# **ASESC Newsletter**

## Term 2 - Week 11, 2021



Albany Secondary Education Support Centre acknowledges that traditional owners of this land on which our school is located, the Menang people of the Noongar nation. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present. ASESC is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationship to the land, waters, and seas.

#### It's the end of Term 2 already!

All teachers have been busy writing reports to be sent home at the end of term. I would like to thank all the teachers for their dedication to the students at our school and also for the hard work in ensuring growth and development of each and every student. I have read the reports and I am impressed with the improvement and learnings that have taken place this year.

Unity day was last Friday (Week 10) and with this we reflect on what brings us together as a community. Unity means being at one with someone or something. It is the opposite of being divided. This is a word for togetherness or oneness. At ASESC we always celebrate coming together and supporting each other as part of our school community. There are some photos of the great time the students had later in the Newsletter.

What makes our school community unique? What makes our town unique? What makes the extended community of our state unique? We have asked all the students to consider Unity day as a day of coming together, meeting or doing something new that they may not have attempted before.

NAIDOC week is celebrated during the school holidays, 4th - 11th July 2021. The theme this year is "Heal Country". This calls for all of us to work together, to continue to seek greater protection for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation and destruction.

Heal Country, Heal Our Nation: naidoc.org.au

Where is you place that makes you feel at peace? ASESC will celebrate NAIDOC day in Term 3 once we return from holidays.

Wishing all of our school community a safe and happy holidays.

Warm Regards

Karen Augustson Principal



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### Thank You....



Dear parents and community members,

As a parent member of the ASESC School Board I have recently had the privilege of doing three weeks of relief teaching at the school. This has afforded me the opportunity to work and interact with the staff and students and participate in many of the wonderful learning experiences and opportunities provided for our children. However, the most rewarding and uplifting experiences I had were through observing the daily interaction between the staff and students. To say that our children are well looked after would be an understatement.

On arrival at school our children are greeted at the gate by the smiling faces of a team of Education Assistants, welcoming them, interacting with parents and carers and extending warm thoughts for a great day. This warmth and enthusiasm continues throughout the day. All of the Education Assistant's carry out their roles with the students guided by a loving heart. Nothing is too much trouble and the health and well being of our children is their priority.

Similarly the teachers do a terrific job designing and implementing appropriate tasks and activities for all students. Most activities occur on site but some students undertake Work Placement, Community Work Crew (working at Camp Quaranup and Hawthorn House), Containers for Change and Bush Ranger Cadets. These programs allow our children to gain experience in the wider community with a range of different organisations.

Our Principal, Karen Augustson, leads her team by example through her daily engagement with all staff and students in classroom visits and break times. She can regularly be seen taking on a UNO challenge, dancing at Music Club or joining in with Physical Education lessons. So when you put your child on the bus each morning or drop them at school you can be assured that they are in a very safe and caring environment.

Thank you Karen and your amazing team. Enjoy your well deserved holiday.

**Brian Appleby** 

### Welcome....

ASESC would like to give a warm welcome to Albany OSHC Orana. They will be using the school grounds during the school holidays for a vacation care program and we hope that they enjoy using the facilities here as much as we do!



#### A note from Albany OSHS Orana:

We are excited to open our new Albany OSHC ORANA Vacation Care Program this July 2021. This programs runs every school holidays and caters for children aged 4 -12 years. All our families are very excited to see our new location as ASESC.

We are open everyday during the holidays between 7:00am – 6:00pm.

Thank you to all the staff at ASESC that have welcomed us, we are looking forward to our new joint venture with you.

## **C1** Class Report







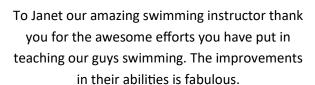




After 11 Weeks we have finally made it to the end of Term 2, phewww! What a term it was.

Firstly thank you to all C1 students this term, your efforts have been well rewarded and it made doing your reports so much easier. Thank you to our new teachers for the term Ms Booth and Ms Artemis and to Ms Mackey and Ms Mills all your efforts have been welcomed by all students.

Bush Rangers has been awesome this term with amazing excursions to various venues around Albany. Students had a wow of a time exploring the Brig Amity, dressing up in convict uniforms and experiencing the awkwardness of a ball and chain. To Peter from City of Albany thank you for hosting us and allowing us to help re-vegetate Lake Seppings.



Please enjoy your holidays and I look forward to us all returning in Term 3.

John Jarzabek, C1 Teacher













## **C2 Class Report**



Another term is almost done and dusted!

It had been an extremely busy term and semester. The students have kept up with the busy pace that all the activities brought whether it was learning at the desk in class or interacting with others around the school. All the students engaged very well with their class work.

#### **Mrs Craig's ICT Class**

Students were learning to control and operate robots to move in different directions across the class floor from an application on their iPad.



An excellent Term Two's work. Well done to C2 and keep doing your best!!

Jane Claessens, C2 Teacher

# **C3 Class Report**



#### **Cooking Healthy Snacks**

The students in C3 enjoy participating in their weekly Meal Preparation lesson on Fridays. Mrs McComb has compiled a list of healthy and plant based recipes. Students are learning to follow steps in the recipes. In the last few weeks we have prepared: Fruit Kebabs, Vegetable Wraps, Berry Yoghurt Cups, Wholemeal Apple Muffins, Smoothies and Vegetable Platters. Students are working hard to learn new skills and having fun tasting new foods!

Jennie McComb, C3 Teacher





Karra made colourful fruit kebabs.





allwording.com/vegetable-puns/

Students made vegetable wraps and the boys enjoyed eating them outside.







Noah and Robert preparing smoothies.

clipartbest.com/pictures-of-smoothies

## **C4 Class Report**











It has been fantastic to see how engaged the C4 students have been this term. We have been doing lots of hands on activities and the students having been using there own skills and ideas to build creative machines that can help explain Newtons Laws. The students created a balloon car and they designed and build a functioning boat. They also performed a variety of experiments to build their understanding of force, gravity, friction, and acceleration. The students enjoyed working in groups and discussing their outcomes.

In maths our focus has been connecting their understanding of fractions to numbers and adding and subtracting using the stacking method with and without trading. The students have been working together and using blocks and number lines to learn about counting on and counting back. They have also used MAB blocks to assist with their understanding.

A big part of the student's journey this term was tracking our school Chaplain, Greg Barber, (Chappy) as he made his way down the Bibbulmun Track. Chappy returned to school after his adventure and the students were keen to hear all of his stories. They created a Chappy wall in the classroom and reflected on everything that we had experienced. The student were then given the opportunity to walk the section of the Bibbulmun Track at Torbay. They saw for themselves where Chappy had slept and also what the track and the vegetation looked like. We had a BBQ together afterwards and then the students were taken to the very end of the Bibbulmun Track where we shared doughnuts. It was a fantastic experience and the students enjoyed it very much.

The C4 students have had an amazing Semester One. I look forward to creating many more memories in Semester Two.

Sue Morrow, C4 Teacher













## **C5 Class Report**



At the end of Semester One, it gives me much pleasure to report how proud I am of all of the students in C5 for all their learning achievements thus far. Indeed, when you consider that this is the first semester at high school for many of the students, it is amazing that they have transitioned so well, dedicating themselves to producing their best work more consistently and, importantly, become more responsible for their own learning. As a result they have achieved, and in some cases, exceeded, many of their learning goals. In English, the students have been learning about recounts, whilst in Science they have finished the term looking at the chemical reactions that occur when you mix baking soda and vinegar, and magnesium sulphate and water.

The students have been very fortunate in receiving tennis coaching from Tennis Australia, hitting forehands and learning about the lines on the court. Indeed, it is noticeable that the students have increased their fitness and stamina as they are running faster and for longer periods, most notably when playing soccer and during morning fitness sessions.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support, most notably for listening to your child's reading each weeknight, and I look forward to seeing you all again in Semester Two.

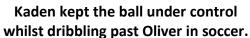
Mark Turner, C5 Teacher



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Jayden used a throwing game to learn about the lines on a tennis court.





Grey measured the water, bicarbonate soda and vinegar as part of his



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## **C6 Class Report**



The students in C6 are to be commended for their efforts this semester. It has been a pleasure to watch how much they have achieved within such a short amount of time. We have been completing some interesting activities this term.

In Art we made some WICKED tie dye shirts, all with unique designs and colours. We have continued to expand our palates in cooking, cooking some amazing nachos, chicken noodle soup, biscuits and caramilk cheesecake balls (YUMMO). In sport we have been lucky to participate in a tennis incursion and have loved every minute of it.

I am looking forward to next semester and seeing how much progress we will make. I hope everyone has a wonderful break and stay safe!

Kelly Pievaioli, C6 Teacher







## **C8 Class Report**





What a fantastic Term Two it has been in C8.

Every member of the class have stepped out of their comfort

zone in one way or another to try something new and have learned lots in the process.

In Maths the students have been developing mental strategies and formal written methods for multiplication and division. Members of the class have been concrete resources such as gems and group mats to demonstrate their understanding.

In the intensive English program the students have been working on spelling and vocabulary development.

The class novel 'Boy' by Roald Dahl was concluded, with the class completing book reviews on what was a very funny and interesting book about the authors upbringing. The class will get to choose one of his classic fiction stories as the class novel during Semester Two.

Community Work Crew have continued working hard on meaningful tasks off site at Hawthorn House and Camp Quaranup. In addition to this, the team did a tremendous job helping clear away debris around school following the storms.

The team have started preparing for the big Semester Two project at Camp Quaranup. They measured and draw up plans to make a new meeting area at the camp.

In business, the group have been industrious, collecting and sorting eligible containers from around campus and City of Albany sites. Part of the profits from the business were used to fund the Wacky Golf activity at the school Unity Day— a huge success that was enjoyed by the whole school. The team even made a banner to show their businesses sponsorship of the 15 hole golf course.

Well done everyone on a awesome Term Two! I'm incredibly proud of the classes achievements.

Jake Butler, C8 Teacher



## C9 Class Report



For the remainder of this term the students in C9 have been very working hard in all their different subjects. In Literacy the students have been focusing on developing the ability to read and understand job descriptions and how to apply for such jobs. The class have also been working towards identifying the different features of houses and rentals, figuring out what to look for inside a house and how to complete rental searches. They have all done a terrific job at really finding out what they are interested in when it comes to realistic house hunting.

In Numeracy the class have been completing independent real life investigations where they have been looking at the types of careers they would like to choose, finding out their salary and then working out their fortnightly pay. The students then went on to find their perfect car, how much a loan would be and their car registration repayments. This has been a very eye opening activity for the students to see!

We celebrated our Unity Day last Friday and the students had lots of fun participating in all the different activities. Our class made posters for Unity Day in our Friday Art sessions, concentrating on positive, inspirational quotes and experimenting with watercolour techniques.

Holly Piers, C9 Teacher















## **Bush Rangers**

# Bush Rangers rongurup's Car

On the B-R camp went to the Porongurup's to stay for the night. After we all unpacked we all went to the Mallee centre and Bluff Knoll. The next day we went to Castle Rock and walked all the way up to the top and took photos and videos up the top of the mountain. After that we went to a park to have a BBQ lunch. By Seb

We went to the Porongurup village for camp on Wednesday to Thursday which made it the shortest and coldest camp we been on and it was fun.

By Kynon

For Bush Rangers we went to the Porongurup's. I enjoyed spending time with my friends. We went to Castle Rock and Bluff Knoll. At Bluff Knoll we got wet and that was not fun so I didn't walk for that long and went straight to the bus, but other people did more. We went to the Mallee fowl museum and I enjoyed it. On the way home we had a BBQ and then they took me home. By Rose-Maree

This was the shortest Bushrangers camp we ever had, and the coldest too. On Wednesday, we went to the Porongurup Village Inn, the Yongergnow Australian Mallee fowl Centre. The Mallee fowls are birds that make massive mounds. I also learned that there was a snow storm that happened in the Porongurup's back in August 2003, we then we went to Bluff Knoll (the highest peak in Western Australia). The walk was rainy, wet, cold and windy to the point I almost got a cold. Then on Thursday, we packed up the trailer and bus, climbed up the Granite Skywalk also known as Castle Rock (well, most of us did), then we had a BBQ lunch. I liked going to Castle Rock and the Mallee fowl Centre. I also liked going to Bluff Knoll. This camp was pretty good...Short...but very, very great. Last Night, I dreamed about going back to Castle Rock and actually climbing up the ladder without freaking out, with Kyrese and Liam H and many of my friends and all my family. By Liam W





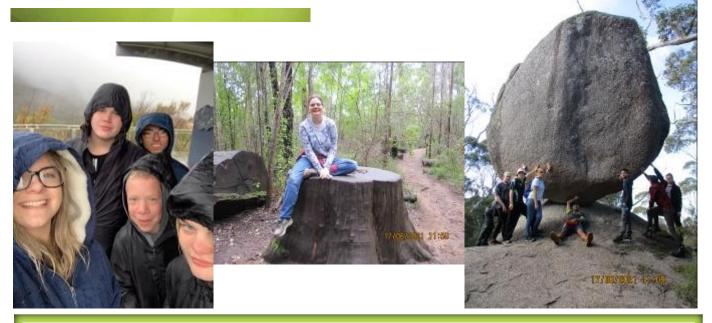








## **Bush Rangers**



Last week we went on a Bush Ranger camp to the Porongurup's for one night. We stayed at the Porongurup Inn cabins. We went to the Mallee fowl farm in Ongerup and we learnt about the Mallee fowl birds. I didn't enjoy the Mallee fowl farm because I think it was very rushed and also there wasn't a lot to see. Then we went to Bluff Knoll to have a look around it was very wet and windy but it was lovely to look around also the view was amazing. After having a bit look around at Bluff Knoll we went back to the cabins and had homemade wood fire pizza. By Jack

Last week on Wednesday we went to the Porongurup's. We stayed at the Shop and Tea rooms cottage there. Later that day we went to the Mallee Fowl Centre where we got to have a tour around the sanctuary and looked at the birds, then we went to Bluff Knoll for a walk at the start of the track. It was quite cold, windy and raining. The next day on Thursday the weather was beautiful. In the morning we packed the trailer and went to Castle Rock as we were walking up it was quite steep but it was worth it because the view was great. Afterward we went back to school. I enjoyed going on this short camp. By Blaize

Last week on Wednesday we went to the Porongurup's for camp. We stayed in cabins while we were up there. When we got to the cabins we unpacked everything and then we started driving to the Mallee fowl centre I found the Mallee fowl birds quite interesting in the fact that they eat the berries of the 1080 bush but it doesn't hurt them. Also I heard an interesting fact that 1080 poison got its name from the chemical numbers that were displayed when the chemist who fist discovered the 1080 poison made it in the laboratory. Later it was discovered that 1080 prison occurs naturally in the gastrolobium plant species which is very common in the South West of WA. After that we went to Bluff Knoll, it was pretty fun despite the slightly challenging weather i.e. the rain & wind.

#### By Liam H













# **Bush Rangers**





















# **UNITY DAY AT ASESC**



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## Community News





#### **About the Better Health Program**

#### Overview

The Better Health Program is a healthy lifestyle program that focuses on eating habits, physical activity and behaviour change. The program has been created by nutrition, exercise and psychology professionals. It is for children aged 7-13 who are above a healthy weight and encourages the whole family to form lasting, healthy habits.



#### How does it work?

For 10 weeks, families complete online activity sessions, supported by telephone coaching calls. The weekly sessions focus on topics such as nutrition, physical activity and behaviour change.

Supportive resources are given to families throughout the program. These include educational handouts, posters, physical activity equipment, a serving cup, label reading tool and a fitness tracker to encourage activity.





www.betterhealthprogram.org





#### Finding the Better Health Program online

#### Social media

Better Health Company can be found on Facebook and Instagram by searching for betterhealthcompany.

Facebook uses the tag @betterhealthco Instagram uses the tag

There is also a closed Facebook group for the parents and carers of participants who complete the online version of the program.

#### Website www.betterhealthprogram.org

The Better Health Program website is a useful resource for health professionals and families who wish to know more about the program.

It is also where participants log in to manage their learning modules, download useful resources and complete program surveys.









#### "The Little Prince" - Live on stage

Take flight with your imagination with Spare Parts Puppet Theatre's beautiful production of *The Little Prince*, adapted from the book by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry on at Albany Entertainment Centre Thursday 15 July 10am & 2pm and Friday 16 July 10am & 2pm.

With its timeless message of the importance of forming friendships, *The Little Prince* is an adventure story that celebrates the strength of our imagination. The Little Prince leaves his tiny planet and begins an adventure that reveals there are things that can only be discovered with the heart. For more than 70 years this timeless story has brought joy to adults and children alike with its beautiful insights and humour. Join the Little Prince and discover for yourself that those things which are essential, are invisible to the eye. Book online albanyentertainment.com.au or call the box office 9844 5005.

#### "The Little Prince" FREE Puppet Workshops.

Get into the spirit of The Little Prince and learn to make your own puppets before the play!

Spare Parts Puppet Theatre is Australia's flagship puppetry company dedicated to the development and creation of the art form. Through puppetry they share stories that celebrate what it is to be human; connecting audiences across generations.

Some come learn from the best.

Tuesday 13 July and Wednesday 14 July 10.30am - 12pm

Make your own Little Prince or Fox rod puppet - duration 1.5 hours

The Little Prince meets a Fox in the Sahara desert in our play. In this workshop you can make your own rod puppet based on one of the characters. Using simple materials, you will make your own rod puppet based on characters from The Little Prince and learn some ideas for performing with them. Suitable for: 6-14 years old. Places are limited so please book by ph 9844 5005

Tuesday 13 July 1.30pm - 3pm

Tiny Planets- duration 1.5 hours

The Little Prince lives on a tiny planet, far out in space. In this workshop you'll work with artist Cecile Williams and found materials to create your own tiny planet in a peep-hole box! All you need to bring is a small box, like a shoe box or empty tissue box, and a creative mind!

Suitable for 8-14 years. Places are limited so please book by ph 9844 5005.

Wednesday 14 July 1.30-3pm

Performing with Puppets - duration 1.5 hour

A demonstration of many different types of puppet with Spare Parts Puppet Theatre's puppeteers. You'll learn the secrets of how we bring puppets to life, learn the skills developed over 20 years and get to try one out yourself!

Suitable for ages 14+ Places are limited so please book by ph 9844 500.



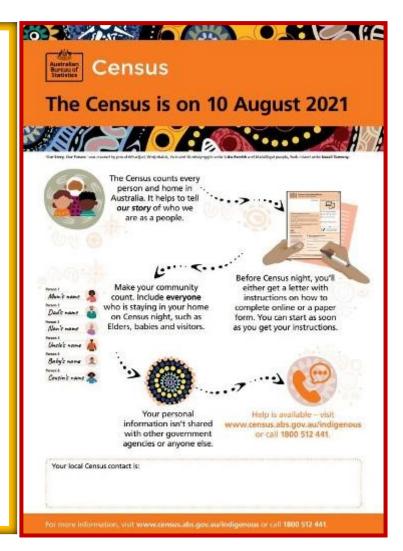
#### **WHEELS FOR WORK**

WHEELS FOR WORK is a service providing anyone of age the means to gain driving experience in preparation for getting a drivers license.

If you live in the Great Southern and can't access a vehicle or companion driver to complete the Learner Driver logbook hours, you could be eligible to drive with us!

Providing use of a dual control manual vehicle, alongside a volunteer companion driver, get the experience you need for a small cost.

www.breakthruwa.org.au/wheels-for-work



## **2021 WA School Term Dates:**

TERM 2 STARTS: Tuesday, 20 April ENDS: Friday, 2 July

**School Holidays** 

TERM 3 STARTS: Tuesday, 20 July ENDS: Friday, 24 September

**School Holidays** 

TERM 4 STARTS: Monday, 11 October ENDS: Thursday, 16 December

**School Holidays** 

#### **STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND:**

TERM 3: Monday 19 July (School Development Day)

TERM 4: Friday 12 November (Albany Show Day)

Friday 17 December (School Development Day)