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We value positive relationships and
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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Bibbulmun Track Challenge

Over the last few weeks classes, have been participating in the Bibbulmun Track Challenge, which requires students to run laps of the oval to obtain the cumulative distance of the Bibbulmun (1000km). This activity is a great way for our students to increase fitness levels for the Cross-Country events later in the term, but to also appreciate the stamina and persistence required in achieving this activity.



New Undercover Area for School Garden

The school garden along Reidy Drive will soon have a new undercover area for students and staff to engage with science lessons. This area will provide shelter for students during the winter months, so that science lessons can continue regardless of conditions. A new water tank will also be installed to catch rain from the undercover area. This will supplement the water being used for our garden.

Containers for Change

The P&C and school would like to thank all the parents and students for your ongoing support of the Containers for Change fundraiser. All the containers donated to the P&C help build up funds that go back into the school to support programs like the canteen, playground equipment and various other projects around the school. The school recently had the large pod emptied, which raised \$150.

NAPLAN TESTING



Throughout this week and next, Year 3 & 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing. The four tests will cover areas of Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. These tests provide students with an opportunity to participate in a formal testing experience and will also provide the school with information about performance of cohorts and individuals. Individual NAPLAN results will be provided to parents once results are finalised, which is generally around the end of term 3.

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FUTURE DATES

National Simultaneous Story
time Book Fair
School Board Meeting
Assembly Room 2

Wed 19 May
Thurs 20 May
Fri 21 May

Ideas for Parents to Promote Student Engagement

Parents' support for their child's school performance and involvement in school is really important, but can take different forms. Some ideas to use are:

- Modelling the importance of learning, self-discipline, and hard work. Your child learns from your behaviours and attitudes. You can enhance your child's engagement and success in school by demonstrating a commitment to learning and hard work.
- Setting and enforcing high but realistic expectations. Your child is more likely to achieve and succeed when you and your child's teachers have high expectations.
- Providing structure and monitoring. A consistent pattern of age-appropriate monitoring and supervision can increase your child's chances for success in school.
- Knowing what is going on at school. If you stay abreast of what is going on at school, you can have a positive impact on your child's attitudes and behaviours toward school.
- Making your home a learning environment. A supportive and stable home environment has a positive impact on school performance and the degree to which your child is engaged in school and learning.
- Being persistent and consistent. For education to remain a priority for your child, be both persistent and consistent when providing support for your child's learning.

Source: *SCHOOL COMPLETION AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT: INFORMATION AND STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS* By Amanda Blount Morse, Sandra L. Christenson, PhD, NCSP, & Camilla A. Lehr, PhD University of Minnesota

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at Monday's Mini assembly.



Respect		Care & Compassion	
PP1	Laveah	PP1	Ella
PP2	Winnie	PP2	Jameson
Rm 1	Kade	Rm 1	Lewis
Rm 2	Jazmyn	Rm 2	Zeke
Rm 3	Dustyn	Rm 3	Kayla
Rm 8	Erik	Rm 8	Skye
Rm 9	Yao	Rm 9	Tristan
Rm 11	Polly	Rm 11	Bella
Rm 19	Emily Rose	Rm 19	Sasha
Rm 24	Connor	Rm 24	Joesph

ROOM 1 MATHS:

Room 1 have been making the most of the autumn sunshine by taking their classroom 311578 outside.





PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

Golden Bees



Congratulations to our recipients of a Golden Bee Award this week. Charlie B, Kai, Brayden, Nora and Tom have all been extra wonderful at using our Positive Behaviour School Expectations, to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best. Well done to our amazing students!

Cricket stars

Cricket is a feature in our school this term. Many students received a cricket pack, and have been busy practising their catching and batting skills.



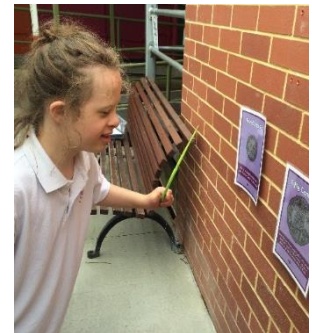
Expectation of the Week

Be Friendly – I can share with others to show I care.



Room 13

Room 13 have been learning all about money, and enjoying learning using visual and sensory aids.



AUSLAN / Key Word Sign

Our sign for this fortnight is same and different.

Same - Point index fingers of both hands palms down and tap sides of index fingers together, twice.



Different - Point index fingers of both hands, palms down. Place edges of index fingers together. While moving hands apart turn to palms up.



Bec Wheatley
Principal



TAKING KINDY ENROLMENTS NOW
TELEPHONE 6821 3000 OR VISIT THE SCHOOL ON HARDIE ROAD

Applications for your child to be involved in Kindergarten (children turning 4 by 30 June 2022) and Pre-Primary (children turning 5 by 30 June 2022) are now being taken at our school office. If your child is entering our school for the first time their birth certificate and immunisation certificate from the Australian Children's Immunisation Registry will be required.

The closing date for applications is Friday 30 July. Whilst we will continue to take applications for enrolment in these programs for the remainder of the year, getting your application in before the closing date will be important in securing a place with our school in 2022.

If your child is currently enrolled in our Kindergarten program you will need to make contact with the school office to ensure that your child is on our Pre-Primary list for 2022.

The Book Fair is coming!

SAVE THE DATE!



27 May 2021

Dates

8:15 - 15:45

Times

School Hall

Place

 SCHOLASTIC

SECRET CODE

Somewhere within the text of this newsletter we have buried a six-digit code. When you have found the code, SMS 0437 619 154 and include your family name and the code. The first correct answer will win a \$10 canteen credit. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page and receive notification by SMS. With regret, prizes are only available to families enrolled at our school.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Destash Market

Hosted by Albany Clothing Sewers
Saturday 29th May

8am to 12noon

(sellers access from 7am)

CWA Hall

94 Serpentine Rd



All craft related destash is welcome so gather up yarn, paper crafts, fabrics, patterns or painting materials and book your stall now! Only \$10 per stall!

For stall enquiries/bookings please
text Rebecca on 0419 199 491
Or email repeter2@tpg.com.au



My Time is your time

- Term 2 2021 program -

MyTime is a FREE service just for you! Come along and join others in similar circumstances to socialise over coffee/ tea and cake in a relaxed setting, while your child and their siblings are engaged in activities with an experienced Play helper.

We welcome families/ carers who are caring for a child aged 0-18yrs with a disability, developmental delay or chronic illness to attend one or more of the sessions below.

"It's nice to have a group that looks after the parents' needs as well as the children's. *MyTime Parent*"

DATE	TOPIC DETAILS
Fri 30th April	Coffee and chat
Wed 5th May	Visit from Plan Navigators
Wed 12th May	Walk - n - talk [bring water bottle, walking shoes and mobility aid]
Wed 19th May	Visit from City of Albany about F.O.G.O
Wed 26th May	Self-care pamper activity
Wed 2nd June	Coffee and chat
Wed 9th June	Visit to be confirmed
Wed 18th June	Craft Day
Friday 25th June	Coffee and chat

WHERE: Wanslea, 26 Prior Street, Albany

TIME: 9.30-11.30 each Wednesday (unless specified)



down + row + own = 5 + 3 + 3 = 11

rate + rate + rat + ate = 5 + 4 + 3 + 3 = 15

chair + hair + air = 5 + 4 + 3 = 12

legal + leg + gal = 5 + 3 + 3 = 11

ozone + zone + one = 5 + 4 + 3 = 12

Kanga Words

Have fun playing with words...
Tactics and a little luck wins the game

Suitable for players 8-88

Three levels of ability plus a solo version

KANGA WORDS BOARD GAME GROUP

Perfect for parents of children who are struggling with literacy and a chance for many to look at words in a different way.

Term 2 - 13th & 27th May, 10th & 24th June
4pm - 5pm
Albany Public Library
Bookings Required 6820 3600
library.albany.wa.gov.au



MAY MONTHLY CHALLENGE



The Eurovision Song Contest held this month is an international song competition that features participants from European countries (as well as [Australia](#)). There's also a Junior Eurovision!

Challenge: Film or record yourself performing your entry for the Eurovision Song Contest!

- Your entry could be an original composition or a cover version of a favourite song.
- For that full-on Eurovision feel your entry will need great vocals, amazing costumes and killer moves!! Check out <https://youtu.be/nFPOFtr4vrM> for inspiration!

Passport to Learning: earn 2 hours.

- Show your finished clip to your School Coordinator, or upload it to the CUA Online Portal at <https://cuaportal.com/activities/childrens-university-australia-march-2021-online-challenge-2-2/>



National Curriculum Review – Feedback Submissions

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is currently reviewing the national curriculum.

ACARA is a joint state and federal entity that will present its recommendations to state and federal education ministers.

ACARA has developed a draft of the proposed curriculum changes and is seeking public views on it.

I encourage all families and staff to submit your views.

The draft curriculum and feedback submissions can be found online: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/consultation