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We value positive relationships and
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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of 2024 and a warm welcome to any new families commencing this year. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for helping to make our start a very smooth and calm one. Our students have generally started the new year very well.



Staff Changes 2024

We would like to welcome some new/returning staff commencing this year:

- Ms Zoe McColl is teaching in a job share role in Yr 3/4 (Room 2).
- Mrs Jo Pettet is teaching in a job share role in Yr 3/4 (Room 2).
- Mrs Kristen McGregor is teaching Kindy 2 in our on-site Kindy.
- Mr Damien Luscombe is teaching in a job share role in Yr 5/6 (Room 11).
- Mrs Karen Ashton is our new Manager of Corporate Service (Office)
- Mrs Catherine Egerton-Warburton is a new school officer (Office)



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FUTURE DATES

P&C Meeting 6.00pm
Assembly Room 3
Year 5/6 Interm Swimming
Lessons Emu Point

Mon 12 Feb
Fri 16 Feb
Mon 19 Feb to
Fri 23 Feb

- **Respect** everyone and their things. • **Care** for self, others and our world. • Show people **tolerance** and **include** them. • Be **honest** and **trustworthy** by taking **responsibility** for your actions. •

Attendance

I would like to remind parents that attendance is an important focus for our school. Please ensure that your child attends school every day that they are well.

Missing days of school adds up quickly and can result in your child missing out on important learning.

Regular attendance is set at 90%, which means that your child should not be missing any more than 1 day per fortnight. Please make an effort to ensure that your child comes to school each day that they are well and enforce it! Please do not give in to the many excuses that our children provide at different times.

Please contact the school if we can assist with helping your child to attend regularly. School is the EXPECTATION and staying home is the EXCEPTION. Please see the table below to see the cumulative effect of missing school:

90% attendance means student miss	80% attendance means student miss	60% attendance means student miss
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 day per fortnight• 1 week a term• 4 weeks a year• 1 whole year by the end of Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 day a week• 2 weeks a term• 8 weeks a year• 1 whole year by the end of Year 4• 2 years by the end of Year 8• 3 years by the end of Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 days a week• 4 weeks a term• 1 whole year by the end of Semester 1, Year 3• 2 years by the end of Year 5• 3 years by the end of Semester 1, Year 8• 4 years by the end of Year 10

White Slips

Last week information was sent home to all parents regarding changes to the provision of white slips to parents.

In 2024, this will mean that students who receive either 1 or 2 warnings on the 'white slip' system will be required to take these home for parents to view and sign. These warnings do not result in a consequence at school but may be useful for parents to discuss with their child and with the classroom teacher if they are on-going.

Our purpose behind this change is two-fold:

1. To try and reduce the number of 1-2 warnings being given to students so that teachers can focus on teaching and students on learning.

2. Keep parents informed about low level behaviours that may not result in consequences, but that disrupt the teaching and learning environment.

Summary:

School	Student	Parent
1 or 2 ticks on white slip	NO SCHOOL CONSEQUENCE Take home slip. Discuss with parent. Bring slip back to school.	Discuss with child. Sign Discuss with school if required - particularly if the behaviour is on-going.
3 ticks on white slip and detention letter.	RECEIVES DETENTION Takes letter home. Discuss with parent. Bring letter back to school.	Discuss with child. Sign Discuss with school.

Good Standing

All WA public schools are required to implement a good standing policy. At Spencer Park Primary School our Good Standing Policy applies to all students K-6 and provides a clear framework to support students to maintain positive behaviours and retain their good standing. The policy is aligned to the Spencer Park Primary School's Behaviour Management Policy. As with our Behaviour Management Policy the focus of the Good Standing Policy is to positively support students to maintain and if necessary, regain their good standing. Further information on the Spencer Park Primary Good Standing Policy will be available on the school website.

Free Bus Travel

In the metropolitan area and in towns where Smartriders are used, students with a valid Student SmartRider will be able to travel for free on Transperth or Transregional services for any journey Monday to Friday, until the end of the school year. Students must tag on and off each journey to receive the free travel or they will receive a default fare. If their SmartRider goes into a negative balance as a result, they will not have access to free travel.

Fare-free Sundays will also be available to everyone with a valid SmartRider card. Fare-free Sundays start on 4 February.

Could parents please ensure that students using the bus service are aware of when they are using this service and when they are being picked up by parents. This information is used by the school to provide adequate supervision and record attendance on the bus. If changes are made to bus arrangements can these please be made to the front office by 2.30pm.

Mobile Phones

- Mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the front office before the commencement of the school day. Students can collect their mobile phone at the end of the school day. The office will clearly identify and secure the student's mobile phone.
 - smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

If parents have any questions or concerns regarding these requirements please contact the school.

Important Dates

Our P&C will have their first meeting for the year on Monday 12 February at 6.00pm. All parents are welcome to come along and participate in the wonderful work undertaken by the P&C.

Our School Board AGM will be held on Thursday 7 March at 3.30pm in the conference room. Parents are welcome to attend the AGM part of this meeting.

We are seeking parent nominations for involvement in our School Board.

Swimming lessons for Rms 8, 9 & 11 from 19-23 February (week 4)

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at Monday's Mini assembly.



Respect	
PP1	Harrison
PP2	Clark
Rm 1	Jude
Rm 2	Ed
Rm 3	Elsie
Rm 8	Lola
Rm 9	Emelia
Rm 11	Henry
Rm 19	Mackenzie
Rm 24	Alice

CANTEEN



Some of you may have noticed that our Canteen Menu is not as extensive as in past years. This decision was not made lightly, but is due to a lack of volunteers, and therefore, an inability to deliver the range of options we have been offering up until now.

We hope to be able to reinstate some of these items by the time next term rolls around - but is dependent on helping hands - and as we are one of the few remaining P&C supported school canteens in town, we are passionate about keeping it going as a service to community and families.

So, if any parent/grandparent, carer, or community volunteer is able to donate a couple of hours on a weekly or fortnightly basis, we would love to welcome you onboard.

We also have a volunteer reward system in place. Each time you volunteer in the canteen, you will receive a stamp. Once your rewards card is full of stamps, you can redeem your \$10 voucher at either the uniform shop or the canteen 🍌

If your child has any food intolerances or allergies, please come and see me so we can discuss alternative options.

Thank you to all for your ongoing support.

Nicole Arta Canteen Manager





PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

WELCOME

Welcome back at the start of the 2024 school year. We would especially like to welcome all the new parents and students who have joined our school this year and we hope that your journey with us is a happy one.

Term 1 is only nine weeks long with Easter falling at the end of March. This has therefore extended Term 2 to eleven weeks!! We thus have a busy schedule ahead, commencing with our usual Friday swimming with Mrs Harrington at ALAC on 9th February. The children have made great progress with their swimming over the last year and we hope they will continue to enjoy the weekly lessons.


We would like to remind Parents/Carers that our early close day every fortnight has moved from Tuesdays to Mondays, beginning in week 2 of Term 1

To our students, enjoy the new term ahead and remember our Queen Bee, Lady Bug and Snappy Chappy are watching and listening very closely to everyone at school to see who is being *Safe, Friendly* and your *Best!*

PBS

Spencer Park Education Support Centre Behaviour Expectations



Each week we have an Expectation of the Week focus. This week we focus on:

<u>Be / Best</u> I can be my Best.	
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AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

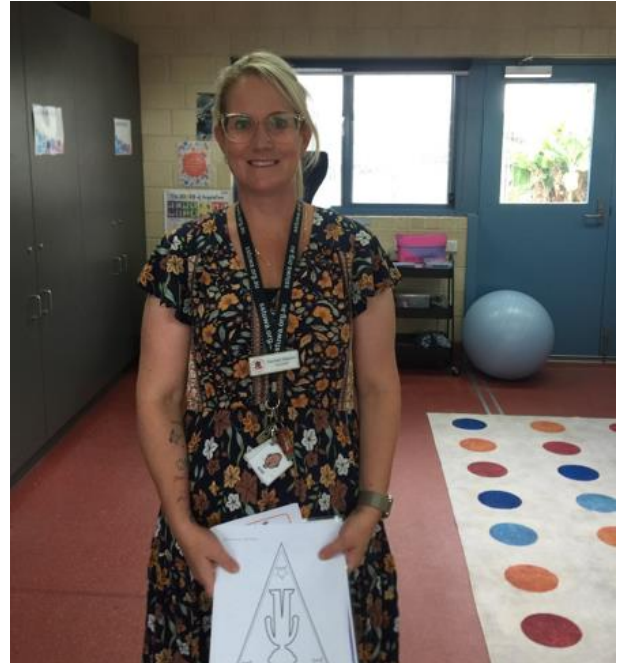
Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week:

I can be my best in class by following the classroom expectations and rules.

I	Best
	

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Rachael Weston who has joined our teaching team as our DOTT Teacher this year. Not only did she complete her studies while working as an Education Assistant at SPESC, but she has been awarded the Mensaros Prize for Professional Competence. This prize is awarded to the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Studies) graduate with the highest weighted average mark, including teaching practice. What a huge achievement – well done!! We are thrilled to now have Rachael full-time on our Teaching Team.





Bec Wheatley-Deal
Principal

BREAKFAST CLUB

Fruit Donations

If anyone has fruit trees and have excess fruit we would welcome the donations for Breakfast Club, please drop them to the front office.

Breakfast Club and Crunch 'n' Sip

We are very grateful that the Dog Rock Woolworths will continue to support our Breakfast Club and Crunch 'n' Sip programs with weekly donations of fresh fruit and vegetables. Breakfast Club commenced this week and will be open each week from 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Crunch 'n' Sip continues across the school daily at 9:40 a.m., please continue to send fruit or vegetables in your child's lunchbox to support this.

GIFTED AND TALENTED ASHS

Applications for the 2024 Gifted and Talented testing for Year 6 students close this Sunday, 11/02/24.

If you are interested in finding out if your child could fit the criteria of being Gifted and Talented, please visit the following link to find out more and enrol for testing.

www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented

WHAT'S NEWS!

It's always great to see our students excelling at school and in the community. Does your child participate in a community club or group or joined in a special event? We'd love to celebrate this with you ... why not share your snaps? Email your photos to spencerpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au along with a brief description and we'll publish it in our next newsletter. Already shared on Facebook? Why not make your post public and tag us @SpencerParkPS?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please note notices appearing below are not necessarily endorsed by the school. We provide this space for community groups to advertise to the school community. It is up to parents to scrutinise the activity and organisers for their child.



Girls, JOIN THE TEAM!

Make memories and friendship, while learning the skills of Cricket!

Girls Only Cricket Blast
is a FREE 4 week program
That's fun, fast & for all abilities!

Who? Girls ages 5-10yrs

When? Mondays, 4-5pm
5th Feb - 26th Feb 2024

Where? Albany Indoor Sports Centre
Cockburn Road, Albany

REGISTER NOW

FOR MORE INFO - gswomenscricket@gmail.com [facebook.com/gswgc](https://www.facebook.com/gswgc) [@gswcricket](https://www.instagram.com/gswcricket)





Take control of your finances

For every **dollar you save**, you will receive **another dollar from ANZ** to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500



Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk – and a **\$500 incentive** to build your savings!

If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), **ANZ will double it.**

What can the \$500 be spent on?



Laptops and tablets



Uniforms and shoes



Vocational education



Lessons and activities



Books and supplies



Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus



Be 18 years or older



Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card



Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself



Get a regular income (you or your partner)



Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

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