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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

Concert in the Park

What a fantastic evening! Thank you to all the parents and community members that came along and supported this wonderful event. The weather was perfect and the students performed their items with confidence and great execution. Our next Concert in the Park will be in 2022 as next year we hope to run our Art Exhibition.



Year 6 Camp

Our Year six students are off to Bridgetown next week to enjoy four days of fun and adventure in and around Bridgetown, Manjimup and Pemberton. Students will be visiting Big Brook Dam, a farm with many different animals and enjoying the surrounds of the beautiful karri and jarrah forests. We hope they have a wonderful time!

Carnival - Jumps & Throws

Our jumps, throws and 800m were held last Friday and students participated well and tried their best throughout the day. Thank you to the parents that made it down to the school to support the students.



Faction Carnival and Colour Explosion

Due to weather the main carnival has been postponed until Friday 6th November, which coincides with the Colour Explosion. The outline for the day will be Faction Carnival between 9.00-2.00pm. This will include the presentations. Carnival events will be slightly altered to ensure that the carnival is completed on time. There is a new start time of 9.20am and the Yr 1-2 300m Running Events will be held before lunch (approx. 12.30pm) so that the Colour Explosion course can be set up. Generally, all events will be 10-20 minutes earlier. An adjusted program will be sent home later this week.

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FUTURE DATES

Faction Athletics	Fri 6 Nov
Colour Explosion 2.20pm	Fri 6 Nov
School Board Meeting	Thurs 12 Nov
Pupil Free Day	Fri 13 Nov
Assembly SIMS	Fri 20 Nov

Students will have an opportunity to change before the Colour Explosion, which will commence around 2.20pm and go for approximately ½ hour. Parents will be able to take their children home directly after the Colour Explosion is finished.

Our canteen will be open on Friday, but will be offering a limited menu.

Thank you for your understanding as we try to ensure that all the special events that have been planned can continue to run.

Class Structure 2021

The following classes are the intended structure for next year. This may be altered depending on the structural needs of the school and final student numbers.

KindiLink 3 Yr Olds: ½ Monday & ½ Friday

Coolangarras Kindy: *Tuesday- Thursday*

Kindy: *Tuesday-Thursday, ½ Wednesday*

PP: *Full time*

PP/1: *Full time*

Yr 1/2: *Full time*

Yr 2: *Full time*

Yr 3: *Full time*

Yr 3/4: *Full time*

Yr 4: *Full time*

Yr 4/5: *Full time*

Yr 5/6: *Full time*

Yr 5/6: *Full time*

Parents Requests for 2021 Student Placements

Parents are welcome to submit written inputs with respect to class placements. The submissions must be based on educational reasons, addressed to "The Principal" and marked "Confidential". (All written parent submissions will be given consideration but will not automatically be accommodated.) Written submissions must be sent to the Principal by Friday 13th November.

If your student is not returning in 2021 please advise the school ASAP.

Current class teachers will confer with next year's class teachers to form educationally balanced classes taking into consideration a variety of criteria. Some of these criteria include:

- Classes are to be balanced (whether these are split or straight) with respect to academic performance, social development, behaviour and gender.
- Previous class placements.
- School Psychologist recommendations.
- Special needs such as twins and family situation.
- Written parent submissions regarding a student's educational needs.

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Responsibility		Tolerance & Inclusion	
PP1	Stella	PP1	Braxton
Rm 1	Azaria	Rm 1	Erik
Rm 2	Kaylah	Rm 2	Phoebe
Rm 3	Riley	Rm 3	Tahi
Rm 8	Deacon	Rm 8	Pippa
Rm 9	Robert	Rm 9	Breanna
Rm 11	Latia Boucher	Rm 11	Amelia
Rm 19	Jesse	Rm 19	Alfred
Rm 24	Alby	Rm 24	Riley
Rm 25	Arden	Rm 25	Aroha

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.



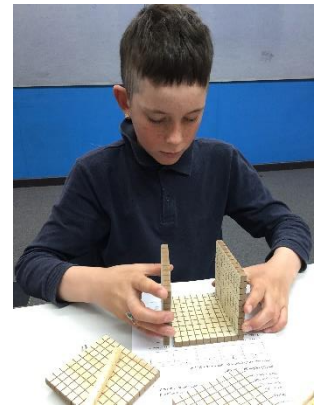
Rm 1	Felix , Lily
Rm 2	Kaleb, Brooke, Eden
Rm 3	Riley, Maddie, David, Kingsley, Aashna, Kiana
Rm 8	Lachlan, Tristan
Rm 9	Bella, Breanna, Arianah, Brock
Rm 11	Portia, Imogen, Caiden, Mikayla, Lucas
Rm 19	Byron, Jerome
Rm 24	Billy-Jai, Layla
Rm 25	Ruby, Ella, Lucas
Science	William, Lilly, Charlotte, John



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

PBS Golden Bee Award Winners

Congratulations to our recipients of the Golden Bee this week. Isla, Anakin and Elijah have been extra wonderful at using our PBS Expectations, to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best.



Ruby, Tairhys and Mrs Garcia-Wright earned a canteen voucher each for their excellent effort to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best.

PBS expectation of the week

BE FRIENDLY - use kind words and voice

Trying out high school

Our Year 6 students have been experiencing student life in high school, in preparation for 2021. Last week Jayden and Paul enjoyed a science lesson, where they experimented with light and movement. Our students are also participating in sport, maths, writing and art sessions along with meeting Year 6 students from other schools and learning about high school for next year.

Keyword/AUSLAN sign of the fortnight



Be Friendly - clasp non-dominant fist with dominant hand, rock backward and forward slightly, twice

Upcoming events

Swimming lessons - start Tuesday 10th November. Remember your towel, goggles and bathers.

Bec Wheatley
Principal

GARDENING GURUS:

Our Gardeners in Room 1 have been busy weeding, replanting and sending delicious herbs and produce to the canteen. We have also been loving the spring flowers that have been in bloom!



NO CANTEEN

There will be no canteen available on Tues 10 November. Please make other arrangements for lunch for this day.

LIBRARY BOOKS

We are coming to the end of the borrowing year and we request that you check in your home for library books that may have been forgotten and are now overdue. All books must be returned to the library by Thursday 3 December.

SECRET CODE

Somewhere within the text of this newsletter we have buried a six-digit code. When you have found the code, SMS 0437 619 154 and include your family name and the code. The first correct answer will win a \$10 canteen credit. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page and receive notification by SMS. With regret, prizes are only available to families enrolled at our school.

SPENCER PARK CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Concert in the Park was a triumph and an evening of entertainment enjoyed by our families. The weather played it's part beautifully and our students shone like the stars that they are.

Well done everyone!



AUSLAN SIGNING

We continue our series of Auslan Sign Language across the school as our Language Other Than English (LOTE). It has been fantastic to see all our students so enthusiastic and we hope that parents and carers can participate also. We will include practical demonstrations in the newsletter so that you can, as a family, practice the use of Auslan in your everyday conversations. Happy learning!



CHOIR PERFORMANCE

On Saturday October 17th the Spencer Park Primary School Choir opened the National Party State Conference by performing the National Anthem. This prestigious event was held at the Middleton Beach Surf Club and had politicians from all over the state in attendance. The behaviour and performance of our students was exceptional and it was an enjoyable experience for all in attendance. Thank you to all the students and parents who gave up their Saturday morning to be part of this important event.



MOVING IN 2021?

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 2021. Our funding and the way we organise our classes is dependent on a clear understanding of student numbers 471136 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 2021 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.



VACSWIM SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



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?

KABOOM

Kaboom Percussion came to perform at our school! With percussion being such an important part of our Music program, the opportunity to see a live performance by one of Australia's best percussion groups inspired our students to take their learning to the next level. The kids love them so much, Kaboom Percussion videos feature regularly in the Music Room as a "Video of the Week." Students and teachers alike were captivated by their Bottlephone, made out of recycled plastic bottles that are pumped up with air. Their Thongophone showed how different lengths of pipe can produce different notes.



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.

BIRCHWOOD GARDENS
AT TALANDRIGRA DOWNS

OPEN GARDEN

SAT 14th & SUN 15th NOVEMBER 2020

Come along and enjoy a stroll through 5 acres of garden. See more than 270 roses and many other plants in spring bloom. Take a break and enjoy homemade cake and coffee. \$7 coffee and cake.
All proceeds donated to charity.



ENTRY: \$6 Adults, accompanied children free

TIME: 10:00AM TO 5:00PM

ADDRESS: 34048 Albany Hwy, Narrikup, approx 20mins drive from the big roundabout Albany. Look for the Bali flags.

ENQUIRIES: 0448532202



Come and swim with us!

The new swimming season has just started so it's the perfect time to join Albany Swim Club.

We're on the look-out for kids who love swimming and are keen to have fun, make friends and build on their speed and skills in the pool.

To register your interest, please email our registrar, Silke Fischer-Malpass: registrar@albanyswimming.org.au

To learn more about Albany Swim Club please head to www.albanyswimming.org.au



Domestic violence help in your region

Domestic Violence Help

1800 080 083

Our telephone counselling service is for **ANYONE** experiencing family and domestic violence in regional, rural and remote Western Australia

Your call will be answered by a trained and experienced family and domestic violence counsellor who understands the unique challenges of living in regional, rural and remote areas.

Visit

DVassist.org.au

Online services directory of local support services

Family and domestic violence information hub



**GIFTED AND TALENTED
SECONDARY SELECTIVE
ENTRANCE PROGRAM**



2022 Albany Senior High School Gifted and Talented Academic Program - Year 5 enrolments open NOW!

Your child can discover a world of opportunities in the Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program which is due to commence in 2022 at Albany Senior High School. They will study with other exceptionally able students in learning environments that will challenge, inspire and empower them to excel every day. They will follow a curriculum designed specifically for their needs and have access to universities, industry bodies and mentoring programs as well as the opportunity to take part in competitions at national and international levels.

If you've ever thought that your child has the potential, there is only one way to find out – apply to do the Academic Selective Entrance Test (ASET). Enrolments for Year 7s in 2022 begin with the selection test in February 2021. You must apply to do the test before 8 February 2021.

See the Department of Education's website for more details on the application process: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>

IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

ORANGE SCHOOL BUSES ONLY

Dear Parents and Carers

It's that time of the year again and School Bus Services (SBS) have commenced planning for the 2021 school year.

To ensure that your child/ren's school bus transport requirements are passed along to SBS, it will be appreciated if you consider the following questions and take action where appropriate:

CHANGE TO CIRCUMSTANCES

- Is your child changing schools in 2021, including changing from primary school to high school and will need to catch a different bus?
- Are you moving address before the 2021 school year commences?
- Do you have an additional child that will require orange school bus transport for the first time in 2021?

If you have answered YES to any of these questions you will need to submit a new application for Transport Assistance. This can be completed online through the SBS website at: www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au

You are not able to use the *Change of Details* form on the website in place of submitting a new application.

If your child no longer needs to catch their **current orange bus** in 2021 please complete the below section and return to the driver by 1/12/2020.

BUS EXIT CONFIRMATION

Please insert the details of children who will **not** be using the bus next year:

Student Details: First Name Last Name

School Currently Attending:

Student Details: First Name Last Name

School Currently Attending:

Thank you for your cooperation: ... →



Settling into School

Starting school can sometimes be a worrying time for children and parents. The good news is that if children feel happy and secure, they are more likely to engage in school activities.

Come along to this two-hour session to learn how to ensure your child will have a smooth transition in to school.

Worried about your child starting school?

We'll cover:

- Why separating problems can be expected
- How to prevent problems separating
- How you can help you and your child prepare
- How to leave your child
- Promoting independence and the importance of school routines



Date: Tuesday 24 November
Time: 1.00pm to 2.30pm
Venue: Child and Parent Centre
Humphreys Street, Lockyer
RSVP: 9843 0071

LIMITED CRECHE AVAILABLE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

**FREE
KINDY
ACTIVITY
PACK**

In partnership with Wanslea