUSTED SINCE 1919
WEALTH ADVANTAGE
Energy Agencies
firstnational
Albany

JUNIOR GROUP TENNIS LESSONS

THURSDAYS

TERM 1 – 2022

\$100 per person - Starting week 2 of term 1!

Thursdays 3.40 – 4.20pm (under 7s)

Thursdays 4.20 – 5.00pm (8-11)

Thursdays 5.00 – 5.40pm (12+)

Merrifield Park Tennis Club, Little Oxford St.

FREE JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ All Inclusive
- ✓ Maximum Participation
- ✓ All Equipment Provided
- ✓ Bookings Essential

To book phone or email Nelson
0424 793 217
nstennis@westnet.com.au



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OCEAN HEROES IS COMING TO ALBANY!



'Ocean Heroes aims to improve the wellbeing of those on the autism spectrum and their families through surfing'. We're coming back to Albany and can't wait to share the stoke with the local autism community!

- WHEN: SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 9AM- 1:30PM
- WHERE: **MIDDLETON BEACH, ALBANY**
- WHO: THE AUTISM COMMUNITY
- HOW MUCH: **FREE!**



For more details contact: Sam
sam@oceanheroes.com.au
 0431 930 284

Registrations via EventBrite , www.oceanheroes.com.au

