

NEWSLETTER No. 2

22 February 2018



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Friends

School Board AGM

On Thursday 8th March the School Board will hold its AGM, where a summary of the 2017 year will be presented and new members welcomed. Members of the school community are welcome to come along to the AGM which will commence at 3.40pm in the staffroom.

Parents and Community (P&C)

I would like to congratulate and thank our new P&C Office Bearers in their roles for 2018.

President - Ms Erika Leak

Vice-President – Ms Jessica Galantino

Treasurer – Ms Amy Sims

Secretary – Ms Fiona Mullally

Also pictured is Nicole Arta, our canteen manager.



Our P&C are keen to have new members come along and join to assist in fundraising events for the school. Some of these events include: Fun Run, Colour Run, Disco, Cake Stalls etc. The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 12th March at 7.00am in the staff room. Please come along and join the new team as they provide great fundraising events for all of our students.

Thank you to the many parents that supported the P&C by purchasing their booklist through Albany Office National. Our winner of the refund was Matthew from Year 5. Congratulations!

Queen's Baton Relay

On Thursday our school was very fortunate to have a visit from the Queen's Baton Relay runners. Our

students lined the front of the school to view the exchange of the baton. The baton will continue its journey around Australia visiting many towns and cities before arriving in the Gold Coast ready for the Commonwealth Games commencing on Wednesday 4th April.

Assembly

Our first assembly will be held this Friday by Room 3 and Mrs Kowald. Please come along and support our students as they perform and receive merit certificates.

Swimming Lessons

Year 5/6 classes will commence their swimming lessons at Emu Point on Tuesday 6th March. It is important that students participate in this program (particularly given the coast line that we live along) and I encourage all parents to engage their children in these lessons.

White Slips

White slips are part of the schools behaviour management process that helps inform administration and parents about what behaviours have occurred at school. White slips are used by teachers to communicate behaviours to parents and administration about in class and playground behaviour. When necessary, administration will send home Parent Notification slips to inform parents about behaviours that have occurred and any resulting consequences. **Keeping parents informed is part of our job and helps the parent/school relationship remain strong.** Please do not take the receiving of a white slip or Parent Notification as a judgement from the school, but simply as a notification of an incident that we needed to deal with and that we would like you to talk about with your child.

When dealing with an incident from school some useful tips are to:

1. Have your child acknowledge the issue/problem. *(There was a problem at school today. Can you tell me about it?)*
2. Identify what they could have done instead. *(What could you have done differently? What could you do next time?)*
3. Outline your expectations as a parent. *(I would really like to see you behave in this way)*
4. Reinforce that tomorrow is a new day and that we start afresh each day.

Have a wonderful week!

Jeremy Hadlow – Principal

Recycling Club 2018

This year the club is still Room 2. Congratulations to Lara for being the Recycling Captain and for Robert being the Cardboard Captain. Please remember the ONLY PUT PAPER in the bins.

Thank you Room 2 and the earth

Future Dates

Assembly Room 3	Fri 23 Feb
Labour Day Holiday	Mon 5 Mar
Year 5/6 Interm Swimming Emu Pt	6-16 Mar
Faction Swim Carnival ALAC	Wed 21 Mar
Next Assembly Room 8	Fri 23 Mar

School Entry Health Assessment

All children in Western Australia are offered a health assessment during their first year of primary school. This usually occurs in kindergarten and is provided by the local School Health Nurse. This is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life.

Kindy assessments start in term 2

The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which are best addressed, if picked up and treated early. The tests include:

- Vision and hearing checks
- 'Lift the lip' assessment
- Growth assessment including weight, height and Body Mass Index
- Developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form
- Teacher and nurse observations
- Any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents.

Your child's results will be sent home after their health check has been completed. Results are always treated confidentially.

Please note, the screening tests indicate if there may be a problem – they do not diagnose a condition. If the test results for your child suggest there may be a problem, the School Health Nurse will contact you to talk about further assessment and possible referral.

School Entry Health Assessment forms are currently being distributed for parents to complete. **Please complete and sign the back page of the form before you return it. Please return the form to the class teacher as soon as possible.**

I look forward to working with you and your family. Please phone if you wish to discuss anything to do with the School Entry Health Assessment.

**Sharon Nicholls , Community Health Nurse
9842 7523**

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	Care & Compassion	Do Your Best
Rm 1	Imogen	Hazel
Rm 2	Lara	Devrin
Rm 3	Eh Say	Ruby
Rm 5	Ari	Kiara
Rm 9	Paige	Thomas
Rm 11	Emily	Ethan
Rm 18	Aashna	Lachlan
Rm 19	Zayve	Lilly-Rose
Rm 25	Kayden	Vela



A Note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Sharon Nicholls and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **98427523**



**Spencer Park
Education
Support Centre**



Note from the Principal

As this term progresses our school is focusing on the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) systems within our school.

This allows all the staff and students to understand there are the same expectations of behaviours. It allows for the staff to use a common language that supports and encourages students to learn acceptable behaviours. No child is born knowing the right way to behave it is up to us to model and teach respectful and responsible behaviours.

Our school has expectations for everyone in our community to learn to BE SAFE, BE FRIENDLY and to BE YOUR BEST. Sometimes this can be difficult for some of our students as they learn to self-regulate emotions and understand options around appropriate responses. These moments can be very stressful for the children in our care and even the staff. We appreciate the support and dedication of the staff from Spencer Park Primary School and the Education Support Centre when at times things do not always go smoothly.

What's Going On

Spencer Park ESC celebrates the successes of our students when using the PBS expectations. Students are recognised for their positive interactions with each other, following instructions and doing the best when engaging in classroom activities, using manners, helping and supporting teachers and their friends in play and learning and a host of other positive choices. Students receive class points and receive rewards from the prize box at our Bee Assemblies as well as earning Golden Bee Certificates when achieving their best in any of our PBS expectations.

At each of our Bee Assemblies students are visited by the "The Bad Tempered Lady Bug" by Eric Carle and the Queen Bee who role model the expectation focus of the week.



**The Lady Bug
and the Queen
Bee show
students how
to BE SAFE**



PBS Golden Bee Awards

Jiyah

William

Monty

Jayden

Quinn

Thank you for Being Safe, Being Friendly and Being Your Best.

Bec Wheatley, Principal

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE NEWS

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre provides free dental examinations, oral care advice, preventative, restorative and emergency treatment for children from pre-primary to Year 11. The clinic is staffed by Kayleen (Dental Nurse), Susanne (Dental Therapist), Jaqui (Dental Nurse) and Michelle (Dental Therapist).

Enrolment forms will soon be issued to your child if he/she has recently changed schools or enrolled in Pre-Primary, please make sure these forms are returned before the end of term 1 if you wish to use our service.

Parents of enrolled students are reminded to contact the centre to update your details if you have moved in the last few years. All appointments are posted home and many of these are returned to us due to incorrect addresses, this means that your child misses out on their dental visit. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be taken up by someone else. You can call us on 98413967, drop in or send us an email to spencerparkdttc@dental.health.wa.gov.au.

To keep your child's teeth healthy during this important stage of growth we recommend brushing twice a day, parents should always assist with one daily brush and use adult strength toothpaste providing children are spitting it out. Teeth should be brushed for a minimum of two minutes and children are encouraged NOT to rinse after brushing.

We hope to see you all in here soon



HANDS OFF OUR CAMP SCHOOLS !

DEAR PARENTS AND CITIZENS COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Across WA, thousands of students and hundreds of schools experience the excitement of a school camp every year, remember the fun times sharing a dorm or tent, getting to know other students and forming friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

Unfortunately, this is about to change with the state government's announcement to close six Camp Schools at Bridgetown, Dampier, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Pemberton and Point Peron (Rockingham).

Petitions to sign are available at the front office and canteen.

Also available at (& please join):
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/savewacamps/>


P&C NEWS

We would like to congratulate and welcome our new Executive P&C Team who were elected at the AGM meeting on Monday 12 February.

Details of these appointees are noted in the Principal's news.

We encourage all parents to like, share or join the P & C Facebook page and closed group:
<https://www.facebook.com/SpencerParkPnC/> &
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/455192061248347/>

Save the date - Friday 23rd March

The P&C are currently organising a Colour Run  for our school. Stay tuned for details.



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 Netball Association

P.O. Box 933, Albany, WA 6331



Looking to play Netball this season?

SUNCORP NETSETGO:

NetSetGo is a 10 week program held on Mondays from 4pm to 5pm at ALAC, starting Term 2 2018.

There are two programs - Skills/Activities for 5 to 7 year olds and Skills/Game Play for 8 to 10 year olds.

Registrations will open in March, and further details will be available on our website and facebook page closer to this time.

PLAYING FOR A TEAM:

If you would like to start playing in a team during the fixtured season which runs over terms Two and Three, you will need to make contact and trial for a club.

Clubs hold trials at the start of Term One in February.

All club contact details are available on the ANA's website ('Contact Details' on the Menu Bar).

Please also like our Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news.

www.albanynetballassociation.wa.netball.com.au

albany.netball@gmail.com



SOCCER SEASON IS COMING

The new soccer season is coming soon, and Spencer Park Soccer Club would like new and old players to register with us for the 2018 season. If you're child is interested in playing, please send us an email at admin@spencerparksoccerclub.com.au.

We are also looking for coaches, committee members and fundraising volunteers and would like anyone interested to contact us at admin@spencerparksoccerclub.com.au or message us on 0428 362 777.

Join our Facebook Group:
www.facebook.com/groups/1660596574184740





Coolangarras Barmah Kindergarten

41 Mokare Road Albany WA 6330
Telephone: 9841 6511 Fax: 9841 8563

19th February, 2018, Term 1, Week 4

Dear families (Moort),

Attendance

What a lovely class of children we have this year. We have 16 enrolments in the four year old program and the attendance has been amazing! This is a great start and we are confident it will continue. Thank you so much for being such dedicated parents and helping your children to begin their education.

If your child can not make the bus or will be absent please call Sherrona on 0406 097 025 or the Kindy on 841 6511.



Promotion of Healthy Eating

At Kindy we promote healthy eating. The children will only need a sandwich and fruit or vegetables for their lunch plus fruit, vegetables, cheese or crackers to share at fruit time. Any other food will come home for them to eat at other times. If you prefer you may send a bag of fruit or vegetables once a week for us to share over that time.

Spare clothes

If you have any spare clothes at home we would appreciate some donations as our supplies have almost run out. Please put a spare change of clothes in your child's bag so they have their own in case of accidents.

Ear health checks

The lovely ladies from the Aboriginal Health team have begun ear health checks and will complete these next week. They will also conduct checks for the children at KindiLink with parental permission. Thank you very much to everyone who returned their forms so quickly. It helps immensely when parents are so efficient.

Kind Regards,

Coolangarras Staff

KindiLink

The 3 year old program, KindiLink began with 5 enrolments in week one and increased to 8 in week 2. We had a wonderful beginning to this program with at least 18 children attending with parents in week 2 in conjunction with Wanslea Playgroup. It was awesome.

This is a great chance, as your child's first teacher, to be part of their learning.



Thank you Chris

Thank you once again to Chris Brass for his assistance, this time repairing our obstacle course bridge. Not only has he repaired it, but given it an amazing facelift. The children will get many years use from it now as it is very sturdy.



Parent Meet and Greet

On **Wednesday 21st February at 10.30am** we will have a meeting, with tea and biscuits provided, so we can discuss the program and share ideas. At this meeting we will have a few of the people who are available to help assist with your child's welfare: representatives from Aboriginal health teams, Population Health and Violence Prevention .

Please feel free to bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Story Time

Spencer Park Primary School



Join in the fun as we share books, sing songs and do a craft activity.

Date: Thursday mornings starting 15 February to 12 April 2018


Time: 9.00am to 10.30 am

Venue: Spencer Park Primary School Library

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