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

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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Welcome back to a new year at SPPS and a warm welcome to any new families commencing this year. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for complying with the mask mandate and for helping to make our start a very smooth and calm one.

New School Timetable

Our new school timetable is providing some excellent teaching and learning time in the morning and staff and students are slowly becoming used to it. Our Crunch & Sip break between 9.30-9.40am provides students with a little top up of food and water to see them through until lunch. Thank you to all parents who are providing a healthy veggie/fruit snack.



Coping with Challenges

2022 has commenced with a quite a few challenges for everyone and as a school we would like to encourage parents to help support students through these changes/challenges. Remind your child that new situations can feel uncomfortable for a while, but usually these feelings go away in time. It's an important life skill to be able to focus on the positives especially in challenging situations. Make it a family habit to always include some positives in discussions about the school and work day - for example - "What did you enjoy most today?"

Physical Education Specialist

This year we have introduced a Physical Education Specialist into the school to run physical education sessions that focus on developing skills. Ms Cass Cheetham will be taking these classes.



COVID Update

At the time of writing this newsletter, additional measures to keep our schools open and providing face-to-face learning to your children have been introduced. These include:

- Parents and carers can no longer enter classrooms, including to volunteer.
- Volunteering in the canteen or at the uniform shop is still permitted, while following the WA Government mask wearing mandates, and physical distancing from other adults.
- Parents and carers are allowed on school grounds for drop-off and pick-up in outdoor locations.

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FUTURE DATES

P&C AGM 7.00pm	Mon 14 Feb
Interim Swimming	
- Rooms 8, 9 & 11	14 to 18 Feb
Constable Care	Thurs 17 Feb
Student Leader Assembly	Fri 25 Feb

• Respect everyone and their things. • Care for self, others and our world. • Show people tolerance and include them. •
• Be honest and trustworthy by taking responsibility for your actions. •

We are currently planning and implementing further ways to minimise the risk of COVID-19 entering or being transmitted at schools including:

- moving parent-teacher interviews to online or over the phone;
- changing indoor face-to-face events;
- cancelling or postponing school camps;
- cancelling our interschool swimming carnival;
- limiting the mingling of groups; and
- modifying timetables, break times, and pick-up and drop-off times, where practical.

The school will still be undertaking swimming lessons at Emu Point for Rms 8-11 as this complies with current health advice.

We apologise for the inconvenience that these changes may cause, but thank you for your understanding .

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome some new staff commencing this year:

- Mrs Katherine Pangler who will be teaching Yr 5/6 in Room 9.
- Ms Shelby Upson who will be teaching Yr 3 in Room 3.
- Mrs Kristen McGregor who is teaching Kindy on Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- Mrs Tanya Wilson who is teaching Kindy on Wednesdays & Fridays.



Mrs Kathy Pangler



Ms Shelby Upson



Mrs Kristen McGregor



Mrs Tanya Wilson

We also have two existing staff undertaking a new Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (AIEO) role this year. Both Mrs Sue-Ellen Miniter and Mrs Sherrona Clifton have worked at SPPS for a number of years, but have commenced a new role in supporting our indigenous students and families across the school. They will be working across the school on Monday & Thursday, undertaking a variety of roles.

Attendance

I would like to remind parents that attendance is an important focus for our school. Please ensure that every student attends school every day that they are well. Missing days of school adds up quickly and can result in your child missing out on important learning. Regular attendance is set at 90%, which means that your child should not be missing any more than 1 day per fortnight. Please make an effort to ensure that your child comes to school each day that they are well and enforce it! Please do not give in to the many excuses that our children provide at different times. Please contact the school if we can assist with helping your child to attend regularly. School is the EXPECTATION and staying home is the EXCEPTION.

The school has a number of incentives to support parents with attendance including:

- Weekly attendance certificates for the best attending class.
- Canteen vouchers for the class with the best attendance at the end of each term.
- Individual 100% attendance badges for students at the end of each term.

Standards of Behaviour

Continuing to provide a safe and friendly environment for all parents, students and staff is an essential requirement that should be expected of any public venue. The school will continue to enforce positive standard of behaviour with our students and ask that parents and caregivers support this by advocating for our school rules and by being great examples when on school grounds. Could I please encourage all parents to explain the difference between school behaviour/language and home behaviour/language. It is important that children understand that some behaviour and language that is acceptable at home is not acceptable at school. This 'code switching' is an important skill to learn and apply. The focus behaviours established for SPPS are:

- Respect everyone and their things.
- Care for self, others and our world.
- Show people tolerance and include them.
- Be honest and trustworthy by taking responsibility for your actions. ·

These behaviours are important for all staff, parents and students to display at all times.

Bus Students

Could parents please ensure that students using the bus service are aware of when they are using this service and when they are being picked up by parents. This information is used for the school to provide adequate supervision and record attendance on the bus. If changes are made to bus arrangements can these please be made to the front office by 2.30pm.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal



PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

Welcome to the new school year!

Welcome to all our families, staff and students to the new school year.

It has been great to see your faces in our classrooms after a long summer break.

We thank you for your continued support as we navigate the ever changing COVID environment. We acknowledge that this is a challenging time. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Spencer Park Education Support Centre Behaviour Expectations

Each week we have an Expectation of the Week focus. These include the following:

Be Your Best

I can be my best.



Be Friendly

I can be friendly.



Be Safe

I can be safe.



AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week: I, Safe, Friendly, Best



News from Room 23 – Kindy and Pre Primary

Our Kindy and Pre Primary students have had a great start to the new school year.

We have had lots of fun with puzzles, out in the playground and learning about colours.



Works have commenced!

Students have enjoyed watching the new and exciting school developments that are in progress and we are looking forward to the big reveal in coming days. Watch this space!



Elise Parker
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Respect			
PP1	Lilly-anne	R8	Lachlan
PP2	Samuel	R9	Benjamin
R1	Chayce	R11	Saffron
R2	Hayley	R19	Lauren
R3	Willow	R24	Amity

NO HAT NO PLAY

Friendly reminder: Term 1 is NO HAT NO PLAY.

If you're needing a school hat we have these great reversible wide brim/bucket hats available from our P&C run Uniform Shop in royal blue and the school faction colours.

Our Uniform Shop is open Monday and Wednesday mornings in Room 6 throughout the term before school. You can either come in or order online via QuickCliq.



SPPS CANTEEN IS OPEN

Our P&C run canteen is very special to our school community. Mrs Arta and her legendary volunteers, like Mrs Kosick, ensure our students and staff have access to the most DELICIOUS lunches and snacks.



New to our school community? The canteen is one place you must learn about... it's fabulous! What do you need to know?

- 🍏 The canteen is located in the undercover area
- 🍏 We LOVE and NEED volunteers 🙋
- 🍏 Closed every Monday
- 🍏 Open Tuesday to Friday
- 🍏 You can order lunch and/or recess
- 🍏 Orders can be made before school in person
- 🍏 Cash or payment by square at canteen
- 🍏 Orders can be made online via QuickCliq
- 🍏 All orders close off at 9am
- 🍏 Snacks are available to purchase by students at lunch and recess without an order

We also have some affordable and fresh Crunch & Sip options so if you're running late or have simply forgotten to pack something - head to the canteen to see what's available.

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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Our early childhood students from Kindy, Pre Primary and Year 1 have had a WONDERFUL week of play and learning. We'll have more to share next week but in the meantime, here's what they had to say about their first week of Term 1, 2022.



I liked playing on the big oval! I even saw my BIG brother!!
- Olivia

My favourite part was lunch time and playing.
- Ashton

I had fun with my friends. We can play on the big oval now.
- James

We went to music and I sang two songs!! I also like building Lego.
- Matthew

I made these lollipops!
- Leslie

Hmmmmm my favourite part - it's a secret! 😊
- Ned



STUDENT COUNCILLORS & FACTION CAPTAINS



Our 2022 student councilors are Alyssa, Karley, Sophie, Evie, Charlotte and Esther.

Our 2022 Factions Captains are Elliot, Lachlan, Harrison, Zahra, Cory and Maddie.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our Phys Ed program got under way last week under the experienced 719373 supervision of Ms Cass Cheetham. It looks like a great way to start the term.



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.

Come and swim with us!

Albany Swim Club is hosting another "Bring a friend" day.

If you love swimming and would like to see how we train and have fun in the pool then come along and join us on

Friday February 25th at 5:30 pm at ALAC.

We will enjoy a sausage sizzle together at 6:30 pm.

For catering purposes please register your interest no later than Wednesday 23rd of February.

To register please send email to registrar@albanyswimming.org.au or 0488 068040



Parents, Carers, and Families Community Survey 2022

Are you a Parent or Carer of a child/children aged 0-12yrs?

We want to hear from you!

The Communities for Children team at Amity Health would like to hear your thoughts, ideas, and experiences about the services and activities for children and families within your community.

Simply go to the app or your camera and scan the QR code or follow the link below



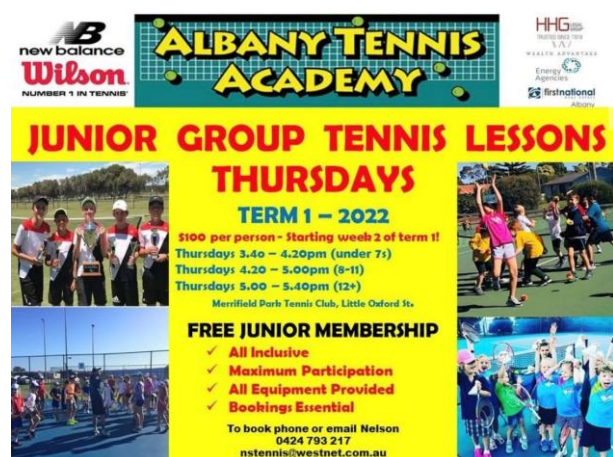
Enter the prize draw for your chance to win 1 of 3 Coles/Woolworths/IGA vouchers worth \$200 each. Simply complete the online survey, fill in the entry details and the lucky winners will be contacted shortly after the closing date of 28th February 2022.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/85R5CRL>

The information collected is completely confidential and will be used to the best of our abilities to guide current and future activities and services for the children and families in the Great Southern Region. For more information on Amity Health Communities for Children, check the website below: <https://www.amityhealth.com.au/communities-for-children>

Sacramental preparation classes
 Enrolment for classes preparing students for the Catholic sacraments will begin on Monday February 7 in New Camfield, 154 Aberdeen St Albany. Students in school years 3, 4 and 7 will be prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively. Classes will be run from 3.45 p.m. until 5 p.m. with parents advised that Registration and Safeguarding forms will need to be completed before students are left for the first class.

Any queries may be directed to the Parish Office on 9841 1129



ALBANY TENNIS ACADEMY

JUNIOR GROUP TENNIS LESSONS THURSDAYS

TERM 1 – 2022

\$100 per person - starting week 2 of term !!

Thursdays: 3.40 – 4.20pm (under 7s)
 Thursdays: 4.20 – 5.00pm (8-11)
 Thursdays: 5.00 – 5.40pm (12+)

Merrifield Park Tennis Club, Little Oxford St.

FREE JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ All Inclusive
- ✓ Maximum Participation
- ✓ All Equipment Provided
- ✓ Bookings: Essential

To book phone or email Nelson
 0424 793 217
 nstennis@westnet.com.au



Xpression dance!

Dance movement classes for youth 10 – 18 years old, with a mild to moderate disability. Run by Michelle, an Occupational therapist, who is also a dance movement therapist in training.

www.albanycontemporarydance.com.au

More Information & to Sign up go to Website or contact Sym Parr

0428 639 461

Monday 4.15

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