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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 Community Members

### Change of Date

Colour Run - Our Colour Run date has changed from 17 September to 10 September. The term calendar on the web page has been updated to reflect these changes so please print off a new copy.

### School Uniforms

I would like to thank the school community for being so patient in waiting for our school uniform orders to arrive. Due to supply issues related to COVID we experienced an extended delay in receiving our uniforms. All parents who have paid for a uniform or have one on back order should have been contacted. I look forward to seeing more of our students wearing their uniform to school.

### Dockers Cup Success

Congratulations to our Yr 4-6 girls Dockers Cup team who participated in this football carnival last Thursday. Our girls won all their games in the first section of the competition and then proceeded to win the semi-final against Little Grove PS and grand-final against Mount Barker Community College. All the girls played with great sportsmanship and wonderful skills. Thank you to Mr Luscombe for his training and coaching.



Our Yr 4-6 boys get an opportunity to test their skills against other schools this week as they participate in a similar carnival.

### Book Week

Wow - what a fantastic week of fun for our students! Throughout Book Week students were treated to Read Aloud stories using Microsoft Teams. Stories were shared through the electronic whiteboards with different staff providing the narration each day.

On Tuesday & Wednesday we had Mrs Elaine Forrestal (visiting author) working with different classes to share her knowledge and skills of writing books and to undertake different activities.



Thursday was a very popular day with the Book Week Parade bringing lots of colour and fun to all the staff and students. Students were also able to go to the library and exchange 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books.

Most of our classes also participated in decorating their door competition with the theme of *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. The winning class was Rm 3 with an extensive comic display of Dog Man.

A huge thank you to Mrs MacKenzie and Mrs Ruffell for helping coordinate the week and to all the staff and students for their participation and involvement. KEEP READING BOOKS!

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### FUTURE DATES

Assembly ESC	Fri 27 Aug
P&C Meeting 7pm	Mon 30 Aug
Music Festival	Thurs 9 Sept
Colour Run (new date)	Friday 10 Sept

### Play First Eat Second - TRIAL

During week 10 of this term the school will run a trial where students are allowed to play first and eat second at recess and lunch breaks. This will mean that students can work up to the siren for both recess & lunch, but be given time at the end of the breaks to eat. Teachers will monitor students during eating times. If a student needs to eat at the beginning of the break then they can do so, but the expectation is that the majority of eating will occur at the end.

The school is interested in how this change may assist our students with regulating after recess & lunch and whether it helps improve engagement in lessons after breaks. The canteen will remain open as normal, but will receive some extra assistance to manage the changes. If you have any queries or concerns about the trial, please contact the school office.

Jeremy Hadlow  
Principal

### VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Honesty & Trustworthiness		Care for our World	
PP1	Alyson	PP1	Hunter
PP2	Isabella	PP2	Ingrid
Rm 1	Phoenix	Rm 1	Johnny
Rm 2	Ebony	Rm 2	Elena
Rm 3	Jesse	Rm 3	Bella
Rm 8	Vela	Rm 8	Karley
Rm 9	Cory	Rm 9	Peyton
Rm 11	Lillianne	Rm 11	Storm
Rm 19	Emily-Rose	Rm 19	Ashton
Rm 24	Addyson	Rm 24	Ella

### JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you to all those who donated for the Jeans for Genes day last Friday. Due to your awesome participation we raised \$412.00. That is a great effort.



### GWN WEATHER WALL



Film stars! Well, almost. These three handsome characters appeared on the GWN news last Monday night to report what the temperature had been, and how much rain we had, in our SPPS garden in the 24 hours beforehand. Did you catch them? Room 3 are participating in the Schools Weather Wall program through Scitech and GWN. We collect data on rainfall, minimum and maximum temperature and cloud conditions (although we are not very skilled at this yet). Catch us next Monday 6 September as we report on the weather from our little patch of garden.

### DOCKERS CUP



Congratulations to our team who went through undefeated winning the Grand Final 45-16 against Mt Barker Community College. The team were very well led by Amelia and everyone showed great effort and sportsmanship. This is our first ever Dockers Cup title! Go Spencer Park!!

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Fotoworks will be visiting Spencer Park Primary School on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 September to take our school photos. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate uniform on these days if at all possible. Order envelopes should have come home with your child yesterday. Please complete your order form and send with your child on photo day to give directly to the photographer. Sibling photos can be booked at the school office.



# PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

## Golden Bees

Congratulations to Brodie, Quin, Sereki, Robert, Jackson and Thomas for their excellent effort to demonstrate our school's positive behaviour expectations. As a result these students earned a Golden Bee Award at our recent PBS Assembly.



Fantastic work to these students!! 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 Your Best

I can be my best by keeping my space tidy.



## AUSLAN / Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week: best, keep, space and tidy.

### Best

Extend thumbs of both hands and hold in front of body, palm down. Move dominant thumb forwards brushing against the non-dominant thumbnail, twice



### Keep / Keeping

Place dominant hand in curved position, on top of open palm of non dominant hand. Draw formation back towards ones chest.



### Space

Hands placed slightly apart, palms open facing each other, bounce formation twice across body.



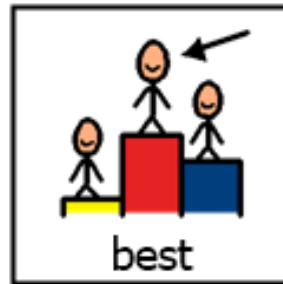
### Tidy

Brush index and middle finger of dominant hand across side of face, three times.



## Be Your Best

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## Room 14

Students in Room 14 have been busy learning, experimenting and discovering. It's great to see them growing in their friendships and being their best in class and in the playground. Keep up the fabulous effort Room 14!





### Book Week

How fantastic did our students and staff look for our Book Week Parade last Thursday! It was great to see the creative costumes and everyone enjoying the parade.

### Our Assembly - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 9am

We are hosting the combined school assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 9am. Our students have been rehearsing very hard and are looking forward to showing everyone how amazing they are. Our families are invited to attend the assembly

After the Assembly, please join us in Room 21 for a quick cuppa and morning tea.



Bec Wheatley  
Principal

## SCIENCE WEEK 2021 – FOOD: DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

During Week 4 SPPS students celebrated Science Week with a food focus.

Room 19 and 24 learnt about the cow to butter process – by churning (shaking) cream in a jar to see it transform and separate into butter and buttermilk. The delicious, fresh butter was enjoyed on a milk arrowroot biscuit.



Room 1 and 2 discussed, observed and tasted corn 5 different ways. We talked about how corn can begin as a simple corn kernel which grows into fresh, corn cobs – and is often then processed into many corn food products. Eg cornflour, sweetcorn in a tin, corn flakes, popcorn and corn chips. Fresh corn on the cob was a favourite way to eat corn amongst many students, along with the tasty corn chips! They learnt also that popcorn is made from a particular type of corn – not ALL corn pops.



Room 8 and 11 learnt about the rise of plant based 'meat' products around the world and the reasons behind it. Enormous cattle feed lots and methane gas is an environmental issue for the world – so alternative meat (protein) food products are increasingly available. Students sampled and rated three products and the majority like the 'chicken' nuggets, whilst a minority enjoyed the chipolatas or burgers.



In addition, food chemistry was also enjoyed where all students were involved in making sherbet. Not only was it delicious – but they learnt of the chemical reaction taking place in their mouth which creates the tangy taste and fizz!



The role of yeast in the bread making process  
The lab transformed into a bakery during National Science Week at SPPS! Have you ever pondered why bread is light and fluffy? The students in Room 3 discovered the magical role that yeast plays in the bread-making process. Students observed and devoured a slice of holey sourdough bread, role-played the magic action of a single yeast cell, kneaded and prepared their very own bread roll for the oven. Wondering what happened next?



Design & make a simple water filter, plus a glance at Oyster Farming in Australia  
 Room 9 viewed a short segment on *ABC Landline* showcasing a South Australian Oyster Farming enterprise. Australia is known for producing some of the world's best oysters, delivering 1000's of them fresh to the doors of restaurants around our country. Oyster farmers and scientists attribute the high quality product to the clean waters that oysters grow in around the shores of Australia. Room 9's challenge was to design and construct a simple water filtration system to see if they could turn dirty water into clean water. They had to separate the different size particles from the water using a range of filtration materials. Here's how they went



*Before Filtration*



*After Filtration*

Oysters anyone? Well more than half of Room 9 put their hands up to try an oyster. Talk about brave!



## 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?

## VEGIE MAN VISITS SPSS

We were pleased to have a visit from Vegie Man last week. He came to share how important it is to include lots of fresh food in 257698 our diets to make sure our bodies work the very best that they can.



## BOOK WEEK

Once again this year we had a great rate of participation for our Book Week Dress up day. It is fantastic



Mr Luscombe reading to the whole school, "The wildest book week ever;" a book full of helpful examples of dress ups!



Students in a classroom watching and listening to a read aloud book.



A crowd shot!



## 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.*



## ALBANY JURATE SELF DEFENCE CLUB

Reality based self-defence classes for young people (aged 7-11 years) are available at PCYC. Affordable pricing, taught by a not-for-profit community-based organisation. Teaching simple, practical set of survival skills based on realistic attacks and defences, taught in a supportive and friendly environment. Great for confidence, co-ordination and fitness. For further details and to book your place, phone Jeff on [0419 959 896](tel:0419959896).



## Junior Cricket

Online Registrations Now Open for U10s, U12s, U14s and U17s

- U10s—Year 4 and also Year 3s who have completed Master Blasters
- U12s—Years 5 and 6
- U14s—Years 7 and 8
- U17s—Years 9, 10 and 11

Registration forms and season information available at

[adca.wa.cricket.com.au](http://adca.wa.cricket.com.au)

VISIT [WWW.ALBANY.WA.GOV.AU/EVENTS](http://WWW.ALBANY.WA.GOV.AU/EVENTS) FOR MORE INFORMATION







## What would you do if your child's friend disclosed to you that they had been abused?

Would you know what to say to your child if you discovered somebody had shown them pornography?

Are you aware of the risks your child may face on the internet, including online grooming?

**Come along to this Protective Education Information Session and learn how to help keep your kids safe.**

Holly-ann Martin, Managing Director of Safe4Kids, will answer these questions and many more. Holly-ann has written five children's books and two parents' guides and has over 30 years of experience teaching child abuse prevention education, and has delivered the Safe4Kids Protective Education Program to children and adults all over Australia and internationally.

Holly-ann will explain how to empower and educate children to help ensure their safety without scaring them or providing them with too much information.

This information session is delivered in a relaxed non-confronting way, so come along and learn how to help keep your kids safe.

Date: **Thursday 26th August 2021 - Parent and Carer Session**

Time: **10am - 12pm**

Venue: **PCYC - 77 Sanford Road - Albany**

RSVP: **abaxter@wanslea.org.au - (please state which session and time)**



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## WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

### NOW IS THE TIME TO GET A TEAM TOGETHER.

The ABA (Albany Basketball Association) 2021-22 Basketball season is fast approaching. The season will commence (with first games) on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

Information will be available on how to register teams close to the start of September. Any individual players looking for a team can look onto the ABA Facebook page. On the Facebook page there is contact information for clubs as well as a link for the ABA Find A Player, Find A Team page.

This year the ABA have introduced a Year 2 competition, this will run on the Saturday alongside our Year 3, 4 and Year 5 competition. All other games will be played on a weekday (Monday – Wednesday). Days of playing for each age cannot be confirmed until all teams are registered.



# Census

## It's not too late – there's **still time** to complete your Census.



Visit [www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au) for more information.



# WANT TO GIVE ATHLETICS A TRY?

Little Athletics is a fun, social and active program to keep fit, build the foundation skills of running, jumping and throwing and make friends for life! Our local Centres deliver weekly athletics programs for young people aged 5 to 16.



## COME DOWN TO OUR COME & TRY DAY!

Date: 9th October 2021

Time: 8:30am Warm up, starting at 8:45am

Where: Albany Athletics Grounds North Road

albanylittleathletics@gmail.com

To start your Little Athlete's journey, head to:

[www.athleticswest.com.au/little-athletics](http://www.athleticswest.com.au/little-athletics)

