

ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 5 – 16 August 2019



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Before school supervision

We are aware that many students have been arriving before 8.30 am. We do provide student supervision from 8.30 am and ask that parents do not drop off students before this time. It has also come to our attention that students are leaving the site and going to the shops and buying high energy drinks and engaging in some inappropriate behaviour. Can parents and carers please advise students to refrain from bringing or consuming these high energy drinks before or during school.

School Dress Code update

The school dress code working group is trying to source some suitable alternatives to the current jacket (that is not warm enough). When we have some options staff, students and parents will be surveyed to identify the best alternatives. This survey will be separate to the annual school survey that is conducted in Term 3 every year.

School celebration assembly

The first full school assembly this term celebrated Country Week achievements, the presentation of student leaders and recognition of students who have made a significant contribution in the wider community. The conduct of the whole student body demonstrated respect, responsibility, achievement and pride, which are our school values.

Lunchtime activities

There are many activities being conducted during lunchtimes for students. Please encourage your students to have a go at chess club, garden club and drawing club to name a few.

School Volunteers

We are fortunate to have a number of volunteers helping students in our school. Many are involved in supporting specific students with their reading skills. We also have some volunteers assisting in the canteen. I would like to thank and welcome our volunteers who commenced this term.

Good Standing

We have a good standing policy that applies to nearly all school excursions, such as sports competitions, camps and day trips. To provide extra incentive for students to keep their good standing our year coordinators and student leaders are initiating some new events for students with good standing. A recent reward event for Year 9s was at lunch time and called "Toastie Tuesday". The vast majority of our students keep their good standing all year and we want them to receive recognition for doing the right thing.



Jenny Firth
PRINCIPAL



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FROM THE DEPUTY

Thank you P&C

Thank you to our P&C for creating a new by-law where they will contribute \$500 towards providing canteen rewards for our students at ASHS who make positive choices. There will be some very happy and deserving students who will benefit from this in the future.

Community Volunteers

We have just started to have some volunteers begin to attend ASHS too. They have volunteered their time to come and support our students, who will benefit from more assistance with their reading, writing or some regular mentoring time. It is fantastic to be able to welcome the community into our school like this and provide our students with access to more skilled and experienced adults (besides their excellent teachers!). There is no shortage of 'work' at ASHS for keen volunteers, so please contact me via email (albany.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au) if you are interested in joining the Volunteer Team!

Talented staff

We have two staff members who have recently achieved something significant and who deserve recognition...

Melanie Turner (one of our HASS teachers) has been nominated by the P&C for an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award. She has been recognised for a range of qualities. However, some of them include; her leadership in developing staff capacity in using IT to support literacy, her dedication to continued improvement and reflection in terms of her teaching and students' learning, and also for her role in fundraising for this year's Hong Kong trip.

Amber Lewis (one of our English teachers) has been rewarded for her writing prowess and has won a short story competition. Another published ASHS teacher in the English Department is something we are all pretty proud of!



Sustainability Club

Over 20 of our students from all year levels, have joined the Sustainability Club at school and are busy helping to drive their first projects; paper recycling for each classroom and a Waste Audit for the school. It will be very interesting to see what kind of waste we create as a school each day (and how much!) It will also be exciting to watch our dedicated students help make a positive difference to the environmental footprint of our school, with the support of the Student Parliament, and their teacher supporters.

Student Award Winners

Congratulations to our students who have achieved highly in some recent academic competitions:

Flynn Kelleher-Bird – High Distinction for the Year 8

Australian Geography Competition

Lila Wenzel – Distinction for the Year 7 Australian Geography Competition

Lila Wenzel – Distinction for the Year 7 Big Science Competition

Zoe Taylor – Credit for the Year 10 Australian Geography Competition

Jasmine Caldwell – High Distinction for the Year 9 Big Science Competition

Lahni Davis – Credit for the Year 9 Big Science Competition

Laura Featherstone-Dawe – Credit for the Year 8 Big Science Competition



Bus Lane Safety

Please remember that no cars should be parked or moving through the bus lanes at drop-off and pick-up times. It is important that this safety rule is abided by to ensure the wellbeing of our students and the motorists at this time of day. Thank you for your cooperation.



Emma Pedretti
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

STUDENT SERVICES

Attendance

With the colder months upon us, I realise there tends to be more students away with colds and flu. If your child is away for any reason, please ensure you inform the school either via email albany.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au, Phone 9841 0419 or SMS 0400 204 440.

Student Leaders

I would like to congratulate the successful student leaders for 2019/2020. The new student leaders were recognised at a recent assembly.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 7

Ryan Beckett-Kitson, Adelie Bew, George Bockman, Rose Duncanson, Charlie Hudson, Cecile O'Doherty, Kleo Proudfoot, Ethan Ramm, Maggie Staude, Shanaya Weeden

Year 8

Chloe Battersby, Rania Bew, Adam Butler, Ella Cameron, Lacie Clark, Thomas Groth, Kevan Poole, Ivy Savage, James Stedman, Esther Tanish, Xanthe Utber, Ethan Young

Year 9

Jasmine Caldwell, Mia Collins, Sude Guruparan-Sritharan, Retha Lachmann, Talissa Mansfield, Ezra McGregor, Devon Proudfoot, Josie Staude, Damon Thompson, Corline le Grange

Year 10

Alissa Claughton, Natalie Duangken, Jessica Evans, Isabel Giblett, Darcy Howard, James Knowlson, Felicity Puls, Vada Radford, Jasmine Stephenson, Jade Spyko, Zoe Taylor, Hannah Wells

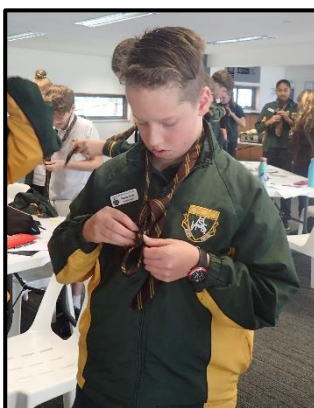
Prefects

Eleanor Barnett, Indigo Bew, Elissa Cale, Jenaya Colbung, Charlotte Edwards, Hunter Ewen, Molly Hudson, Mary Hunter, Jack Nicholson, Lachlan Puls, Tiger Soloman, Jeremy Staude, Katie Valley, Cornelius Van der Merwe, Indianna Weeden, Fraser Wood

Student Leaders Day

The 2019/2020 student leaders participated in a Student Leader Induction day on Thursday August 8. The Year 7 -10 leaders participated in get to know you, group and team-building activities along with identifying their traits as a leader.

Our guests, Kathleen Mier and Matt Wilson discussed their individual leadership journeys to inspire the students. Year Coordinators worked with their year groups for the afternoon session planning events for the coming 12 months.



STUDENT SERVICES Continued...

Prefect Camp

The incoming Prefect Camp is scheduled for September 1-3. Information relating to this will be distributed to the prefect group.

Year 7

There will be a Year 7 Social on Wednesday 11 September. Further details will be distributed soon.

Year 10

Subject Selections

All students should have entered subject selections for 2020 onto Subject Selections Online (SSO). This information is currently being reviewed to determine 2020 Year 11 classes. Further counselling may occur in coming weeks.

Year 12

TISC – Applications open on August 5 and close on September 30. A late fee will be incurred for applications after the closing date. ATAR students have been provided with their individual log-on information and a TISC guide.

Semester 2 Exams

ATAR students are also reminded that the first of their Semester 2 Exams will occur on October 9. This is the Wednesday of the second week of the holidays. Exams will then continue into the first week of Term 4, concluding on October 15.

WACE Exams commence on October 30. Students will be able to access their personalised timetables via the SCSA student portal from Thursday September 12.



Dianne Heinrich

PROGRAM COORDINATOR STUDENT SERVICES

BOOK WEEK @ ASHS

Albany Senior High School Book Week 2019

19 – 23 August (Week 5)

Student activities will be running in the library and around school during the week
Fancy Dress and Costume Parade will take place on Friday 23 August 2019
Start planning your costume now! The theme is 'Reading is my secret power'



ASHS WASTE AUDIT

Students Kickstart Sustainability at ASHS

The Sustainability Club, which is made of up students from all year groups, attended ASHS's inaugural Wastewise Audit this week. With the help of Brad from Cleanaway and the Club's teacher guides, Meggie McKeague, Katie Maris and Mel Turner, the Club turfed all of the rubbish we accumulated in one day onto the basketball courts for auditing.

Staying behind after school, and armed with gloves, tongs and a healthy sense of adventure, the group sorted rubbish into different piles like; plastics, paper and food waste. They were then able to measure what we had produced so that it could be recorded.

The Club aims to support ASHS to reduce our waste production through a range of strategies (and competitions), so watch this space!

We all look forward to seeing some smaller rubbish piles next time the Club completes the Wastewise Audit.



2019 NAIDOC YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Albany Senior High School along with ATC Work Smart are proud to acknowledge that Bryonie Stokes was named the 2019 NAIDOC Young Person of the Year Award by Southern Aboriginal Corporation at a ceremony held in their Kelly St building on Monday 8 July 2019.

Bryonie, a Year 12 student at ASHS, commenced her School Based Traineeship in July 2018 after expressing to her VET and Follow the Dream Coordinators that she had an interest in working in the health services industry. With the assistance of Janice Ford and Stuart Myers, Bryonie met with Siobhain from ATC Work Smart who was able to secure her an SBT with Hawthorne House where she is in paid employment one day a week whilst also completing a Certificate III Individual Support.

Throughout the last 14 months under the guidance and supervision of staff from Hawthorne House, along with ongoing mentorship and support from ATC Work Smart, Bryonie has been providing ongoing care to Dementia sufferers in the Albany community. Her commitment to her traineeship has seen her work tirelessly during study periods at ASHS completing course work, as well as attending after school tutoring through the Follow the Dream program. In addition to this Bryonie has sacrificed school holidays in order to work full-time hours with Hawthorne House to ensure she successfully completes her traineeship in time for school graduation in September.

Albany Senior High School, together with ATC Work Smart would like to offer their congratulations to Bryonie who is making considerable progress in achieving her Certificate III Individual Support qualification which she then hopes to use as an entry into nursing in the future. WAY TO GO!!



NAIDOC WEEK @ ASHS



Our NAIDOC Week celebrations for 2019 commenced on Tuesday 24 June, with an Acknowledgement of Country (in English) presented by Marg James. This was followed by Year 7 student, Coen Grey's, very impressive greeting in Noongar language. We were very pleased to welcome staff and students from the Mount Barker Community College (MBCC).

Following on from this, we had a friendly game of basketball with five mixed teams from ASHS and MBCC. After the competition, we had a shared BBQ lunch for

all of the participants and staff involved. We extend our appreciation to Rob Matson and the Cert II Sport and Rec students, Stuart Myers, Roger Arnold, Melissa Daw, Wendy Miell and Jodie Wilkinson and to all the students who cooked, cleaned, served, sang and played. We would like to especially thank Yvette Ugle and Dwayne Sobey for bringing the students from MBCC to ASHS to be involved in our festivities. We look forward to seeing them again next year.

The ASHS NAIDOC Festival, which was held on Wednesday 25 June, is aimed at bringing the school together in celebration. On this day, we invite local community agencies and groups in to showcase what they have to offer the youth of Albany. Our school community, including alumni, put on a musical performance. This year we were fortunate to have ten local agencies attend our school and we extend a very special thanks and appreciation to the Aboriginal Legal Service, City of Albany, Department of Justice, Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service, Headspace, Palmerston, South Coast NRM, South Regional TAFE, Southern Aboriginal Corporation and Worklink.

On Friday 26 June, we ended our NAIDOC Week celebrations with our combined NAIDOC and Country Week assembly. We would like to thank Mr Ezzard Flowers, a very well-known Wirloomin Minang man who has been a very strong role model, advocate and mentor for Aboriginal people. Mr Flowers did our Welcome to Country and was a keynote speaker about the 2019 NAIDOC theme, *Voice Treaty Truth*, and what the theme means to him.














Mandi Khan
ABORIGINAL ISLANDER EDUCATION OFFICER

Noongar Seasons Calendar

We are currently in Djilba which runs through August and September and is considered 'First Spring'. Usually the coldest part of the year, with clear, cold days and nights, and warmer, rainy and windy periods. Roots were collected, emus, possums and kangaroo were hunted.

This six season calendar is extremely important to Noongar people, as it is a guide to what nature is doing at every stage of the year, as well as understanding respect for the land in relation to plant and animal fertility cycles and land and animal preservation.

											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Birak	Bunuru	Djeran	Makuru	Djilba	Kambarang	Birak					
Hot and Dry	Warm Easterly Winds	Cool & pleasant	Cold and Wet	Cold with lessening rains	Warming, rains finishing	Hot and Dry					

THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Young Originals Exhibition participant

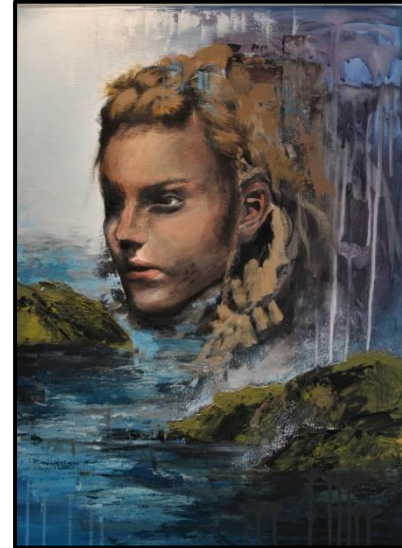
Congratulations to Year 11 student Cora de Vos whose painting; Undercurrent was selected before a panel of judges in a state-wide competition, to participate in this year's Young Originals Exhibition.

Cora's artwork will be exhibited with other Public school students work at Edith Cowan University's Gallery 25.

To view Cora and other successful student entries go to the Young Originals 2019 website

<http://www.youngoriginals.com.au/>.

Andrea Totten
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER



Year 10 Drama – The Sea Princess and the Litter Witches performed at Albany Primary School

What a wonderful performance from Year 10 Drama!! We invited students in Years 1-3 and staff from Albany Primary School to our play "The Sea Princess and the Litter Witches" at the end of Term 2.

Our drama class performed to an audience of around 160 students. Not only was the play colourful and fun combining acting and singing, but it was also a didactic play educating our young ones about the importance of a clean environment and protection of our oceans.

No "fourth wall" in this production, actor student interaction was the focus of combining song and dance with the audience to draw them into the mood. A lovely time!!

Michael Elliott
DRAMA TEACHER



THE ARTS DEPARTMENT Continued...

2019 Act-Belong-Commit Meraki Festival

On June 19, 30 students from the Albany SHS choir and musical theatre program, along with their director Mr Neville Talbot, and a few fabulous parents, headed to Perth to participate in the 2019 Meraki Festival at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre's Riverside Theatre.

Meraki is a festival of performing arts, focusing on dance, show choirs, and musical theatre, and this year involved more than 500 children from 15 different schools. ASHS were the only regional school represented. The festival involved an adjudicated performance, the chance to work on a big professional stage with a full technical lighting and sound rig, and the opportunity to workshop with industry professionals.

Both groups performed brilliantly on the night, with the show choir performing an item called "My Friend the Duck", and the musical theatre students performing a shortened highlights package from their recently successful performances of scenes from Tim Minchin's Matilda.

The Matilda students were a huge highlight of the night, receiving incredible applause from the audience and other participants, and ultimately winning the award for Best Musical Theatre Performance of the night. The win was a huge acknowledgement of the hard work the students put into this production.

Whilst up in Perth, the students also enjoyed checking out a few of the sights in the CBD, including His Majesty's Theatre, and Elizabeth Quay.

They finished their mini-tour by performing a concert of songs from the two groups, and solos from several of the students, for a keen group of students at Williams Primary School.

"The process for the group is highly-collaborative, with the students engaging in workshops and improvisation, before we all bring material together into the final product. This process ensures the students have ownership of their final performance, and that we usually end up with much richer and more powerful ideas than we'd get with the input of only a director or a few key personnel. My job then is to facilitate getting these ideas out from the students, and ultimately to put them together and to make sure they work overall, rather than having to come up with everything myself.

I have found in my years of experience that this is a highly satisfying way of working for me as an artist, and felt that it might be so for the students too. They just keep knocking it out of the park, and I couldn't be prouder of what they have put on stage this year.

We also couldn't have done this year's projects without significant support from our parent body, with costumes and props being made, and extra eyes coming in to look over performances and offer feedback to help us improve further. I can't do everything by myself, and having such a committed group of parents and students has, I believe, led us to this well-deserved award.

Finally we have had good support from the school and my colleagues at the Arts department, with help around sets, costumes, and other aspects of the show coming from the whole department. A real team effort!"

Neville Talbot
MUSIC TEACHER



THE HASS DEPARTMENT

Year 11 Modern History Night

Hands down, the most entertaining moment of the Year 11 Modern History Presentation Night was Stevo's transformation from a wealthy industrialist into a poor, German immigrant, which may have involved a comedic strip-tease that left Mr Beeck slightly baffled.

Before these hilarious antics could take place however, we had to undertake hours of research into the impacts of capitalism on different groups in American society. With the option of working solo or in pairs, we formulated propositions and created costumes to complement our presentations that represented the historical groups we had researched.

The night arrived, and so did we, all dressed up in entertaining and (mostly) historically accurate costumes from early twentieth-century America. The presentations began, all of which were intriguing and gave insight into the experiences of different people in American society during our period of study. The Modern History Presentation Night was a humorous, fun-filled experience that showcased the hard work of our class and we all came away with greater understanding and empathy.

Megan and Indigo



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year 9/10 AFL Carnival

The 2019 Year 9/10 AFL Carnival was held in Mount Barker on Wednesday 7 August. ASHS had three teams; one female and two male teams.

We were overall champions on the day winning both the girls' and boys' divisions.

Jaz Breuker was selected as the best player for the girls' team, while Ben Altus and Fred Opuni were chosen as the best players in their respective teams.



COUNTRY WEEK 2019

I pen this report in proxy, with Mr Andrew McWhirter (or Reg as he is commonly known) currently on leave and enjoying the time with his family in Bali. This leaves me with the opportunity to acknowledge what a wonderful job Mr McWhirter has done as manager of the team. It is a massive task to manage 130 plus students not to mention the 14 staff who attended. To organise fantastic catering and meals, transportation and evening activities (which included multiple hospital visits) took a mountain of work and time away from his family.

We had the usual suspects coaching again this year plus a group of newbies which was fantastic to see. Mr Stuart Myers coached the Boys AFL, Mr Cale Ritchie the Boys Volleyball, Mr Nic Bew the Girls Volleyball, Mr Rob Matson the Boys Soccer, Mr Bob Quinn the Girls Basketball and Mr Damien Stevens (parent extraordinaire) coached the Boys Hockey. We welcome back Mr Paul Beeck who coached the Girls AFL (the last time being 2017) alongside Ms Shelley McLennan – Participation Officer with the WAFC. New to the coaching ranks of Country Week were debutants Ms Marisa Edwards who coached the Girls Hockey, Mr Adam Byass with the Girls Soccer, Mrs Nicole Newton with the Girls Netball, Ms Di Heinrich with the Speech and Debate, and our AFL Trainee Mr Keanu Weeden who coached the Boys Basketball. Mrs Alison Powell and Ms Mandy Dennis kept us fed and were catering wonder women. While for myself, I returned as manager of the Boys Hockey. On behalf of Mr McWhirter, I would like to sincerely thank all the staff attending for their efforts as coaches and giving up their own family time to attend trainings and games as well as travel to Perth for the week.

This year we took away a relatively young team. We knew it would be tough, but had a goal in mind to perform to our best and hopefully the rest would fall into place. Unfortunately, a number of injuries, woeful weather and a lack of experience saw us fall short. We ended up third overall, behind Bunbury SHS and Manea Senior College. Still a fantastic achievement, that can only get better next year.

Highlights of this year's Country Week included our Active Achievers Taj Stubber, Alyssa Ward and Tyler Willmore; the Speech and Debate team with consecutive wins and the Girls Basketball winning the A grade championship.

Thanks to all the staff, students and parents involved in making Country Week 2019 another great success.

Corinne Fox
HOD HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION





COMMUNITY NOTICES

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OCTOBER FINAL EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGRAM

For all students in Year 11 and 12

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▪Horticulture and Forestry Displays ▪Equine - Show Jumping
▪Cattle Parading ▪Shearing Demonstrations ▪Automotive and Engineering Displays
▪Bee Keeping ▪Aquaculture Displays ▪Petting Zoo and ▪Face Painting
▪Coffee and Cakes ▪Lunch—Gold Coin Donation ▪Grand Parade

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Year 9

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Monday - Friday

ASHS ALUMNI

Are you a past staff member or student of ASHS?

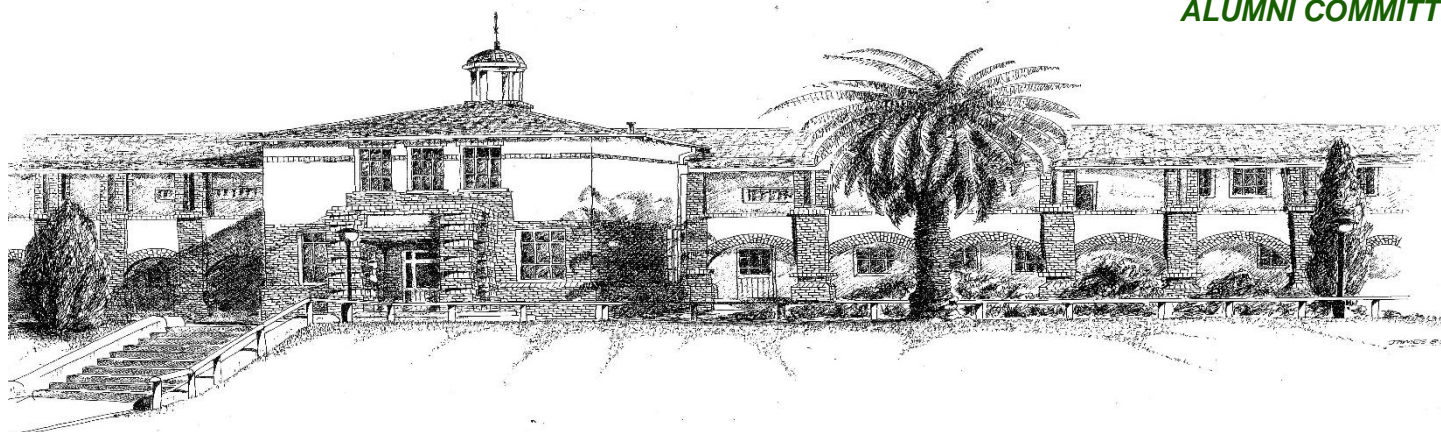
You can register as an ASHS Alumni online at <http://albanyshs.wa.edu.au/page/15/Alumni>

After registering, we verify your details and email you a link to join the ASHS Alumni Facebook Page; or if you would rather, just receive updates by your preferred contact method.

You can also email albanyshsalumni@gmail.com, or post to ASHS Alumni 1 Campbell Road ALBANY WA 6330.

Please share this information with those whom you know are past members of the school community.

Jenny Jackson
ALUMNI COMMITTEE



Term 3 2019

Please note – all calendar dates are subject to change, please see our website for further details