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We value positive relationships and
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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Albany Music Festival

What a wonderful night it was at the Albany Music Festival! Approximately forty students from our choir and percussion group participated in the Albany District Schools' Music Festival on Thursday 9 September. The evening was kicked off with a SPSS performance and was followed up with some very entertaining songs and items from four other schools. The festival occurred over two nights and was a fantastic celebration of students' musical skills and talents. Congratulations to Mrs Swann for her coordination of this event.



Albany Spelling Competition

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Albany Spelling Competition held at Mt Barker Community College last Thursday. Thirteen students from across Year 3-6 participated in the competition which consisted of students in teams of three working together to correctly spell words and determine correct word meanings. Our Yr 3/4 teams performed well and finished 3rd & 4th respectfully. Our Yr 5/6 teams were very competitive and finished 2nd and 4th in their competition. Thank you to Ms Moreton for coordinating the event and to our parents for helping to train and prepare the students. Please see photos later in this newsletter.

Open Night

Last Wednesday evening we celebrated our Open Night with the school open for parents and other visitors to view the wonderful work that students had completed throughout the term. It was wonderful to see so many parents and other visitors in the school, viewing work, participating in activities and enjoying displays & performances. Thank you to the Yr 6 parents who provided the wonderful food in the canteen and to the volunteers in the Uniform Shop.

National Child Protection Week

Two weeks ago students had the opportunity to participate in a colouring competition for National Child Protection Week. We had a few entries to select winners from. Congratulations to Devin, Savanah, Phoenix, Kade, Eloise, Sophia and Channaye for their entries.



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FUTURE DATES

Pursuit of Excellence Assembly	Fri 24 Sept
First Day Term 4	Mon 11 Oct
Art Exhibition Opening Night Assembly Room 3	Wed 27 Oct
Faction Athletics Jumps & Throws	Fri 29 Oct
Faction Athletics Track	Tues 2 Nov
	Thurs 4 Nov

Colour Explosion

A big thank you to the P&C for coordinating and running the Colour Explosion a few weeks ago. Although the weather was a little cool, students had a wonderful time getting wet and covered in colour. Thank you to parents for supporting the event with your financial sponsorship and practical involvement!

Parent Guide to Popular Apps

Throughout the year the school becomes aware of different Apps that students are using to share information with one another. The use of these Apps should be carefully considered by parents as many of them are inappropriate for children under the age of 13 years. Please check out the following site for information about the appropriateness of Apps like Tik Tok and Snapchat

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources#information-sheets>

Holidays

As the term comes to an end I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable break. Term 4 is shaping up to be another very busy one with an Art Exhibition, Athletics Carnivals, Yr 6 Camp and many other events planned.

Thank you to all our parent and community volunteers who have helped out this term in some way. The school greatly appreciates your time and effort.

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

TERM 4 COMMENCEMENT

Students and Staff start back at school 111021 for the beginning of Term 4 on Monday, 11 October.

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Respect		Care & Compassion	
PP1	Jobe	PP1	Laveah
PP2	Craig	PP2	Jasmine
Rm 1	Felix	Rm 1	Eloise
Rm 2	Evie	Rm 2	Elena
Rm 3	Justin	Rm 3	Taj Alford
Rm 8	Zavier	Rm 8	Connor
Rm 9	Marley	Rm 9	Drake
Rm 11	Gracee	Rm 11	Elliott
Rm 19	Arden	Rm 19	Riley
Rm 24	Kiara		

DOCKERS CUP CHAMPIONS

A big thank you to Neil and Jennifer Fitch, grandparents of Ellie, who very generously donated trophies to all our winning Docker's Cup girls. The trophies provided our team with a lasting memento of their wonderful carnival win, which was the first ever for SPPS!

Ellie, who was an invaluable member of our winning team, wrote the following report about the carnival:

Last Friday a team of 16 year 4, 5 and 6 girls walked from Spencer Park Primary to the North Road Ovals to compete in the Dockers Cup Carnival. In windy and sometimes wet conditions, the team played Little Grove, Albany Primary and Mt Lockyer winning all games.

They then played a tough semi final against Little Grove winning to make the grand final against Mt Barker. The good mix of year 4, 5 and 6 girls, capably lead by our awesome captain Amelia, won the grand final for the first time ever in Spencer Park Primary history. All girls showed great teamwork and enthusiasm and enjoyed winning.



Special mention to Amelia for her amazing work in the ruck and her goal kicking ability. Huge thanks to Mr Luscombe for coaching our team to victory.

Ellie
Year 6





PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

Golden Bees

Congratulations to Havana, Quin, Ruby, Riley, Duke and Harry 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.

Emily and Nora were awarded Aussie of the Month for demonstrating outstanding active citizenship in our school community. Well done Emily and Nora!



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.

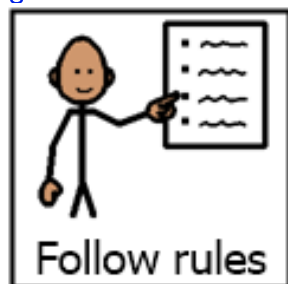
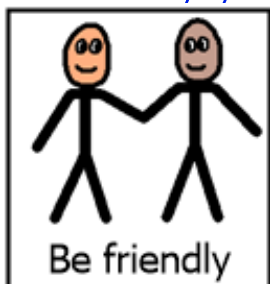
Expectation of the Week Be Friendly

I can be friendly by following the rules.



Be Friendly

I can be friendly by following the rules



AUSLAN / Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week: friendly, following and rules.

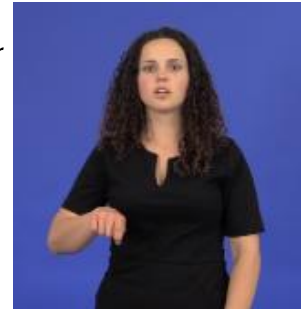
Friendly

Clast non-dominant fist with dominant hand and rock formation, backward and forward slightly, twice.



Following

Closed fist with index finger open but bent, facing down. Move formation in a half circle to fist facing upwards.



Rules

Edge of non-dominant hand tapping downwards a number of times, on open dominant hand.



Room 23 - Early Intervention Centre

The EIC has had several "firsts" in Term 3. Our first picture day, Book week, colour run, incursion and excursion, and performance at a whole school assembly. Can't wait to see what Term 4 has in store for us as we work to transition and wrap up the school year.





Strawberry Farm

Our students earned their End of Term Reward by demonstrating so well how to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best, though-out the term. Well done!

The reward was a visit to Handasyde Strawberry Farm for a play and an ice cream. Everyone had a fabulous time and enjoyed the excursion immensely.



Colour Run

Our students joined with the Primary School for a Colour Run to help raise money for the P+C Committee. Although it was a bit cool, the students had a fabulous time.



Holidays!

We wish all our students and families a happy, relaxing and safe spring holiday. Hopefully we will have lots of sunny warm weather to enjoy.

Students return for Term 4 on Monday 11th October 2021.



Bec Wheatley
Principal

MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Spencer Park Choir and Percussion Group performed recently at the Albany Entertainment Centre as part of the Great Southern Primary Schools' Music Festival. The students attended a day rehearsal and then performed in the evening. The highlights of our performances were the amazing skills of the percussion group on the marimbas, the hilarious lyrics sung by the Choir for "Bob the Bear," our crazy costumes and energetic dance moves. The students behaved beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

Thank you to the school, librarian and teachers for the great engagement in our annual Children's Book Week competition.



Congratulations to Vela, who won 1st Prize for Forever Friends Short Story, and Jaeda, who won overall prize winner for her Video Game Short Story entry.

SPELLING COMPETITION

Here are some photos of students representing Spencer Park Primary School at the Spelling Competition.



Chaplain's Chat

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope this finds you well, as this term draws to a close, spring has started to show glimpses of its warmth, and we've had many events to enjoy during the past couple of months.

I just wanted to mention something I've been noticing around our school. Have you seen the colourful sandwich boards with quotes about our values? I've been reading them as I walk around; there is one near my room, so I get to see them often, and observe when a new one comes up.

Each one is a gem, pure gold! I've actually been taking photos of them, and now have a collection! Quotes like: "If you want to make other happy, practise compassion. If you want to be happy, practise compassion" and "Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world" are just two of the recent ones I've spotted.

I find these kind of quotes so helpful; they help me to remember the important things in life and are very uplifting. I hope you may have the chance to read some of these special ones around our school, and be inspired too!

Wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday break, and a wonderful Term 4.

Jennifer Hunt
School Chaplain

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.

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE OPENING HOURS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be CLOSED week one and OPEN week two during the school holidays. If you have a dental emergency during our closure, please contact Yakamia Dental Therapy Centre on 9841 3498.

All appointments are now sent to your home address. If you have moved in the last few years we may not have your correct address and your child could miss out on their check-up. If you no longer intend to use our service, please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be given to someone in need. Your child is eligible to attend a Dental Therapy Centre from ages 5 to 17.

Please contact us to update your details either by phone: 9841 3967 or e-mail: spencerparkdtc@health.wa.gov.au

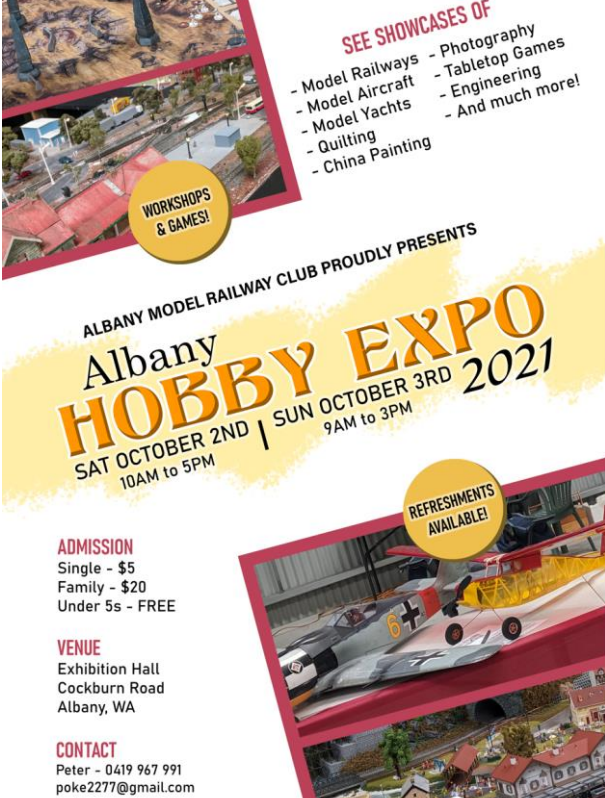
The staff at Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre would like to wish all children and parents a happy and safe break ☺

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?

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.



SEE SHOWCASES OF

- Model Railways
- Model Aircraft
- Model Yachts
- Quilting
- China Painting
- Photography
- Tabletop Games
- Engineering
- And much more!

WORKSHOPS & GAMES!

ALBANY MODEL RAILWAY CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

Albany HOBBY EXPO

SAT OCTOBER 2ND | SUN OCTOBER 3RD 2021
10AM to 5PM | 9AM to 3PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE!

ADMISSION
Single - \$5
Family - \$20
Under 5s - FREE

VENUE
Exhibition Hall
Cockburn Road
Albany, WA

CONTACT
Peter - 0419 967 991
poke2277@gmail.com



TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TENNIS CAMPS

CAMP DATES

CAMP 1 - SEPTEMBER
TUESDAY 28th to THURSDAY 30th

CAMP 2 - OCTOBER
MONDAY 4th to WEDNESDAY 6th

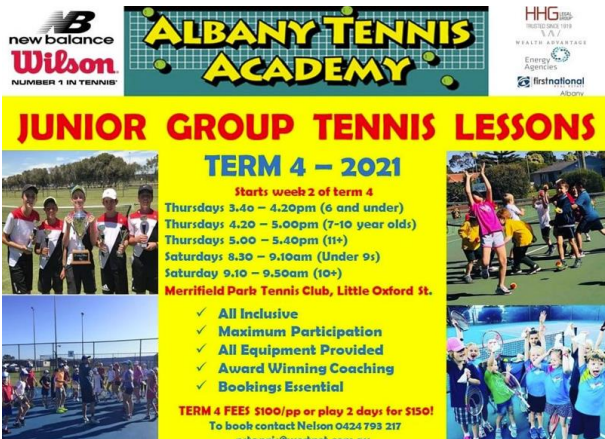
Camp includes quality coaching, daily morning tea, prizes, final day tournament, fun galore!!

9am till 12 noon

Merrifield Park Tennis Club
Little Oxford Street
Albany WA 6170

\$100pp

FOR BOOKINGS
Call Nelson 0424 793 217 ntennis@westnet.com.au



new balance Wilson **ALBANY TENNIS ACADEMY** **HMG**

JUNIOR GROUP TENNIS LESSONS

TERM 4 - 2021

Starts week 2 of term 4

Thursdays 3.40 - 4.20pm (6 and under)
Thursdays 4.20 - 5.00pm (7-10 year olds)
Thursdays 5.00 - 5.40pm (11+)
Saturdays 8.30 - 9.10am (Under 9s)
Saturday 9.10 - 9.50am (10+)

Merrifield Park Tennis Club, Little Oxford St.

- ✓ All Inclusive
- ✓ Maximum Participation
- ✓ All Equipment Provided
- ✓ Award Winning Coaching
- ✓ Bookings Essential

TERM 4 FEES \$100/pp or play 2 days for \$150!
To book contact Nelson 0424 793 217 ntennis@westnet.com.au



ALBANY CRICKET BLAST COME AND TRY!

FREE
3:30PM - 4:45PM
16TH SEPTEMBER
CENTENNIAL PARK B (NEXT TO ALAC)

MEET BLAZE AND PLAY CRICKET WITH YOUR FRIENDS AFTER SCHOOL!

REGISTER FOR CRICKET BLAST AT PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU

STORY PLAYGROUND
FUN FREE ACTIVITIES & GREAT BOOKS


FREE

- **STORY SCOOT**
- **WAVE ENERGY**
- **UPCYCLING**
- **EXPERIMENTS**
- **LEGO**




**SPACE
HEROES**

Survival on a hostile planet



Mon 27 Sept - Fri 1 Oct
Mon 4 Oct - Wed 6 Oct

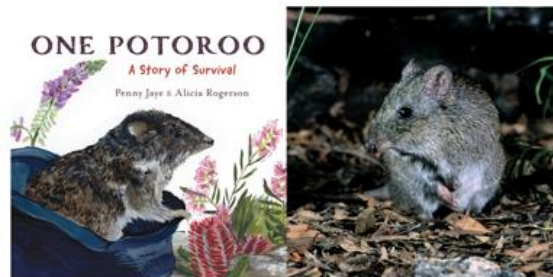
MUSEUM OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN

10am-1pm No bookings are required. Free entry.
For more information phone 98414844, or visit
museum.wa.gov.au/greatsouthern

LOST IN SPACE

All other activities in the Discovery Centre are open from 10am-4pm, Monday to Sunday, where little learners can play at being astronauts.

One Potoroo: A Story of Survival FREE EVENT



What's happening

Join us for the exciting launch of this beautiful children's book about Gilbert's Potoroo, the world's rarest marsupial, inspired by real life events after a catastrophic bushfire at Two Peoples Bay, near Albany.

The event includes a book reading, a talk by DBCA Research Associate Dr Tony Friend about his personal experiences rescuing surviving potoroos after the fire & art & colouring activities for kids.

Light morning tea provided.

When
Saturday October 2, 2021
10:00-11:15 am

Where
Albany Public Library
York St, Albany, 6330



More information & bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/BUCUH>



This event is proudly hosted by Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group with support from Paperbark Merchants, Albany Library and CSIRO Publishing



This October
Join ALBANY CYCLE CLUB
Free Guided Bike Rides
Each Monday in October

WA BIKE MONTH

4th October 2pm Meet near Frenchy's Restaurant, Frenchman Bay Rd. An easy 5km or 8-12km followed by a sausage sizzle, free to participants.

11th October 4pm Meet Emu Point Reserve, outside Emu Point Café. 5km or 10km

18th October 4pm Boardwalk ride 5km with hills or 5-10km towards Emu Point return. Meet Middleton Beach between Surf club and North end playground.

25th October 4pm Lake Seppings. 3km or 6 km trail. Meet on grass near car park on Golf Links Rd.

These guided rides are free but you will need:

- **Auscycle** membership. This can be the [free 4 week trial](#) or [Lifestyle membership](#) at \$5/\$7 month. Please bring evidence of membership. Go to auscycling.org.au/membership. If help needed call Liz 0416178763
- A **bike** in good working order
- A **helmet** that meets Australian Standard [AS/NZS 2063:2008](#)
- A participating parent if you are under 8



For potential cancellation notice due to unreliable weather conditions, go to Albany Cycle Club facebook page







KIDS Adventure CLUB

**SATURDAYS
9AM - 1230PM**

- 30 OCT
- 6 NOV
- 13 NOV
- 20 NOV
- 27 NOV
- 4 DEC

\$150 PER CHILD FOR 6WKS!

KIDS AGED 9-12 ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR 6WK ADVENTURE CLUB SERIES IN ALBANY WA

LEARN HOW TO ADVENTURE SAFELY, STARTING WITH CANOEING & BUSH WALKING. SERIES INCLUDES BASIC NAVIGATION & FIRST AID, WITH MORE ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES TO COME!

FOR DETAILS, VISIT outdoorsgreatsouthern.org.au/events



HOLIDAY FUN 4 KIDS

STORY PLAYGROUND

FUN FREE ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR LIBRARY

FREE

10.30 - 11.30AM

28 SEP TUESDAY **DENIM DESK CADDY**
Upcycle some denim, add some jazz and create a unique caddy. **AGE 5+**

29 SEP WEDNESDAY **UNLEASH YOUR INNER CHEMIST**
Get hands-on with our super science experiments. **AGE 5+**

30 SEP THURSDAY 10:30-12:00 **STORY SCOOT**
Starting at Peace Park, let's read and ride. Bring your bike or scooter and helmet to join. **AGE 3+**
THIS SESSION AT ANZAC PEACE PARK

5 OCT TUESDAY **ONE POTOROO - A STORY OF SURVIVAL**
Special Event Storytime about the conservation of the worlds most endangered marsupial, plus craft. **AGE 3+**

5 OCT TUESDAY 6:30-8PM **SPOTLIGHT WALK**
See and hear nature come to life after dark as we explore Lake Seppings night life. **AGE 5+**

6 OCT WEDNESDAY **WAVE HELLO TO RENEWABLE ENERGY**
Learn all about the power of wave energy. Discover different wave technologies being trialled worldwide. **AGE 5+**

7 OCT THURSDAY **LEGO ART**
Take on our holiday Lego challenges and be inspired by the art of LEGO. **AGE 5+**
THIS SESSION AT MT LOCKYER CHILD & PARENTING CENTRE

BOOK ONLINE albanylibrary.com.au
221 York Street - 6820 3600








The Better Health Program

The Better Health Program is a FREE, 10-week, online program for children and families.

There are weekly online sessions, free resources, including a fitness tracker, and weekly coaching calls. These are with a qualified health coach who gives you professional advice and helps keep you on track!

Is your child...

- » Aged 7-13 years old?
- » Above a healthy weight?
- » In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

Get involved and start collecting your weekly tokens and prizes!




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