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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

Split Classes and Student Ability

A few queries from parents regarding split classes and the ability of students have occurred in the last few weeks and keeping all parents informed about how the school structures these rooms is important. All classes, including split classes, are based on a number of factors including: social needs, behavioural factors, special needs, student ability, parent requests and teacher judgements. The creation of a high ability and low ability classrooms is not how the school structures general classes. The provision of different academic levels is provided in a variety of ways in all classrooms including: differentiated curriculum and cross-setting structures. If parents have any queries about class structures or provision of academic ability, please talk to your classroom teacher or administration.

P&C AGM



Our P&C held their AGM last week and positions were filled by a mix of new and existing members. I would like to welcome Mary McLeod onto the P&C team as the secretary and thank Erica Leak, Jessica Galantino

and Amy Sims for continuing their roles. A big thankyou to Fiona Mullally for her hard work as secretary throughout 2019. We would love to see some new members participate in our P&C meetings and fundraising events. The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th March at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Dogs in School

Could I ask all parents and community members to NOT bring dogs onto school grounds. If you would like to give your dog a walk in the morning, please tie it up to a tree or pole away from the school entrance and then drop your child into class. Many students are afraid of dogs and do not want this stress at the beginning or end of the day. Thank you!



School Board

Our School Board AGM will be held at the school on Thursday 5th March at 3.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a Board member we would welcome you to come along and hear about the work the Board undertakes. We currently have positions for a parent member and a community representative.

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FUTURE DATES

Public Holiday	Mon 2 Mar
Assembly Room 2	Fri 6 Mar
Rooms 8, 9, 11 Interm Swimming	16-27 Mar

Paperless Reporting to Parents

I would like to inform all parents that our school will be moving to a paperless PDF report format for the Semester 1 report. To achieve this, we would like all parents to ensure that the school has your current email address. The advantages of this format is that it is quicker and cheaper for the school to produce and it saves a lot of paper, which is great for our environment. Parents should receive reports sooner and will have the report in an electronic format for ease of storage. For parents that require a paper copy this will be still be available on request.

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Respect		Care & Compassion	
PP1	Adam	PP1	Lola
Rm 1	Azaria	Rm 1	Christine
Rm 2	Ava	Rm 2	Jasmin
Rm 3	Elijah	Rm 3	Phoenix
Rm 8	Jarvis	Rm 8	Jake
Rm 9	John	Rm 9	Breeanna
Rm 11	Imogen	Rm 11	Latia
Rm 19	Justin	Rm 19	Dante
Rm 24	Emily	Rm 24	Layla
Rm 25	Thomas	Rm 25	Tahnaya



Do Your Best			
PP1	Bradley	Rm 9	Katie
Rm 1	Zayve	Rm 11	Devrin
Rm 2	Lydia	Rm 19	Riley
Rm 3	Yao	Rm 24	Sienna
Rm 8	Jayce	Rm 25	Chloe

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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

Rm 1	Agam	Aya	
Rm 2	Detroy	Savanah	
Rm 3	Cory	Ryan	
Rm 8	Storm	Charlotte	
Rm 9	Auraya	Heath	
Rm 11	Devrin	Koby	Connor
Rm 19	Paikea	Dustyn	
Rm 24	Charlee	Joesph	
Rm 25	Levi	Willow	

EXTRAORDINARY VALUES CERTIFICATE



Kertis is the first recipient of our Super Values Certificate. Kertis demonstrated several of the values that we uphold at Spencer Park. Congratulations, Kertis.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS/ P&C CONTRIBUTION AND SCRIPTURE BOOKS

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have already paid contributions for 2020. Contributions can be made either by cash, card or cheque or you can phone your card details through to the office. If you would prefer to do a direct credit you can contact the office for banking details. Please ensure, if paying by direct credit, that you include your child's surname and first name as a description. Centrepay is another easy option for you to setup, if you would like to know more just contact the office.

CROSSING GUARD REIDY DRIVE

There will be no crossing guard on the Reidy Drive Crosswalk morning or afternoon until the morning of Monday 9 March.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Spencer Park Education Support Centre students were honoured to present the "Acknowledgement to Country" and sing and sign the song "Wanjoo" at the Albany Principal Network Meeting last week.



Aussie of the Month

Our school "Aussie of the Month" Award went to Eden for doing his best work when writing, trying hard in all learning areas and being friendly saying "Good Morning" and using his manners.



Our PBS expectations for Weeks 5 and 6 is "BE YOUR BEST Have a go, make mistakes and take a risk on purpose *which means you should always try*"

Bec Wheatley
Principal

PBS Assembly

At our PBS Assembly this week Mrs Melissa Pears presented the students with the completed paintings of the "Aboriginal Seasons" that they had been working on with Mr Thomas Dimer throughout 2019.



SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL RECYCLING

At Spencer Park Primary School, we are collecting various 362715 items for recycling.

Batteries, Plastic Bread Tags and various Stationary items as listed:

Any pens, any highlighter, any markers and any correction fluid pots.



PBS Golden Bee Award Winners

Our Golden Bee Award Winners for Being Friendly and Being Your Best this week were



Batteries and stationary we recycled in Term 4 2019

Please send any of these items to school for recycling.

Robert L	Robert S
Eden	Logan
Elijah	Rhyan
Thomas	

SCITECH INCURSION

The Scitech van arrived early on Wednesday to set up for a day of exciting experiments to enhance our Science program. The students really enjoyed getting involved in the experiments, which were colourful to say the least!



PARK & WALK OR RIDE TO SCHOOL

National Ride2School day will be celebrated on Friday, 13 March

Breakfast provided in Room 6 from 8.15am for participants.



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.



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.

Spencer Park Hockey Club

Registration details for anyone who would like to play hockey for 2020 season

The link below is for our website where anyone can jump on and register

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/spencerpark/>

BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER
to support young people aged 12 to 18.

About 1 in 4 young Australians experience a common mental illness each year. Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will teach you practical skills to support an adolescent with a mental health problem. Make a real difference to the young people in your community.

YOUTH MHFA TRAINING BENEFITS

KNOWLEDGE	CONFIDENCE	DE-STIGMATISING	SUPPORT
Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.	Increases confidence in providing first aid.	Decreases stigmatising attitudes.	Increases the support provided to others.

"I found the course to be truly beneficial and useful to me as I interact with secondary school students on a daily basis. I have gained the necessary tools to recognize and help those in need!" - Luca

LEARN PRACTICAL FIRST AID SKILLS

- Recognise common mental health problems in young people
- Provide initial help using a practical, evidence-based Action Plan
- Seek appropriate professional help, and
- Respond in a crisis situation

This is a 14-hour educational course, not a therapy or support group.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?
Further information:
Rkuskka@gmail.com / 0433 782 575 / www.humanitix.com.au / www.mhfa.com.au

DATES 23rd & 24th March 2020
TIMES 9am-5pm
COST From \$250
VENUE Albany
FACILITATOR/S Libby

For more information, visit [mhfa.com.au/courses](https://www.mhfa.com.au/courses)



This event is proudly sponsored by Healthway to promote the SunSmart message

SUNSMART ALBANY KITE FIESTA 2020

10am - 4pm, Sunday 29 March 2020
ANZAC Peace Park Albany Foreshore

FREE EVENT



Join Michael and Jan Alvares of

Kite Kinetics

www.kitekinetics.com.au

and Green Skills for kite making and kite flying fun.

Watch the skies for the giant kites! Kite Making kits available for \$6

Bring along your families!

www.birdfestival.greenskills.org.au Green Skills 9848 3310



Does your child need to build their reading confidence?

Paws for Reading



Reading with Dogs!

Why Dogs?

Dogs don't judge

Dogs are great

listeners

Dogs can reduce stress and anxiety of reading to others

Reading with Dogs

2nd Tuesday of every month 4-5pm

Bring a favourite book to read or choose one in the library. Develop reading confidence while reading with dogs. Great for children struggling with reading, children who need to build reading confidence and children with Dyslexia.

For more information

CALL: 6820 3600

BOOKINGS

library.albany.wa.gov.au

A handler and dog will be at the Library ready to listen



#READINGWITHDOGS



WHY DOGS? CALMING ENJOYABLE GREAT LISTENERS NON JUDGEMENTAL

THERE ARE GREAT BENEFITS TO READING WITH DOGS. COME TO ONE OF OUR PAWS FOR READING SESSIONS AND READ WITH SPOTTY FAITH AND MUNROE.



Stressed about back to school costs? Make next year different.



Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

Contact Your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355

Email saverplus@bsl.org.au

Web www.saverplus.org.au

- laptops & tablets
- specialist subjects
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Brotherhood Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dsbs.gov.au for more information.

What is Saver Plus?

- A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.
- Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
- Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Brotherhood Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.
- Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey



Who can join?

- Participants must meet all of the below criteria:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
 - be at least 18 years old
 - have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner)
 - have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves.

Benefits for participants!

- 87% continue to save the same amount or more up to three years after completing this program
- 81% were better equipped for unexpected expenses
- 93% reported increased self-esteem
- 85% had more control over their finances

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2002 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 32,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2004¹:

- 32,000+ participants
- \$17.3m - total amount saved by participants
- \$14m - matched funds paid by ANZ
- \$753 average amount saved per participant

Find out more

- 1300 610 355
- saverplus@bsl.org.au
- www.saverplus.org.au



¹ BSL University, 2016. A number of Saver Plus program activities have been identified such as 2004.

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Regional Roadshow

Lower Great Southern Hockey Association,
Barker Rd, Albany WA 63

ALBANY

U12 Development Clinics

Double Header Sat/Sun sessions
Sat 14 March 2020 09:00 - 11:30
Sun 15 March 2020 08:30 - 11:00

Purpose

- Preparation for participants trialling for SSWA U12's.
- Pre-season preparation for anyone aspiring to improve.
- Develop long term health and wellbeing through Physical Literacy initiatives.

*Open to anyone born in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Cost: \$50

Goldstix U9 Fun Session

Sun 15 March 2020 11:15am - 12:15pm

Hockey WA's Regional Roadshow is giving all U9's a chance to play some Hockey WA Goldstix Games for free!

The hour will be full of fun, skills and games with Hockey WA and regional coaches!

*Fun session FREE

U12 DEVELOPMENT CLINICS
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wahockey/events/59851>

GOLDSTIX U9 FUN SESSION
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wahockey/events/59845>



THE MAGIC COAT FOR KIDS IS COMING TO ALBANY!

Di Wilcox is bringing her Magic Coat Program to Albany and surrounding areas from 16th to 18th March 2020

Providing Primary School aged kids with a mental health tool kit of coping strategies using simple and fun analogies.

Over three days you can learn all about the program AND bring your kids along to two of Di's most popular Workshops to help them learn HOW to deal with Worry & Anxiety and/or Friendship Issues & Bullying.



Di Wilcox

All at the **BERYL GRANT COMMUNITY CENTRE**
31 Townsend Street, Lockyer:

FREE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Monday 16th March 2020, 7.30pm to 8.30pm
BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIOCN>

FREE PARENT & CHILD WORKSHOP
Helping your child to deal with Worry & Anxiety
Tuesday 17th March 2020, 4pm to 5.30pm
BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIOCF>

FREE PARENT & CHILD WORKSHOP
Helping your child deal with Friendship Issues & Bullying
Wednesday 18th March 2020, 4pm to 5.30pm
BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIOCG>

to find out more go to www.themagiccoat.com or on Facebook page: www.facebook.com/themagiccoat1982

Proudly brought to you by:



The Magic Coat for Kids proudly presents:

Di Wilcox's Unique Parent and Child Workshops -

Helping Your Child to Deal with Worry and Anxiety



In this interactive 90-minute workshop you and your child will learn how to recognize what worries your child has and how to deal with these in a simple and effective way, whilst learning:

- What is worry and anxiety
- How to use a Worry Ladder to help your child manage everything that is going on in their mind
- How to put worries into perspective
- How to manage panic attacks

Children will be introduced to The Magic Coat and taught how the different characters that live inside the pocket can help them with their anxiety, on a day to day basis.

This workshop will also give you the tools of communication to create a strong bond between parent and child and build your child's self-confidence.

This workshop is suitable for children ages approximately 6-11 years and may also suit older children.

Presented by:



Di Wilcox

Date: Tuesday 17th March 2020

Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Venue: The Beryl Grant Community Centre
31 Townsend Street, Lockyer

Ticket Price: FREE!

Booking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIOCF>

Proudly Supported by:



The Magic Coat for Kids proudly presents:

A FREE Magic Coat for Kids Parenting Information Night



Every child at one time or another will be anxious or worried or encounter friendship issues – and as parents we all want to know what we can do to best help them through these times.

To help us learn HOW we can help our kids, and give them strategies they can use to help themselves, Di Wilcox will step parents through the simple yet powerfully effective analogies of The Magic Coat and the reasons for them.

Di has received numerous awards for her work, including Momentums Most Inspirational Woman of the Year award in 2013. She presents Magic Coat Workshops all over the world, and works with the police, psychologists, prisons and schools here in WA. See themagiccoat.com for further info.

Di will then be running her unique Parent AND Child Workshops on Helping kids to deal with Worry & Anxiety and Helping kids to deal with Friendship Issues and Bullying at the Beryl Grant Community Centre on 17th & 18th March 2020.

This FREE Seminar gives you the chance to hear from Di first, then book in to one or both of the Workshops with your child, if you love what you hear!

Presented by:



Di Wilcox

Date: Monday 16th March 2020

Time: 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Venue: The Beryl Grant Community Centre
31 Townsend Street, Lockyer

Ticket Price: FREE!

Booking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIOCN>

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The Magic Coat for Kids proudly presents:

Di Wilcox's Unique Parent and Child Workshops -

Helping Your Child to Deal with Friendship Issues and Bullying



In this interactive 90-minute workshop, you and your child will learn how to manage friendships, deal with any bullying they might see or face, and build their self-confidence, whilst learning:

- The difference between healthy and unhealthy friendships
- How to manage a conflict in a friendship
- How to manage time on their own
- The difference between a friendship fight and bullying
- How to stand up to a bully without being a bully
- How to build self-confidence

Children will be introduced to The Magic Coat and taught how the different characters that live inside the pockets can help them in their friendships on a daily basis.

This workshop will also give you the tools of communication to create a strong bond between parent and child and build your child's self-confidence.

This workshop is suitable for children ages approximately 6-11 years, and may also suit older children.

Presented by:



Di Wilcox

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2020

Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Venue: The Beryl Grant Community Centre
31 Townsend Street, Lockyer

Ticket Price: FREE!

Booking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIOCG>

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