

ASESC Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 9 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

2020 has been quite a year with numerous disruptions and concerns but it also provided lots of opportunities for us to look at and do things differently. We had our first ASESC upper school dinner, first graduation ceremony as part of an assembly during Graduation Unity Day; which allowed all students to experience graduation of other students before their turn arrives and we started new activities and an enterprise, Containers For Change.

We also had phase 1 of our refurbishment completed being the new outdoor areas and administration block, and eagerly await the next phase which will be classrooms, a sensory room, therapy room, new Home Economics area and more staff offices. The final phase, due in Term 2 2021 is another external adventure play space comprising of a climbing wall, mini trampoline, gazebo and other activity spaces. These will go where the current blue demountable buildings are.

Students have largely completed their programs for the year; you will receive their report shortly if you haven't already, where you will see the great achievements your child has made. I am in a very fortunate position where I see all students' reports and ASDAN folios; they truly are fabulous and show the amazing skills, knowledge and abilities across our school. I'm sure you'll enjoy the stories enclosed.

I am on extended leave for 2021; my replacement, Karen Augustson, has been selected and we are doing a considerable handover. Karen brings knowledge and skills of working with students with disabilities across schools so will be a great asset. I am sure she will also learn a lot and is excited to have the opportunity to spend time in a school.

I hope to see all of you at the parent afternoon tea on Thursday. If not, I wish you all a fabulous and rejuvenating Christmas break and look forward to coming back in 2022.

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 Day—Students do not attend School on this day.

Friday 18th December

A4 Class Report

Term 4 is almost finished and all students in A4 have had an extremely busy year. This term we had a Mo-vember, where all students designed their own moustache and then compared them with the male teachers in the school. This was loads of fun for all. Shannon had a try at some eye gaze technology. She particularly enjoyed the musical activities on the screen.



Science with Mr Jarzabek

The students have been doing a lot of exploring of science ideas and were encouraged to find out about 'why' things happened or changed. In the photos some of the students were doing an M & M Rainbow experiment. They enjoyed watching the sugar dissolve and the colours mix.



A special treat at Unity day was the farm animals. Staff brought the animals in one by one for Hamish to explore. He loved to pat and enjoy the close encounter with them. Hamish practised his gentle touches.



Congratulations to all students for your hard work during this term and throughout the year. Everyone has done tremendously well.

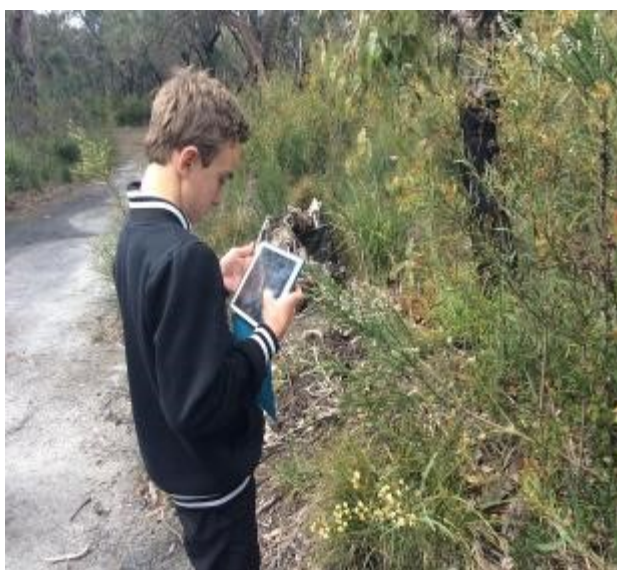
From all of us teachers in A4, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing holiday break

Keep safe and have fun!

Jane Claessens
Class Teacher

A5 Class Report

A5 has finished off the year in our usual energetic and exciting way. We have enjoyed joining the Music program, experimenting with different instruments and joining with local musicians. As part of our Science program we have investigated the local environment and researched the flora and fauna around the school. We have published and presented our original media projects and creative writing, and practiced accepting feedback and giving feedback to others. This year we focused on our growth and wellbeing as maturing young adults, and learning a range of knowledge and skills which we can use in a variety of situations.



Our daily sports choices include table tennis and basketball. Students have enjoyed sharing their skills with peers, and the friendly competition. It has been great to see everyone improving their teamwork and sportsmanship skills, as well as students demonstrating their areas of expertise in an alternative setting. A huge focus this year has been on building our resilience and social skills, and everyone has built some wonderful relationships. In 2021 we will all continue to thrive and grow.



A6 Class Report

Wow! I cannot believe how fast the final quarter of the year has gone and I must congratulate the students for their one-hundred percent effort and commitment to achieve many of their learning goals throughout the year. The staff have been incredibly impressed with the student's dedication and diligence, and they have produced some amazing work, most notably writing some splendid narratives for English, and in completing their Mathematics, Indigenous History and Science programs too. The students made progress socially too, communicating to their peers and staff more often, and becoming more independent when completing tasks.

Indeed, this progress was highly evident at the class camp in Perth during Week Eight, a huge highlight of the year for both students and staff. The students were provided with several learning opportunities to assist their transition into the community by experiencing an urban Central Business District, to use trains and buses safely, and to use a tenting experience to increase their ability to work co-operatively and as part of a team. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities provided to them including swimming at the pool at Karrinyup Waters, and visiting Rottnest, where they cycled around the island, swam at the beach and met some of the resident quokkas. The students enjoyed the opportunity to visit Perth on Thursday, particularly the chance to go to level fifty of Central Park to witness a 360-degree view of the city, and a visit to Scitech where they learnt about several constellations in the night sky, and how our everyday behaviours are affecting the Earth in the presentation 'Earth Matters'. The trip was completed with a late night shopping visit to the Lakeside Shopping Centre in Joondalup, and the students can be commended for the exemplary way which they conducted themselves over the four days. As always, a big thank you must go to all the staff and parents who supported the trip as well as Albany Forklifts, Mr Peter Watson and Bunnings Warehouse for their very generous contributions.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the parents for all your support throughout the year and, most importantly, all the students for their incredible efforts to continually produce their best work throughout the year. They can be very proud of themselves and I know they are looking forward to a rest and sharing their work with their parents and carers when they take their folders home on the last day of term. I wish you all a very Happy (and safe!) Christmas and prosperous New Year, and I look forward to seeing the students continued development in 2021.

Mark Turner

A6 Class Teacher



The students enjoyed a ten kilometre bike ride around Rottnest Island.



At Scitech, Chloe and Todd explored how much of the ice in the Arctic has melted.

A6 Class Report



Eating out at Karrinyup Waters Resort!



Toby used a ticket machine at Perth Railway Station.



The students loved the interactivity of Scitech.



The students enjoyed a swim at Rottne Island.

A8 Class Report



It has been a fantastic year in A8! All members of the class have shown great maturity, tenacity and flexibility during a difficult year.

Maths

In Maths, there has been a big focus on areas of the subject with real life applications. For this reason we have spent lots of time learning about time including reading time tables, converting time and answering time related word problems. We have also worked hard at improving our understanding of money. This subject area included work on adding and subtracting money, percentage discounts, banking (cards, debt and interest), and paying tax. The students have worked on these areas with lots of enthusiasm and discussed difficult ideas. The class have also completed fantastic work around the four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) and geometry including perimeter.



English

In English, the class have worked hard developing sentence structures and have written vivid descriptions in stories. Colourful Semantics resources have been used to support students in their independent sentence writing and have proved extremely effective in building confidence. The class also wrote recipes before following each others recipes to make meals such as pancakes.

Reading has been the focus during weekly sessions both at the library and online using Reading A-Z e-book software. The students will continue to have full access to a huge range of texts, linked quizzes and activities during the summer break for them to continue reading at home.

I.C.T (computing)

The class have been developing their word processing skills across all the subjects this year. On top of this they have also been learning about how to stay safe when using the internet and protect themselves from fraudulent activity online. The main focus this year in computing has been learning how to write code using Minecraft Education. This fun problem solving work has allowed students to change the rules, appearance and physics of the game.

Physical Education

A8 have become considerate and safe cyclists over the year. All members have worked hard at either improving their balance to become confident on two wheels, or building on their existing skills to improve fitness each week. The class have ridden on the oval, road and around the bush track. They have demonstrated how to carry out pre-ride safety check, understand the importance of wearing safety gear and can plan rides using Google Maps. In the final weeks of Term 4, the class will be going on an excursion to ride between Emu Point and Middleton Beach. To put in to practice the skills and awareness they have been learning throughout the year.



A big congratulations to every single student for their hard work and maturity during an extremely challenging year! Jake Butler, A8 Class Teacher.

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Business Report

This year 'ASESC Rec Collection' has been founded by the business students. They wrote a business plan, persuasive letters to business partners and brainstormed and voted on a catchy business name.

The group got arty when designing the business logo and signage. The chosen design was digitised before being printed onto magnetic signs and the new business uniforms!



The group designed the school donation point on paper and on Minecraft Education. These plans were submitted to the Albany Prison Sheet Metal Workshop for it to be made up.



The students have also been learning key skills, such as warehouse safety and communication, at Cleanaway and during weekly excursions to the Green Skills recycling refund point in Centennial Park, making an appearance on GWN7 news in the process!



Since starting operations at the beginning of Term 4, the team have collected over \$600 dollars worth of containers! And are over half way to paying off the business loan, taken out to buy the big donation point at school.

The school donation point will continue to be run and maintained throughout the summer break, so please keep dropping off your recyclables to support ASESC Rec Collection.

Well done to all members of the business team for their fantastic team work and positivity when setting up and running ASESC Rec Collection.

Alternatively quote the business scheme ID **C10261171** at your local refund point to donate all or a proportion of your containers to ASESC Rec Collection.

A10 Class Report by Shianne, Sarah, Tim, Grace and Marc

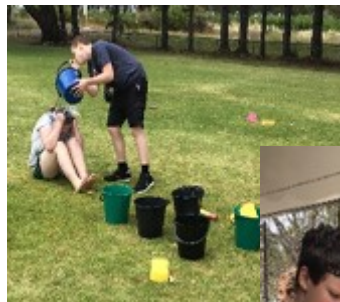
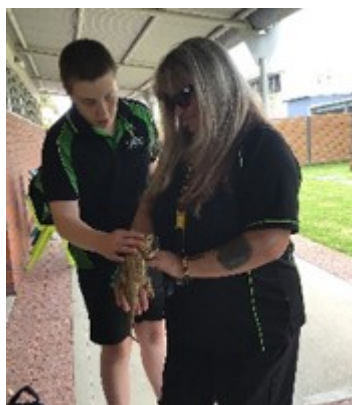
Term 4 - Merry Christmas everybody!!!! 2020 is nearly done and dusted and what a year it has been. Can I firstly congratulate all A10 students on the fantastic efforts they have demonstrated this year amongst all the disruptions around them. Firstly, with Covid-19, then with students joining the class then departing and finally staff classroom changes as Ms Pataky is away on leave. Students have performed admirably both academically and socially. Thank you to Ms Henderson and Ms Moncrieff, your efforts and dedication to A10 students were truly amazing.

Students have worked tirelessly on their IEP goals, as well as on ASDAN units with great success. The skills students developed during sewing, swimming cooking and protective behaviours will be well utilised in their future years.

Students have had awesome last 5 weeks of term finishing off work but also enjoying some fun filled activities such as Unity Day, painting totems on totem poles to be erected in the new six seasons Noongar garden in Area 3 with an array of lunch time club activities.

On behalf of staff and can I extend a warm Christmas greeting to all students and families and wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mr Jarzabek

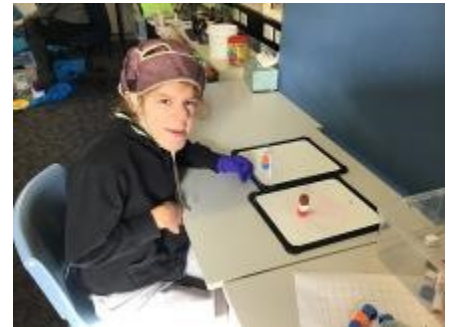


A11 Class Report



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Class Report



It was a great year in the A11 Class. All of students have achieved some amazing out comes and should be proud. Thank you to all the A11 families for their support throughout the year. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Mr Claessens
A11 Class Teacher

Bush Rangers Camp at Woodman Point



This was my last ever Bush Ranger camp and we went to Woodman Point in Perth. I shared a tent with Blaize and on the first night the wind broke the tent and we had to move into another one and it was cold and rainy but everyone helped. The next day we went to Rottnest on a big boat and I rode a bike around Rottnest and saw Quakkas and even had a yummy ice-cream. Then we went on a small really fast boat around the island. It was lots of fun and we got really wet. The next day we went to Scitech and we went to Planetarium which was great. That night we went to Fremantle for tea and I had Chinese. On the way home the bus broke down and we got stuck on the side of the road until someone came to help us. So we got home really late. I am going to miss everything about Bush Rangers and going on camps and being with my friends and Sue.

By Joanalyn



Bush Rangers went to Perth for a school camp and we did lots of fun and interesting things. On the first night we stayed at camp and setup our tents and chilled out. On the second day we got on a ferry which was nice and relaxing and went to Rottnest Island. We had a look around at everything by riding bikes and we saw lots of Quokkas. On the last day we went to the city and some shopping and had a look around the city. My favourite part was going to the city because I really enjoyed getting to know the place better. I had lots of fun. By Jack



Bush Rangers Camp at Woodman Point

My favourite things I did on the Munster aka Woodman Point camp was going to Wadjemup (Rottnest Island). My favourite things I liked there was the bike riding marathon and the Thrill ride. It was so much fun! What I also liked about camp was Scitech where there were all kinds of interesting experiments, such as Shadow Saving, Electric Waves, Pilot Simulator and the Science Theatre where the experiments made loud booming noises. Best Bush Ranger school camp so far.

By Liam W



On the Bushranger Camp we went to Rottnest Island for a bike ride around the island then we went on an adventure boat for a wild ride. The next day we went to SciTech to see Experiments and also the planetarium. That night we went to Fremantle for dinner and Time-Zone. We were on our way home until we had a flat tyre. After a 9 hour drive we finally came home. By Kynon

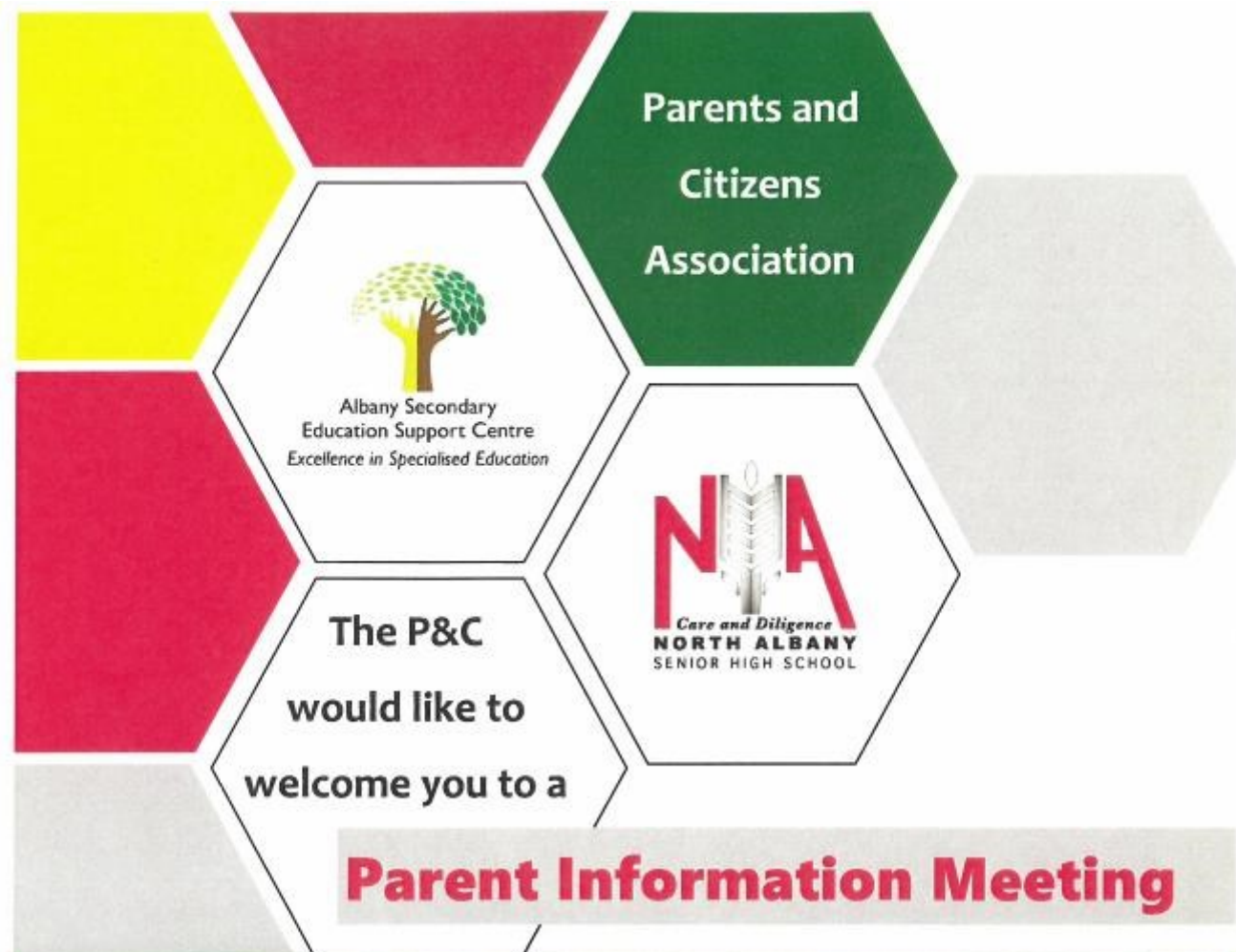


On our last Bush Rangers Camp we went to Perth and stayed at Woodman Point. On Tuesday we went on a ferry to Rottnest Island which was enjoyable. Two of my favourite activities was bike riding on Rottnest and the speed boat, which was a lot of fun. By Blaize



The year that was!





When: Wednesday 17th February 2021

Time: 4.30 pm - 5.30pm
(with optional tour of NASHS & ADESC at 5.30 - 6pm)

Where: NASHS Library (entrance to the library from the front bus bay area)

Come and join us for a fun and informative evening - it's a great way to meet other members of your school community.

With fun and games and prizes to be won!

For more information

Please email - pcnashsasesc@gmail.com

A light supper will be provided and children are welcome.



2021 Year 7 Immunisation

Year 7 School Vaccination Program.

The 2021 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 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 2021. 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.



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Albany - Middleton Beach

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Seasons Greetings

From all the Staff at
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Have a Safe, Responsible, Respectful,
Positive and Caring break.

