

ASESC Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 10 2019

Dear parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we are at the end of Term 2, or Semester 1. I am so pleased to be back at school after numerous weeks off for medical leave; I am very well recovered and appreciate the well wishes I received. I am still catching up with everything over the last 8 weeks but it sounds like it has been fun, exciting and of course educational.

I'd really like to thank Nicci Booth who is usually our Programs and Curriculum Associate Administrator (Deputy), Lia Shavian our Manager of Corporate Services all the teachers who stepped up to help Nicci and ensure the school ran smoothly. Along with the relief staff who took classes of the teachers who moved in to help Nicci it was quite a juggle. I am so amazed again as I return to hear of all the fantastic things staff are doing to ensure students have the best educational experiences they can; we are very fortunate to have our fabulous staff.

The next big item we are preparing for is our electronic external School Review which occurs week 9 of Term 4. Our assessment is based on where we were, where we are now, our evidence and our plans for the future. I'm sure we will be great!

Have a really happy break and I look forward to seeing all students on Monday 22nd July.

Warm Regards
Karen Campbell

2019 WA School Holidays and Term Dates

Period	Start	Finish
School Holidays	Saturday 6th July	Sunday 21st July
Term 3	Monday 22nd July	Friday 27th September
School Holidays	Saturday 22nd September	Sunday 13th October
Term 4	Monday 14th October	Thursday 19th December
School Holidays	Friday 14th December	Sunday 3rd February, 2019

School Development Days—Students do not attend School on these days.

22nd July 2019

8th November 2019 (Albany Show Day)

20th December 2019

A1 Class Report

I find it hard to believe that we are at the end of Term two already. It had certainly flown by and the students in A1 class were consistent with their routines and their effort they put in on a day to day basis to stay on task throughout this term. As a result, it was pleasing to see the outcomes all the students had achieved. Some of the highlights for this term was the 'Whoosh' performance at the Albany Entertainment Centre. This performance was very interactive and appealed to the sensory needs of all our students. Each and every one of them thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were totally engaged with it all.

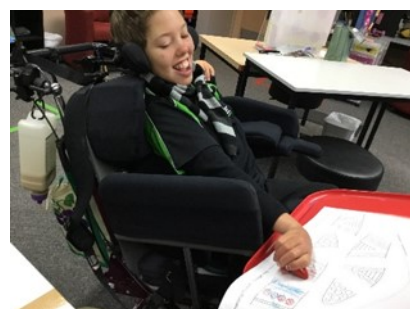


At Bush Rangers one of the highlights lately was the planting seedling at Lake Seppings. It was a beautiful day and the students enjoyed the outdoor activity to help revegetate the sandy area with the native Purple Flag plants.



Wednesdays with Ms Mackey

Students have been engaged in art activities as part of NAIDOC week. They have drawn inspiration from indigenous techniques, coupled with their own interests, to design a boomerang made up of puzzle pieces.



A4 Class Report

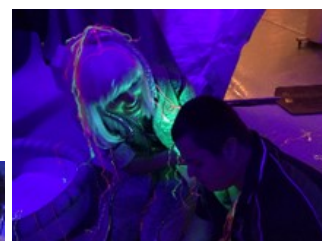
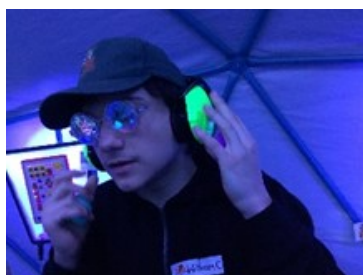
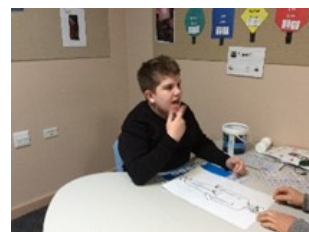
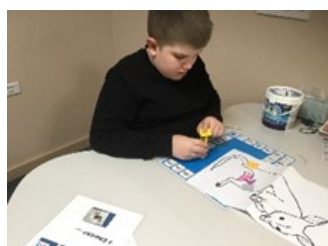
Second Term tick, Semester One done, congratulations all A4 students, your efforts this term have been phenomenal. Students have worked extremely hard and it was a pleasure to write their reports, as over the second term achievements both academically and socially have not stopped progressing.

ASDAN units have been a highlight with the growing of an abundance crop of vegetables and herbs. The great part has allowed us to use our harvested vegetables in the kitchen to make glorious dishes but also use excess scraps and pruning to manufacture compost.

The second half of term two our class joined other classes from ADESC on an excursion to the Albany Entertainment Centre to engage and interact in Sensorium Theatre's Production "Whoosh". Students were immersed in an interactive sensory space adventure where they became co-pilots of a spaceship, tasted real space food, operated their own tech stations and explored a new planet before returning to earth. It was fantastic to see all students participate and enjoy the excursion and continue to enjoy as we revisited photos and videos after the event.

On behalf of staff I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Thank you John Jarzabek, A4 Coordinating Teacher.



A5 Class Report

Sport

We play basketball. It's really fun. We are learning to play in teams.

We are doing really well at swimming. We have all learnt something new at swimming this semester.

We enjoy going for walks in the bush whilst picking up rubbish. This is part of our community service.

By Grey

Year 7 Mosaics

The year 7's are making Mosaic Art.

We drew a picture of something that we liked.

Now we are sticking on all of the tiles.

My picture is of a \$50 note.

By William

Narrative Writing

The students have created amazing narrative picture books.

They made up the stories and have drawn all the pictures.

All the stories are unique and the students are very proud of what they have made. Awesome job A5.

By Ms Morrow

Persuasive Writing

This term we have begun to focus on presenting our point of view through Persuasive Writing.

Some of the topics we have looked at are whether mobile phones should be allowed in schools, and whether dogs are better than cats.

I have started creating a biography about the Stolen Generation which I am finding very interesting.

By Chloe

Maths

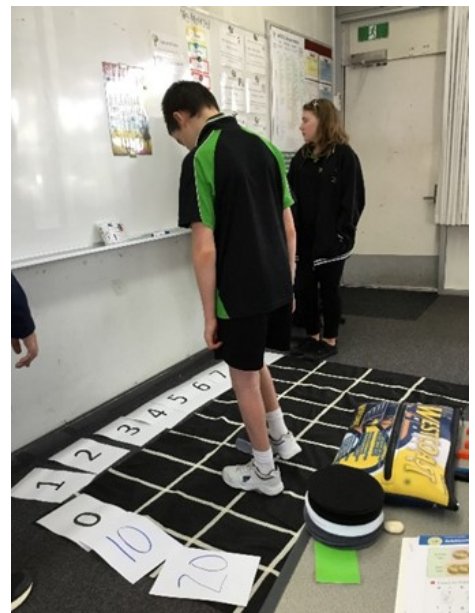
We have been learning about multiplication and arrays.

We are using blocks to help us with our understanding.

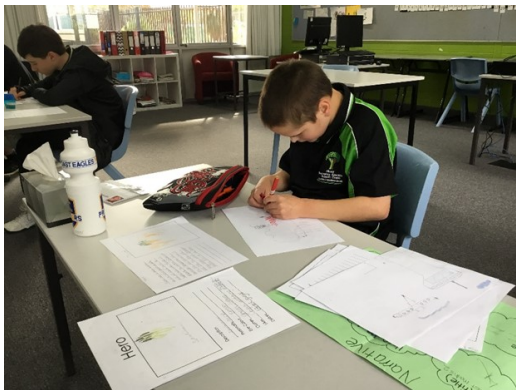
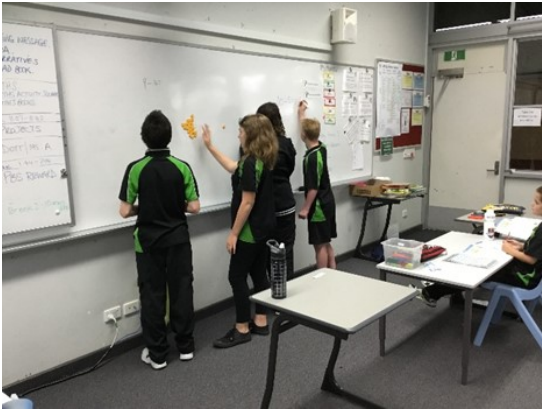
We are enjoying learning and problem solving together.

Chloe is starting to learn about Algebra.

By Jonty



A5 Class Report



A6 Class Report

The A6 class has finished the term fantastically well. The students have received fantastic reports and they should be very proud of their achievements. All of the students have shown improved independence and improved their co-operative skills.

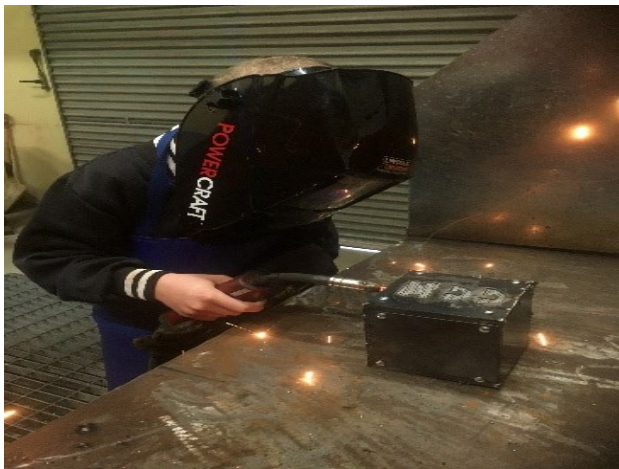
Towards the end of term 2 we have started to look at outer space in class as the 50th anniversary of the moon landing happens in July. The students have been learning about space in general and will start to look at how space exploration has impacted their daily lives.

As a class we are also extremely excited to welcome Toby. He is a new addition to Albany Secondary Education Centre and has fitted in extremely well to the class.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Mr T Claessens

A6 Class Teacher



A8 Class Report

At the halfway point of the school year, it has been my pleasure to have witnessed the students magnificent efforts throughout the first semester. They have worked tirelessly to achieve many of their learning goals and the staff have been so impressed by the determination they have shown to consistently present their best work and be successful. In Mathematics, the students have been using giant number lines and fraction strips to demonstrate their understanding of mixed numbers and improper fractions, whilst in Geography, the students have been learning about the population, size and population density of four different countries.

The students have also been creative, making some sculptures that explored their personal identity and interests in Visual Arts, whilst in sport, the improvement in their technical skills when passing the soccer and touch rugby balls has been remarkable. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in Semester Two.

Mark Turner—A8 Teacher



Tim moved behind Hayley-Jane in preparation to receive a pass when playing Touch-Rugby.



Chad made a sculpture about his interest in wrestling.

A9 Class Report

This semester in A9 we have been working very hard. We have been learning about fiction and non-fiction for English, in maths we have been doing mental maths. Lots of the students go out during the week to Tafe, Work Crew, Work Place Learning, Pathway2employment and Bushrangers. All of the students love being in this classroom!

By Ebony



Braedon at Pathway2employment



Branden at CWC

A10 Class Report

Term 2 has been very exciting with lots of different activities. This is what all the students thought were their favourite activities:

Ashlyn: My favourite things was counting.

Breanna: The best thing I did this term was making mosaics.

Jacob: The best thing about this term was making my lunch and learning how to use a knife safely.

Jack: Favourite thing this term was maths.

Isaac: The best thing was cooking. I don't know why?

Marc: The best thing we did this term was all the activities we did.

Joe: I like the ASDAN Personal Safety class.

My favourite this term was learning about different countries and cultures.

I loved going to Whoosh.

We played social games together.



Jack and Jacob at the Whoosh performance.



Marc using the fraction pizza to learn about fractions.



Isaac learning about different cultures.



Playing a game called Pocket Money" we learn about money.

Student Services

Welcome to the end of semester one.

In the past few weeks our school nurse Cathy has been visiting and teaching in our classes. She spoke about childbirth as part of the ASDAN relationships module in the A6 class which was most interesting and taught basic workplace first aid with the Community Work Crew which included dealing with bites, burns and gashes. Next semester Cathy is conducting sessions about healthy eating and lunchboxes including cooking up a delicious meal. It's been terrific to have Cathy visiting us and getting to know our students better.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey on Health Education, it's always great to get feedback from our parents and guardians.

Also thank you to everyone who has given us their Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. We are looking forward to counting them and choosing some new and exciting resources for our students to use.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.

J. Mills and R. Sellenger



Our school nurse Cathy standing with some healthy lunch box information.

A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

Healthy lunches and snacks are important for keeping active kids alert and focused and providing them with the nutrition they need every day.



A healthy lunch box should include:

- Fruit – at least one serve of fresh seasonal fruit. If you don't have fresh fruit, canned (in natural juice) is a good substitute. Dried fruit is high in sugar and should be avoided
- Vegetables – vegetable sticks, salads or a mix of raw (with dip) or grilled vegetables
- Dairy – one serve of milk, yoghurt or cheese supports optimal growth and development in children. If your child can't tolerate dairy provide a suitable alternative.
- Protein – lean meat or poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, legumes/beans, or nuts and seeds.
- Grain foods – wholegrain and high fibre varieties are best.
- Water – the best drink to keep children hydrated.

Remember, children who help plan and prepare their own lunch are more likely to eat it. Your child might like to try out this fun, 'Interactive Lunchbox' website: www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/html/index.html

AI & A4 Bush Rangers

First and second term have been very busy for the Bush Rangers. They worked on their vegie garden, explored local parks, beaches and museums, learnt about recycling and looking after their environment by conducting litter pickups and revegetation activities. Well done Bush Rangers.



Learning about ANZAC



Enjoying the flying fox



Buying plants



Making a Bush Collage



Exploring the beach



Planting trees



Feeding animals



Leaning about Roman History at the Great Southern Musuem



Bush Rangers— Dryandra Camp

On Monday we went camping to Dryandra Wood land. I really enjoyed the tracking. I caught a Woylie and it was pregnant. By Joanalyn



We went to Barna Mia on Tuesday night and we saw some Possums, Woylies, Mala and Bilbies. I like the camp because it was great, it was cold but really fun and my most favourite thing was the Barna Mia Visit. By Kynon



We did tracking- using collars on the animals which sent out sound waves. We also did real Trapping with a Park Ranger and caught Woylies and Possums. My favourite part was the bush walk and I saw lots of kangaroo's on the grass. I also liked swimming with Mrs Lucas and Kynon at Narrogin. By Liam



Bush Rangers—Dryandra Camp

On Monday for the Bush Rangers camp we went to Dryandra Woodlands in Narrogin. When we got there we unpacked everything. Later on in the day we went to the trapping site we learnt how to set the traps and what sort of foods they put in the traps for the animals. On Tuesday in the morning we went to the traps to see if we caught any animals in the traps. There were 3 Woylies and 1 baby Woylie and 3 Possums and 2 were pregnant. We got a choice after doing the traps whether you wanted to go in to Narrogin or to the heated pool. In the afternoon when we got back to the cabins we went to the Barna Mia Tour. We got to go into the enclosure and see the Possums, Bilby's, Woylies and Quenda. On Wednesday we went tracking to find a Bilby and a Possum. I enjoyed going into town, trapping and the Barna Mia Tour which was fun. By Blaize



We did trapping we set ten traps we caught three Woylies and one baby and three possums two were pregnant. I caught a possum. We put oats peanut butter and sardines in the trap. By Hayley-Jane

My favourite part of camp was the trapping because I got a Woylie in my trap, and in the other traps we got to see Possums. By Jack



We went to Dryandra and we trapped animals and tracked animals and I chopped some wood my favourite thing was the night walk. By Kyrese

We went to Dryandra for a bush ranger camp, we were doing trapping, tracking and having fun. My favourite thing at camp was doing face masks, it was ok trying something that I've never done before. By Adam and Branden

Parent Afternoon Tea



On Thursday 20th June, ADESC hosted its first parent afternoon tea for the year. It was a fantastically attended event with over 25 family members in attendance as well as many of our students and of course our dedicated teaching staff.

Everyone was excited to hear Ms Shavian speak about the up coming refurbishment plans and the opportunities they will bring for our students. Parents were able to see where the school area will be expanded to and get an idea of the planned new outdoor areas and classrooms. They were shown a range of creative sensory equipment and furniture that will be used to create an exciting rejuvenated space for our students.

Parents were treated to a smorgasbord of tasty treats prepared by our students, including mini quiche, broccoli slice, chicken sausage rolls, sliders and cake.

Also on display were an exciting range of identity islands. The students had created their islands, taking inspiration from their interests and dreams to make creative representations of themselves.

After the presentation parents were invited to move off to visit students classrooms and speak to their child's teachers.

The event was a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone again next time.



Whoosh!

Whoosh! And we were off on an adventure to another planet. On Thursday 13th June, Sensorium Theatre took us on a journey into a world designed to awaken the senses and delight our students. Students from all of the classes at ADESC were offered the opportunity and it was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic and interested in this event.

As Sensorium Theatre specifically designs shows for our very special students and their needs, the experience was enriched by pre-show engagement through social stories, the introduction of video presence and digital activities that were brought into the classroom. During the presentation, the students were supported by a host of ADESC staff to keep them safe and help them to fully participate. We enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and found that our own imaginations were sparked by the vision of our students fully immersed in their intergalactic environment. It all affirmed for us the value and possibilities that our new sensory spaces will bring to ADESC with the school's new refurbishment plans. Whooshing away to outer space there were gadgets and gizmos, heavenly smells, screens and dials, squishy things and squooshy things, glow in dark fluoro eggs, weird and wondrous sounds and all brought together in narrative of exploration by the Captain and her crew.

It was a very special and magical experience for us all to share. We hope it will be a treasured memory for our students in years to come.

Aletia Artemis



Whoosh!





Do you want a chance to perform???

No, it's not a competition.

Come to the Information Night Thursday July 4th 7.00pm
at the Albany Port Theatre

Auditions: July Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th

Find out about the opportunity to show your talent with
stage, lighting and sound production.

More Info

www.facebook.com/AlbanyLightOperaTheatreCompany

