

NEWSLETTER No. 6

10 May 2018



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to term two at SPPS. I hope that the holiday break was a relaxing one for the students and yourselves.

Attendance

A continued focus for our school is to ensure that every student attends school every day that they are well. Being at school is a precursor to learning and missing too much school certainly impacts on student 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! School is the EXPECTATION and staying home is the EXCEPTION.

Congratulations to the students from Room 1 who won the **attendance reward last term** and who will now get to spend \$5.00 in the canteen!

Explicit Teaching Professional Learning

Last Thursday teachers undertook a professional learning day with Mr John Fleming to learn more about the Explicit Teaching approach that we use at Spencer Park PS. We were joined by approximately 25 other staff from both primary and secondary schools across the Great Southern, who came away from the day very enthused about this teaching approach. Mr Fleming also viewed many of our teaching staff modelling lessons and was very impressed by the high level of skills and knowledge that they displayed.

New Play Areas

A new playground structure is underway in the Junior Primary playground outside Rm 25. This will eventually be a monkey bar playground once the equipment arrives and the wood chips are placed in. We also have some bright and colourful numbers, 100 grid, hopscotch and a few other lines painted around the JP classes. These are for students to practise their counting and number skills throughout break time and with parents before and after school.

ANZAC Service

Thank you to the students and parents that supported the ANZAC Day service over the holidays. It was wonderful to see Spencer Park PS well represented and for the students to participate in this service.

NAPLAN Testing

In Week 3 & 4 our Yr 3 & 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing. Our students will be using laptops to undertake the test, apart from Yr 3 writing which will still be done on paper. Our students have been practising the on-line NAPLAN style test and students seem very confident with this approach. If any parents do not want their students participating in the test, please contact the school ASAP.

Swimming Lessons

Our PP-Year 4 students will commence swimming lessons in week 4. All lessons will be held at ALAC and we would love any assistance available from parents to assist with getting students changed. Please see your classroom teacher if you can assist on any days.

Have a wonderful week!

Jeremy Hadlow – Principal

Future Dates

P&C Meeting 7.00pm	Mon 14 May
NAPLAN Testing Year 3	15-17 May
Assembly Room 18	Fri 18 May
NAPLAN Testing Year 5	22-24 May
Interm Swimming PP-Yr 4	21 May – 1 Jun
Eagle Cup @GSG	Tue 29 May

Spencer Park Primary School Code of Behaviour

- Respect other people, their rights and their property.
- Be safe.
- Let others learn.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Value	Respect	Care & Compassion
Rm 1	Ziva	Michaylee
Rm 2	Amelia	Portia
Rm 3	Jayden	Katie
Rm 8	Tashara	Kiara
Rm 9	Kai	Kaylee
Rm 11	Abrafi	Marissa
Rm 18	Isabel	Zahra
Rm 19	Teresea	Kya
Rm 25	Imogen	Kade



CRICKET



Congratulations to our Interschool boys' and girls' cricket teams who both finished equal first in their respective T20 blast competitions last term. Their results were due to the terrific effort and attitude they had put into training throughout the term. Special mention to the leaders for the day Cleve (captain) and Matthew (vice-captain) for the boys team and for our girls team Lilly (captain) and Erin (vice-captain). Finally thankyou to Mr Scott Briscoe who guided the girls' team throughout the day.



Never stop reading to your child, even when they can read for themselves!

Reading is a fundamental skill your child will use for the rest of their life - so why stop when they're just getting started?

Building a love of reading in your child by reading aloud at home strengthens their language, vocabulary and comprehension skills, and improves their social skills and confidence as you listen to them read.

The quality time you will also spend with your child raises their mood and sense of wellbeing, and creates those special moments you and they will always cherish.

Build a love of reading in your child and give them the best start for a life of learning and discovery.

Find out more at education.wa.edu.au/neverstopreading.

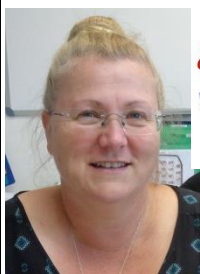
T&E SHED

Mrs Elphick thanks everyone for supplying empty boxes etc for the T&E shed. We are very well stocked for the moment and we will let you know when we need more items. Thank you for your support.

SCIENCE NEWS

This term the students in Room 11 (5/6) have been studying the physical adaptations that fish have to help them survive and thrive in a range of aquatic environments. During week 8 the students conducted a science investigation with Kylie Outhwaite from the Department of Fisheries. In small groups, students had to put their marine biology skills to the test. They examined the external features of a range of local fish and had to decide which aquatic habitat they would most likely live in. The physical features of fish, such as; where the mouth is positioned or, the shape of their tail fin tells us a lot about where a fish lives. Well done Room 11 students for determining the right habitat for each fish specimen!





Spencer Park Education Support Centre

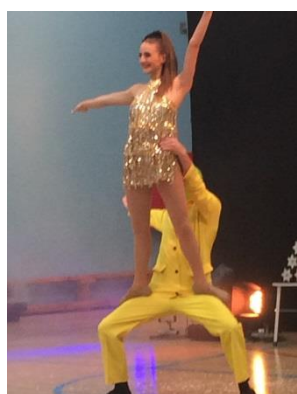
Welcome to Term 2, the education support centre has had a big start to the term.

During the holidays we had quite a few renovations done across the centre with new cupboards and shelves for both rooms 13 and 14. Additionally, we have had a new storage system added to office area for our library of teaching and learning resources. This has allowed us to create extra workspaces for staff during classroom preparation times.

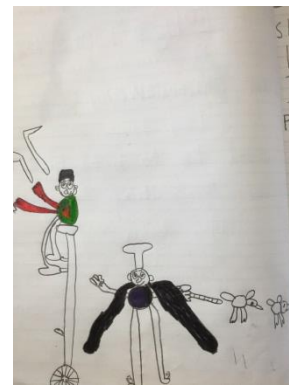
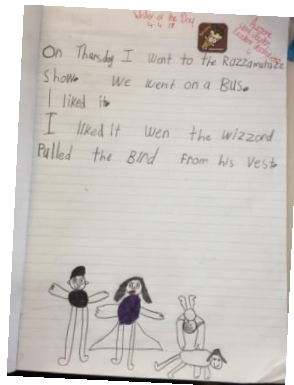
These modifications have also allowed us to add two extra sensory rooms to support students developing self-regulation of emotions and alternative strategies for when they feel they need chill out time.



During the first week of term the whole school ventured out to PCYC to watch and participate in a magic show, Razzmatazz. We viewed acrobatics, juggling and some very exciting magic. Breanna was invited to take the stage alongside one of the magicians and demonstrated her own magic and made a table fly. We were all very impressed.



Jayden wrote about his favourite part of the show.



PBS Golden Bee Awards



Our Golden Bee Awards Winners this week:

Well done to Bree, Caleb and William

Thank you all for 'Being Your Best'

Queen Bee teaching Ladybug how to be her best

Our PBS focus for week 2 and 3 is to 'Be Friendly' by being caring and to 'Be Safe' by moving safely around the school

INTERM SWIMMING REMINDER

Enrolment forms and payment for these lessons are due back to the school this week.

The students will have 10 lessons. The cost of the lessons this year will be \$53.00. This money is payable in one payment either to the class teacher or at the office where EFTPOS is available. Centrepay is also an option if you receive Centrelink payments. Forms for this are available at the school office. Alternatively you can make electronic payments to the school account with a reference of surname and first name.

EARN AND LEARN

Thanks to everyone who contributed stickers for the Earn and Learn program. Our resources arrived late last term and will be put to good use in the early learning centre and the school garden.





Bike Education



On Thursday 12th April Rm 3, 8, 9 & 11 participated in a bicycle education program provided by the City of Albany through funding from RAC WA.

Students received practical sessions with an accredited cycle skills coach that gave students hands-on skills in bike handling and road safety, as well as an understanding of the options and benefits of using active transport such as cycling, walking and catching the bus. Thank you to all the parents and students who brought their bikes along for the day.



BIKE SECURITY

It is always a good idea to carry a bike lock and secure your bike to the racks whenever you park them.

Albany Community Foundation

At the beginning of the year Coolangarras Barmah applied to Albany Community Foundation for a grant to help cover the costs of the children's schooling. They very generously donated \$ 1645 and Michelle and Tae came to visit us at Kindy. As this was near Easter they brought some craft activities and Some Easter Crackles to share with the children. We had a marvellous morning together and later shared in an Easter Egg hunt. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Albany Community Foundation for their generous grant.



KindiLink has been running at Coolangarras now for one term in conjunction with Wanslea's "Lift Off to Learn Program". We have both benefitted from this arrangement and are seeing a comfortable number of little ones attending on Tuesday afternoons between 1pm – 3pm. If you know of any Aboriginal families in the area with children from 0-3 years of age we are always open to more enrolments as we love to see families at our centre.



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.

Albany Athletics Club

Web: <http://albanyaths.myclub.org.au/6.htm>

Ph 98447 377

The winter Cross Country running programme is commencing at Lake Seppings on April 22nd. Try it for \$2 for a day membership. Get all members of your family involved in fun and healthy exercise.



On The Noticeboard Outside Room 6

- Toddler Drowning Prevention Program
- Albany Contemporary Dance Flyer
- Maggie Dent Seminars - Free







PARENT WORKSHOPS

For parents of children with a disability

- Meet other parents who have a child with different abilities
- Crèche provided so you can listen, join in, and enjoy your refreshments!
- Presentation by a health professional
- Plenty of opportunities to have your questions answered & listen to other's experiences & ideas
- New topics each week!

11th May: *The Importance of Play*. Guest Speaker: Occupational Therapist
 18th May: *Impact on a Family of having a Child with a Disability*. Guest Speaker: Positive Behaviour Support Specialist
 1st June: *Making the Most of Mealtimes*. Guest Speaker: Speech Pathologist
 8th June: *Looking after Yourself*. Guest Speaker: Positive Behaviour Support Specialist

Where: Busselton Family Centre, 19-21 Kent Street
 When: 11th, 18th May & 1st, 8th June, 2018
 Time: 9:30-11:30am
 Cost: FREE
 Facilitator: Ability Centre Therapy Team Contact Rohee on 0447 216 220
 Look at www.eventbrite.com.au for details and registration!

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Stepping Stones Series

Three FREE parenting seminars for parents of children with a developmental disability



THURSDAY 10 MAY

Part 1: POSITIVE PARENTING

Positive Parenting is an effective approach to raising children that emphasises the positive. It reduces stress and makes parenting more rewarding and enjoyable

THURSDAY 17 MAY

Part 2: HELPING YOUR CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

Children are more likely to be confident, succeed at school and get along with others when they develop certain life skills

THURSDAY 24 MAY

Part 3: CHANGING PROBLEM BEHAVIOUR INTO POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Learn to manage problem behaviours and developmental issues common in children with disabilities, while developing a close relationship with your child

HOSTED BY THE CHILD AND PARENT CENTRE-MOUNT LOCKYER

Venue: Beryl Grant Community Centre

Townsend St, Lockyer

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Bookings: ESSENTIAL / CRECHE AVAILABLE

Contact: 9843 0071

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Tool Kit for Parents



These three sessions present a great opportunity to talk over issues with other parents guided by our Psychologist Lauren.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS	Thursday 10 May 11.00am to 12.00pm
COPING WITH STRESS	Thursday 17 May 11.00am to 12.00pm
SCREEN TIME	Thursday 24 May 11.00am to 12.00pm

All sessions will be held at the Beryl Grant Community Centre
31 Townsend Street, Lockyer

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