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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 Friends

COVID Update

Communication: As part of our planning for the possibility of a COVID outbreak at SPPS we would like to inform the school community of how this information will be initially shared. If the school receives confirmation of a positive case effecting SPPS, parents and carers will be informed via our SMS mobile phone messaging system. It is of high importance, therefore, that all contact information is up to date and accurate.

The message will outline information provided by the Department of Health, which will include what action is required. The school will maintain communication with parents via the SMS system, but also have information on our Facebook page and website.

Connect Communities: In the event of classes or individual students needing to isolate, the school has established a Connect Community for parents to join. This will provide access to work packages for different year levels and another line of communication to teaching staff. An invitation to join this community has been sent to all parent email contacts, so please check these - even your junk emails. This resource should only be used when students/classes are required to isolate.

Learning Programs: Learning programs will remain in place, but will be modified to limit the movement and mingling of students if we experience an outbreak. This will have some impact on literacy and numeracy groups.

School Activities: With an expected peak of cases occurring towards the end of this term, the school is taking a cautious and practical approach to larger

school activities. Events such as the Faction Swimming Carnival, Ride 2 School & Young Writers will be reviewed and a decision made closer to the time. Where possible a modified activity may be undertaken.

The Department of Education has released a helpful [leaflet](#) that you may find helpful.

Swimming Lessons

Rm 8-11 have completed their swimming lessons at Emu Point. In-term Swimming is a school-based swimming program for children from Pre-primary to Year 6. It provides quality swimming lessons across the State to ensure children develop vital swimming and water safety skills. It was fantastic to see so many of our students **OPTING IN** and giving swimming lessons a go!



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FUTURE DATES

Student Leader Assembly	Fri 25 Feb
- PA only	
Labour Day Holiday	Mon 7 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. •

School Board AGM

Our School Board will be held on Thursday 3rd March at 3.30pm via Microsoft Teams. Any parents wishing to join our AGM please contact the school so that we can organise an invitation.

Split Classes and Student Ability

Each year the school fields questions regarding our split classes and the provision of different ability within these classes. All classes, including split classes, are based on a number of factors including: social needs, behavioural factors, special needs, student ability, parent requests and teacher judgements. The creation of a high ability and low ability classrooms is not how the school structures general classes. The provision of different academic levels is provided in a variety of ways in all classrooms through a variety of ways including: differentiated curriculum, small groups and cross-setting structures. If parents have any queries about class structures or provision of academic ability, please talk to your classroom teacher or administration.



P&C AGM

Our P&C AGM was held last week and all positions were filled by the existing members. I would like to thank Mrs Erica Leak, who once again took on the role as President of the P&C. Mrs Amy Sims, Ms Jessica Galantino and Mrs Mary McLeod continue on in their various roles. We would love to see new members join our P&C meetings and fundraising events. Given the current health regulations around hold meetings, much of the planning and discussion will occur via the P&C Facebook page. Please visit this page or contact the school for information about how to contact P&C members.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

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.

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Care & Compassion		Do Your Best	
PP1	Lloyd	PP1	Mackenzie
PP2	Olivia	PP2	Isabella
Rm 1	Jiyah	Rm 1	Ryka
Rm 2	Jesse	Rm 2	Cody
Rm 3	Alisha	Rm 3	Thomas
Rm 8	Imogen	Rm 8	Angus
Rm 9	Connor	Rm 9	Phoenix
Rm 11	Azaria	Rm 11	Elijah
Rm 19	Wayde	Rm 19	Rhyder
Rm 24	Maddie	Rm 24	Kayden



Welcome back to school!

Book Club is open, and, now more than ever, an important and valuable tool to get kids back to reading! Let Book Club kick-start and nurture generations of readers in your school.



Children's University Information and FAQs for Families

Spencer Park Primary School is teaming up with the Children's University of WA to offer year 3, 4 and 5 students the chance to broaden their learning beyond the classroom.

What is Children's University?

The program helps children to grow their love of learning, build self-confidence, and develop aspirations for their future – all through fun learning experiences! Watch: <https://youtu.be/NNx7gN3Wic>

Children choose which learning activities they would like to participate in and earn time and stamps in a Passport to Learning as they go. There are a wide range of activities at school, in the community, and online. Your child may already be involved in activities that count towards their passport hours, such as sporting teams or music tuition. In addition, the school Library Officer and the Chaplain are available to offer extra encouragement and support for the learning.

Annual Membership

Membership is voluntary. A fee of \$16.50 is payable online (see information pack that your child brings home) and covers their passport and graduation gowns and certificates.

What is graduation?

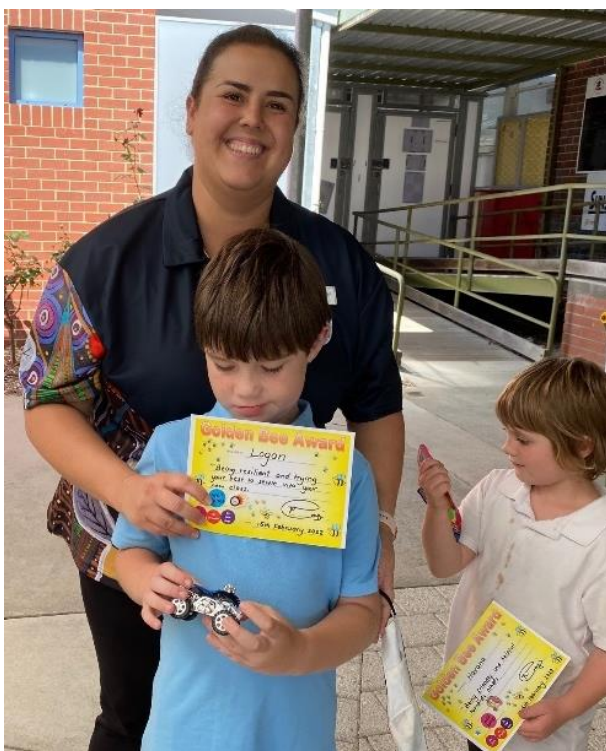
Once children reach 30 hours of stamps in their Passport to Learning, they and their family are invited to the graduation ceremony at the end of the year. This ceremony is a celebration of the children's learning and efforts, where friends, family members and teachers are all welcome to come and share the children's achievements. Children can graduate multiple times over several years, aiming higher as they go.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Golden Bees

Congratulations to Havana, Nora, Brayden, Alaki, Charlie, Belle, and Robert for their excellent effort to demonstrate our school's positive behaviour expectations. These students received a Golden Bee Award at our recent PBS Assembly and were lucky enough to choose a treasure chest prize!



Expectation of the Week

Be Friendly

Be friendly by following the rules



AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week: Friendly, Rules

Friendly



Rules



Our New Classroom is Here!

Students have been delighted to watch the progress of our new classroom being installed on site.

The process of moving into Room 26 commences this week and we look forward to sharing more photos of the inside when this happens.





News from Room 22

Students in Mrs Cronje's classroom have been busy creating various artworks designed to improve their fine motor skills and hand strength.



The students' imaginations have been set alight when playing with the doll house. Lots of chatter is developing their vocabulary, and they are developing their organisation and classification skills while having a great time.



Elise Parker
Principal

SENIOR IN-TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

Students from Rooms 8, 9 and 11 attended annual In-term Swimming lessons at Emu Point last week. Though we had mixed weather conditions, attendance was good. Swimming lessons for the remainder of our students will take place in Term, 3 pending restriction conditions at that time.



CONSTABLE CARE

Last Thursday we were lucky to have Constable Care visit our school to deliver some important safety messages. The PP-year 2 students learnt about the numbers to call if they need help, and what constitutes an emergency. This helps us to determine whether to call 000 (Emergencies – Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade), 131 444 (non-urgent Police assistance) or 1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers).

The year 3-4 students learnt about 'Frenemies.' The key messages in their performance were about making friends, being inclusive and respectful of everyone and showing care and consideration for others. It reinforced our SPPS school values perfectly.



The upper primary students watched a show called 'Trending', and focused on staying safe while online. Some of the key concepts it covered included Cyber Bullying and what to do if it happens to you, gaining consent before 117781 posting pictures or videos of other people online, and safe, lawful and respectful use of online forums.

The Constable Care shows were entertaining and very educational. We hope they will visit us again soon.

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?

FROM GARDEN TO CANTEEN



Our SPPS students and staff are enjoying delicious lunches and snacks whipped up by our very clever Canteen Manager Mrs Arta.

These beautiful fresh fruits and vegetables have been harvested by our students from our school gardens and delivered straight to the canteen. Our students are exceptionally proud of their efforts in growing and caring for their veggies.

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.

SPENCER PARK SOCCER CLUB

Come and be one of our 2022 SOCCER SUPERSTARS

WE NEED:

- COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- COACHES
- PLAYERS (PRE PRIMARY TO YEAR 6)
- CLUB VOLUNTEERS & HELPERS

Register Your Interest

Email: spsoccerclub@outlook.com
 Speak to Perdie @ SPPS
 SMS: 0408 102 585

2022 SEASON

Before School Care

PCYC
Police & Community Youth Centres

📍 77 Sanford Rd, Albany 6330
☎ 9841 6672
✉ albanyoshc@wapcyc.com.au

REGISTER TODAY!

PERMANENT BOOKINGS ONLY

Service opens at 6.45am

- » Breakfast and School drop-off provided
- » Bookings via email
- » Please note, we have limited spaces available so spots are booked on a first come first serve basis. Our standard cancellation policy applies.

Cost

\$35 per child per day before CCS entitlements

Information & Open Night for Recruits and Parents

6.00pm to 6.45pm

Wednesday 23 February 2022

Cnr Serpentine Rd & Spencer St

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