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Welcome Back & Attendance

It is great to see all the students return from holidays and getting straight back into learning and school routines. It is vitally important that all students come to school every day that they are well. With the lost time earlier this year, teaching and learning programs have been disrupted and all staff are working hard to ensure that teaching outcomes are maximized. Parents can assist by sending students to school.

Swimming Lessons

Over the last few weeks PP-Yr 4 students have been participating in swimming lessons at ALAC. It is great that we can get students back to participating in these types of events. Thanks to the many parents who have come along to the pool to encourage and assist students.



COVID Update

In line with Phase 4 easing of restrictions the school is happy to announce that parent attendance at assemblies is once again possible. Seating will be spaced according to the 1.5m rule and hand sanitizer will be available on entering and leaving the hall. We would ask that only parents of the performing class and award winners attend and that any parents that

are unwell do not attend. Our first assembly this term will be hosted by Room 1 on Friday 7 August.

It is great that we can return to some type of normality, but we do ask that everyone takes the necessary precautions to maintain this stage. The school will continue to undertake extra cleaning and encourage students to undertake good hygiene practices.

Netball Carnival

Our Year 6 students will be participating in the Katanning Netball Carnival on Friday 31 July. We wish them well as they participate and compete in this interschool carnival. Thank you to Ms Cheetham for training our team and organizing our school's involvement.

Flannie Day - Food Drive

After the wonderful success of our Flannie Food Drive last year, we would like to encourage all parents and students to once again wear a Flannelette Shirt and bring along a non-perishable food item on Wednesday 5 August. All food donated will be provided to Foodbank to distribute to families in need or those that are homeless.



Jeremy Hadlow Principal

FUTURE DATES

Flannie Food Day Drive Wed 5 Aug Assembly Room 1 Fri 7 Aug Bookweek 10-14 Aug Bookweek Assembly Room 25 Fri 14 Aug Science Week 17-21 Aug

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Do Your Best			
PP1	Addyson	Rm 9	Robert
Rm 1	Devin	Rm 11	Cody
Rm 2	Kaylah	Rm 19	Jaxon
Rm 3	Alyssa	Rm 24	Ryka
Rm 8	Drake	Rm 25	Ella

AUSLAN SIGNING

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!





Our school is participating in the FLANNIE DAY FOOD DRIVE charity event to help raise awareness and take action on homelessness and hunger in our community.

We are asking students to wear their flannies (flannelette shirt) to school on FLANNIE DAY, Wednesday August 5, and to donate non-perishable food items for the FLANNIE DAY Food Drive. Students can bring their food donations in to school any time from now up until FLANNIE DAY.

Our food donations will go to Foodbank, who are the local organization who strive to help locals who have fallen on tough times.

It has been determined that: Every 500 grams donated = 1 standard meal Our school goal is to donate 300 meals / 150 kg.

Important Details:

Wednesday 5 August is FLANNIE DAY Students (and parents too) wear your flannie to school (you may prefer for your child to wear their flannie over their usual school clothes). Bring in non-perishable food donations. Place your food donations in your child's classroom or Room 6.

Only non-perishable foods can be donated. Here are a few suggestions: CANS of soup, baked beans, tuna, veggies, peaches, juices; JARS of peanut butter, vegemite, honey or other spreads, baby food, pasta sauces, curry sauces; PACKETS of pasta, rice, noodles or packet meals; BOXES of breakfast cereal, long life milk. Cans must be sealed, cannot be dented or the labels of the can damaged or scratched off.

We know that FLANNIE DAY will be a fun day for students as well as an opportunity to learn about the important role that each one of us can play in supporting those experiencing hardship in our community. We hope you are as keen as we are to team up to help make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged Aussies.

On FLANNIE DAY we will be taking some photos, which may be posted on social media.

Please direct any questions or suggestions about FLANNIE DAY to the Front Office.



PBS Golden Bee Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have been extra wonderful at using our PBS expectations and have earned a Golden Bee Award:

Quin, Riley, Ruby, Robert L, Anakin, Elijah and Talon.



Quin, Harry, Isla and Robert received a canteen voucher for their amazing effort to Be Safe and Use equipment safely.



Mr Greaves, Mrs Fleay, Mrs Quartermaine and Mrs Quindong received canteen vouchers for their excellent effort to Be Friendly, Be Safe and Be Their Best.

PBS expectation of the week

Be your Best and try something new. Some things you can do at school to "Be your Best and try something new" might be to:

- Have a go at trying something you think looks hard to do
- Not to worry if you make a mistake, try it again
- If you think you can't do it, ask someone to help you have a go
- When the teacher or someone you know asks you to try something new that you haven't done before... try it

Key Word/AUSLAN sign of the fortnight

<u>Don't like</u> is our sign for the fortnight. <u>Don't</u> is thumb and index finger touching, and move hand away from body. <u>Like</u> is hand placed on chest.





Communicating and playing

We have new communication signs in our playground to assist students and staff to communicate with each other and to guide the students to follow the rules for each play area. The signs use the images from the student's PODDs and are a great initiative from staff to improve communication during student breaks.







Local seasons

Our garden is looking brighter and more informative, thanks to local artist Thomas Dimer. Mr Dimer created murals depicting the 6 Noongar seasons and provide an interesting perspective on the various elements that make up the different seasons. Have a look in our garden next time you're passing by.



Bec Wheatley Principal



RECYCLING AT SPPS

Thank you to all our students and their families. The following photos show some 272891 of the items we have recycled in the first half of 2020. Bread tags. Batteries (any domestic size). Pens, Markers, High Lighters and Textas.

Parents are reminded that any of these items can be sent to school for recycling.







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.

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?

Book Week Book Swap Thursday, 13 August



Do you have any preloved but in good condition books at home that you think another student might enjoy reading?

Send them in to the library. Now!

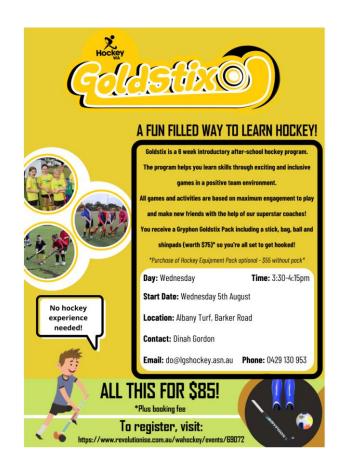
At lunch time on Thursday 22 students who have sent books to the library will be invited back to choose a swapped book to take home and keep.

Bring 1 book - take 1 book home. Bring 5 books - take 5 books home.

Don't miss out on this great chance to update your bookshelf.

See you there.





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.





Are you are parent or carer of a child aged 0-5?

Learn how to feed your family quick, low cost, healthy meals that your whole family will love and put the fun back into mealtimes.

Join Foodbank WA's university qualified nutritionists and dietitians for a fun, interactive healthy eating program from the comfort of your own hom

Food Sensations® for Parents ONLINE is a free nutrition education program designed for parents of 0-5 year olds to provide them with the knowledge and skills to confidently prepare nutritious meals for themselves and their families. Our LIVE online program runs over four weeks and is designed to be interactive in a safe environment where you can ask us nutrition questions and learn from other parents.

Over 4 sessions, you will learn:

- Healthy eating for children aged 0-5 years including introduction to solids
 Tips for taking the stress out of mealtimes
 Lunchboxes and label reading
 Feeding the family on a budget

All you need is an internet connection and a laptop/computer or phone/tablet device and access to ZOOM.

Each participant who completes the programs will receive recipe booklets with easy, step-by-step, low cost recipes for the whole family, handouts, a portion plate and a Certification of Completion.

To make a booking, please go to our program calendar on the Foodbank WA website: https://www.foodbank.org.au/WA/food-sensations-for-parents/3state=wa or call Michelle on (08) 9463-3230 or email foodsensationsparents@foodbankwa.org.au.



Register for your free seminar

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Get support, information and tips to give your child the best start in life.

Triple P gives you simple, practical strategies to help you raise happy and confident children. Attend a free session near you, or talk to your school about how they can provide a free seminar for your school community.

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Children thrive when they are raised in a nurturing environment

The early years are so important, Triple P

gives mums and dads ideas on how to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood.

Learn proven strategies from trained facilitators to:

- raise happy, confident children
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life
- set rules and routines that everyone respects
- encourage behaviour you like
- take care of yourself as a parent.



Find a free session near you

Seminar 1, 'The Power of Positive Parenting', is provided free of charge to parents of children across Western Australia, thanks to the support of the State Government.

Take advantage of this incredible opportunity. Find a seminar near you at education.wa.edu.au/triplep

Further free seminars and discussion groups are available for parents of young children and teenagers. If you prefer, you can register for Triple P Online (a fee applies).

Attend a session at your school

We support all public schools to host free Triple P seminars at their school, a Child and Parent Centre or other community venue, so that every Western Australian Family has the opportunity to benefit from this positive parenting program.

Talk to your school about how they can host a free Triple P seminar for your community.



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