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We value positive relationships and understanding between students of different cultures and abilities.

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## NEWSLETTER No.16

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## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

### Welcome Back

I would like to welcome all families and students back to the beginning of term four. This term will be a very busy one with lots of wonderful activities and events planned. Our PP1 class will perform their assembly tomorrow and week three includes our Concert night, an incursion and the jumps and throws section of the athletics carnival.

### Containers for Change

We are now able to collect various containers and exchange these for 10c at various locations in Albany including Spencer Park IGA. Most aluminum, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible. The school will be collecting containers for the P&C in large cages that will be located in the car parks. These will hopefully be in place in the coming weeks.



### Fire Season

With summer on the way the school would like to inform parents and the wider community that the school has updated our Stand Alone Fire Plan. This plan outlines what the school will do if a fire threatens the school and if staff and students need to evacuate. During a lockdown or evacuation, the school will attempt to keep all parents informed. For more information about specifics of the plan please contact the school.

### New Deputy Principal

I would like to welcome Ms Cassandra Harris-Moroney who has come to us from Mt Manypeaks where she was assisting in administration. Cassandra comes with extensive administrative experience in both level 3 & 5 schools across both primary and DHS contexts. She will be sharing the Deputy Principal roles with Mr Luscombe and Mrs Ruffell. Please make her feel welcome.



### Parent Requests for 2021 Student Placements

Parents are welcome to submit written inputs with respect to class placements. The submissions must be based on educational reasons, addressed to "The Principal" and marked "Confidential". (All written parent submissions will be given consideration but will not automatically be accommodated.) Written submissions must be sent to the Principal by Friday 13 November. You can submit requests in person or by emailing [spencerpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:spencerpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au).

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## FUTURE DATES

Assembly PP1	Fri 23 Oct
P&C Meeting	Mon 26 Oct
Concert Night	Wed 28 Oct
Kaboom Incursion	Thurs 29 Oct
Faction Athletics	
Jumps & Throws	Fri 30 Oct
Faction Athletics	
4 Track	Mon 2 Nov
IMSS Concert	Thurs 5 Nov

## Concert in the Park

Next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 5.30pm sharp the school will hold our second Concert in the Park. Classes will perform a song, play or poem and parents and community members are invited to bring a rug or deck chair and find a comfy spot on the oval outside the undercover area. Please bring along your own food as the canteen will not be open. We aim to have the show completed by 7.00pm at the latest. Once students have performed their item they will be allowed to sit with parents/caregivers. If the weather is not suitable for an outside performance, we will need to cancel the event as the Hall is not large enough to cater for such an event under Stage 4 Restrictions. A program overview will be sent home shortly.

## School Contact

We would like to remind all parents and caregivers to please use the generic school contact details ([SpencerPark.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:SpencerPark.PS@education.wa.edu.au)) when informing the school about matters such as *pick up instructions after school* or *lunch orders* etc. Please do not message teaching staff as they will not always have time to check messages, emails etc. When wanting to discuss other issues such as teaching and learning programs etc. that are not time sensitive, then please email teachers directly or leave a message with the front office for teachers to call back.

## Stage 4 Restrictions Continue

As many of you would already be aware the State Government has extended the Stage 4 Restrictions, which will have some implications for larger events at the school:

- **Class Assemblies** - The school would request that only parents of students performing in the assembly or receiving an award attend and please exercise physical distancing and good hygiene practices.
- **Concert Night** - As an outside event all parents and community members are welcome and asked to undertake physical distancing and good hygiene practices. The event will be cancelled if the weather is not suitable.
- **Faction Carnival** - As an outside event all parents and community members are welcome and asked to undertake physical distancing and good hygiene practices. The event will be postponed if the weather is not suitable.
- **Colour Explosion** - As an outside event all parents and community members are welcome and asked to undertake physical distancing and good hygiene practices. The event will be postponed if the weather is not suitable.
- **Christmas Concert & POE Assembly** - The school would request that only parents of students performing in the assembly or receiving an award attend and please exercise physical distancing and good hygiene practices.

- **Graduation** - Restrictions on the number of staff, non-graduating students and invited guests will be applied to ensure that priority is given to family members. Further information regarding graduation will be sent home in the coming weeks to those families involved.

Jeremy Hadlow  
Principal

## VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Care for our World			
PP1	Michael	Rm 9	Zak
Rm 1	Cody	Rm 11	Connor
Rm 2	Tyler	Rm 19	Zeke
Rm 3	Tahni	Rm 24	Billy Jai
Rm 8	Allikae	Rm 25	Oliver

## PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES

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



Rm 1	Lilly	
Rm 2	Isaiah	
Rm 3	Harrison	
Rm 8	Storm	
Rm 9	Lexi	
Rm 11	Venja	
Rm 18	Cody	
Rm 19	Ebony	
Rm 25	Jack	
Science	Agyarko	Rm 11
HASS	Caiden	Rm 11
HASS	Ronan	Rm 19
Music	Kaylah	Rm 2





## PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

### PBS Golden Bee Award Winners

Congratulations to our recipients of the Golden Bee this week. Robert S, Tairhys and Autumn have been extra wonderful at using our PBS Expectations, to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best.



Mrs Fleay earned a canteen voucher for her excellent effort to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best.



### PBS expectation of the week

Be Safe when crossing the road, when walking in the carpark or getting on and off the bus.

### Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, our SPESC staff will be running a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings, to raise funds for student classroom furniture. We'd love to see some familiar faces, and tell your friends to pop down too.



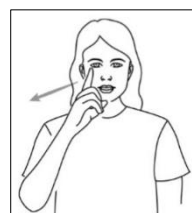
Sunday 25th October - Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser  
Come and see us!

### Keyword/AUSLAN sign of the fortnight

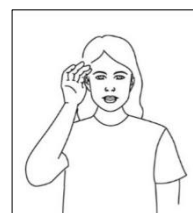
Stop, Look, Listen: *Stop* - Move open dominant hand forward, palm away from body. *Look* - Move dominant index finger forward from eye. *Listen* - Place a slightly cupped dominant hand behind ear on same side, palm forward.



Stop



Look



Listen

### Upcoming School Events

- Athletics Carnival with SPPS: 2 November 2020
- Colour Explosion with SPPS: 6 November 2020
- Student Swimming Lessons: 10 - 20 November 2020
- Staff Professional Development Day: 13 November 2020

Bec Wheatley  
Principal

## MOVING IN 2021?

As we move towards the end of the year it is important that we have an accurate picture of school numbers for the new school year. It is crucial that you inform the school of any intention to move from Spencer Park in 2021. Our funding and the way we organise our classes is dependent on a clear understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school. From here on in and for the remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2021 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

## VACSWIM SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

## THE EARLY CHILDHOOD

## VEGIE PATCH

The space between the Library and T&E shed is being developed into a vegie patch. Kindy, Pre-primary, Year one and two children will be using it as part of their hands-on learning. Science classes will also be able to access this area.



Our Maintenance Blitz Funding enabled us to purchase a small tool shed, 3 raised garden beds, outside sink and work station and get some landscaping completed, with a new trellis for our passionfruit vine to grow up, a windbreak garden and a fruit tree garden bed. Unfortunately, that was the limit of our funding. We still needed to get plants!



Lisa Gungor, Activities Officer for Bunnings, has been a great supporter of various activities for Spencer Park Primary in the past. When she was approached to see if Bunnings could provide a few plants to establish the Vegie Patch her generous reply was 'Of course!'



We have now planted 5 fruit trees, a rosemary bush, 3 lavenders, 2 tomatoes and received an extra raised garden bed (when they arrive). It created some excitement amongst the children instantly. An additional apple tree was donated by the wonderful Landscaper, Stuart Munro who has been beautifying some areas around our school. Unfortunately, the first

day of the holidays someone took our lemon tree which was part of the windbreak garden.

At least we have the bones of a Vegie Patch. We are hoping that the children experience endless learning opportunities in the natural world.

Thank you to Lisa for your kind donation, Stuart for setting up the garden beds and the apple tree, Mr Vickers for putting our shed together and making an awesome wash up station

Dear Lisa

Thank you for the plum, Apple and lemon tree. We will take good care of them. I especially like the plum tree I hope I can have a juicy fat plum. From Erin Steery Room 19

Dear Lisa Lisa

We love your plants and trees we will take good care of them. I really like the apple tree and I'm looking forward to some crunchy apples. I love to go in the vegetable patch and look for some bugs that help the plants grow like bees and worms. From Jesse Fuller Room 19

## AUSLAN SIGNING

We continue our series of Auslan Sign Language across the school as our Language Other Than English (LOTE). 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!

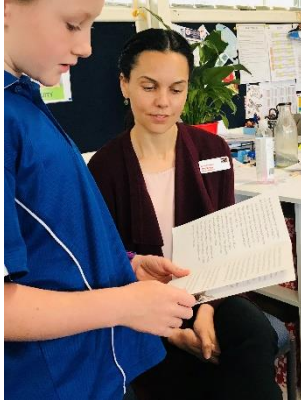




## NEWS FROM ROOM 3

Hello, my name is Helen Pirga and I am pre-service teacher who will be completing my professional placement at Spencer Park Primary. I am a students of Edith Cowan Universities Master of Teaching program and I am very excited to be spending the first 5 weeks of Term 4 in Room 3 with Ms Reading and her wonderful class.

This is my second professional placement and the half way point of my studies. My family have called Albany home for the last 10 years and my three beautiful children were my inspiration to follow a career in teaching. Prior to having a family, I worked in the field of Environmental Science. Environmental protection and sustainability are still passions of mine and I hope to pass some aspects of this onto students through their learning experiences.



Having spent one day a week in Ms Reading classroom in the final half of Term 3 I have had the opportunity to build positive relationships with both students and staff. Everyone has been extremely welcoming and encouraging and as such I am very much looking forward to the coming 5 weeks.

In addition to furthering my professional development, my personal goal is to assist students to the best of my ability. My hope is that they feel supported both emotionally and academically and as such truly enjoy their time at school.

Kind regards  
Helen Pirga

## RECYCLING AT SPSPS

Thank you to all our students and their families. The following 119153 photos show some of the items we have recycled in Term 3. 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.



## 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?

## MEDALLION DONATIONS



If you would like to donate a pair of medallions for our Faction Sports Carnival please return the slip below to the school office with your donation. Medallions are \$16.00 per pair and

will have the name of the donor engraved on them.

Parent help is also requested for the faction sports carnival on 30 October & 2 November. If you are available to assist with either the jumps and throws on Friday or the track events on Monday please return the slip below.

I would like to sponsor a pair of medallions and enclose \$16.00.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Sponsor name to be put on medallion.

\_\_\_\_\_

Yes I am available to assist with the Sports Carnival.

Friday 30 October ☐  
Monday 2 November ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**EXCITING NEWS!** We are **RE-BOOTING** the School Colour Explosion™ Run. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and support during this time. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects..

The School Colour Explosion™ Run will be held on Friday 6 November starting at 2.20pm. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

**COLOUR POWDER:** The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

**HOW DOES MY CHILD FUNDRAISE?** Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising. Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time. If you need a new booklet, please see the office (limited number available).

**STUDENT PROFILE PAGE.** Create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) which is unique to you. There are also some great features like creating your own avatar, selecting your prize goal and recording your sponsorships.

Online fundraising is the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner. You can share your fundraising page to family and friends through Facebook, Twitter, email and even text message with a few simple clicks.

**WIN A DREAM HOLIDAY WORTH \$10,000!** For your chance to win a \$10,000 Flight Centre Gift Voucher, create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and for every \$10 raised you will receive one entry into the draw to win. The more you raise the more chances to win.

**WIN A CRUISE OF YOUR CHOICE!** The highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win a \$5,000 cruise of your choice. To enter, you must create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and you can view your ranking on our school's leaderboard.

**HOW TO ORDER PRIZES?** To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash and online. You have two options to place your prize order: Login to your Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au). Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button via the dashboard, OR Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school for processing.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before 8 November and student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a **BLAST OF COLOUR!** Happy fundraising!  
Erika Leak, P&C President

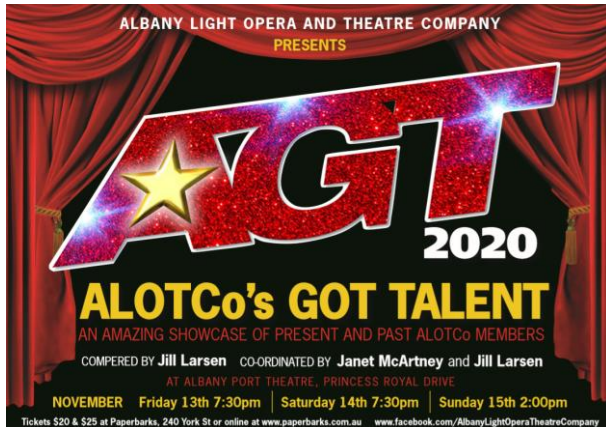



## SECRET CODE

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.





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**GIFTED AND TALENTED  
SECONDARY SELECTIVE  
ENTRANCE PROGRAM**



**Information Session**

Parents & Guardians of students in Year 5 and below, are invited to attend one of our information sessions on the Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program.

*The Program will commence face to face in 2022.*

**29 OCTOBER 2020**

- ▼ Session 1  
12 Noon
- ▼ Session 2  
6.00 pm
- ▼ Location  
Albany Senior High School



**AnglicareWA**

If you or someone you know are struggling to meet education expenses (including school camps/excursions), car repairs, utilities bills, cost of living, etc, please contact AnglicareWA Financial Counselling Services, as we may be able to help. There is an option or strategy for each unique financial situation. Please reach out for support. Our service is free. AnglicareWA also provides various other forms of support to families and individuals. Ph 9845-6666 for all enquiries or appointments.



## Commencing 2022 at Albany Senior High School

Your child can discover a world of opportunities in our Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program. Your child will study with other exceptionally able students in learning environments that will challenge, inspire and empower them to excel every day. They will follow a curriculum designed specifically for their needs and will have access to universities, industry bodies and mentoring programs as well as the opportunity to take part in competitions at national and international levels.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>



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Day Wednesday during school terms  
Place Cnr of Spencer & Serpentine Rd  
Age Year you turn 13

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