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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

New Undercover Area for School Garden

For those that haven't travelled along Reidy Drive recently the school has invested in a new undercover shelter in the garden area to engage students in science lessons. This area will provide shelter for lessons during the winter and summer months, so that outdoor science lessons can continue regardless of conditions. A new water tank has also been installed to catch rain, which will be used in the gardening process. Improvements to this area will continue to provide students and staff with a wonderful outdoor learning space that connects academic learning with hands on activities.



Young Writers Workshops

Our school has hosted a number of Young Writers workshops over the last few terms, which have been opportunities for our Year 6 students to work with established authors and learn the skills of becoming a skilled writer. Several schools participated in the workshops that included a day each for primary and secondary students. What did our students like?

Ellie – Writing Yoga, stretching preparation for writing.
Ella – Backstories behind authors books.
Agyarko – Designing a character.

Imogen – Learning where the author got her stories from.

Ziva – The authors imagination.

Indigo – Using my imagination to write a story's setting.

Paige – Using different genres in a story.



Values Sandwich Posters

The school has placed sandwich boards around the school, which display the school's current focus value. These posters are provided for our parents and visitors to know which value is being focussed on for the week and to encourage conversations between parents/students about what different values mean. Please take an opportunity to read some of the messages on the posters and discuss with your children different ways to display values both at school and home.



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FUTURE DATES

Faction Cross Country	Fri 11 June
P&C Disco	Thurs 17 June
Assembly (PP2 Yr 1)	Fri 18 June
Interscholar Cross Country	Thurs 24 June

Semester One Reports

Semester one student reports will be emailed home in week 11. Please ensure that contact details are correct, particularly email addresses. If you require a paper copy of the report to be sent home, please let the front administration know.

Faction X-Country

This Friday is the school faction cross-country event and the weather looks like it will be wet. The intention will be to run the events, unless the conditions are too dangerous. It would be beneficial for students to bring a change of clothes, a towel and a spare pair of shoes if possible. We would love parents to come along and support the events, but please note that changes to the event times may take place on the day due to weather conditions.

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

YOUNG WRITERS

On Tuesday some of our students participated in the Young Writers Program held in our school hall. Students from across district schools attended to hear author Kirsty Murray present a workshop for aspirant writers.



VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Care for Our World			
PP1	Ashton	Rm 8	Tahi
PP2	Jaxon	Rm 9	Phoenix
Rm 1	Doreen	Rm 11	Sher
Rm 2	Ronan	Rm 19	Laylah
Rm 3	Dante	Rm 24	Ronald

SCHOOL GARDEN FEEDS SPSS

Charlotte and Sophia (Year 5's from Room 9). They picked the broccoli in the garden and delivered it to Nicole in the canteen. The year 2's from Room 19 planted these broccoli seedlings way back in Term 1. Talk about a team effort in the garden! I wonder what our amazing canteen chef will create or bake?





PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

Golden Bees

Congratulations to Harry, Landon, Quin, Cedric and Humphrey, our recipients of a Golden Bee Award this week.

Fantastic work!! You are being great role models in our school to show your teachers and friends how to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best.



Expectation of the Week

Be Friendly

I can encourage others with my kind words and actions.



Expectation Key Word Signs

Kind

Open hand against chest, moving sideways into a closed fist.



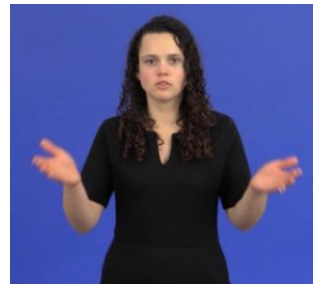
Words

Middle three fingers moving sideways away from other hand.



Encourage

Hands open, palms facing up, moving hands in circles at side of body.



People

Point index finger of dominant hand at nose, sweep hand away from face, twice.



Clean teeth and movement in Room 22

Our students in Room 22 had a visit from the school dentist recently. They learnt about visiting the school dentist and how to look after your teeth.



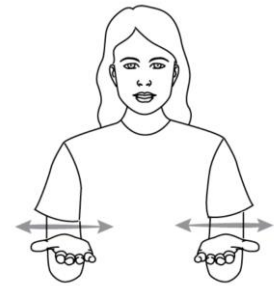
Room 22 students have also been practising their movement and showing us how clever they are with tackling the obstacle course.





Where

Palms open facing up, moving sideways, back and forth.



Why

Index finger of dominant hand moving up and down.



AUSLAN / Key Word Sign

Our key word signs for the fortnight are who, what, when, where, why and how.

Who

Index finger of dominant hand moving in small circles at shoulder height.



What

Index finger of dominant hand moving sideways at shoulder height.



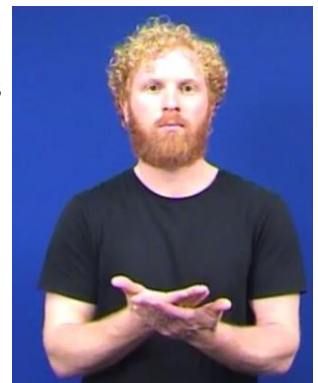
When

Fingers tapping side of face/cheek.



How

Hands overlapping, palms up, move hands apart sideways.



Bec Wheatley
Principal

IN TERM SWIMMING PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 4

Our Pre-primary to Year 4 students are due to commence in-term swimming lessons at the beginning of Term 3. An enrolment form will come home with your child this week. Please complete the enrolment form for your child/ren and return to the school office by Friday 18 June.

Lessons are due to commence on Wednesday 21 July and conclude on Friday 30 June and will cost \$45.60 for the 8 sessions.

SCIENCE NEWS BEYOND THE GARDEN WALLS

During week 7 the students in Room 9 carefully collected creatures from the Outdoor Classroom in an effort to begin documenting what interesting animals we have lurking in our school backyard. Back in the lab, students completed a labelled diagram and used a branching key to classify their specimens. We found lots of earthworms, slaters, snails and spiders. However, during lunch that day Mikaela and Desean made a brilliant discovery over by the cricket nets.



They had a friendly encounter with a stick insect, about 12 cm in length. Carefully collecting this specimen, they brought it back to the lab for further observation. Here is a photo of the stick insect taken in the lab.

Mikaela and De'Sean then returned the stick insect back to its original habitat. Lucky passers-by on the oval watched the whole release process, however, they had trouble spotting the stick insect because it's a master of disguise!



Stick insects are among the best camouflaged insects in the animal world, mimicking perfectly the leaves, branches and twigs of their surroundings.

Great discovery Mikaela and Desean!

I wonder what else we'll discover living in our gardens at school?

Ms Edwards
Science Teacher

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?

WINTER ILLNESS

We are entering the season when illness becomes a common issue. While we are all more aware of the effects of illness that is spread from person to person, we encourage you to monitor your child's health and if they show 140320 signs of illness, please keep your child at home until recovered. We can keep absences to a minimum if we work together to keep our school illness free.



TAKING KINDY ENROLMENTS NOW
TELEPHONE 6821 3000 OR VISIT THE SCHOOL ON HARDIE ROAD

Applications for your child to be involved in Kindergarten (children turning 4 by 30 June 2022) and Pre-Primary (children turning 5 by 30 June 2022) are now being taken at our school office. If your child is entering our school for the first time their birth certificate and immunisation certificate from the Australian Children's Immunisation Registry will be required.

The closing date for applications is Friday 23 July. Whilst we will continue to take applications for enrolment in these programs for the remainder of the year, getting your application in before the closing date will be important in securing a place with our school in 2022.

If your child is currently enrolled in our Kindergarten program you will need to make contact with the school office to ensure that your child is on our Pre-Primary list for 2022.

Kindy/ Pre-Primary Garden Project

Junior Parent Busy Bee

Saturday 12th June 1-4pm

Dear Parents/ Carers

Please join us to help transform an area in the kindy/ pre-primary zone into a thriving outdoor learning space.

This garden will provide our children with the opportunity to experience the delights of growing their own food and observe, first-hand, the wondrous array of mini-beasts that will make this new garden their home.

No experience necessary, just a willingness to help out.

Please bring a wheelbarrow and shovel if you have one.

There will be more instructions on the day.

Your children are welcome to attend.

Thanking you in advance.

Liz Edwards & Erin Hall (SPPS parents)

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Winter Wonderland
Thursday 17 June 2021
SPPS Undercover Area
5-6pm - Kindy to Year 2
6:30-7:30pm - Years 3-6

ENTRY
KIDS: \$3
ADULTS: FREE
Drinks & Snacks available



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Apply to enrol your child for 2022

You can now apply to enrol your child in a public school for 2022 in:

- Kindergarten if they are four years old by 30 June 2022
- Pre-primary if they are five years old by 30 June 2022
- Year 7.

You must also apply to enrol if they are changing schools.
Apply at your local school by 23 July 2021.

Every day of a child's education matters.

To find a public school in your area visit education.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline



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.

Maggie Dent presents

Live Streamed

Maggie Dent will be live streamed from the Eastern States to present:

Calming our Kids (birth to adulthood)

When
Thursday 1st July
5pm registration for 5.45pm start. Concludes at 7.15pm

Where
Albany Master Builders
30 Graham St. Albany

Cost
FREE event, coffee & muffin from Quick Shot coffee at registration
Please note this event is for 16yrs+, no children

RSVP
Bookings required through Eventbrite [click here](#)
For more information contact 4families on 6164 0600 or families.albany@relationships.wa.org.au

Parenting service information stalls

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