

ASESC Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 5 2019

Excellence in Specialised Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly a warm welcome to all our new families; it is great to have all of you join our school community.

It has been an extremely busy start to the year this year, we have 11 new students and their families and also 2 new teachers and 2 new education assistants. Welcome Aletia Artemis who teaches social skills, communication and interpersonal skills across the school, using drama as a medium social across the school in drama, and also Susan Morrow who is a lower school class teacher. Georgie Mullins has joined us again as an associate administrator in charge of student behaviour and wellbeing. Welcome also to education assistants Jo Dickinson who comes to us from Northam and Charmaine Giroud who will join us from Capel when she recovers from her injuries. Local young man James Hurley was also successful in gaining a contract as were several assistants who have been with us previously. We have such a fabulous and expert staff.

Thank you to parents who have met with teachers, they are busily writing IEPs which will be double checked, formatted and either emailed or posted to you (depending on the format you chose) within the next couple of weeks. It is a very time consuming process but please be reassured that your child has been learning and working towards their goals from the first day of term.

The programs students are participating in are fabulous; it is so great to see their proud, happy faces when they learn something new or master a skill they've been working on.

We're looking forward to the Year 12/13 School Ball on Saturday which we join with NASHS for; this year it is at the Entertainment Centre which should be really lovely. Hopefully we'll have photos for the next newsletter.

Warm Regards
Karen Campbell
Principal

Financial Savings for ASESC Families

The school Finance Committee is pleased to announce there will not be a charge for students to participate in ALAC swimming programs during Term 1. A Sporting Schools Grant has been received to subsidise the cost of this important program supporting students' physical activity needs. The school is also able to continue subsidising the cost of transport during Term 1 for all students participating in any off site excursion. There will not be a charge for students to ride on the school bus or minivan for excursions. Our school Finance Committee continues to work diligently to keep the cost of education for students attending ASESC to a minimum.

Lia Shavian

Manager Corporate Services



A1 Class Report

Welcome back to all A1 students and a very big welcome to our new class member Liam. We have all settled into the new school year and classroom extremely well particularly as most of us are familiar with each other, know expectations and have most of the old class routines. However, there are a few changes to the weekly schedule with Thursdays during period 3 and 4 is now swimming sessions instead of Tuesday. Modified Sports remains on Wednesday mornings with Ms Mackey and Bush Rangers is on Fridays during period 3 and 4. This year's Protective Behaviour focus will be on 'Safe' and 'Unsafe' where we learn to look for safe and unsafe situations and how to recognise them. This year, our class will be having some fun during Digital Technology sessions. It is to encourage our students to learn some simple programming, problem-solving skills and develop understanding of directional and positioning concepts as well as learning basic concepts on how to use the technology. For Science the students are planting seeds, caring for their plants and watching them grow. Ms Mackey will teach Measurement, Modified Sports and Art. She will be the class teacher for Wednesdays. Ms Artemis will teach 1 period a day throughout the week on Number, Spatial awareness and Patterns to the class.

We look forward to an exciting year. Well done to you all for such a great start!

The photos from Ms Mackey's lessons:

Modified Sports: Students in A1 have been enjoying participating in modified sports in Area 2 with A4 class. They have enjoyed sharing the joy and wonderment of the parachute.



Art: The students in A1 have been enjoying working with natural materials such as leaves and gumnuts during their art experiences.



Watering seeds growing in CD cases along the class window.



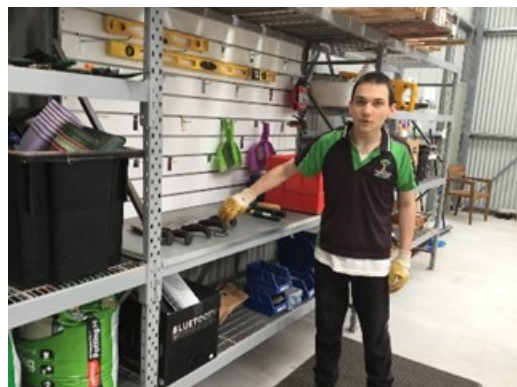
Watering the seeds in the garden box just outside the classroom.

A4 Class Report

A4 Students and staff would like to welcome back all fellow students, staff and parents for another fun filled year at ADESC. We hope that everyone has had a fantastic holiday and are refreshed and ready to take on all that is before them this year.

A4 has had a few changes in regards to classrooms, students and staff. Gus and Sam are welcoming both Christoff and William into their classroom from last year and myself as the new A4 teacher. Hamish is under A4's moniker but will still be located in his individual learning space designed to optimise his learning. All students and staff welcome Mrs Artemis who will be in charge of Protective behaviours, drama and yoga and social games on a Friday afternoon. Mrs Craig who will take a communication lesson on Monday and Mrs Mackey who is coordinating art lessons on a Thursday. Sue Bailey continues to oversee our Bush Ranger program with A1. We also welcome back A4's team of hardworking Education Assistants who work tirelessly every day to ensure our students learning opportunities are delivered in a safe and positive environment.

Thank you John Jarzabek, A4 coordinating teacher.



A5 Class Report

Our class: Jonty, Crystal, Chloe, Sarah, William and Grey.



The students are learning about robotics, coding, and how to research online.



We are learning the spelling rules, communicating by speaking and listening and we are writing a picture book.



We are growing vegetable and keeping a garden diary to track how they grow.



It's been awesome using YuMi Math strategies to make learning maths purposeful and fun.



We take regular walks in the reserve and pick up rubbish to keep our school clean.



Everyone in the class is part of a great team. We all enjoy interacting and getting to know each other.

A6 Class Report

It has been wonderful to welcome all the students to the new a A6 class. All of the students have returned to school with great attitudes and a willingness to learn.

In A6 we have a strong focus on becoming more independent and managing our own learning. Everyone has shown maturity in taking on focuses and always representing themselves in the best way possible.

I look forward to a great year with the A6 class as we continue to develop throughout the year.

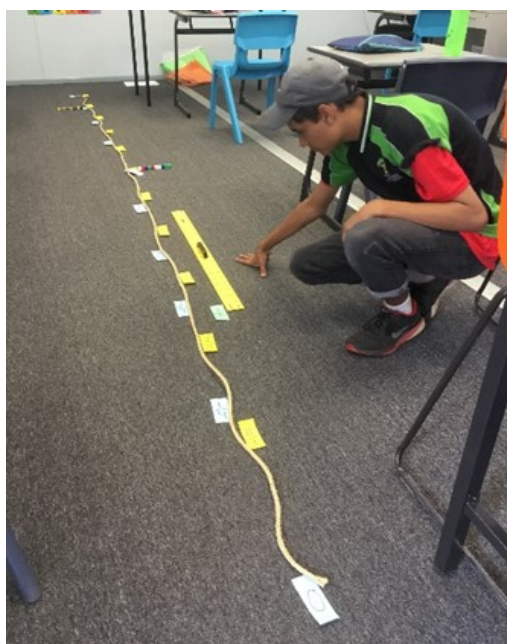
Mr Tim Claessens

A8 Class Report

Welcome back! A8 have begun the 2019 school year very positively indeed, participating in a variety of curriculum subjects and learning about some very interesting topics. In Science, the students are studying about how the physical conditions of the environment can affect the growth and survival of living things, and are currently investigating the most efficient watering method to grow chives. In Mathematics, the students are learning about part-whole and what the numerator and denominator represents in a fraction, whilst in Health, they are learning about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The students have also been improving their fitness levels, completing morning fitness daily whilst developing their technical skills in Soccer and Touch Rugby. I have been so impressed with how the new students have settled in to their new school life, and the assistance and role-modelling which the older students have provided to them. I think that 2019 is going to be great year!

Mark Turner, A8 Class Teacher.



Kyrese used a giant number line to order and compare fractions.



Hayley-Jane and Jack potted chives as part of a Science investigation to find more efficient watering methods.

A9 Class Report

In A9 this term we have been super busy.

We started this year off great by getting straight into learning. We have been doing Maths, English / Literacy, Health, Workplace Learning and Bush Rangers. Most of the students are pleased to be back at school.

We are trying to get used to the changes in the class rooms.

We are having a great time in A9. We are learning new things every day.

By Ebony

Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every Day Counts

As a parent, you are required by the School Education Act 1999 to ensure your child attends school every day that the school is open for instruction. On average, about 100 days of school available for students to attend each semester. An absence rate of 10% therefore equates to a student being away from school for 10 full days (or 20 half-days) out of 100. Accordingly, a 10% absence rate can be interpreted as 10 days of school being missed per semester, two full weeks for the semester, or four weeks of the school year. Similarly, a student with an absence rate of 40% would be away from school around two months of a semester, or four months of the year.



ASESC attendance for term 1:

Current average = 88.5% student attendance rate.

Our goal = over 90% for the end of term 1 2019

PBS focus for term 1 2019 = SAFE

Includes lessons: move about the school safely, stay within school boundaries, keep our hands and feet to ourselves, follow all bus rules and ask for help when we need it.

Students have been receiving many PBS vouchers in the class and during break times for demonstrating these safe behaviours. Our tree in the front office is nearly full of leaves, so we are getting ready for the next reward. Keep up the great work everyone.

A10 Class Report



In A7 we practised making sandwiches, wraps and pita pockets. This was so we would know how to make our healthy lunches.



On Monday in Art, we have been learning how to draw a fish using a black marker pen and then adding colour to the fish.



On Tuesdays in maths measurement, we have been weighing cups and counters on a balance scales.



On Wednesdays we go to the NASHS library to borrow books. We keep the books in the classroom to read during silent reading.



On Thursday we learn about money in maths. The whole class counted Australian money. We used 5c, 10c, 20c and 50c coins.



In Maths on Friday, Ashlyn was counting the months of the year.

Bush Rangers Report



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The A9 Bush Ranger group, including new Rangers, have commenced the year with enthusiasm and demonstrated great participation in all activities. Students have completed their Code of Conduct contracts and engaged in discussion about the requirements of the course.

In weeks 2, 3 and 4 students attended swimming safety sessions in pool, beach and river settings in preparation for the locations they will attend during the year and also while on camps.



Student Services

Welcome and Congratulations to our Semester 1 Student Councillors for 2019.

Representing from A8: Hayley-Jane, A9: Ebony, A10: Jack, A5: Jonty and A6: James and Tyler.

The councillors had their first meeting on the 27th February, where they signed their behaviour expectation contracts and put in place a roster for raising and lowering the Australian Flag each day. The councillors have already shown great dedication, eagerness and responsibility just from their first meeting and we look forward to this continuing throughout the semester.

This year the student council will be supported by Mrs McComb and Carol Griffiths who both hope to provide a strong, positive platform for students to voice their ideas and help the school to support the students learning.



2019 WA School Holidays and Term Dates

Period	Start	Finish
Term 1	Monday 4th January,	Friday 12th April
School Holidays	Saturday 13th April	Sunday 28h April
Term 2	Monday 29th April	Friday 5th July
School Holidays	Saturday 6th July	Sunday 21st July
Term 3	Monday 22nd July	Friday 27th September
School Holidays	Saturday 29th September	Sunday 13th October
Term 4	Monday 14th October	Thursday 19th December

ASESC—Important Dates 2019

16th March — Year 12/13 Ball

27th March — P & C AGM 5.30 pm at NASHS conference room (upstairs). We welcome new members to represent ASESC in the joint schools' P & C.

31st March—Chaplaincy Affirmation Service 5.30pm , Living Waters Church, Collingwood

Public Holidays:

Good Friday 19th April

Easter Monday 22nd April

ANZAC Day 25th April

WA Day 3rd June

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

29th April 2019 — Term 2

22nd July 2019 —Term 3

8th November 2019 (Albany Show Day)

20th December 2019 — End of year

Community Notices

Year 7 and 8 School Vaccination Program.

The 2019 WA School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by the local community school health immunisation nurses.

These vaccinations are offered free to all year 7 and 8 students.

A 2 dose course of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine to be given in terms 1 and 4

One dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine (whooping cough) given in term 1

These vaccines will be offered over 2 visits. Vaccination consent forms will be sent home with students early in term 1 2019. Parents/legal guardians are asked to complete and sign the forms and return them to the school. Even if you are not consenting to your child receiving the vaccines, please return the form.

If you do not receive a vaccination consent form for your child, please ask at the school office for one.

Please return all immunisation forms to school as soon as possible for checking.

If you have any queries regarding the immunisation program please contact me on 9842 7526.

If your child is not vaccinated at school they can come to our immunisation clinic at the Albany Health Campus. No cost is involved. Phone 9892 2499 for an appointment.

For parent and teen HPV information please follow this link <https://gdhr.wa.gov.au/-/hpv-vaccine>



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Applications Close
Friday 12 April 2019

Ask School Reception for More Information

Thank you to parents and guardians who have already paid their student's Contributions and Charges. Payment of student fees supports the excellent range of programs and resources provided by the school for your child. Secondary Assistance Scheme applications can be lodged up until the last day of Term 1. Processing times have been very fast this year with many parents reporting receipt of \$115 clothing allowance within one week of applying. If you would like to set up a payment plan please contact our friendly office staff on 9841 4900 or in person who will be happy to help set up an arrangement that suits your budget.

Community Announcements

Albany Light Opera AND Theatre Company's
PRODUCTION OF



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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
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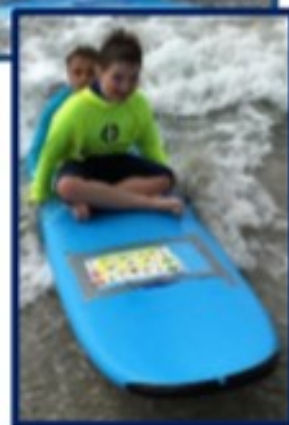
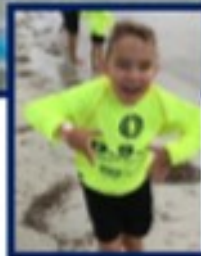
MAY 2019 7:30pm: Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Friday 10th, Saturday 11th,
Friday 17th, Saturday 18th, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th
Matinee 2pm: Sunday 5th, Sunday 12th, Sunday 19th

Director: **Anne Davidson** • Musical Director: **Findlay MacNish**
\$30 adult, \$25 student/concession from Paperbark Merchants, York St • www.paperbarks.com.au
www.facebook.com/AlbanyLightOperaTheatreCompany

Disabled Surfers Association Great Southern “Let’s Go Surfing Days”



Supported by: national disabledsurfers.org/
Due the huge success of DSAGS with the 3 surfing days in 2018 (our first year) with the biggest smiles from participants, carers, parents and volunteers there will be 4 days in 2019.



Participants & Water Volunteers

Register 9am, water 10 am – 12 noon, presentations and free BBQ

**2019 Saturdays - January 12th,
February 9th, March 16th, April 13th**

Albany - Middleton Beach, (bring your own refillable water bottles)

www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS/

“Adult/child changing facilities available”