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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

### Interschool Athletics Carnivals

Our interschool athletics carnival suffered a false start last week with the jumps and throws section being postponed until the day after the main carnival. Both events were held under overcast conditions, but thankfully all events were completed. Although many of our students were absent due to sickness, those attending performed with perseverance and great sportsmanship. A number of students came away from their events wearing ribbons, but most importantly all students participated with competitiveness and in the right spirit. Thank you to the parents for your support on the day and to all the staff that assisted in organising our students.



### Transition & Orientation

Our Kindergarten transition program took place on November 15 and involved lots of information being shared by our kindy teachers and a tour around our school by our Year 5 students. These transition programs provide opportunities for new students to visit the school and become familiar with their surroundings and for parents to receive information about the operation of the school. Our Pre-Primary orientation (for current kindy students) occurred this week and our Yr 6 students will complete their final orientation on Friday.

### Children's University

It was graduation time on Tuesday 19 November, when nineteen students from SPPS were recognized for their involvement in the Children's University program run by the University of WA. These students participated in a variety of different learning programs and experiences throughout the year and completed between 37-442 hours of learning. Mrs Hunt presented the certificates to the students at the Albany Entertainment Centre and then joined with the students, parents and Mrs Mackenzie in a fancy afternoon tea. Thank you to the parents who assisted their children in achieving these hours as well as Mrs Hunt and Mrs Mackenzie for their support of the program.



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## FUTURE DATES

Assembly PP1	Fri 29 Nov
AusBike Incursion Yr3/4/5	Fri 29 Nov
High School Orientation	Fri 29 Nov
Choir to Clarence Estate	Tues 3 Dec
Rm 19 & POE Assembly	Fri 6 Dec
Graduation 9.00am	Thurs 12 Dec
Students Last Day 2024	Thurs 12 Dec

Uniform Shop Open 2025	Sun 2 Feb 2025
10.30am to 1.30pm	Wed 5 Feb 2025
Students First Day 2025	

- **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.

## School Board

Our School Board had our final meeting for the year in week six and discussed several important aspects of our school operations. Our School Board is made up of parents, community members and staff, who provide a wide range of experiences and knowledge. I would like to acknowledge and thank Jem Ruggera, Esta Steer, Anna Rogers, Sue-Ellen Minter, Kristen McGregor, Cobie Fletcher and Carl Luscombe for their involvement on the School Board this year. Topics covered in our agenda include finances, policy and procedures, uniform, school performance, staffing and curriculum directions. Our Board members are always happy to hear from parents and community members about aspects of our school, so feel free to contact anyone of them and share your ideas, thoughts, or feedback

## POE Assembly

Next Friday we have our final assembly for 2024 with our traditional Pursuit of Excellence awards and our Christmas item. This assembly is a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story, an opportunity to thank volunteers and a celebration of the end of the school year. A significant part of this assembly is the provision of food hampers to the Salvation Army, with the donated items from our school community. We thank parents and community members in advance for the generosity shown in supporting this worthy cause.

Jeremy Hadlow  
Principal

## VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Accept	
PP1	Archie
Rm 27	Willow
Rm 1	Lilly-anne
Rm 2	Lucas
Rm 3	Summer
Rm 8	Kailee
Rm 9	Phoebe
Rm 11	Cindyella
Rm 19	Eli
Rm 24	Kylo



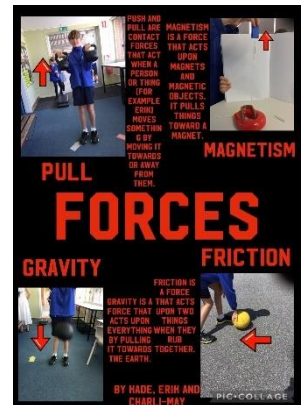
Strive	
PP1	Kleo
Rm 27	Jace
Rm 1	Devarsh
Rm 2	Ariyah
Rm 3	Ella
Rm 8	Charli
Rm 9	Erin
Rm 11	Riley
Rm 19	Logan
Rm 24	Netty

## FORCES AT SCHOOL

Room 2 students have been learning about magnetic forces in their physical sciences unit this semester.

They have also looked at gravity, friction and push/pull forces. They recently took some photos in their science groups of some forces in action around our school.

These pictures were then labelled with force arrows and added to a poster with explanations of each force. They did a great job, here are a few finished products!



Force



## INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS



## BOOK LISTS AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2025

Book Lists and Voluntary Contribution information for 2025, have been sent home with your child/children this week.

Copies can also be found on the Spencer Park Primary School Website.

## 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](#)







## Chaplain's Chat

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope this finds you all well. With lightning speed we appear to have nearly reached the end of this school year!

As the time comes to a close, a familiar feeling is upon me. It is hard to put into words, as I look on and see students finish the year.

It never ceases to amaze me, the transformation that happens over this time and especially when our Year 6's graduate.

There is something intangible, the way the collective caring and effort over the years brings children to the point where our window of time with them is complete. We set them on the next part of their journey of learning and growing, our hearts full of hope and optimism for them.

It is a farewell, though we know being part of the Spencer Park Primary School family always remains.

I thank you all in advance for your generous assistance with our Christmas Appeal, and give my very best wishes for a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you in 2025!

Kind regards,  
Jennifer Hunt

## 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](mailto: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?



## PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

We are already at the end of week 8 with two very busy weeks ahead until the end of the school year. Our Bee points are adding up and we still hope to reach 20000 so that we can have a sausage sizzle with our water fun day.

## 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

Zayn, Autumn

Room 14

Sereki, Samara, Michael, Logan, Laylah, Eden, Dakota O, Dakota M

Room 21

Resharni, Thomas

Room 22

William B, Gracie

Room 26

Joseph, Aleyah

Harry and Glenn earned a canteen voucher as well as Ms Garcia-Wright and Miss Ebony. Miss Niemann was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for all her help on the Year 6 Camp.

Fantastic work everyone!



## Spencer Park Education Support Centre Behaviour Expectations

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

### Be / Best

I can be my Best.



### AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week:

I can be my best by packing away toys and equipment.

Best



Put



Toys



Equipment



## CLASSROOM NEWS - SPESC

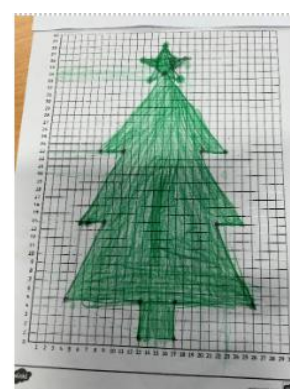
### Room 14 - News from Mrs Redmond

During the last four weeks of term, Room 14 will be studying Christmas traditions and doing Christmas activities in all subjects.

So far we have used grid points to draw a Christmas tree, used tessellated tree shapes to create a large Christmas tree that is displayed in the hallway outside our room and our literacy program is based around the "Christmas Around the World" booklets.

We have been counting down the days until the end of term and Christmas. We have worked out that, even though there are only 12 days after school finishes before Christmas, our countdown has lots more than

that at the moment. This is because we have to count the weekend days until Christmas, but we do not count Saturday or Sunday in our tally of school days left. We are counting down using our Santa calendar. I wonder what treat will be in there tomorrow?



### Room 22 - News from Mrs Barrett & EA Team

Our team in Room 22 has had so much action this term!

Gracie enjoys cooking morning tea for her classmates on Wednesdays, has conducted a science experiment with eggs and vinegar which turned the egg into a bouncy ball and using the bubble machine to make a mountain of bubbles!

Charlie is a chef in the making and particularly enjoyed our lessons about India and cooking (and eating) a delicious Tikka Masala curry with his classmates. Charlie really enjoyed blowing up balloons using fizzy drink and effervescent tablets in science.

Djaran is a whiz at stacking wooden blocks for a game of Jenga, loves viewing Power Points on his laptop and is bravely sampling new foods during our weekly cooking classes. Djaran is getting ready for high school and is attending a transition program at ADESC with Charlie.

William C is communicating with his device, and he is fantastic at requesting a swing, something to eat or drink, a rest in the hammock, his iPad or some slime!

We will be exhausted and ready for the summer holidays!



Bec Wheatley-Deal  
Principal

## 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

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+
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WASHING
POWDER
DRYING
YOU!

# OCEAN HEROES IS COMING BACK!

**FREE SURFING EVENT FOR THE  
LOCAL AUTISM COMMUNITY!**

**NEW VOLUNTEERS & PARTICIPANTS  
WELCOME!**

**23 + 24  
NOVEMBER**

**MIDDLETON  
BEACH, ALBANY**

**BEACH & WATER ROLES AVAILABLE!**  
**NO SURFING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

E: [info@oceanheroes.com.au](mailto:info@oceanheroes.com.au)  
W: [www.oceanheroes.com.au](http://www.oceanheroes.com.au)  
@oceanheroes

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Scan here to  
register!





## Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

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](http://saverplus.org.au)

## Disabled Surfers Association Great Southern **2025** 'Let's Go Surfing' Days



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



### Participants of All-Abilities/ages

**Saturdays - Middleton Beach, Albany**

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Register online**

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

**Available beach wheelchairs**

**Volunteers Needed**

[www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS](https://www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS)

[www.instagram.com/disabledsurfersgs](https://www.instagram.com/disabledsurfersgs)



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## Great Southern Ability Festival

Celebrating Abilities and Talents

**Tuesday 3 December 2024**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**Albany Town Square**

**Free Event**

Markets, arts and crafts, entertainment, info, refreshments and giveaways.  
Ace Camera Club, Chill Zone, drumming, Singability, Zumba, sausage sizzle and more!

**Fun for the whole family**

Celebrating International Day of People with Disability  
[www.facebook.com/greatsoutherndisabilitynetwork](https://www.facebook.com/greatsoutherndisabilitynetwork)

