

ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2022 Term 1 Week 6

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From the Principal's Desk

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the long weekend with family, sure was lovely to have an extra day to switch off from the hustle of work life!



Covid Update

There are numerous communications coming from school via Connect with important updates around Covid and restrictions. Thank you to everyone for keeping abreast of these and supporting us in implementing mandates from the Departments of Education and Health. We continue to follow the latest advice from WA Health.

Our Years 3-6 students have been amazing in taking up the mask mandate. They have adapted extremely well. Thank you for your support of this.

Western Australia has moved to a very high caseload setting, effective Thursday 10 March.

An important communication was sent to parents via Connect on Thursday morning to inform you of these changes and their impact upon schools.

For more information on very high caseload protocols, visit wa.gov.au.

We are committed to keeping our school open and safe for learning. If your child is required to isolate, we will provide them with learning to do at home. If your child's teacher is required to isolate, your child may have a different teacher for periods of time. In some cases, we may need to rearrange extra-curricular school activities to ensure our teachers are in classrooms teaching.

I thank you for your understanding as we navigate the next few weeks, in what is anticipated to be a difficult time in our community.

School Photos Week

Next week we welcome back Medhat and his team from SchoolPic Photography to take our annual school photos.

We ask that all students come dressed in their green school shirts for their photos.

We will be ensuring we are “Covid safe” for our photos. If the weather is fine, class photos will be taken outside. Individual photos will be taken with social distancing and students briefly taking their mask off for their photo.

Arrival at School and Pick Up

A reminder that arrival time in the morning is **8:30**, please. Several students are arriving far too early at school.

Pick up is 2:50 for Kindy and Pre-Primary; 3:00 for Years 1-6. We appreciate your prompt pick up of students as staff often have other meetings or commitments.

With the weather being so lovely, perhaps you could encourage active transport with your children! 😊

APS Mountain Bike Track

I am super excited that our planned mountain bike trail is almost here! This will be a fantastic, unique feature of our school. We have teamed with Outdoors Great Southern who have been instrumental in helping us plan the trail and will now be assisting in the construction of the trail loop on Saturday 26th March.

This busy bee event needs your help to make the day a success. On the day we will be preparing and installing the trail. Many hands make light work, so the more people we can have to help out, the better. Further information is in our newsletter today. Keep an eye out for the Facebook posts to sign up and help out at the busy bee.

I would especially like to thank Mr Carron for being instrumental in the planning and organisation of this amazing project.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- **14 March P & C Meeting**
- **14 – 18 March School Photos**
- **18 March The 2022 Almost Campout**
- **21 March Board Meeting**

Congratulations to all of our Honour Certificate Recipients and Rise Stars from Week 4 & 6

HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

ROOM	JUNIOR	ROOM	SENIOR
2	Archer, Bobby, Koby & Lucas	15	Grace D, Grace F & Harrison
3	Reuben, Michaela, Isobel & Isla	16	Zac, Lachlan, Beau & Benjamin
4	Jude, Sophie, Sascha Zephyr	17	Emerson, Ruby, Quinn & Travis
5	Max, Eloise, Taliesha & Nathaniel	18	Callum, Mahayla, Cadence & Fletcher
6	Vida, Archie, Decoda & Thomas	20	George, Kate, Charlotte & Rosalie
7	Mia, Raymond, Harry & Alby	21	Leila, Lewin, Sadie & Cooper
8	Advik, Jordan & Ginger	22	Aditya, Leilani, Nina & Harrison
9	Olivia, Theo, Savannah & Matilda	23	Jobe, Sophie, Branden & Sienna
LOTE	Zayden, Maddison, Jai & Ruby	Science	Olivia & Maeve
Phys Ed	Jamie, Zephyr, Johnny & Charlotte	Digital Technology	William, Rosa, Zephyr, Cadence & Ivy
Aussie of the Month			Marlon & Lola



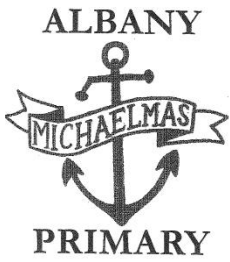
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Aisah
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Piper
Finn & Sabella

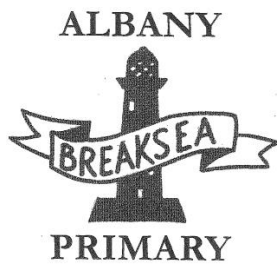
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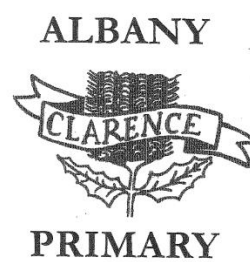
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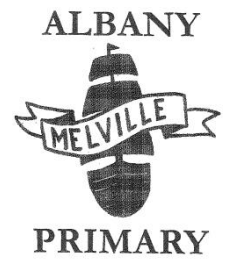
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Emu Point Review

Emu Point was enjoyable for me because I had lots of people I played with in my group. The activities I liked were beach soccer, jumping off the jetty and the free swim. At the very end there was the Iron Man and Iron Woman race. One of things I didn't enjoy was when you could go to the shop and there was a big wait! But luckily, I got in first!!!

At lunch you could go for a swim, go on the swings, play in the playground, or play soccer or cricket on the beach. Only a very few people could make it all the way down the water slide, and I was one of seven who made it down.

It was nice how we got to have a break from school and got to go outside and play in the sun with our friends who might not have been in our class.

If I could choose one activity that I would change, it would be the sand sculptures.

By Marlon

Emu Point Year 6

Excursion - Parent Helpers

Dear Parent Helpers

Thank you.

Everyone had a great time at Emu Point last Thursday and that would not have happened if we hadn't had all the parents helping us. We had fun at all the activities and getting to know the other students. It was great. It was also a great opportunity to meet all the new kids and making some new friends.

By Aisha



Students In The Spotlight



Friday 4th March 2022 was Clean Up Australia Day! The Year Six students of Room 16 decided it was time to make a difference and pick up some rubbish. They ventured into the Year Six play area and behind rooms 15 - 18. In forty minutes these eco-warriors collected 826 pieces of rubbish. 644 pieces were chip and muesli bar wrappers. The students responsibly recycled all rubbish, where possible, and organised for the soft plastics to be taken to a local collection point. They will be continuing their crusade to clean up our beautiful grounds!

A big well done to Amelia, Rosilee, Scarlett & Sarah for giving up their recess to collect rubbish found near the school oval! Way to go girls.



Kindergarten 2023

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten for 2023. If your child is turning 4 in 2023 enrol now to avoid disappointment. Enrolment forms are available from the front office or on the Albany Primary School website.

Applications close 22 July 2022



Dental Therapy Centre News

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre provides free dental examinations, oral care advice, preventative, restorative and emergency treatment for children from pre-primary to Year 11.

Enrolment forms have been issued to your child if he/she has recently changed schools or enrolled in Pre-Primary, please make sure these forms are returned before Friday 25th March if you wish to use our service.

Parents of enrolled students are reminded to contact the centre to update your details if you have moved in the last few years. All appointments are posted home and many of these are returned to us due to incorrect addresses, this means that your child misses out on their dental visit. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be taken up by someone else. You can call us on 9841 3967 or send us an email to spencerparkdtc@health.wa.gov.au.

Chaplain's Corner

It's Harmony week next week! So it seems a fitting time to talk about what it means and what it can look like.

Harmony is probably best thought of as two things that are not the same but that complement each other and help each other to reach their full potential. When I think of Harmony it's hard to get away from the illustration of musical notes but on paper that doesn't work well. So, I think a jigsaw puzzle will have to do in this instance.



A singular jigsaw puzzle piece might look pretty odd, it might look like just a smear of blue and yellow and this might make it difficult to comprehend what on earth it is. But though it looks unusual, when you find the right mate for it, something starts to click. Now imagine 500 of these pieces.

The glaring proof of this is the frustration we feel when we are missing the final piece. The puzzle might look mostly good, but it isn't quite right until the final piece is in place. And when that final piece is found, what was once a blueish yellow smear, is now part of the swirling heavens of our night sky. The beauty makes sense and can be appreciated because all the pieces are now correctly set. To push this metaphor a little further, means that as a community we won't be what we could be until everyone is contributing and helping.

So the question to ask ourselves is this... how can we make our own community a picture of a twinkling night sky? In what ways can we help others to shine?

Attached are two activities that you could do with your child if you wanted to approach the topic with them:

[Crossword Puzzle \(harmony.gov.au\)](http://harmony.gov.au)

[Harmony Day colour and make](#)

Take care everyone!

Mr Caleb Drage, Chaplain

Days at Albany Primary School

Wednesday, Thursday



 YouthCARE

Supporting WA school communities

Fun Facts 2022!

Welcome fun facts 2022. Share your fun fact with the front office this term for your chance to win a prize. We are looking for the wackiest, weirdest fun fact you can think of!

Get your fun fact to the front office by Week 9 for your chance to win. Winner announced in the next newsletter.

Here are some to get you thinking...

- Did you know a Polar Bear actually has black skin!



- Butterflies primarily taste with their feet

- The longest place name on the planet is 85 letters long in New Zealand!

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Dads, bring your kids and
join in

The 2022 Almost Campout

Pitch your tent at home and then
head to Albany Primary and share an
evening of fun & games at school with
your kids.



Who: Dad or Adult male role model with Kindy to Year 6 kids

Event Details:

Friday 18th March 2022

5pm: set your tent up at home & find some dinner

630ish: Arrive at school (Parking on the oval off Campbell Rd)

7pm: Fun & Games @ APS

810ish: Head home to your camp!

Where: School Oval

Cost: \$6 per family (proceeds to APS P&C)

RSVP & more details: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/albany-primary-school-2022-dads-kids-almost-campout-tickets-276637649657>



Presented by The Fathering Project in
partnership with Albany Primary School.

P & C News



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION JOIN US!

Who are we?

The P&C is a volunteer-run organisation that is here to support the school and community. Mums, Dads and Grandparents/carers are all welcome!

What we do

We focus on building community around our school, enriching educational opportunities for students, and providing services for APS families. Here are some of the things our volunteers do:

- School lunch and uniform shop services
- Fathering Project - to support the men supporting our kids
- Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, special lunch days and more!
- Walking School Bus and sustainability initiatives
- Fundraising to improve the school environment and purchase new play and educational equipment.

Why Join

- Understand more about what happens at school
- Feel satisfied helping the school and making it better for our children
- Meet others in the community, learn new skills and share your own

Research shows that when parents are involved, students have a better attitude to school and improved behaviour!

Get involved

We rely on volunteers to make things happen and all offers of help make a difference. Some ways to help include:

- Bake for fundraising events
- Help out at the uniform shop
- Garden at busy bees & provide help for building projects
- Come to P&C meetings or join a sub-committee. Meetings are held twice a term, on Monday evenings and run for under 2 hours

Become a P&C member

New members are welcome at any time! Annual membership is \$1 and gives you the right to vote at all general P&C meetings.

Sign up online: <https://form.jotform.com/212880597278874>

or come along to our next meeting– you'll find the date in the school newsletter or Facebook.

Contact Us

- Email: albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/APSPandC





ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

2022 AGM

14 MARCH 2022 | 7PM

Albany Athletics Club | Corner North Road and Sanford Road

Feel free to just listen and familiarise yourself with the workings of the P&C. Questions are always welcome. If you have time and skills to offer, please do! It's a great chance to meet new people, have your say, and talk to the Principal.

Annual membership is \$1 and allows you to vote at P&C general meetings. By becoming a financial member and attending meetings, you are helping the P&C to progress and enrich the school environment at APS. Sign up on the night or online via <https://form.jotform.com/212880597278874>.

At the AGM, this is when P&C members elect a committee. Any financial P&C member can nominate or be nominated for a position on the committee such as...

Are you our new
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR?

Find fundraising ideas
Coordinate fundraisers

Are you our new
P&C SECRETARY?

Take notes at meetings
Look after correspondence
Distribute meeting papers

Are you our new
P&C TREASURER?

Keep track of the money!
Pay bills
Count and bank takings
Keep records & prepare reports

Are you our new
P&C PRESIDENT?

Lead the team
Oversee activities
Run our meetings
Be our spokesperson

COVID-19

Got a COVID-19 symptom?

Get tested.

Anyone with symptoms, even if mild, should get tested.



fever



cough



sore throat



difficulty breathing



runny nose



loss of taste or smell

Testing at public COVID clinics is free.



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.



Symptomatic close contact

Notify your school. Quarantine for a full 7 days from the last date of contact with positive case; and take a PCR test or a RAT on Day 1 or as soon as possible:

- if positive – refer to **Confirmed positive case**
- if negative PCR, continue to quarantine
- if negative RAT, continue to quarantine and take RAT in 24 hours
 - if RAT positive – refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
 - if RAT negative – continue to quarantine.

Take a PCR test on Day 6 or 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 – quarantine ends after Day 7, and people should monitor for symptoms.

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



Asymptomatic close contact

Notify your school. Quarantine for a full 7 days from the last date of contact with positive case; and take a PCR test or a RAT on Day 1 or as soon as possible:

- if positive – refer to **Confirmed positive case**
- if negative PCR, continue to quarantine
- if negative RAT, continue to quarantine and take RAT in 24 hours
 - if RAT positive – refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
 - if RAT negative – continue to quarantine.

Take a PCR test on Day 6 or 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 – quarantine ends after Day 7, and people should monitor for symptoms.

If symptoms develop, refer to **Symptomatic close contact**.

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.

COVID-19 safe measures

The Department of Education is following current public health advice to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in our schools, residential facilities and communities. We are committed to delivering quality teaching to children in Western Australia.

Learning



Face to face teaching

Staff



Required to be triple
dose vaccinated

Visitors



Show proof of vaccination
when required

COVID-19 safe measures



Mask supplies for
staff and students



Pool of vaccinated
school staff available



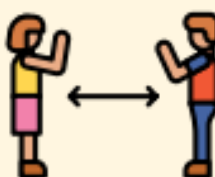
Adequate ventilation
for all classes and rooms



Air purifiers supplied
where required



Stay home
when sick



Avoid unnecessary
physical contact



Additional
cleaning



Alcohol-based
hand sanitiser

If you require further information or assistance, please speak to your principal, manager or a staff member. You can also contact your regional office. For COVID-19 queries, please contact coronavirussupport@education.wa.edu.au or call 1800 882 345.

education.wa.edu.au

*to comply with public health directions



OUTDOORS
GREAT SOUTHERN



ALBANY
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

MTB VOLUNTEER TRACK BUILD



9AM-4PM, SATURDAY 26 MARCH
AT ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

REGISTER VIA QR CODE TO HELP BUILD!



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.



Hockey Season is just around the corner!

Any interested Year 3-4 players please contact Tahlia from the Spencer Park Hockey Club on 0437 805 194

Season starts term 2



APS 2022 SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

We are going online this year!

New players please email: albanyprimaryjsc@gmail.com

Parents: New Committee members required

Fees are as follows:

MiniRoos - Under 7s (Pre - Primary and Year 1) \$85

MiniRoos - Under 8s - Under 11s (Yr 2,3,4 & 5) \$110

Junior League - Under 12s (Year 6s) \$130

Kidsport vouchers need to be applied for online.

Please email your voucher code

\$5 Club fee payable in cash for Kidsport players



Government of Western Australia
Department of Sport and Recreation

Respect





Ocean Heroes is a Western Australia based charity that aims to improve the wellbeing of those living with Autism and their families through surfing. We combine compassion, skills, and patience to provide the thrill of catching a wave in a free and unique one-on-one experience. Ocean Heroes was founded in 2016 by Sam Moyle, Luke Hallam, and Tom Johnston, who saw a much-needed gap in the Autism community. There are currently no equivalent organisations like Ocean Heroes in Western Australia.

Since its inception, Ocean Heroes has provided this unique opportunity to over 5,000 people living with ASD, with regular events held across Perth, regionally in Denmark, Esperance, Geraldton and Broome, and interstate in NSW and VIC. Currently, we hold monthly events in Perth between September and April, catering for up to 150 participants at each event. Our goal at Ocean Heroes is to provide more people with ASD the thrill of catching a wave.

March 2022 sees Ocean Heroes coming back to the **Esperance** community for the second year running, holding a two-day event at Twilight Beach on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th. This event is proudly supported by Telethon, Southern Ports and Mt Burdett Foundation. These events provide a unique opportunity for the autism community to experience the thrill of surfing in a fun, safe and supportive environment!

Next stop on the calendar sees Ocean Heroes venture west to **Albany** on Saturday 2nd April, then **Denmark** on the Sunday 3rd. These events are proudly supported by Telethon, and Southern Ports. The two consecutive weekends will bring together the autism community, surf community, and the broader volunteering community for fun-filled salty days at the beach!

To register as a participant, follow these links to Eventbrite:

Twilight Beach Esperance - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/229231476517>

Middleton Beach Albany - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/239772836007>

Ocean Beach Denmark - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/239802765527>

For more information on how to volunteer, support or sponsor, contact **Sam Moyle** -Events & Operations
sam@oceanheroes.com.au, 0431 930 284, @oceanheroes, www.oceanheroes.com.au

