# **ASESC Newsletter**

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# Term 4 Week 5 2020



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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

The end of the year is fast approaching; with many events such as the Upper School Dinner, Positive Behaviour reward, preparation for the parent afternoon teas, students are attending Remembrance Day and a work readiness conference, transition in is increasing for a number of students and transition out for others. We have student ASDAN folios and e-books going to Perth with Mr Jarzabek and Mrs McComb for state wide moderation, TAFE has now finished for our students who attended for Hairdressing and our in school Certificate in Business is now complete and teachers are writing student reports. Teachers have completed a 4-phase cycle of peer observations and giving effective feedback and all staff's performance development will be signed off in the next few weeks. Staff selection for fixed term staff is nearing its completion and the interviews for my 2021replacement have occurred. Although reports and final assessments are being conducted, please be assured that your child's learning will not stop before the end of the year; students will do activities that continue their learning program, extend their skills and prepare them for next year's learning.

The refurbishment is progressing well; although it is noisy and busy at the moment, by the beginning of 2021 school year we will have new paint and carpet in several classrooms previously belonging to NASHS, all classrooms will have 2 entry/exits, a Home Economics room, a sensory room, therapy room and more staff office spaces as well as our larger outdoor areas. By Term 2 2021 we will also have the blue demountable classrooms and office demolished and have a new play space with a climbing wall, pull up bars, a small in ground trampoline, a gazebo and new fencing. It is exciting times! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the parent afternoon tea; it will be great to have a cuppa and chat, watch a video of the year that was and look at our new areas so far.

Warm Regards Karen Campbell Principal

# **WA School Holidays and Term Dates**

<u>Terms</u> <u>Start</u> <u>Finish</u>

Term 4 2020 Tuesday 13th October Thursday 17th December

Term 1 2021 Monday 1st February Thursday 1st April

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

Friday 13th November

Friday 18th December

# A4 Class Report

Term 4 has presented itself with many achievements from all students in A4. Apart from working hard to attain their goals, there have been loads of fun activities to successfully support our students' achievements. Throughout this term, we have been keeping up our fitness and continue working on developing ball skills. This has encouraged students to work in pairs to catch and bounce to each another, as well team games such as tunnel ball. Hamish has been out and about exploring equipment in Area 1, enjoying the sunshine with Sheila on the wheel spinners, the giant Connect Four and worked on his arm strengthening exercises using elastic stretcher as he counts aloud.

Kate and Ashlyn play a game of bounce and catch.



Tunnel Ball









In A7 kitchen students enjoyed preparing snacks together as well as learning how to use kitchen equipment safely. In the photos below Prahnee, Sam and Shannon made pizza toast and cleaned up after themselves. Once cooked the students sat down to eat and chat with each other. A very positive experience for them all.









During Break time Prahnee and Sam loved trying out the new kaurnt just recently built in the new area 3.

Congratulations all to all students for all the hard work and keep up the good work

Jane Claessens Class Teacher



# A5 Class Report

A5 has settled well into our new classroom this term. We have space for collaborative work, as well as a class jigsaw which everyone enjoys. Our chess tournament and table tennis competitions have been very exciting.









# A6 Class Report

The students in A6 are really looking forward to their camp in Week Eight, but in the meantime, they are getting their heads down and working hard to complete their remaining learning goals for the year. In Mathematics, the students have been learning about part-whole with some using dough and tennis balls to represent mixed numbers, while others have used straws to represent tenths when working with decimals. In Science, the students have planned and are now making, some interesting models which transform chemical and electrical energy in to another type of energy, whilst in Indigenous History, they have been learning about the Stolen Generation and how Aboriginal children were forcibly removed from their families.

May I say a big thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported the class to get to Perth this year through their efforts selling (or eating!) chocolates, and/or helping cook or buying sausages at the Bunnings Sausage sizzle. I would also like to thank Mr Peter Watson, Albany Forklifts and Bunnings Warehouse, Albany for their very generous contributions. The trip will compliment and consolidate the students' learning programs in Mathematics, Science and Humanities and Social Science, and give them vital practical experience in their literacy and numeracy programs. The students certainly deserve the opportunities afforded to them as a result of their incredible efforts in the classroom this year, and we look forward to telling you all about it in the final newsletter of the year in December.

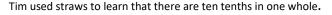
# Mark Turner—Teacher - A6



The students watched an episode of 'First Australians' to learn about the Stolen Generation.



Brody used a narrative planner to plan his story.







Mrs Claessens winner of the Bunnings raffle.

# A8 Class Report



It's been a strong start to the final Term of the year for A8. The team has worked well together to overcome a number of challenges. The class have worked as a team and independently to achieve many of their set goals.

In Maths, over the last four weeks, the group has been looking in more detail at time and money handling; two important skills for independence beyond school. We have looked at timetables and converted time.

The class thought carefully about how we earn, save and spend money. Some of the class have been multiplying wages to calculate how much they will earn over weeks and months. Others have been weighting up the positives and negatives of using debit and credit cards by calculating interest rates. Their understanding of percentages from earlier this year helped them to do this.



In English, students have been structuring stories into clearly organised narratives. These extended writing projects have required long term commitment and focus to build a story up from a simple plan. Before using vivid descriptions to make them a joy to read. The Colourful Semantics resources have continued to be used to support students in their independent sentence development. The increased confidence and enjoyment in their writing has been fantastic to see.

In our Podcast work we are now looking at non fiction podcasts. The students have been researching current local and national news stories to include in a news segment. With story and joke telling, as well as sharing interesting facts, the class podcast will be a fascinating listen. These segments will be performed by the students before being edited using software to incorporate jingles and sound effects.



In business, our company 'ASESC Rec Collection' Albany students recycle to build a business have been collecting containers from our new school based donation point as well as from the bins around NASHS. They have even featured in the Albany Advertiser and on GWN7 news!

They have also been busy working at the Green
Skills recycling refund point in Centennial Park
learning important skills such as warehouse safety and communication. Please

remember to keep sending in your recyclables to support our business!

In Computing, the class have been writing code using Minecraft Education. Learning the language of computers has been extremely challenging, however everyone has put in wonderful effort. By doing this they have shown they can write lines of code to instruct characters to do tasks, and even change the layout and physics of the game itself. Great work by all.



Well done everyone on a super first few weeks of Term 4. Keep it up in the final half term of the year!

Jake Butler

# A9 Class Report

The students of A9 have continued to work diligently and remain focused as we hit the halfway point of Term 4.

In English with Mrs Sellenger, students have been learning about synonyms and antonyms.

In Mathematics with Mr Williams, students have been continuing to develop their understanding of fractions and their equivalent decimal. They also are using this information to solve real world problems, such as proportions of cup measurements.



The Year 11, 12 and 13 dinner was held at Hybla at Middleton beach and was a great success. Students thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to dress up and show off their style.





The Bushrangers Cadets paid a visit to the Old Marron Farm, where they were fortunate enough to interact with exotic parrots, native birds, horses and ponies.

The Community Work Crew class finished removing the damaged brick wall at Camp Quaranup and have now begun to prepare the ground for a small native garden and for concreting a parking space for a quad bike!



# A 10 Class Report by Shianne, Sarah, Tim, Grace and Marc

Term 4 wow our school year is almost done just 5 weeks to go. A10 have had some classroom changes as Ms Pataky is away and we all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her very soon. We welcome both Ms Henderson and Ms Moncrief who are helping to ensure we are all learning and having a good time in Ms Pataky's absence. Please read about some of the interesting activities we have participated in this term.

### Sewing

This term we have continued to learn how to thread a needle, sew on a button how to use a sewing machine correctly including changing the different size cotton nibs. By Sarah

## Cooking

A10 have been cooking damper and flipping a few pancakes this term which has been fun and delicious. By Marc

# Swimming

All the students in A10 love swimming. We have been swimming every Thursday in Period 3 & 4. Janet is our swimming teacher. We use our arms and legs and kickboards. By Grace

### Maths

We have continued to use arrays to help with multiplication and now division. we are also using our number lines to help with various number sentences. by Tim

In A10 we are continuing to learn about time utilising many different types of clocks. We are also playing money games to help us for when we go shopping on Mondays. By Sarah

### Science – Forces

This term we have continued to learn about all different types of forces and how they affect the world we live in. We had fun using magnets to discover iron in our cereal and to move cars. We also learnt about friction and gravity on different surfaces. By Tim

In protective behaviours we have been learning about the human body and the skeletal system as well as researching on our iPads about gratitude and other emotions. By Shianne

In Digital Technologies with Ms Moncrief we have been using and creating stories in BookCreator and with Mr J we have been discovering the universe through the schools new Virtual Reality Goggles. By Shianne















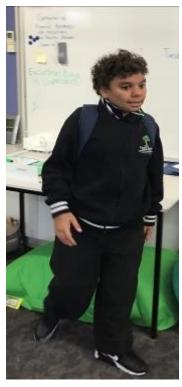
# All Class Report











It has been a terrific start to the term in the A11 class. All of our students have returned really well and have continued with their great work ethics. All of our students continue to work towards their learning goals. In the photo's above you can see some ICT with our new VR headsets, some of our YuMi Maths activities, and life skills activities. I look forward to a great end to the year with all of A11.

Mr Timothy Claessens—A11 Class Teacher

# Student Services

# **ASESC Sport Uniform**

Earlier this year, with feedback from students, ASESC investigated options for a Sport uniform. We are now pleased to announce that ASESC have a Sport uniform for students.

Parents are able to purchase a shirt for their child to wear during Sport lessons from Barefoot Clothing. We encourage students to wear a Sport shirt to change into for Sport lessons for hygiene reasons.

The cost of the shirt is \$36.00.

Please order in 2020 to ensure delivery by term 1, 2021.



# **ASESC Parent Afternoon Tea**



# **Student Services**

# Oat banana pancakes with raspberries



Ingredients
120g (1 1/3 cups) rolled oats
2 large bananas
3 eggs
125ml (1/2 cup) milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon baking powder
125g (1/2 cup) natural yoghurt
125g fresh raspberries

# Method

Process the oats in a food processor until they form a coarse flour.

Add 1 banana, eggs, milk, vanilla and baking powder and process until smooth.

Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat and lightly spray with oil.

Add 1/4 cup (60ml) of batter to the pan.

Cook for 1-2 minutes each side or until golden and cooked through.

Keep warm while you repeat with remaining batter to make 8 pancakes.

Thinly slice remaining banana.

Top pancakes with a dollop of the yoghurt, raspberries and remaining banana.

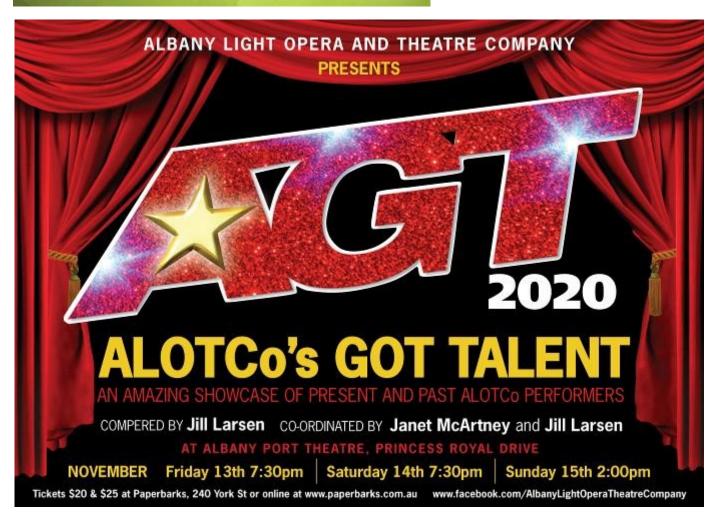


# Safety at bus stops

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off a bus. Teaching your child these safety tips will help reduce this risk.

- Meet your child, or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child, at the bus stop.
- Never wait on the opposite side of the road. Wait until the bus has driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, and then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.
- While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from passing traffic. Never wait at the kerb or edge of the road.
- Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts they must buckle up.

# Community Notices



# **Upper School Dinner**



A fabulous evening was had by all at the Inaugural ASESC Upper School Dinner at Hybla on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Students socialised with each other all evening and enjoyed the tasty dishes they had chosen from the menu. Thank you to the staff who attended and we look forward to the 2021 Upper School Dinner.

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