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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

Welcome back to the start of 2025 and a warm welcome to all 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

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

- Mrs Georgina Roberts is teaching Yr 4/5 (Room 8).
- Mrs Kristy Luscombe is teaching Yr 1 (Room 24).



### 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.



### 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 on the next page to see the cumulative effect of missing school:

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### FUTURE DATES

Year 5/6 Interm Swimming	Mon 17 Feb to
Emu Point	Fri 21 Feb
P&C Meeting 6.00pm	Mon 17 Feb
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Mon 3 Mar

- **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.

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

### White Slips

As with 2024 we will continue to send white slips home when students receive either 1 or 2 warnings. These will be sent 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 process 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.

### Quadrangle Gazebo

Our quadrangle gazebo was destroyed over the holidays by a storm, which also damaged the school signage on the corner of Hardie and Reidy. The gazebo will be rebuilt, with some new modifications made to make it a better facility for our students. Please take care when crossing the quadrangle as the concrete remaining could be a trip hazard.

### Important Dates

Our P&C will have their first meeting for the year on Monday 17 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 27 March at 3.30pm in the conference room. Parents are welcome to attend the AGM part of this meeting.

Swimming lessons for Rms 8, 9 & 11 from 17-21 February (week 3)  
Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow  
Principal

## CANTEEN

Due to a temporary volunteer shortage in the Canteen. We need some helping hands over the next few weeks. If anyone is able to volunteer a shift sometime in Term One, we would be very grateful.

There will be a roster placed on our Facebook page shortly - or alternatively you can contact the front office.

## VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Respect	
Rm 27	Evie
Rm 28	Brooke
Rm 1	Brodie
Rm 2	Braxton
Rm 3	Marcel
Rm 8	Addyson
Rm 9	Jason
Rm 11	Erik
Rm 19	Ace
Rm 24	Saxon



## Chaplain's Chat

Dear Parents and Friends,

Just a note to say hello, and welcome to 2025. I hope you are in good spirits.

As we start this year, I see people all around me adapting to change, as I am too! It is the nature of school life; each successive year brings different experiences. Perhaps a new teacher, class location, friends coming and going...

This brings to mind a quote by Heraclitus, an ancient Greek philosopher - "The only constant in life is change". We, often being creatures of habit, also need to be ready for change! At times I still find myself grappling with the ways things may go along smoothly for a time in some particular way, then suddenly no more; there is a big shift in direction.

How fortunate we are in these times, to have the support of those around us as we navigate change. It is very special to be a part of this in our school setting, and wonderful to see the way everyone joins in providing a positive start to the year.

Sending my best wishes to you all as we begin!

Kind regards,  
Jennifer Hunt

## COOLANGARRAS GARDEN

The new garden at Coolangarras Barmah Kindergarten was beautifully crafted by Stuart from Greenleaf Landscapes.

The children and staff love it and are enjoying it each day. It has really lifted the presentation of our Kindy.



## PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

Welcome back at the start of the 2025 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.

We have a busy term ahead and have already gone into it at full speed! As our student numbers have increased, we have had to add in another classroom and Spencer Park Primary School have kindly loaned us their Room 25 to use while our demountable is being built. We hope to have our new classroom in our grounds by mid-year - how exciting!

We would like to remind you all that we have early close day every fortnight on an even week Monday; it commenced this week. Reminders are sent out on the Friday before each early close week.


To our students, enjoy the new term ahead and remember our Queen Bee & Lady Bug 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:

<p><u>Be / Best</u> I can be my Best.</p>	
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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 and school expectations.

I	Best
	

## NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome our new Room 21 Teacher, Mrs Mahina Vas, to our Team.

Mahina grew up in Albany and, after many years spent on the East Coast, has returned.

She Graduated from Edith Cowan University with a Master of Teaching (Primary) specialising in Special Education. Prior to her role at Spencer Park Education Support Centre, she worked at Mount Lockyer Primary School. She lives with her husband and their dog and when she is not renovating her home, loves going to the beach or cooking up a storm in the kitchen.



## 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?

## 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.

**HIVE COMBINE**  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
GREAT SOUTHERN

15 - 16 FEBRUARY 2025  
**HOCKEY**

MT BARKER HOCKEY TURF  
SOUKNESS PARK  
96 MCCORD ROAD AVENUE, MOUNT BARKER

**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP**  
15 FEBRUARY | AGES 10-18 | 10AM - 2PM  
\$70.00

- DEVELOP SKILLS, CONFIDENCE AND COMposure TO SUCCEED IN THE MODERN GAME
- DEVELOP CREATIVE GAME CONCEPTS AND STRATEGIES
- DEVELOP SET-PLAY SKILLS AND INTEGRATE THEM INTO GAMEPLAY
- DEVELOP AN ALL-ROUND GAME
- + MUCH MORE

**COACHES WORKSHOPS**  
16 FEBRUARY | 10:30AM - 1:30PM  
\$50.00  
INTERNATIONAL COACHES MASTERMIND PROGRAM

- TEACHING MODERN HOCKEY
- INTEGRATING PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INTO YOUR TEAM STRUCTURE
- BEING A CREATIVE COACH WHO THINKS OUTSIDE THE BOX
- HAVING AN ATHLETE-CENTRED APPROACH TO COACHING
- + MUCH MORE

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**MORE INFO:**  
[combines@hivemindsports.org](mailto:combines@hivemindsports.org)  
[www.hivemindsports.com/australia](http://www.hivemindsports.com/australia)

SCAN TO REGISTER

**HIVEMIND** STRONGER TOGETHER **MASTERMIND**

albany contemporary  
**dance** Term 1  
*the dance alternative*

**Hip Hop 7-10yrs**  
5:45-6:45 Tuesday  
A fun high energy class learning hip hop skills

**Intermediate/ Major Jazz Ballet 11yrs+**  
6:30-7:15pm Wednesday  
Learn precise techniques of classical ballet with the vibrant energy of jazz

**Primary Acro Dance 6-7yrs**  
4-4:45pm Thursday  
A fun and safe class to learn acro tricks, technique, dance style and build flexibility & strength.

**Acro Dance 8yrs+**  
4:45-5:45pm Thursday

**Tap/ Jazz 7-10yrs**  
4-5pm Friday  
Get the rhythm and discover the art of tap with musical theatre jazz

**Junior Project Class 7-10yrs**  
5-6pm Friday  
A combination of dance and physical theatre to create end of term performances

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[www.albanycontemporarydance.com.au](http://www.albanycontemporarydance.com.au)

## Free online parent workshops Term 1, 2025 Calendar

Facilitated by school psychologist consultants with the Department of Education WA

The Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams are excited to offer a series of free workshops for families, hosted live online.

### What is Triple P?

The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood. To learn more about Triple P, visit the [Education in WA](#) website. If you would like to register for face-to-face workshops, please visit the [Triple P in WA](#) website and search for upcoming sessions by location. Parents can also access a range of Triple P Online programs for free.

### What is a Child and Parent Centre?

Child and Parent Centres support families across WA through a range of early learning programs, maternal and health services, and child support activities. Visit [Child and Parent Centres Western Australia](#) to view centre locations and enquire about programs.

### How to register

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register for a workshop in the series. You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. We would recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) ahead of the workshop for the best experience. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.



Workshop	Date and Time
<b>Spending Time Apart</b> (pre-schoolers) All children have to learn to cope with temporary separations from their caregivers. Shyness around new people and anxiety about separation is common in pre-schoolers. This session will help you teach your child to be comfortable around others and calmly separate from you, into the care of another trusted adult or caregiver.	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 8.00pm – 10.00pm  <b>Power Hour: Lunchtime Session</b> (a condensed, impactful session designed for lunchtime learning) Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 12.00pm – 1.00pm
<b>Learning to use the toilet</b> (toddlers and pre-schoolers) Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet.	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 8.00pm – 10.00pm

This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet.	<b>Power Hour: Lunchtime Session</b> (a condensed, impactful session designed for lunchtime learning) Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 12.00pm – 1.00pm
<b>Doing well in high school</b> (children who have started secondary school) A major challenge for parents of teenagers is knowing how to encourage them to make the most of their time at school. This workshop will help you teach your child key skills as they transition into high school: developing self-discipline, problem-solving, getting involved in school activities, following school rules, having supportive friends, attendance, and study habits.	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm – 9.00pm
<b>The power of positive parenting</b> (under 12 years) Children of all ages need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well. This seminar will discuss children's behaviour, how to create a safe, interesting and positive learning environment, how to use assertive discipline, and taking care of yourself as a parent.	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – 9.00pm
<b>Promoting digital wellbeing</b> (pre-teen and teens 10-16 years) One of the challenges for parents is knowing how to monitor and manage their teenager's use of technology, such as the internet, websites, social media, smart phones and other communication devices. This workshop will help you set rules and appropriate limits to encourage responsible, safe use of these evolving opportunities.	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – 9.00pm
<b>Fear-Less: Supporting children with anxiety</b> (6-14 years) Everyone feels anxious at times, even children and teenagers. But anxiety may cause distress and get in the way of life. This seminar will help parents to understand how anxiety works, how to manage your child's anxiety effectively and teach your child new coping skills.	Thursday 03 <sup>rd</sup> April 7.00pm – 9.00pm



# HIP HOP DANCE CLASS



STARTS MONDAY  
10TH FEBRUARY  
AT 4PM

7 WEEK PROGRAM | \$77  
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5 - 8 YEARS



# Jazz Ballet



Starts 11th February  
ENROL NOW

8 WEEK PROGRAM | \$88

TUESDAY  
930am - 1015am  
Ages 2- 4 years

WEDNESDAY  
4pm - 445pm  
Ages 5 - 8 years

