



NORTH ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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NASHS Newsletter Week 7, Term 3 2018

Hello **Subscribers Name**

I am delighted to advise NASHS school community that planning for the new building program has commenced! We have met on several occasions with the Department of Education and the architects, H & H Architects, and determined that the new two story block will be built adjacent to, and on the northern side of the current Year 7 block. The current Year 7 block (or M block as it is commonly known) will undergo refurbishment for use by the Albany Secondary Education Support Centre.

The new block will be mainly used by year 7 students. Two new Science laboratories will also be built next to the existing science block taking the number of science labs from four to six. The whole New Build is expected to be completed by mid-2020.

While this is all very exciting, it does mean that unfortunately our plans to bituminize the John St end of the gravel car park will need to be put on hold until after the completion of the New Build. Bituminizing the Anson Rd end of the gravel car park will go ahead with an expected completion date of February 2019. This will provide an extra forty much need car parking bays.

While on building projects, we will also be making some modifications to the front office area in the near future with a more sheltered main entrance and a parent and visitors waiting area in reception.

Our school library and information centre continues to modernize in many ways. We recently installed some café style seating booths that have proven to be very popular with our students.

While we have maintained our book collection, increasingly students are using digital data bases for research. Education is of course no longer bound by the four walls of a classroom and so NASHS is purchasing a range of data bases so that students can access them on-line out of school hours 24/7.

Our school values of respect, responsibility, kindness, personal safety and giving of your best continue to guide everything that we do at NASHS.

Personally I have been so proud to have recently received such complimentary feedback from the school community about the exemplary behaviour of our students in a number of different forums. May they continue to Be Proud as NASHS students. We are so blessed to have such an amazing staff and wonderful students at our school.

I am looking forward to sharing some of the achievements of our school at the School Board meeting this week. The Board oversees the school budget and performance of the school. All schools in WA undergo a review every three years and 2018 is NASHS review year. We are currently putting together our review data for the Department of Education.

Following the school review we will be preparing our next Business Plan. Parents can help with our next three year plan by providing us with feedback through the bi annual parent survey that will be available soon. At any time of course we welcome your ideas and feedback.

We continually strive to make NASHS an excellent centre of learning for our students. With over 100 staff and 800 students every day is busy at NASHS. To you, our parent's – thank you for your continuing support.

Until next time,

Regards

Sharon Doohan
Principal.



Language Perfect World Championships 2018

Congratulations to year 12 student Tayla Dennis for her Emerald Award in the Language Perfect World Championships 2018. Tayla is studying Japanese online at North Albany Senior High.



Tayla was among a group of students who outperformed more than 346, 500 students to achieve this award, placing her in the top 1% of all competitors.

Over ten days in May, students from 28 countries were tested in their language skills, including reading, writing, listening, dictation, grammar and culture.



National Science Week

National Science Week was held at NASHS this year in week 5 from Monday 13 to Friday 17 of August

National Science Week 2018

Photo Gallery

The theme for Science Week is *Game Changers and Change Makers*. This year we organised a variety of guest speakers to come and present to students about various topics.

On the Monday, 3 local UWA students conducting research in the Albany area came to speak to the year 9's and year 8's. Tuesday saw Perth artist Miik Green speak to the year 8's about how he uses Science techniques and concepts in his art as well as having students creating some very interesting sculptures.

WA Museum curator Mr Stephen Anstey talked to the year 10's about deep sea exploration which students thought was really fascinating.

Classes were also involved in various STEM competitions, allowing all students to participate and be creative with this year's theme. The year 8's voted for their favourite Rube Goldberg machines, and the winners were year 8



New Library Seating

Ms Gallimore's students were the first to try out the new booth seating in the Library. It is wonderful to see our students displaying our school values and enjoying comfortable surroundings. We work hard to keep the Library a clean and welcoming space, and we appreciate the responsible and respectful attitudes of all Library users for our efforts.



Regional Chess Tournament Winners

Congratulations to North Albany Senior High School Chess Club for winning the recent Regional Tournament held in Kendenup on Friday August 10.

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The NASHS Chess club has been in full swing since the start of Term Two, and we ran our own competition to prepare for the Regional Tournament. The winners of the NASHS competition were:

First place Stacey Smith

Second place Leedian Moore

Equal third place Ben Petty and Falen Robinson

Last Friday the NASHS Chess Team travelled to Kendenup to participate in the Regional Chess Tournament organised by ChessKids. Our team was split into a seven - member junior team and an eight -member senior team. Each player competed in seven games and then points were tallied to find individual champions and winning teams.

This tournament was a first for all the members of the junior team, and they did well against some stiff competition. Our senior team won their tournament and have qualified for the State finals. Stacey Smith and Falen Robinson were placed first and second overall.

Junior Team Senior Team

Kayden Hughes Stacey Smith

Luke D'Aprile Falen Robinson

Bryke Cook-Vigus Ben Petty

Mithchell Perry Teige Robiunson

Noah Wilson Leedian Moore

Dylan Lock Joshua D'Aprile

Ryder Coleman Lachlan Holland

Taj Coleman



Canberra Excursion 2018

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Thirty-eight students from North Albany Senior High School embarked on a full tour of Canberra recently. The students started their journey in Sydney by experiencing first-hand the iconic structures of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House, along with visits to the world renowned Bondi beach and the Taronga Park Zoo.

Whilst in Canberra the students were afforded the opportunity to witness question time in both Houses of Parliament; they met with local MP Rick Wilson and Western Australian Senator Jordon Steele-John.

The students also sat in on a case being heard by all seven High Court judges and viewed both Saturn and Jupiter through telescopes in the ANU Research Institute on Mt Stromlo.

Our visit to the Australian War Memorial culminated in our school participating the wreath laying ceremony at the close of the day.

Other locations visited in Canberra included: Old Parliament House, Questacon, the National Gallery, the Australian Institute of Sport, the National Museum, the Australian Mint, CSIRO and the National Arboretum.

The excursion was supported by the Australian government through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) who assisted by providing a rebate of \$240.

The excursion would not have been such a success without the dutiful work of our two parent volunteers; Anthony Vanderleer and Alison Smith. A big thank you also goes out to both NASHS staff members, Mrs Bolt and Mrs Rennie, for going above and beyond whilst on tour.

The biggest thank you goes to the students who attended the excursion, they constantly represented the school in a positive light and kept true to the school values of being their best, kind, respectful, responsible and safe.

Adam Tetlow
Teacher in Charge of Canberra Excursion



Emily O'Brien Work Placement

Year 12 Student Emily O'Brien talks about her recent work placement at Albany Community Radio



Albany Community Radio (ACR) Work Placement

I am currently doing my workplace learning at ACR. Previously my work experience was in a 'carers' role then it was suggested that I give radio shot. The first thing I thought to myself was: "I can make my dad proud".

On the first day, I was actually surprisingly calm. I think I felt this way as my dad was in the radio business for 20 years before he moved to London to commentate for the Formula One. When I walked into the studio, I felt like it was my second home.

My normal duties at the radio station is to help out in Reception, sort out

emails, make CSAs (Community Service Announcements), deliver invoices to the Accountant, categorising music (I categorised 514 songs a fortnight ago) and any tasks that needs to be done.

My most interesting task that I do at the station is doing voice-overs and editing interviews. Rod used to work with my dad back at Gold MX so he knew who I was. I have voiced 3 commercials, I have voiced an intro for Comedy Hour and I have edited 2 interviews.

The station has been a wonderful experience and I feel like I can be myself with these people, they are like my second family. I think there is a future for me at Albany Community Radio as a volunteer.

Emily O'Brien



Country Week 2018

North Albany Senior High School recently competed in the 2018 Country Week Games held at various sporting precincts around Perth. NASHS was represented by 100 students, 15 staff and 10 competing teams. A fantastic week was had by all with NASHS students displaying the school values and great sportsmanship throughout the week. Congratulations to the boys' basketball team for winning the grand final, and also the girls soccer team for coming second in their grand final.

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Book Week 2018

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As is always the case it was extremely difficult for the judges to choose the most creative entry in each year group, the entries were amazing and all students deserved to win.

A definite highlight from this year was from Year 12 student Emily O'Brien with her entry from "The Never Ending Story"

A big thank you to the NASHS library staff for not only organising the event but also for book voucher donations given out as prizes. Another big thank you goes to the ADESC for their donation of canteen vouchers which were also given out to winners.

Congratulations to all who participated and we look forward to an even bigger event next year.



Year 6 Transition to North Albany Senior High School

There is a well developed program planned to support Year 6 students transitioning to NASHS. Yr 6 Transition Days occur in Term 3 with one Wednesday morning visit, 9.00am-11.00am, for each primary school class. There is one final Transition Day in Term 4 on Friday 30th November, where students attend NASHS for the day.

During Term 2 Mrs Bolt and Mr Harrison, visited the primary schools in the Albany area to talk about 'Year 6 student Transition to North Albany High

School'. At some schools the year 7 NASHS student councillors and some year 9 students assisted us and were on hand to answer any questions from the year 6 students.

It was a pleasure to meet students from Yakamia, Mount Lockyer, Little Grove, Parklands and Woodbury Boston Primary Schools. The students were all very keen to hear about life at high school and the changes that they can expect. As part of our visits to the primary schools, students were given an enrolment pack which included information about the NASHS transition activities and enrolment forms.

All parents and guardians were asked to return enrolment packages to their school by the end of term

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The NASHS community looks forward to meeting and working with the incoming Year 6 students.



VacSwim 2018

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers and young people doing their Bronze Medallion. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim at pools and open water venues across the State.

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

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2018

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

Choose from two programs:

9 Days

Tuesday 25 September
to Friday 5 October
40 minute lessons

Prices from \$13 per child or
\$35 for a family of three or more
(plus pool entry).

Enrolments close Sunday 19 August.

5 Days

Monday 1 October
to Friday 5 October
35 minute lessons

Prices from \$7 per child or
\$18 for a family of three or more
(plus pool entry).

Enrolments close Sunday 26 August.

Enrol now. Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412.