Dear Parents

We are at the start of the final term for the year and the students have come back in a very positive frame of mind (even though I know many of them would like to be on holidays forever). The first three days have been very enjoyable with good play happening during breaks and solid work being done in classes.

During the professional learning day on Monday the whole staff engaged in planning for 2017. There are many school processes and programs that need to be planned out and staff input is very important.

School Survey
Have you completed the survey that is on line that gives you a chance to provide us with a snapshot of what you think about how our school is working? If you haven’t please take the opportunity! The survey can be found at https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/2SpCWsNc. Your feedback is important so please complete the survey. It will be appreciated.

Important Events
Year 6 Camp: This is happening next week. The students are off to Rottnest so I hope they enjoy the experience and learn from this. The students leave on Monday and return Friday travelling by bus.

Year 5 Special Activity Week: During week 3 the year 5s are going to engage in a range of special activities which will involve bike education, geography, history, science and art. Details will be going home about this in the very near future.

House Jumps and Throws: This is scheduled for Monday 31 October. The jumps and throws will be occurring throughout the day and parents are welcome to attend.

House Athletics Carnival: This is being conducted at Albany Senior High School Oval throughout Thursday 3 November. All parents are welcome.

Show Day: Scheduled for Friday 11 November. The students will have the show day off while staff participate in professional learning and school planning for 2017.

Assembly
Our first assembly for the term is Friday Week 2 and will be conducted by Mrs Hooper’s year 1s. We hope you can come along and enjoy their performance.

Staffing News
You may recall that Ben Goldsmith is acting deputy for this term as Peter Bolt is on long service leave. He has been replaced in Year 6, Room 13, by Jane Connelly. Dianne Enright will be full time in Room 7 for the remainder of the year and Diane Stewart will be working Wednesday’s in Room 17.

I would also like to inform you that I will be finishing at Albany Primary School at the end of 2016 as I will be using up accrued leave and then retiring. Information about the process to replace me will be forthcoming.

Conclusion
We have a very busy schedule ahead of us for this term with many exciting and interesting events planned. We also have to finalise planning and organisation for 2017 so it will be busy!!! Looking forward to a great term.

Regards,
Brian Lee
Principal
**Athletic Carnivals**

Albany Primary School Athletics Carnivals needs your assistance with the Jumps and Throws (Yr 4 to 6) events on the morning of Monday 31 November on the Albany Primary School oval. Marshalls and Recorders are required.

We also require assistance with the Main Carnival Thursday 3 November at ASHS oval. Juniors am only; Seniors am and pm. Required are Recorders, Marshalls, Judges, Pre-Carnival setup 7am.

If you can support us in making these carnivals a success then please contact the school by phone 98427400 or return the slip below to your child’s teacher or to the front office.

Your support is valued and appreciated. No previous experience is required. A pre carnival briefing and support will be provided.

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**ASSISTANCE WITH ATHLETIC CARNIVALS 2016**

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We start the term with another thank you to our catering team Kate Houderani & Kim Norder who with the help of Deb White and food donations from parents catered for the PD day on Monday. If you haven’t picked up your plates yet, they can be collected from the office.

Collection of Lapathon cards and money commenced today. Here are the remaining collection times and locations.

Friday 14th October - outside pre-primary—between 8.30am and 9am
Thursday 20th October – outside assembly area—between 8.30am and 9am

We appreciate your assistance in returning all cards regardless if you’ve collected money. It is a legal requirement that we collect all cards sent out. Thank you.

Julie Brooks

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**Canteen News**

**Monday 17 October**
Tanya Wilson

**Wednesday 19 October**
Lisa Gwynn

**Thursday 20 October**
Amber Nathan

**Friday 21 October**
Clare Valley

We now have available Gluten Free
Pies - $6.00
Sausage Rolls - $4.50

If you have any spare plastic shopping bags, the canteen would love them.

We have a few days this term available if anyone would like you help? Just 2 hours maximum.

Thursday 27 October
Monday 14 November
Thursday 1 December
Thursday 8 December
Monday 12 December
Wednesday 14 December
Thursday 15 December

Please phone 9842 7422 if you can help.

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**Pertussis—Whooping Cough**

We have been advised of a confirmed case of Whooping Cough with a student from our school. Parents are reminded that this is a highly contagious, acute, respiratory, bacterial infection.

**Transmission:** Airborne or droplet; direct contact with contaminated nose or throat secretions.

**Incubation period:** About 7 to 10 days.

**Exclusion:** Exclude until 5 days after an appropriate antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from the onset of coughing.

**Treatment:** Antibiotics as recommended by your doctor.
Term 4 in the Art Shed

This term the Art Shed will be set up for students to make a variety of puppets. We will begin with shadow, stick and sock puppets. Students wanting to make a sock puppet will need to bring along a clean sock, however if you have any spare odd socks at home we would love to have them for those who cannot bring in their own!

The Art Shed will be open each lunch time with year groups allocated days (Mondays for yrs1 and 6, yrs2 and 5 on Tuesdays and 3/4s on Wednesdays) with Thursdays and Fridays being an 'open' day for anyone. However, students are always encouraged to pop in and get creative on any day if there is available space. When the weather improves we also plan to have some outdoor activities going to increase the students' opportunities to participate.

We are also chasing rolling pins, toothbrushes and containers such as yoghurt and margarine/butter containers for holding water. Please send them in to school if you can help us out with any of these items, they will be greatly appreciated.

If any parents are keen to get involved with the Art Shed; perhaps you have some skills to share or some great ideas for how it could be run...please contact Melissa Daw at the school, she would love to hear from you.

GOODSTART ALBANY

Great News! We are able to offer before and after school care and vacation care for children up to 12 years of age for 2017 with a bus service. Please let us know if you are interested in using this service. Phone 98412044
Email any@goodstart.org.au