

NASHS Newsletter Week 4 Term 1 2020

Hi Subscribers Name

Welcome back to NASHS for 2020 and for those of you who are new, welcome to the NASHS family. I hope you all had a great festive season holiday and are ready for an exciting and prosperous new year.

I am proud and honoured to have been appointed to the Principals position of North Albany Senior High School. I am genuinely excited by the opportunity to share my 26 years of experience in education with the NASHS community and explore how we can continue and grow the opportunities that the school has to put the students first and foremost.

I bring to the position experiences in school leadership from the Peel Region, Karratha, Bunbury and Geraldton which complement my teaching experiences in Mt Magnet, Wyndham, Perth and Cocos Keeling Islands. With a sincere interest in ensuring students engage in opportunities which prepare them to contribute positively to society when they graduate, I am looking forward to continuing to build strong community links.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and commitment that my predecessor, Mrs Sharon Doohan, has shown in building such an excellent learning institution with a positive reputation built on responsible and respectful students. I genuinely appreciate the legacy that has been left for me and I enthusiastically accept the challenges which we will face as the school continues to grow and evolve.

I encourage each of our students, and our entire NASHS family, to be proud of the school to which we all belong, and to be positive about the future of the school. Because we live by the standards we set ourselves in being kind, respectful and responsible, we will continue to forge a positive reputation, which will pay dividends for us all, as our graduates become the next leaders and innovators of our society.

Welcome to the 2020 school year, let's all make it a great one!



Principal Mr Peter Hurle



Year 7 and 10 Meningococcal & Immunisation Program 2020

The 2020 WA School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by the local Community School Health Immunisation nurses.

These vaccinations are free to all year 7 students and will be undertaken in terms 1 and 4.

The schedule is as follows:

- Gardasil 9 the new HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccination and will be given in a 2-dose schedule in terms 1 and 4.
- Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine (whooping cough) will be given in term 1.

Vaccination consent forms will be sent home with students. 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. An information pamphlet is included in the envelope. Immunisation forms are to be returned to school as soon as possible for checking.

Any queries regarding the Immunisation program please contact Sally Moir 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.

WA Meningococcal W Immunisation program.

The 2020 WA Meningococcal W Immunisation program will be offered at your school by the local School Health Immunisation nurses.

These vaccinations will be offered free to all year 10 students commencing term 2. Consent forms will be sent to your child school for distribution.

The Meningococcal W Immunisation program has been launched in response to the increase in meningococcal W infection. Some of the highest rates of meningococcal carriage and illness occur among 15-19 year olds. Once infected, this age group can transmit bacteria to people who are at an increased risk of infection, including young children. It is expected that providing the meningococcal W (Men W) vaccine to this group will reduce the spread of this potentially life threatening infection within the WA community.

Parents/legal guardians are asked to complete and sign the consent forms and return them to the school. Please return form whether you consent or do not consent to your child receiving the vaccination. Forms will be sent home in term 1 2020.

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

If you have any queries regarding the program please contact Sally Moir- School Based Immunisation Coordinator on 9842 7526.

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Coronavirus Information

For our families that may have travelled overseas, particularly mainland China or Hong Kong in the last 14 days please read the information from the Department of Health. Information Fact Sheet



TransAlbany NASHS School Bus Changes

From Monday 24 Feb 2020 a new bus service 700 departing the school at 1509 (3:09pm) and terminating at Yakamia Primary School at 1515.

All students that currently use the 704 service to Yakamia P.S should now use the 700 where possible. This change is to reduce loading issues on the 704

service.



Year 7 News

Our Year 7 students are transitioning well into student life at North Albany Senior High School for 2020. The school prides itself on the transition program that has been developing since 2016 and has had added, fresh initiatives this year to boost support to our newest students.

Our Principal, Mr Peter Hurle, addressed the Year 7 students recently at their assembly focusing on our school value of being kind. Other topics covered during the assembly included the upcoming immunisation days, the 'buddy system" and the Year 7 'Get to know you' excursion held at Ellen Cove, Middleton Beach.

Immunisation for Year 7 students will occur during week 8 of this term. All students should have returned their permission slips to the Student Services window by now. If you have not received your child's permission form, please contact the school administration office.

Under the guidance of our upper school student services coordinator, Ms Julie Duthie, a number of Year 10 students have nominated to participate in a mentoring program to aid the Year 7 students with their transition to North Albany Senior High. Year 12 students Jessica Stals and Eloise Carbonell are leading the program. Jessica has the role of Transition Co-ordinator and Eloise the Buddy Program Cordinator; I look forward to working with these students.

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th February, nearly 180 NASHS Year 7 students gathered at Ellen Cove, Middleton Beach. Activities on the day centred around the five school values of being your best, being kind, safe, respectful and responsible. A fabulous time was had by all, as the images demonstrate.

A huge thank you to the all the staff and 'buddies' that assisted on the two days. A special mention and thanks must go to Ms Woods and Miss Gallimore, who braved the challenging beach conditions both days, along with year 10 students Oliver Dall, Angus Bowles and Angus Rennie.

Upcoming events:

• Week 5 Friday 6th March, 'dress as a hero' day with the gold coin donation used to raise

money for the National Bushfire Appeal;

- Week 7 School photos;
- Week 7 Friday 20th March, School faction swimming carnival;
- Week 8 Year 7 Councillor nominations.





Mr Tetlow



School Nurse News Term 1

This term your year 7 child will be offered a vaccine for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough). Forms have been sent home with your child during week one for you to review.

It is important that you complete the consent form to indicate whether you intend, or do not intend to have your child vaccinated, so the school health nurse knows what to do.

If you haven't received this form please ask your child to collect one from student services at school and return it to them ASAP.

You can find further information relating to these vaccinations <u>HERE</u> and a short video for students to watch about HPV <u>HERE</u>

If you would like to discuss this with a School Health Nurse please phone

Cathy Watson at NASHS on 98920622 Monday to Wednesday or Sally Moir - School based immunisation coordinator on 9842 7526