Well Done Year 5, 6 and 7 students for some great netball played at Katanning last Friday. Thank you to all the staff who participated to make this a great day.

**Navigating Our Children’s Friendships**

Friendships will be one of your children’s main events during school. Sometimes friendships are good and sometimes they are hard work.

It is our role to guide our children through the ups and especially the downs of their friendships with others. What we teach them will be with them for life.

Below are a few tips from my experiences both at school and with my own children:

1.) Teach them to forgive quickly. Offence will only hurt them and hinder the rebuilding of their friendship with others.

2.) Don’t let them have the hard conversations with their friends over Facebook, texts or social media. It is so easy for more offence to occur this way. This often leads to de-friending them, which in turn leads to more friendship issues.

3.) Try not to take sides. Support your child, but if you get angry at their friend as well, it will only further damage the chances of reconciliation between friends.

Jesus’ last words when He was crucified were “Forgive them Father!” This is what we need to teach our kids. Then they will grow really strong friendships with those around them.

Blessings, Mim Butler (Principal)
AMANASKA CONCERT COMING TO BETHEL, AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 GIGS
presented by Musica Viva in Schools
AUGUST 8th 2014, 2.10 – 3.10 pm Albany Baptist Church

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Musica Viva has been inspiring students throughout Australia for over thirty years. More than thirty groups from all genres of music tour to over 1000 schools each year. This year there will be a performance at Bethel by Amanaska. As technology makes the world smaller, there are more and more ways to create amazing music. Amanaska is a funky world music outfit that loops, layers and mashes cultures together as much as it does music. It’s what you might expect to hear in a trendy cafe in Mumbai, Abu Dhabi, Istanbul or just about any other modern global city. Featuring voice, bansuri keyboards, sound-mixing and a slide didgeridoo, this performance uses music technology to combine rhythmic, melodic and visual elements in an exciting multicultural performance. Students will learn how easy it is to create their own compositions through the basic principles of recording and sampling, and Amanaska demonstrates to students the profound impact technology and culture has in connecting people through music. This performance is part of your school’s learning program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom utilising the Amanaska resource kit. The kit’s teaching resources are linked directly to the music curriculum as well as other curriculum areas, especially literacy and numeracy. We would be delighted if you could come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members, and the school has already covered the cost for the students. Siblings welcome, however, normal concert/audience conditions apply.

All students in Years 4, 5, 6, & 7 together with the 9/10 Band will be attending Albany Primary School’s production of the Pinafore Pirates on Thursday 7th August, leaving Bethel at 11.30 am. Please ensure that your child has received and returned their permission slip as soon as possible. The cost is covered by the school.

Reminder: Students attending Pinafore Pirates will need a packed lunch which they will need to eat before 11.30 am, at which time they will be leaving on the bus. There will be no time for canteen lunches.

Year 8 Semester 1 Music/Drama reminder: Please return all drama scripts to Mrs Ward. These are required for Semester 2 Music.

AMAZING FACT!!
Music’s abstract nature requires the highest levels of listening and concentration which develop the more the child listens to music in a structured and analytical way.
YEAR 9/10 INTRODUCTORY CHEMISTRY STUDY GUIDE

These guides are now available from the office at a cost of $35.00. Distribution will commence once payment is received. Students required to purchase these guides will be given a note today and families will also be emailed with the details.

Thank you.

SECONDARY HOMEWORK HELP ROSTER

Thursday 7th August      Mrs Keymer
Monday 11th August      Mr Diaz
Thursday 14th August     Mr Eaves
Monday 18th August      Mrs Wesson

SCRIPTURE UNION CAMPS

Brochures for the 2014 Scripture Union spring camps are available from the office. Options include My Cooking Rules, Performing Arts Camp and more.

KOORONG KIDS ORDERS

Orders from the Koorong Kids catalogue are due back by the 20th August.

YP AND MARTURIA

YP: Movie night
Marturia: Twisted Frogs

CANTEEN NEWS

SOUP MENU
Thursday: Chicken and Corn
Tuesday: Pumpkin
Cost $3.50

Please note and change your menus as needed. Deleted from manufacture, Lemonade Nudies. New flavour, Apple and Blackcurrant.

Note: Prices for drinks
Chills $1.80
Nudies $1.50
Water $1.00

Help Roster:
Thursday: Helper required
Friday: Helper required.

Thanks, Mrs Holmes.