

Term Dates

2019

Term 3

Mon 22nd Jul – Fri 27th Sep

Term 4

Mon 14th Oct – Fri 19th Dec

School Development Days

Thursday 24th October

Friday 25th October

Friday 14th December

A message from our Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a great fortnight we have had! Our school choir performed at the Crown Theatre on Wednesday night as part of the WA Government Schools Music Society concert and put in a fantastic effort. We were all very impressed with the confidence that they displayed and their delightful singing. Congratulations to all of our choir students. I would also like to acknowledge the work that Mr Long has put into developing our choir and providing them with the opportunity to perform at such a wonderful venue. Well done Mr Long!

Thank you to all of our parents who braved the chilly morning last Friday to attend our cross country event. It was great to see the persistence and good sportsmanship that our students demonstrated. I would also like to thank Mr Mews for his organisation of this event, ensuring that we had an interesting and challenging cross country circuit. Well done everyone!

We do have swimming starting next week, so a reminder to please mark student's clothing so that it can be returned to its rightful owner if lost. The students will be getting changed at the pool before returning to school. Could parents please check and make sure that your child has all the necessary items for swimming before leaving for school.

I would like to remind parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on the school site. We have had some dogs tied to the fencing that surrounds the school in close proximity to the entrances which has been causing a few issues. Could I please ask everyone to refrain from doing this as we do have a number of students that are unsure of dogs.

We have just completed our attendance audit for Semester 1 and currently have 72.5% of our students achieving regular attendance, with 27.4% of our students being placed 'at risk' due to irregular attendance. A significant number of these are due to holidays being taken outside of the vacation period with holidays and unexplained absences representing 27% of absences. As a whole school there has been 868 days of absence over the course of Semester 1, which is significant. It is important that students attend as significant absences do impact on student social and emotional as well as academic development.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Michelle Wellsteed
Principal

SCHOOL VALUES



CARE and COMPASSION

Meaning: Displaying kindness and concern for others.

Synonyms: sympathetic, responsible, considerate

You are practising CARE and COMPASSION when you:

1. Respect yourself and others.
2. Look and listen to others when they speak.
3. Handle your own and others property carefully.
4. Show concern for living things and the environment.
5. Work with enthusiasm and excellence.

UP IN LIGHTS – HAMELIN POOL 2



This week the Up In Lights team visited Miss Blanchard and the Year 2s of Hamelin Pool 2. Miss Blanchard's class have been busy this term learning phonics; sounding out words to decide if they are trash (words spelled making the 'ee' sound without the two 'e's together) or treasure (spelled with 'ee' and make the 'ee' sound). They have also been busy writing a procedure on how to trap a dragon. For Science they've been cooking and using Ozobots for their technology subject.

Miss Blanchard hopes the Year 2s use the skills they are learning in class in their everyday life. The Year 2 students have exceptional skills in all levels of learning areas and are great at cooperating in team activities. The students love the look of the classroom because of all of the bright pictures and they always feel safe in the class. They enjoy Miss Blanchard's teaching styles and appreciate her kindness towards them.



Joshua Burton and Tracy Beets

UP IN LIGHTS – HAMELIN POOL 4



We also managed to squeeze in a visit to the Year 1/2s of Hamelin Pool 4 and Miss Lee! The class have been celebrating 100 days of the school year by participating in activities that have to do with the number 100. Some of the kids' favourite activities were the 100 blocks, 100 straws, sticking ten objects to ten columns and fruit jewellery. After lunch the students had a class party with delicious treats. The Year 1 and 2 students have welcomed Miss Lee to our school and enjoy her teaching style and feel

safe when in her company.



Joshua Burton and Tracy Beets

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Last Friday students from Year 2 – 6 competed in the school cross country. The weather was fantastic and everyone tried their best.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

YEAR 2	BOYS	GIRLS
1st	Kyle	Tayah
2nd	Dejontae	Indie
3rd	Tyler D	Lola
4th	Tyler C	Sienna

Year 3	BOYS	GIRLS
1st	Caelan	Emma
2nd	Teddy	Hope
3rd	Kieran	Isabelle
4th	Zac	Tayraya

Year 4	BOYS	GIRLS
1st	Derek	Xaria
2nd	Kyan	Emily S
3rd	Callum	Isabella
4th	Zach	Alveena

Year 5	BOYS	GIRLS
1st	Sol	Tyleaa
2nd	Flynn	Eileen
3rd	Tyler	McKenzie
4th	Will	Chloe D

Year 6	BOYS	GIRLS
1st	Matthew	Kalani
2nd	Xavier	Mia
3rd	Elliot	Ellie-Jo
4th	Harvey	Madeline



CHOIR



Congratulations to our school choir who performed at one of the WAGSM concerts this week. The picture shows our students at their morning rehearsal. In the evening parents were invited to the performance of a range of schools and the feedback was extremely positive.

The WA Government Music Society was founded in 1929 with the object: To foster Music Education in Government Schools of Western Australia and to engage in such activities as will help to achieve this purpose. The Society ran Concerts in High School Halls for many years until 2001 when it moved the venue to Crown Theatre (formerly Burswood) and Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. Over recent years it has conducted seven or eight concerts annually with participation from about 100 schools, over 5000 performers and audiences totalling 10,000 people.

Each Concert showcases a variety of school performances and solo acts that provides a snapshot of the amazing talent in public schools. The involvement of so many talented West Australian children in these concerts certainly justifies the effort.

2019 SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

A big thank you to those families who have already paid. Our collection rate is currently **57.7%**. This "one-off" payment is voluntary however it will be used to supplement expenditure in the following curriculum areas: Reading resources, maths resources and ICT equipment. Over the course of the school year, the contribution of \$30 equates to 0.75c per week.

During Term 3 we will be holding a draw. All families who have paid their contribution will be entered into the draw and 4 lucky winners will win Ziggies Vouchers valued at \$25 each.

Payment can be made directly into the school's bank account (this is our preferred method of payment). Details as follows:

Account Name: Alkimos Beach Primary School
BSB: 306-182
Account Number: 0085426

Please use your child's name as a reference. If using this method of payment, please ensure that you pay monies into the school account (as above) as we have had a few parents paying money into the P & C account in error.

Alternatively, you can pay by cash or EFTPOS in the office between 8am and 4pm daily.

If you would like to set up a payment plan for 2019 at any time, for any of the fees requested, including incursions/excursions, please call into the office and see me.

Kim Dark
Manager Corporate Services

NUT ALLERGIES



Just a reminder that we seek your help to provide a safer environment for all students in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis – a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening.

Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis. There is no cure for food allergy so avoidance of the food is crucial. We are trying to provide a safer environment to students at risk of anaphylaxis by training staff, encouraging students to wash their hands after eating and educating students about food allergies.

We ask you to assist in minimising food anaphylaxis risks by:

- not sending food to school which has peanuts, any nuts or sesame seeds in the ingredients list,
- teaching your children not to offer their food to others and children with food anaphylaxis not to accept food from others,
- encouraging your child to wash their hands before and after eating,
- asking your child to get help immediately if their allergic schoolmate gets sick.
- With your support, we can provide a safe environment for all students.

ABSENT STUDENTS

If you know your student is going to be absent from school, please contact the office as soon as possible. Absences can be reported by using any of the following methods: Please advise full name, date and reason for absence.



- Use CONNECT to report an absence ([Click here](#) to view how to do this)
- Text: MSGU 0438 963 754
- Email: alkimosbeach.ps@education.wa.edu.au

NO PETS ALLOWED

Animals, including pets, are not allowed on school grounds unless they are a part of an organised school event, or are an authorised assistance animal.

Please do not leave dogs secured around the school or leave them unattended while you collect your child.



CONNECT is one of our main forms of communication with parents. The office and classroom teachers will use CONNECT to relay important information regarding events and activities that are happening within the school. If you are unable to log in to CONNECT or are having issues with your password please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

We encourage you to log into CONNECT at any time to view notices for your students

2020 KINDY ENROLMENTS HAVE NOW CLOSED



We have now closed the initial 2020 Kindergarten Program enrolment process. We will be in contact with all applicants in early September. You may still submit a late application but this will be placed on a waitlist and considered in the second round of enrolments. Please visit the Alkimos Beach Primary School website <http://www.alkimosbeachps.wa.edu.au/parents-students/enrolments/> for information on the enrolment process and the documentation you will be required to provide.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C's latest fundraising drive. You are encouraged to find any loose change hiding in your household or cars and get our children to bring it to their classrooms. Each classroom has their own collection tub and there will be a prize for the class who raises the most. The coin drive will end on the 7th August.

The Alkimos Beach P&C Association presents our

ANNUAL CLASSROOM COIN DRIVE

Check the couch, follow your feet,
There are coins all around if you don't skip a beat!

24 JULY - 7 AUGUST 2019

For two weeks we challenge you, as a classroom, to collect as much loose change as possible! Students from the classroom with the most money at the end of the fortnight will each receive a prize!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Children's Behaviour – the toughest part of parenting



Of all the things parents must do, dealing with children's behaviour can be the most stressful. AND the most challenging!! Parent's having realistic expectations of misbehaviour is important.

Some misbehaviour you see in your child is normal and some discipline problems are going to happen regardless of what you do. Although, if we're able to manage everyday behaviour problems (like deliberately choosing not to follow our instructions, fighting with their siblings or other children and refusing to go to bed) when children are young, we can prevent more serious problems such as stealing, lying, getting into trouble at school and involvement with drugs when children are older.

Triple P (or Positive Parenting Program) is an approach to raising children that aims to promote children's development and manage children's behaviour and emotions in a positive and non-hurtful way. Attending the first seminar series called: *The Power of Positive Parenting* will provide parents with information on what things they can be doing at home, that aims to prevent, or at the very least, reduce how often your child misbehaved and how severe their misbehaviour is at home.

For more information on Triple P visit: <http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/> or ask to speak to the School Psychologist: Nora Salah at Alkimos Beach Primary School about Triple P seminars coming up.

VACSWIM 2019

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons for the October school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, it's important your children are safe in the water.

Programs are available for children from five to 17 years and cater to all skill levels – from beginners to those doing their Bronze Medallion. They are being offered at pool venues across the State.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2019

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

Choose from two programs:

9 Days 1 - 11 October 40 minute lessons Prices: \$30 per child / \$20 concession \$81 for a family of three or more / \$54 concession (plus pool entry) Enrolments close 29 August.	5 Days 7 - 11 October 35 minute lessons Prices: \$16 per child / \$10.50 concession \$41 for a family of three or more / \$27.50 concession (plus pool entry) Enrolments close 3 September.
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Enrol now
www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9403 6413.

WHAT'S ON @ ALKIMOS POP UP LIBRARY

CITY OF WANNEROO LIBRARIES
CHECK US OUT

LIBRARY OPEN

Mondays 9.30 – 11.30am
 Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30am
 Wednesdays 9.30 – 11.30am
 Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30am
 Fridays 3 – 5pm
 Saturdays 9.30 – 11.30 am

Alkimos Pop-Up Library will also be CLOSED on **Saturday 27th June & Saturday 24th August** for a private course

Provide First Aid
 Saturday 27th June & Saturday 24th August
 8am – 5pm (A free course for members)
 Provided by SurfLife Saving WA, the leader in FIRST AID across WA.
 Bookings are essential. Call 8007 9888 to secure your place.

LEGO CLUB
 Fridays 3 – 5pm
 (Weeks 20th July)

In Conversation with Tess Woods
 Thursday 22 August
 8.30pm – 8pm
 Discover what inspired Tess Woods to be writing an epic classroom free lesson like *Love and Other Battles*. Find out all about Tess in this interactive session. Refreshments available. FREE - Donations Essential. Call 9407 1612 or go to www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Do you have a story?
 Wanneroo Regional Library is designing a new story collection to those who have migrated to Australia and now call the City of Wanneroo home. Would you like to be a part of the collection? If you or your family are migrants living in the City of Wanneroo we would love to hear from you! Fill in the online form at www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/migration or contact the librarian on 9407 9520.

Need space for community activities?
 Alkimos Pop-Up Library is available as a free community use space. Contact shannon.pozio@wanneroo.wa.gov.au or 9407 1612 for more information

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 Alkimos Community Library
 Gateway Shopping Centre, Alkimos