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We value positive relationships and
understanding between students of
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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Albany Show

Our school exhibited a wonderful display of student work in the Albany Show once again this year. The stall displayed a wide selection of student work from across different learning areas and year levels as well as some awesome artwork. Thank you to all the staff involved in arranging the display and to all the staff and students for your hard work in producing it.



Year 6 Camp

Our Yr 6's had a wonderful time at camp last week, although the weather was a little cool on a few days. The Camp Quararup site was a beautiful location, and the students were treated to two large cruise ships entering and exiting the port. Students participated in a number of fun activities throughout the week, including a games/talent night, where some fun games were played along with some singing, dancing and joke telling.

A HUGE thank you to all the staff that attended throughout the camp. Giving up four days to take care of our students and ensure they had a wonderful experience is greatly appreciated by the school and the parents.

New Coolangarras Bush Tucker Garden

Coolangarras Barmah has received a beautiful garden upgrade thanks to funds provided by KindiLink and donations from Stuart Munro at Green Leaf Landscapes, who landscaped the project. Bunnings donated some plants and planted them for us. The garden will provide a wonderful exploration area for our KindiLink and kindergarten students for years to come and provides a beautiful entrance statement as visitors enter the site.



Interschool Athletics Carnival

Our Interschool athletics carnival is coming up next week and we have a number of very excited and keen athletes ready to perform their best for SPPS. Our jumps and throws events will occur at the little athletics oval on Tuesday 19 November and the main carnival will occur at the same location on Thursday 21 November. If you are able to assist with measuring jumps on the Tuesday or judging for the Junior Primary carnival on Thursday, please contact Mr Luscombe. Good luck to all of our competitors.

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FUTURE DATES

Kindy Orientation Day	
10.00am	Fri 15 Nov
Year 6 ASHS Transition	Fri 15 Nov
P&C Meeting 6.00pm	Mon 18 Nov
Interschool Athletics Field	
Events & 800m	Tues 19 Nov
Interschool Athletics Carnival	
(Yr 1-Yr 6)	Thur 21 Nov
Assembly PP1	Fri 29 Nov

- **Respect** Show care and consideration.
- **Accept** Others can have different ideas, opinions, likes and dislikes to you.
- **Strive** Have a go, make an effort and try.
- **Encourage** Work together to make our school even better.

Tired Students

We are experiencing a high number of students at school who are very tired and requiring a sleep during the day. Whether this be the longer day light hours or the end of year general tiredness, the result is some very exhausted and irritable students. The school would very much appreciate parents attempting to give students a few extra hours sleep as we enter the last few weeks, as this will help everyone cope better. As a guide students should be receiving the following amount of sleep a day:

- Preschoolers (3-5 years): 10 to 13 hours
 - School-aged Children (6-13 years): 9 to 11 hours
- <https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/how-much-sleep-do-you-really-need.html>

Children's University

Next Tuesday we will have nineteen students from SPPS being recognized for their involvement in the Children's University program run by the University of WA. These students have participated in learning programs and experiences throughout the year and have completed many of enthusiastic participation.

Thank you to Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Hunt for your support of this program this year.



Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Encourage	
PP1	Charlee
Rm 27	Oscar
Rm 1	Flynn
Rm 2	Lauren
Rm 3	Sreelakshmi
Rm 8	Evania
Rm 9	Arden
Rm 11	Evelyn
Rm 19	Paige
Rm 24	Hayley
Music	Samantha Rm 3



Respect	
PP1	Cleo
Rm 27	Ella
Rm 1	Hunter
Rm 2	Jack
Rm 3	Yaakov
Rm 8	Sreeram
Rm 9	Lachlan
Rm 11	Jesse
Rm 19	Tyler
Rm 24	Harlo

SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPPORTS

THE ALBANY COMMUNITY



We at Spencer Park Primary are renowned for our generosity at this time of year. We invite the whole school community to contribute to the collection of our Christmas Hampers.



If you feel that you could donate non-perishable food items to make up hampers, there will be boxes in classes and the school office. Hampers will be distributed through the Salvation Army. Who will collect the donations at our Christmas assembly which commences at 9.15am on Friday 6 December.



This is our opportunity to support others in our community who are struggling. Please help if you can.

Thank you



YOUR MOVE

Reflecting on our involvement in Your Move this year has been an opportunity to celebrate our journey. We have had a busy year at Spencer Park this year and have achieved:

- Student leader team participating in leadership labs
- Applying for and securing \$5000 funding from Southern Ports towards the student led initiative of covering the bike/scooter racks
- Hosting active transport days each term with breakfast on arrival
- Student leader team organizing activities on the quadrangle for each whole school event
- Applying for a \$350 West Cycle grant towards our Bike Month event
- Collaborating with the City of Albany to produce a Spencer Park specific map
- Collaborating with the City of Albany to promote the new paths around our school
- Installed Spencer Park specific signage to promote active transport
- Conducted Hands Up Surveys
- Awarded prizes throughout the year to encourage active transport

Pleasingly, all our efforts are making a difference. Comparing our 2023 and 2024 end of year hands up surveys we have had:

- A 12% increase in walking
- A 32% increase in cycling
- A 34% increase in public transport usage
- A 16% decrease in car usage

Our school community thoroughly enjoy whole school active transport events and participate with enthusiasm. One of our focuses for 2025 will be to increase active transport across the entire school year. When interviewed by Emma Jack from Your Move we summarised our journey as, a positive, but still meandering path in the right direction.

Thank you to all our families, students, staff, the P&C, and extended community for your support. We look forward to continuing to achieve wonderful things in 2025.



YEAR 6 CAMP

Students in Year 6 had a wonderful week at Camp Quararup last week. Students took part in a variety of activities including making bush shelters, team games, sensation trails that involved us using our other senses to work our way through an obstacle course, archery, bush walking and geo cache treasure hunting. They also had a day of outings to Albany's Historic Whaling Station and The Museum of the Great Southern where they took part in an educational activity. There was lots of time to hang out with friends, make new buddies and show some independence away from home.

A big thank you to Kristin (Hudson's mum) for organising the amazing donation of fruit from Woolworths Dog Rock - the kids loved it.

Everyone came back very tired but were filled with lots of good memories from a wonderful week.



MOVING IN 2025

As we move towards the end of the year it is important that we have an accurate picture of school numbers for the new school year. It is crucial that you inform the school of any intention to move from Spencer Park in 2025. Our funding and the way we organise our classes is dependent on a clear understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school. From here on in and for the remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2025 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

If you know of anyone intending to enrol at Spencer Park Primary School for 2025, please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible - 6821 3000.

KINDY & PRE PRIMARY 2025 ENROLMENTS

Places are filling fast for a spot in our Kindy & Pre Primary program next year. If you or someone you know is looking for a Kindy or Pre Primary placement in 2025 please come to the school office to complete a registration form. We will require a birth certificate.

LIBRARY

Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club is available online. If you wish to purchase please do so via LOOP as soon as possible to allow time for the order to be processed and mailed from the eastern states. If purchasing a gift please remember to indicate this at the time of ordering.

Scholastic is running a competition for tickets to the Dog Man movie. If you wish to enter you can do so online at <https://scholastic.com.au/dogman>. Copies of the colouring sheet are also available at the library.

DREAMWORKS DOG MAN & SCHOLASTIC COMPETITION!



Latest from the Library

The end of year approaches and, to help us get all the books back on shelves ready for 2025, students will be on reduced borrowing allowances for the next couple

of weeks. It would be greatly appreciated if student loans could be promptly returned when due.

At lunchtime Thursday 28 Nov there will be the annual **GRAB A HOLIDAY READ** event in the library. Students who have no outstanding loans will be invited to the library to 'grab' a book or two to from the discarded library books to take home and keep.

Cheers and thank you, Keithlea

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Students in Room 9 viewed a couple of videos about a war veteran who used to fly fighter planes in World War Two. Then they followed an art tutorial to create these beautiful pictures of Poppies. Beautiful work Room 9.



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
Havana, Michael R
Room 22
William B
Room 23
Grace, Elsie, Ivy

Keep up the amazing work you superstars. Our total Bee points so far this term is 17,983 which already exceeds our target of 16,000 for the water fun day so, if we can reach 20,000, the students will also have a sausage sizzle reward.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

This term is progressing rapidly and we still have so much more to look forward to. This week we come to the end of our interm swimming which the students have thoroughly enjoyed. It is wonderful to see the progress being made each day.

The Ability Festival takes place in week 9 where some of our children will be singing and our Christmas visit to sing to the residents of Clarence Estate will take place in week 10.



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 wearing my hat when outside.

Safe	My

Hat	Outside

CLASSROOM NEWS - SPESC

News from Room 26

Porridge Bikers have done it again!!

In the Early Childhood Playground, we have been fortunate to receive more outdoor play equipment from the generous donation through the Porridge Bikers. The rope climbing equipment encourages the development of gross motor skills and has been a winner with the students. In addition to this, the Prison Officers from The Porridge Bikers are installing an Infinity swing (picture below) which provides access to students who use wheelchairs to swing safely.



Students in Room 26 have been learning to walk in a line and keep their bodies with the group using a 'walking rope', which was also provided through their generosity.



Art/Science with Miss Neal – News

Over the last few weeks, Room 21 and Room 13 have been inspired by the work of M.C Escher and made their own bee artworks using different mediums to create an interesting final product. These bees remind us all of our values at Spencer Park Education Support Centre: 'be our best', 'be safe' and 'be friendly'.

Alongside our artmaking, Room 21 and Room 13 have been exploring forces in science by making cloud dough and desktop bins, then experimenting with how they move using a 'push' and/or 'pull'.



Be
Safe

Be
Friendly

Be
Your
Best

Bec Wheatley-Deal
Principal

GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs. Parent Information Evening for the Year 7 intake in 2026

Albany Senior High School is hosting a parent information evening for current Year 5 families at 6:00 PM on Thursday, 21 November 2024.

A representative from the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit will explain the application, testing and placement process.

Opportunities are available in academic, arts and languages programs.

Bookings are essential via the following link:

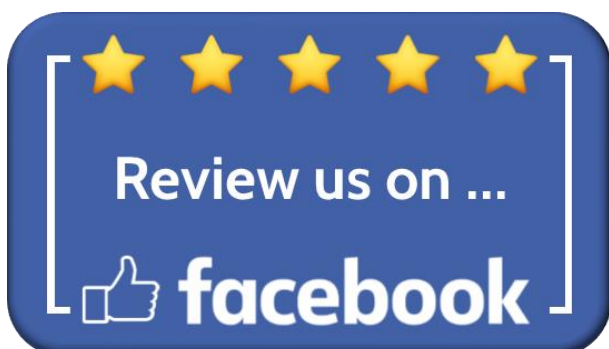
www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gifted-and-talented-parent-information-evening-tickets-1007244073137

You can find out more about Gifted and Talented programs at 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.



Are you homeless and wonder where you can wash your clothes?

Laundry Facilities

Washer, Powder & Dryer – FREE

When: Tues & Weds 10am to 2pm

Where: Drop in Centre
Shalom House
320 Albany H/way
(opposite Caltex Service Station)
All Homeless Males and Females
Welcome



WASHING POWDER DRYING YOU!



A Christmas Fa La



Enjoy a brand-new Christmas Concert with a lighthearted take on your favourite Christmas melodies. Feast on rich harmonies and humour as About FACE opens the lid on the festive spirit. From the opening Ding-Dong to the final Fa-La, this outstanding choir has a song for everyone.

Saturday 30 November 2.00pm
Oceans Church, Brewster Rd
Tickets available @
Barefoot Clothing & aboutfacechoir.com



Tara Academy's ALICE IN WONDERLAND



Saturday Nov 16, 6-8.00pm & Sunday Nov 17, 12-2.00pm

ALBANY TOWN HALL - TICKETING

Albany Town Hall Box Office - scan the QR code
or go to <https://albany-events.bookable.net.au/>
Enquiries: 6820 3853 / arts@albany.wa.gov.au
www.facebook.com/taraacademyalbany


Albany




Girls just want to **HAVE A BLAST**

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast
It's a fun active program for girls, whether it's your first time
with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

Albany Girls Only Cricket Blast Registrations are still open!
This program runs for just one hour, on a Monday afternoon
from 4-5pm for Girls aged 5-10, starting 11th November 2024
to register head to
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/f381f1>

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MORE INFO

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f: www.facebook.com/gswgc

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




SATURDAY 16 NOV | 7.30PM

A free aerial and dance performance exploring the history of Oyster Harbour

Miaritch Oyster Harbour
(Roe Parade, Emu Point)
more info at southernedge.org.au

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: ANNETTE CARMICHAEL
 CIRCUS DIRECTOR: CASSY TURNER
 CIRCUS ARTIST: JACKSON BURRELL
 DESIGNER: MAND MARKEY
 SOUND DESIGN: CAMPBELL CRESWICK

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 Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Regional Development
 South Coast
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 Albany
 SOUTHERN PORTS

WE ARE RECRUITING!

**AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS
INFORMATION SESSION**
WEDNESDAY THE 20TH OF NOVEMBER 2024 - 6:00PM
94 SPENCER STREET, ALBANY 6330




AIR FORCE CADETS

APPLICATIONS CLOSING 31 MARCH

- AEROSPACE & AERONAUTICS
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- POWERED FLYING TRAINING
- FIELD CRAFT SURVIVAL
- FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING
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For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au

HEY Albany!

we are always here for you

we're visiting you **19th & 20th** November

FREE TRAINING & ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

“Hello, this this Lifeline & 13 YARN

- Supporting yourself and others
- Talking about mental health
- Talking about suicide

Scan the QR code for dates, times and to register.
For further information please email:
communityengagement@lifelinewa.org.au

Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.