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## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

### Video Games and Movies

Fortnite and Grand Theft Auto are two games that teachers are hearing more about during school and play time and it is causing lots of concern. Play time at school should be about sporting games, learning to share, exploring nature and being active. Over the last few years' young children are referring to these games and acting out some of the behaviours and using associated language. This is highly concerning given that Grand Theft Auto is rated 'M' and suitable for 17+ years and that Fortnite is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

Children who are subject to games that have high levels of violence and or sexual references are displaying some of these behaviour and attitudes at school. Please DO NOT let your children play these games or watch you playing them - they do more harm than you think!

For further reading about this topic please view the following:

- [Online Gaming](#)
- [Video Games and Children: Playing with Violence](#)
- [Parent Guide - Screen Time Violence](#)
- [This is Your Child's Brain and Video Games](#)

### School Photos

On Wednesday and Thursday, the school held our school photos. Photos for student councilors, faction captains and the choir will be taken and can be organized via information provided in future newsletters or via SMS.

### Open Night



Thank you to all the parents and other visitors who came to our Open Night last Wednesday night. Although the weather wasn't the best it was fantastic to see many parents, grandparents and other visitors come along and view student work. The school is very appreciative of the support shown for these types of evenings and we hope that everyone enjoyed the opportunity to view student work. Thank you to all the parents that assisted with the Yr 6 camp fundraiser in the canteen - over \$1000 was made during the evening!

It's not too late. Parents that missed out on undertaking the [School Survey](#) can still do so via the link.

### Docker's Cup

Congratulations to the Yr 4-6 girls that attended the Docker's Cup competition last Friday. Our team played very well throughout the competition and only lost two games the whole day. It is great to see our students participating so well against other larger schools across Albany. Thank you to Mr Luscombe for his organisation and coaching of the team

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### FUTURE DATES

Assembly POE Rm 8	Fri 25 Sept
Last day Term 3	Fri 25 Sept
First day Term 4	Tues 13 Oct

## Albany Spelling Competition

Congratulations to the students below who participated in the Albany Spelling Championship on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Our students had to correctly spell words as a team and then identify different word meanings. The competition included four other schools across the Albany area as well as Cranbrook PS. The competition was very close throughout the day with a tie breaker required to determine a winner for the Yr 3/4 competition and only one point separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Yr 5/6 competition. Our Yr 3/4 teams came first (team 1) and fourth and our Yr 5/6 teams came third (team 2) and fifth. A huge thank you to Mrs Moreton for her coordination and hard work throughout the day.



Year 5/6	Year 3/4
Team 1	Team 1
Portia Year 5	Sophia Year 3
Amelia Year 5	Esther Year 4
Venja Year 6	Charlotte Year 4
Lily-Anne Year 6	
Team 2	Team 2
Heath Year 6	Vela Year 3
Ziggy Year 6	Anima Year 4
Alexia Year 5	Evie Year 4

## Cash for Cans

Over the holidays we would like all families to be collecting cans and bottles that are suitable for the container deposit scheme. From 1<sup>st</sup> October every eligible container can be recycled for 10c each. These containers will be able to be dropped off at school after holidays in one of our 'Cash for Containers' bins that will be located in each of our car parks. Alternatively, containers can be taken to Spencer Park IGA collection centre and labelled with our schools code (C10268463). All funds raised will go to the SPPS P&C for future projects for our students – so get collecting!

## James Foley

Last Friday Rooms 3-11 were treated to a free workshop provided by the Albany Public Library to celebrate Children's Book Week. The students were treated to the amazing, wildly talented and inspiring James Foley, who undertook a workshop about being an illustrator/author. Students had an opportunity to see how James created his pictures and how these then come to life in his writing.

Students interested in purchasing one of the many books written by James can find them at Paper Bark.



## Holidays

It is that time of the term again, where we take a couple of weeks break for holidays! Please have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and get ready for a very busy term 4. We have an amazing Concert Night planned for week 3 and our Yr 6 students go on camp in week 5. Thank you to all the staff and parents for your support of the school throughout the term.

Jeremy Hadlow  
Principal

## 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.







## PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

### PBS Golden Bee Award Winners

Congratulations to our students that were awarded a Golden Bee at the last PBS Assembly for the term, for being extra wonderful to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best. These students were Isla, Xavier, Logan, Jayden and Paul.

Brodie and Quin earned canteen vouchers for remembering to raise their hand when they wanted to speak.



### PBS expectation of the week

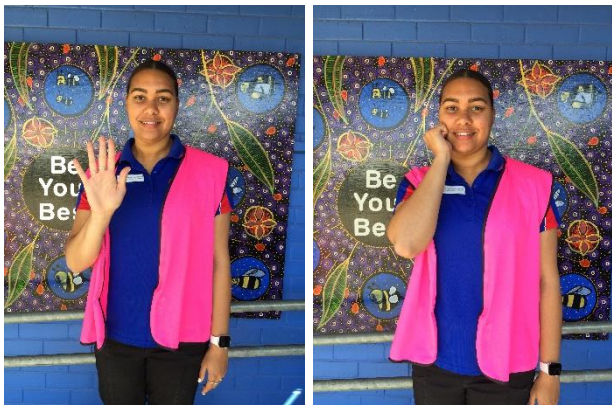
Be Safe during holidays - Stop and Wait when crossing the road.

### Keyword/AUSLAN sign of the fortnight

Stop - Wait. *Stop* - Hand open, facing forward. *Wait* - Closed fist shaped hand placed on cheek.

### Student Ninja Adventures

Our students have had an amazing term with their ongoing effort to use our school's PBS expectations and earned themselves a visit to Albany Indoor Adventures as their end of term PBS reward. Students thoroughly enjoyed testing out their ninja abilities and playing on the playground facilities.



### Combined Schools Assembly

Our students recently hosted the combined schools assembly with Spencer Park Primary School. They did an amazing job, opening the assembly by using Auslan to sign the national anthem, Advance Australia Fair, demonstrating their drumming skills and leading all students in a spot of boot-scooting. During the assembly, Rhyan, Emily, Quin, Humphrey, Rhyzel and Jameson received a Golden Bee Award for their consistent effort to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best. Well done to all of our students!







### School Holidays

We wish you a happy and relaxing holiday break. School resumes on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October for students.

Bec Wheatley  
Principal

## 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](mailto: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?

## HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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



Rm 1	Chayse, Lilly
Rm 2	Hudson, Imogen, Alexia
Rm 3	Sofie, Harrison
Rm 8	Jarvis, Bailey
Rm 9	Huntar, Hailey, John
Rm 11	Venja, Caiden
Rm 19	Zeke, Angus, Justin
Rm 24	Joshua, Evie
Rm 25	Tahnaya, Ronald
Science Mrs Murray	Jarvis Rm 8 Chloe Rm 25 Lily Anne Rm 11 Phoenix Rm 9 Erin Rm 19

## VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Do Your Best		Honesty & Trustworthiness	
PP1	Havana	PP1	Connor
Rm 1	Aya	Rm 1	Zayve
Rm 2	Hudson	Rm 2	Detroy
Rm 3	Elliott	Rm 3	Ella
Rm 8	Emerald	Rm 8	Ella
Rm 9	Syrus	Rm 9	Marley
Rm 11	Winter	Rm 11	Keeley
Rm 19	Taj	Rm 19	Emelia
Rm 24	Hayley	Rm 24	Billy-Jai
Rm 25	Chloe	Rm 25	Kailee



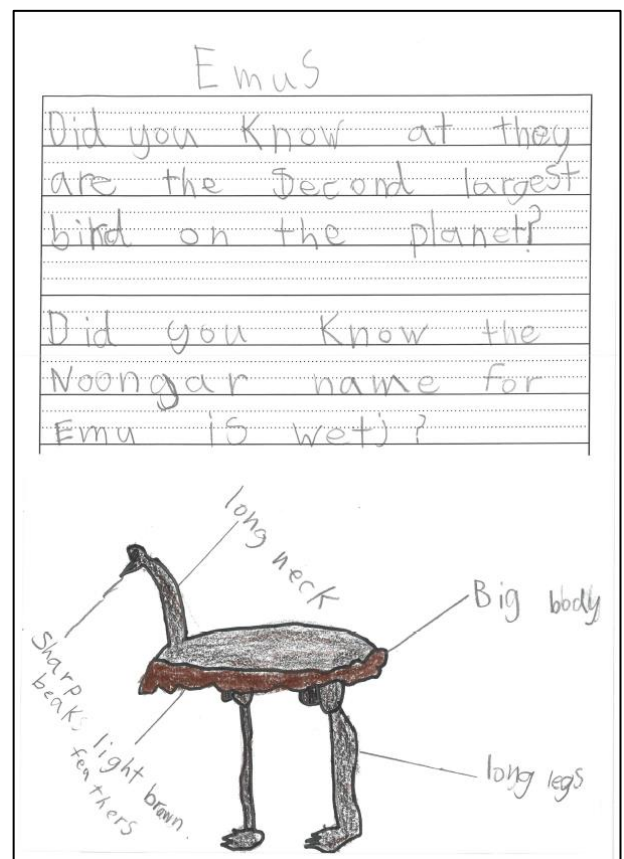
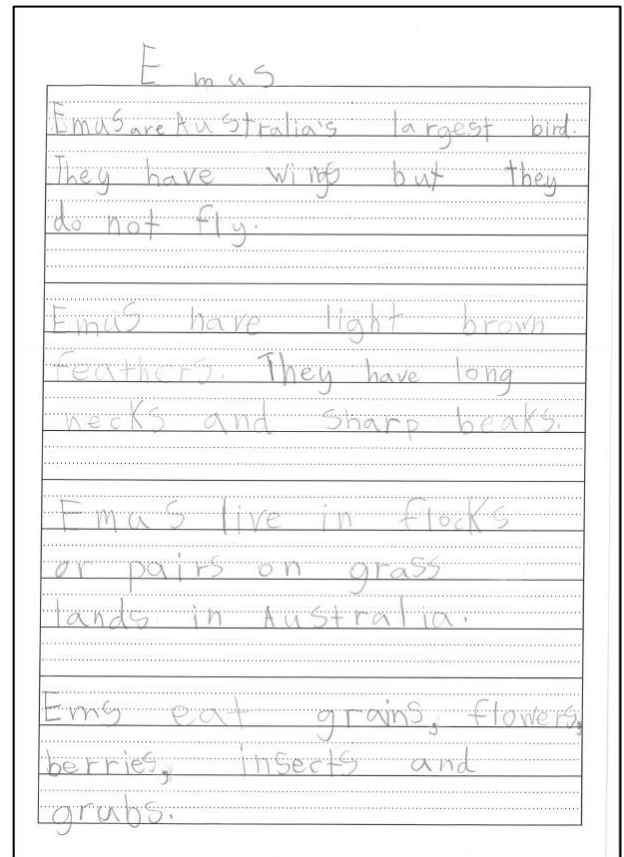
# WELCOME TO THE AUSSIE OUTBACK!

Did you know that a Thorny Devil changes colour according to the outside temperature or that Australia's wild dog, the dingo, is known for howling not barking?



Over the last few weeks, Room 19 (Year 2) students have taken their writing toolkits, and ventured beyond the black stump, and into the Australian Outback to research and write about some of the incredibly unique and diverse animals inhabiting our country.

They have been busy researching Australian animals and viewing them in their natural 119253 habitats, planning, writing and editing our information reports, as well as designing, collecting, and creating magnificent dioramas.



Why not take a gander at their [photo gallery](#) or read about Australian animals:

- [Thorny Devil](#)
- [Crocodile](#)
- [Echidna](#)
- [Dingo](#)
- [Bilby](#)



## Chaplain's Chat

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the new colours of Spring that we're seeing in gardens at the moment.

Just lately I've been feeling thankful, as this term comes to an end, and I think about all that's been done in our school community. As we've played catch up with extra events being scheduled, it's been a pleasure to see children enthusiastically participate... Swimming lessons, netball in Katanning, Book Week, Science Week, Spelladamic, our Open Night, Dockers' and Eagles' Cup football...

How wonderful that we have those who make these things happen, to provide our students with the opportunity to flourish and create special memories of school life.

Thank you for encouraging and supporting your children in what they do. I sincerely hope that all in our school community have the chance to rest and relax over the coming holidays - it will be very well earned.

Kind regards,  
Jennifer Hunt

## 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.*

## DENTAL SCREENING

Dental screening was completed on Pre-primary, Year 3, and Year 6 students enrolled with the Dental Therapy Centre on Tuesday the 22nd September. The purpose of screening is for the Dental Officer to determine which children are ready to be referred to an orthodontist. Screening does not take the place of a routine dental examination. Appointments will be posted home for parents and children who require a consult with the Dental Officer. Children who are too young for a referral at this stage are placed on review and will be monitored.

Parents are reminded to contact the Dental Therapy Centre if they have changed address in the last few years as the school is unable to provide these details. Many appointments that we issue are returned due to a change of address. Please advise us if your child is already under the care of another dentist as your valuable appointment could be given to someone else. If you have any questions or concerns, please call on 9841 3967.

Thankyou from the Dental Team.



### KEY WORD SIGN Workshop

FREE FULL DAY WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES, CARERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

LEARN THE BASICS OF KEY WORD SIGNING AND DIFFERENT METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

Key Word Sign is the use of manual signs and natural gestures to support communication. It can be used with both children and adults, and can benefit communicators who have difficulties with attention, comprehension and / or developing speech. Attendance at this workshop includes a 'Getting Started with Key Word Sign' book.

#### WHAT WILL I LEARN

- An interactive sign vocabulary (signs that you can use all the time)
- How to use Key Word Sign and use other communication supports (pictures, communication devices etc.)
- Strategies for identifying and teaching appropriate vocabulary

Where: Albany Business Centre 222 Chester Pass Road

When: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Time: 9am to 4pm

Facilitator: Natasha Duncan (Therapy Focus).

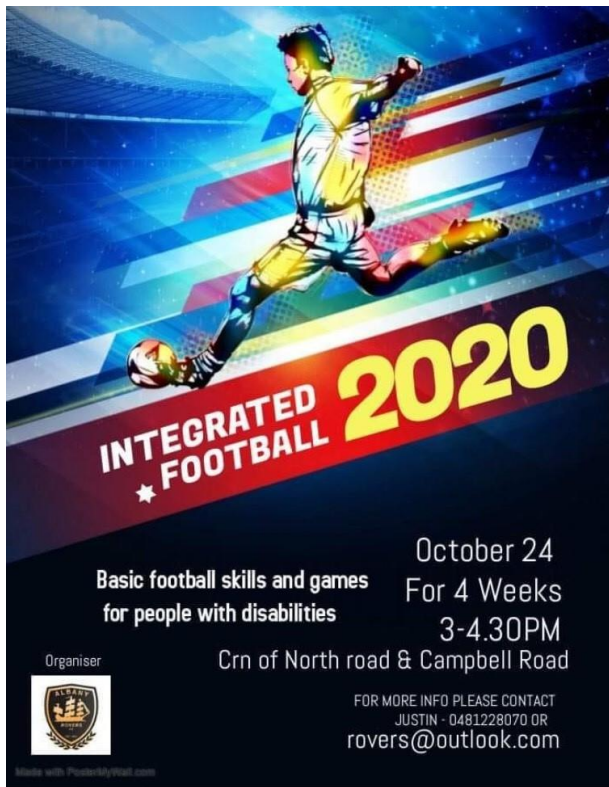
Light lunch provided

To register phone: 0448 137 192 or Email: mmorgan@wanslea.asn.au

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