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We value positive relationships and
understanding between students of
different cultures and abilities.

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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Focus Values

Each week the school has a focus on a different school value. These values form an important part of our school culture and helps define how we want our school community to think and behave when at school. Obviously the teaching of these values are focussed on our students, but they need to be supported by the broader school community, including staff and parents. When entering onto the school site we would request that all community members please support our values by:

- Using appropriate language for a school setting.
- Showing respect for other parents, staff and students.
- Looking after our environment by placing all rubbish in bins, not smoking and keeping dogs outside the school.
- Modelling the type of behaviour that we would all like to see in our kids and that reflects school values.

Our focus values are:

RESPECT * CARE & COMPASSION * DO YOUR BEST *
HONESTY & TRUSTWORTHINESS * CARE FOR OUR
WORLD * RESPONSIBILITY * TOLERANCE &
INCLUSION.

NAPLAN

In week 7 & 8 of this term our Yr 3 & 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing. If parents do not wish

their students to sit these tests, please contact the school ASAP. A form can be sent home and will need to be signed or alternatively can be signed at the front office. The tests are:

- Writing
- Reading
- Language Conventions
- Numeracy

Teaching for Impact Focus

Our school continues to be a lead school for the Teaching for Impact strategy that the DOE is implementing. Three staff attended a two-day professional learning program, where experiences were shared and new directions set. A focus for SPPS this year is to maintain the work from 2023, while exploring the area of school culture and trying to make this more visible.



Pictured above: Staff of SPPS with Mr John Hattie at the Conference in Perth.

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FUTURE DATES

School Board Meeting	Thurs 7 Mar
Assembly Room 8	Fri 8 Mar
P&C Meeting 6.00pm	Mon 11 Mar
NAPLAN Testing	13-25 Mar
Yr 4-6 Faction Swim Carnival	Fri 15 Mar

- **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. •

School Board AGM

Our School Board will be held on Thursday 7 March at 3.30pm at the school. Any parents wishing to join our AGM please contact the school.

P&C AGM – New Date

Our P&C AGM will be held on Monday 11 March at 6.00pm in the school staffroom. Please visit the P&C Facebook page for more information or contact the school for information about how to contact P&C members.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Honesty & Trustworthiness	
PP1	Karla
Rm 27	Liam
Rm 1	Lucas
Rm 2	Jack
Rm 3	Pepper
Rm 8	Layla
Rm 9	Arden
Rm 11	Jesse
Rm 19	Chase
Rm 24	Brodie



Care for Our World	
PP1	Arya
Rm 27	Byron
Rm 1	Hunter
Rm 2	George
Rm 3	Chloe
Rm 8	Grace
Rm 9	Brooke
Rm 11	Evelyn
Rm 19	Shila
Rm 24	Arlo

ONLINE THIRD PARTY SERVICES

Please be advised the following services have been added to the Online Third Party Services (Parent Notification).

Decodable Reader Australia

Functional Solutions – Smartsuite.

The information was emailed to all families Monday 26 February.



VEGE GARDEN

As part of our Spencer Park Student Leaders and Active Citizens initiative a rotating group of Year 6 students collect classroom worm buckets on Wednesday and pulverise the scraps on Friday to keep our worms well feed. Our Science Specialists Ms Edwards and Ms Elphick then work with classes across the school to use the worm castings to fertilise our school kitchen garden.

As you can see from our extremely healthy apple tree it works wonders. Students enjoy learning about the process of composting, sowing seeds, growing, harvesting and best of all eating the produce. They take excess produce to Mrs Arta to use in the delights she whips up for our canteen.





PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

PBS AWARDS

Golden Bee Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have done a great job in class being Friendly, Safe and Best and have earned a Golden Bee Award:

Room 13

Autumn & Alex

Room 14

Michael & Samara

Room 21

Resharni & Kelsey

Room 22

Gracie

Fantastic work!! You are all being great role models in our school.



Spencer Park Education Support Centre Behaviour Expectations

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

Be /safe

I can be safe.



AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week:

I can be safe by moving through the school calmly.

Safe



Move



Through



School



Calmly



FAREWELL

It was with heavy hearts last week that we said farewell to our Snappy Chappy, Mitch Williams, who is moving on to new horizons.

We would like to thank him for all the support he has given to our families, students and staff over the past 9 years.

We will miss you immensely Chappy, but wish you all the very best in your new role and hope that you will still pop in to see us from time to time.



CLASSROOM/SCHOOL NEWS - SPESC

Room 22 – News (Mrs Barrett & Mrs Weston)

Our wonderful students have had a busy start to the new school year! We have settled comfortably into our new classroom and are enjoying our new learning space.

The highlight for the junior boys is the soft and bouncy new "Muscle Mat" where the boys can contentedly join in mat time.

Our senior students are loving "Group" where we come together to build our friendship skills and focus on how to work with others.

Our whole class enjoys weekly cooking for Technology where we've made toast topped with bananas and maple syrup, mango smoothies, homemade play dough and French croissants with ham (jambon) and cheese (fromage)!

In Science, we have explored a variety of household materials while conducting some simple but fun science experiments. One of the highlights of the week is our whole group music sessions with Chappy, where everyone gets the chance to choose a song for us to sing.

It has been fantastic to see the progress our students are making every day and see them enjoying their learning and their time at school.



Room 26 - News

Room 26 is a multi-age classroom catering for students in Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1. We are learning to be whole body listeners and to follow a visual schedule independently. We have had a fun start to the year, enjoying music with our wonderful chaplain, Mitch (Chappy) and Science and Art with Mrs. Weston on Thursdays.

Mrs Weston has created a wonderful Farm Market in the home corner and the students are getting their hands dirty planting different seeds. We will continue to water and observe the seeds as they grow and change.

Garden Team - News

Where does our Fogo Go; this truck load came to us after a transformation into fresh garden soil! Did you know our Fogo is sorted by hand?

This soil is destined for garden beds in our Children's Garden. Thank you to Soil Solutions for donating and delivering the soil. (Please support Soil Solutions: Ph: 9845 7688. Lot 21 John Street, Milpara)

Bre, one of our EA's, can be seen here shovelling the soil. She has no PPE but fortunately she is just posing for the picture! We will be planning a day to move the soil to the garden beds outside of school hours; if anyone would like to help, please contact our Reception, 6821 3050.





Bec Wheatley-Deal
Principal

SPLATACULAR -22 MARCH 2024

Did you hear the exciting news? We are hosting a Colour Splatacular School Run 4 Fun with @Australian Fundraising! 🏃‍♀️🎨

Our fundraising will open within the next two weeks. Make sure you keep an eye out for your child's sponsorship booklet to get started.

Here's to a colourful 2024 🌈! There are many wonderful prizes students can earn through their individual fundraising.

We can't wait to fundraise with you 🧑‍🎓. Stay tuned!

#schoolrun4fun #funrun #australianfundraising
#fundraising #coloursplatacular



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 2 – MARCH

Cash Orders Return-by Date	LOOP orders close Date
Tues, 5 Mar, 24	Tues, 12 Mar, 24

Scanning the item's QR code will access additional content for the book including greater insight into the story, characters, creators and the first chapter.



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.



We are looking for year 3 students
to have fun, make friends and learn about netball!

NETBALL

This age group will be expected to:

- Have fun
- Train once a week
- Play a modified game of netball once a week
- Learn new skills
- Be apart of a vibrant sporting community

Email us today: rsnc.secretary@gmail.com



WIN 1 of 3
Woolworths/Coles/IGA vouchers worth \$200 simply by entering our:

Communities for Children Parent, Carer, and Family 2024 Survey

We would love to hear your experiences, thoughts and ideas as a parent, caregiver, and/or family member living in the Great Southern

Simply scan the QR code to complete the survey before **17th March 2024** to go in the draw to **win!**



Individual responses will be deidentified and personal details kept confidential. If you would like more information, have any concerns or questions, please reach out to the CFC Team.

Contact Amity Health on (08) 9842 2797
Email: cforc@amityhealth.com.au
Website: www.amityhealth.com.au

Spencer Park Soccer Club

It's our favourite time of year.... Soccer Season!!!!
If you have a little or not so little soccer super star ready to put on their boots and get playing, then email the club now to express your interest early!!

The sooner we can get teams finalised and registered the sooner we can get training and having fun.

- Season starts April 20th.
- We need coaches and team managers.
- Kids sport vouchers can be used.
- Expression of interest will close 11/03/2024.
- Teams registered by 29/03/2024.

Don't miss out!!!!
We look forward to a lovely season!!



SPENCER PARK SOCCER CLUB

**2024 SEASON
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST!**

**EMAIL-
SPSOCCERCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM
IF YOU WANT TO BE OUR NEXT
SOCCER STAR!**

WE NEED

- Committee Members
- Coaches
- Players PP- YR6



2022 Communities for Children Community Surveys RESULT ANALYSIS



Questions were asked in an online community survey for the Parent, Carer, and Families living in the Great Southern. This is a summary of the top responses from the 125 participant's survey answers, including additional comment themes seen in the surveys.

PARENT, CARER & FAMILIES

We are: 70% Parents/carers of children under 5yrs
91% - Mothers
3% - Fathers
5% - G/Parents
1% - Other

We identify as:
5% - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
10% - Culturally Diverse

OUR COMMUNITIES

61% Albany
10% Katanning
6% Gnowangerup
3% Tambellup
2% Bremer Bay
2% Denmark
2% Kojonup
2% Nyabing
2% Pingrup
1% Cranbrook
1% Frankland River
1% Gairdner
1% Mt Barker
3% Other (Ongerup, Narrogin, Broomehill)

SERVICES

69% General Practitioner
62% Library
44% Child Health Nurse
31% Allied Health Professional
27% Child Care/Family Daycare
17% Adult Mental Health

IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FAMILIES HAVE FREQUENTED MOST:

Public park/playground 73%
Swimming pool/lessons 71%
Skate/ Bike Parks 45%
Sporting Activities 41%
Playgroup 39%
Play in the Park 33%

ACTIVITIES

WHAT IS WORKING: CURRENT SERVICE/ACTIVITY STRENGTHS

42% Open spaces & playgrounds
18% Strong school & community connections
16% Variety of available activities
8% Affordable activities
7% Knowledgeable activity leaders/facilitators

76% would attend a parenting group for support, depending on the subject

46% agree
18% strongly agree that children in their area have enough early learning opportunities before starting school

PREFERRED METHODS FOR ENGAGING WITH SERVICES

Visiting the service 53%
Meet in a community setting 48%
Referral- GP or Health Professional 41%
Attending a group meeting/service 38%
Email the service 28%
Through Online based service 17%
Having a home visit 16%
Video chat/telehealth 7%

POPULAR WAYS TO FIND ACTIVITIES

89% - Facebook
66% - Friends/Family
50% - School
44% - School
38% - Internet
30% - Health Professional
16% - Service Provider
16% - Newspaper
13% - Other (CRC, Newsletter CRK)

More detailed information on the survey results is available by request. Please email cfcc@amityhealth.com.au

Disabled Surfers Association Great Southern 2024 'Let's Go Surfing' Days



Participants of All-Abilities/ages

Saturdays - Middleton Beach, Albany

Jan 20th, Feb 17th, March 16th, April 13th

Collect arm bands from 9am, in water 9:30am -11.30am
12 noon - presentations and FREE BBQ

Register online

<https://events.humanitix.com/lets-go-surfing>

Available beach wheelchairs and accessible changing facilities.

Volunteers Wanted

www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS

www.instagram.com/disabledsurfersgs



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2022 Communities for Children Community Surveys RESULT ANALYSIS



ISSUES MOST AFFECTING PARENTS', CARERS AND FAMILIES

58% Mental health
42% Social isolation
47% Access to services
43% Financial difficulties
32% Family violence

SUPPORT MOST NEEDED FOR PARENTS', CARERS AND FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY

53% Social, Emotional, Mental
48% Managing Childs behaviour
41% Parenting skills
38% Supporting Child development
29% Child Care

THE MAIN BARRIERS TO ACCESSING ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORTS

72% Not knowing about the activity
69% Inconvenient time
48% Cost of activity
44% No free time
30% Not inclusive

WHAT ISNT WORKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The answers below to 'what is not working in your community' are only a sample of the 5 main themes reported.

3: Activities, parks and recreation
• Limited activities for children
• No shaded or enclosed playgrounds
• No programs run outside of work hours
• Limited activities for fathers
• Not inclusive/supportive of newcomers
• Availability/affordability of local activities

1: Daycare/childcare/creche
• More providers, more staff training
• Assistance for families
• Funding for creche at activities/services/workshops
• Funding for creche for parenting support/relief
• Limited day-care in regional areas
• Limited trained staff with qualifications
• Long wait lists/ no vacancies

4: Social isolation
• Town population decreases
• People moving out of the area
• New parents
• People relocating
• Father involvement in activities

2: Support and healthcare services
• Limited services
• Long wait times
• Affordability
• Accessibility
• Limited resources

5: Housing and Finances
• Cost of living
• Unemployment
• Housing affordability
• Homelessness
• Housing availability

ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT MOST NEEDED FOR CHILDREN

72% Learning through play
49% Mental, social/emotional
48% Activities with fathers
53% School holiday activities
44% Physical activities

Mental, social/emotional 71%
Self-esteem and bullying 70%
School holiday activities 63%
After school activities 60%
Reading, literacy, math 44%



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ALBANY LIGHT OPERA AND THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

WE WILL ROCK YOU

THE MUSICAL
BY QUEEN AND BEN ELTON

MAY - JUNE 2024
12 SHOWS
ONLY 4 MATINEES

7:30pm EVENINGS
Fri 10th & Sat 11th
Fri 17th & Sat 18th
Fri 24th & Sat 25th
Fri 31st May & Sat 1st June

2pm MATINEES
Sun 12th May
Sun 19th May
Sun 26th May
Sun 2nd June

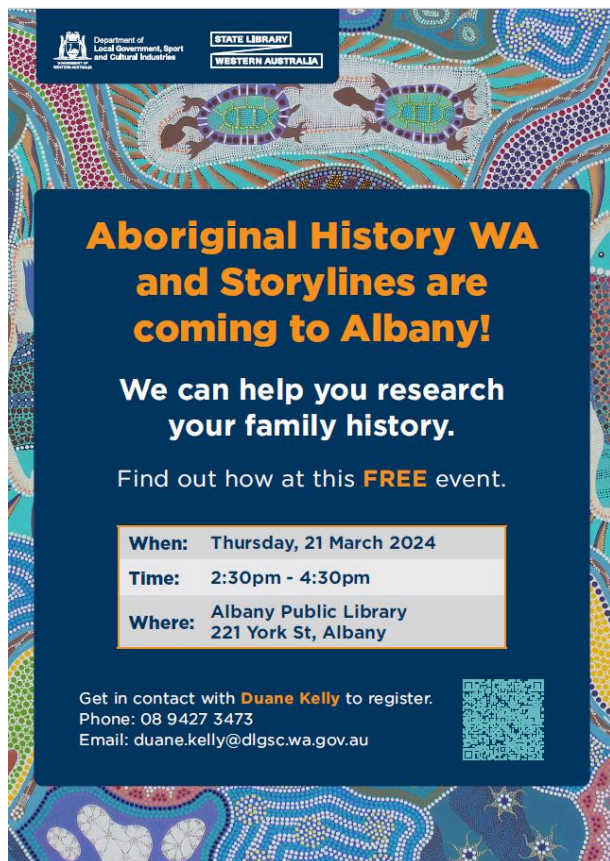
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WWW.PAPERBARKS.COM.AU




Director
Donna Markovic
Musical Director
Jen Graham-Taylor
Choreographers
Carmen Fasolo &
Andrea LePage

By Arrangement with David Spicer Productions www.davidspicer.com.au

ALBANY PORT THEATRE - PRINCESS ROYAL DRIVE - ALBANY



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STATE LIBRARY
WESTERN AUSTRALIA


Aboriginal History WA and Storylines are coming to Albany!

We can help you research
your family history.

Find out how at this **FREE** event.

When:	Thursday, 21 March 2024
Time:	2:30pm - 4:30pm
Where:	Albany Public Library 221 York St, Albany

Get in contact with **Duane Kelly** to register.
Phone: 08 9427 3473
Email: duane.kelly@dlgsc.wa.gov.au



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Aboriginal History WA and Storylines are coming to the Great Southern and Wheatbelt!

We can help you research
your family history.

Find out how at this **FREE** event.

Narrogin	Tuesday 19 March
Katanning	Wednesday 20 March
Kojonup	Wednesday 20 March
Gnowangerup	Thursday 21 March
Albany	Thursday 21 March

Visit www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/departments/events
for venue details and times

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