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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

COVID Update

Over the last few weeks we have seen very few cases of COVID across the school and I would like to thank parents and caregivers for your support in communicating with the school, testing students and keeping students at home when unwell. I would also like to thank parents for keeping students coming to school when they were well.

Keeping students at school when they are well, is important not only for their education, but also for their social connections, mental health and development of resilience. Long periods of non-attendance can make the return to school difficult, which can contribute to high levels of anxiety.

Our wonderful School Psychologist has put together some strategies and resources to assist parents in Helping students to attend school during COVID. This information has been sent to all parents as an attachment to a text and is available on Connect. Please read through this information over holidays and touch base with the school when term two commences if necessary.

Interim Reports

Students will be receiving an interim report this week. This provides parents with a brief overview of how their child(ren) is performing in key areas of school. The report is not designed to provide lots of information, but should provide general information about key areas. Please look over this report and touch base with teachers early in term two if you have any concerns or questions.

NAPLAN

Next term our Yr 3 & 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing. If parents do not wish their students to sit these tests, please contact the school ASAP. A

form can be sent home and will need to be signed or alternatively can be signed at the front office.

National Ride 2 School Day



On Friday 25 March over forty students participated in Ride 2 School Day. Students participated by riding bikes and scooters from home or parks around the local area. Once at school there were a number of obstacle courses for students to tackle as well as a light breakfast to enjoy. Thank you to Mr Luscombe and Ms Harris-Moroney for helping to organise the event.



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FUTURE DATES

Term 2 commences	Tues 26 April
ANZAC Service	Tues 26 April
Interschool Orienteering	Thurs 5 May
P&C Meeting 7pm	Mon 9 May
NAPLAN Testing	10 to 20 May

- **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. •

End of Term

It has certainly been a challenging term and I would like to thank staff for their resiliency in an ever changing situation and for their ability to remain calm and focussed on their job. As mentioned previously I would also like to acknowledge parents and caregivers for your support and assistance throughout this term. I hope that everyone can have a relaxing two week break and that next term is a much smoother one.

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Tolerance & Inclusion		Respect	
PP1	Declan	PP1	Jude
PP2	Eli	PP2	Ed
Rm 1	Laylah	Rm 1	Aroha
Rm 2	Noah	Rm 2	Harmony
Rm 3	Alice	Rm 3	Tyler
Rm 8	Jayce	Rm 8	Elena
Rm 9	Karley	Rm 9	Alyssa
Rm 11	Kayden	Rm 11	Felix
Rm 19	Zylas	Rm 19	Lola
Rm 24	Elsie	Rm 24	Isabel

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.

Rm 1	Mia, Chayse
Rm 2	Detroy, Isabelle
Rm 3	Scarlett, Lucas
Rm 8	Ingrid, Edyn, Eloise, Isaiah
Rm 9	Kade, Isabel, Christine, Senema
Rm 11	Aimee, Mason
Rm 19	Laura, Zylas, Charlie
Rm 24	Jobe, Finley, Cylus
Science Mrs Murray	Alisha Rm3, Kaylah Rm 2, Isaiah Rm 8, Kayden Rm 11, Cody Rm 11

CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH COVID-19

Dr Andrew Martin, a paediatrician from Perth Children's Hospital, describes how COVID-19 can effect children and how to care for them at home in a short [video](#) for parents. Dr Martin explains that most children who contract COVID-19 manage well and can be 857201 safely cared for at home. Dr Martin explains that caring for a child with COVID-19 is very similar to caring for them when they have a common cold or mild flu. [The video explains the signs and](#)

[symptoms to be aware of for when to seek further help.](#)

HARMONY DAY WITH KINDY 1



The children loved Harmony day activities and learning about how we are all different.

ORIENTEERING

Room 8, 9 and 11 students had a go at orienteering this week in Phys Ed. Our enthusiastic students raced around the school finding the necessary points to mark on the map. Fun and fitness combined!





PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

Golden Bees

Congratulations to Teddy, Isiah, Alex, Riley, Tairhys, Brodie, Duke, Autumn, Eden, Belle, Brodie, Cooper and Joseph for their excellent effort to demonstrate our school's positive behaviour expectations. These students received a Golden Bee Award at our recent PBS Assembly.

Our amazing award winners were invited to select a prize from the Treasure Chest. Congratulations to you all!



Expectation of the Week

Be Friendly

"I can be friendly by using kind words."



AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

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



Friendly



Kind



Words



PBS Rewards Day at Handasyde's Strawberry Farm



On Friday 1 April Room 13 and 14 students were treated to a trip to Handasydes Strawberry Farm to celebrate meeting their PBS expectations in Term 1.

Students enjoyed Gelato, and had a great time playing on the farm themed playground and thought the farm animals were pretty cool!

Well done on a fantastic start to the year!



PBS Rewards for Room 23

The Easter Bunny visited Room 23 to reward the class for meeting their PBS expectations during the term. There were squeals of delight as the children searched high and low in the nature play space before heading inside to find a basket of chocolatey goodies by the fairy door.





Farewell to Sharon Hall



Our wonderful and supportive Manager of Corporate Services, Sharon Hall is retiring after 19 years of service to our school community. Sharon has been an absolute asset to Spencer Park Education Support Centre and I'm sure everyone will agree that she will be sorely missed. Best wishes for a happy and relaxing retirement, Sharon! Thank you for everything you have done for our school.

School holidays are nearly here!

What a big term it has been for everyone here at Spencer Park Education Support Centre! We would like to extend our gratitude to our wonderful school community for your support during these interesting times.

I wish you all the best for well-deserved R&R during the upcoming school holidays. Students and staff return after the holidays on Tuesday 26th April, 2022.



Bec Wheatley
Principal

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY INFORMATION UPDATE FOR FAMILIES

Students who enrolled will have received their passports and are hopefully starting to compile some learning hours.



Learning at home:

Login to find out what learning opportunities there are around Albany and beyond this coming school holidays. (<https://cuaportal.com/cu-login/>). A quick guide to which Children's University partner Learning Destinations offer outstanding learning experiences around Albany, Peel and Perth can be accessed via this map (www.tiny.cc/cuwamap).

If you are travelling to Perth, Peel or around the Great Southern this is an easy access way to see what is on offer in the area.

Not going anywhere? That's fine there are many online activities you can do to entertain yourself and learn this school holidays, or create your own and let us know about them when you come back to school. CUWA have supplied students with Nature Passports already. In addition, they have sent a Holiday Booklet for students who will be staying home and the April challenge, both of which are attached above. So lots of activities to get you started.

Remember to record any hours you spend on learning activities at home over the holiday or to get stamps in your passports when visiting places such as the Town Library, Vancouver Art Centre or the Museum of the Great Southern (maybe to see the Lego Brickwrecks exhibit?). We will have a meeting Thursday lunch time in Week 2 of Term 2 to update passports and share our holiday activity reports.

WELCOME Ms KRIER



My Name is Vanessa Krier. I am a pre-service teacher with Deakin University, and I will be completing my placement in room 11 from week 1 to 5 of term 2. I am excited about this opportunity to learn new skills and to practice teaching under the guidance of Ms Raigan Reading. At the core of my teaching philosophy is the strong belief that building positive

relationships with students help them reach their learning potential, and so I am looking forward to getting to know each students.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our Spencer Park Primary School Canteen would like to say a big thankyou to the Little Family for your generous donation of a slow cooker for us to use for specialty food preparation.

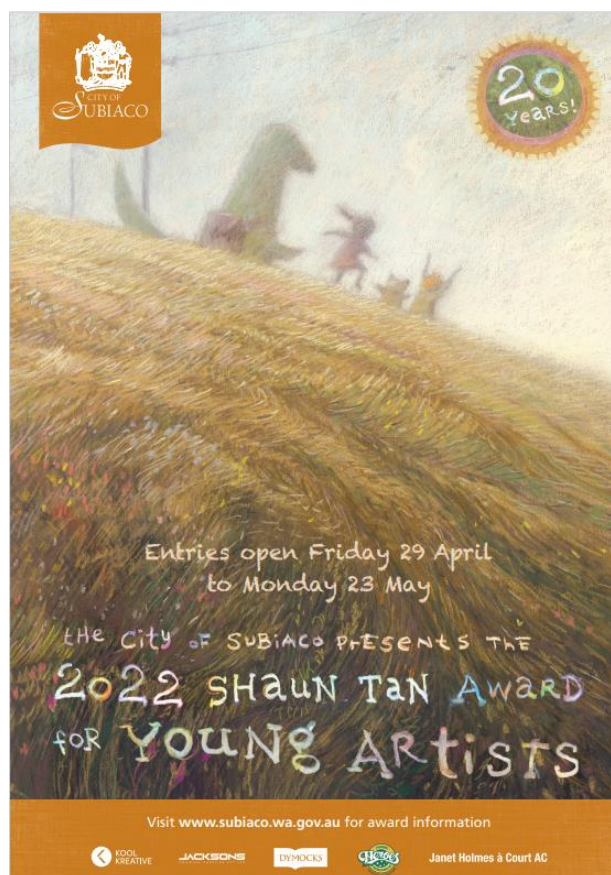


2022 SHAUN TAN AWARD

Are you one of our budding artists?

SPPS would like to support you to enter the Shaun Tan Art Award for Young Artists. Sessions will be run in the T & E shed after school on Tuesday 26 April, 3 May and 10 May.

To be eligible, bring your draft and plan to Ms Reading. Numbers are limited so get in quick. Email Raigan for more information raigan.reading@education.wa.edu.au.



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust you are doing well, and managing during this time of change.

As I reflect back on this school year so far, it seems like we have been in a period when we've needed to be prepared and ready to act: masks for adults and some school age children, RAT's , staying home if a close contact, or possibly getting COVID-19 and recovering.

Through it I've seen school life continuing as best we can. In the early mornings I've had the opportunity to see the day at school begin; as people cross our quadrangle I see all sorts of events unfolding. Parents pushing strollers with children accompanying. A little group of students racing to the office with reading records to receive awards for their achievements. Friends meeting up to chat on their way to class. A child being given some encouragement from a staff member. The list goes on!

As I've quietly observed, my conclusion has been: these children like this school. We are a community, and everyone has their own unique place in it. Whatever comes along, we are making the needed adjustments, and our students can come to school with confidence.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy Easter, and a relaxing break.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Hunt

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?

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 TENNIS ACADEMY






SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

APRIL HOLIDAYS
\$100 per person
Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th April
9am till 12 noon
Merrifield Park Tennis Club, Little Oxford St.


INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Inclusive Sessions
- ✓ Maximum Participation
- ✓ All Equipment Provided
- ✓ Low Player to Coach Ratio

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"Every parent should know about this!"



PRESENTED BY:

Tammy-Anne Caldwell BA, Gdip
 - Teacher, International Presenter,
 Social Emotional Trainer,
 Educational Neuroscience Specialist
 & 2005 Dux of ASHS.

Todd Budden
 - International Presenter,
 First Aid Education Officer,
 Audio Engineer, Sound & Mindfulness
 Specialist.

"Completely brilliant!"
*"Excellent. It opens the mind,
 challenges the way you may have
 thought about things."*
*"I wish I could put in words how
 good Tammy-Anne is!"*
"Ground-breaking and the future!"
"So valuable, relatable, relevant."
*"Amazing, really useful, easy
 changes which will have
 big effects!"*

FREE BRAIN-BASED PARENT WEBINAR VIA ZOOM

A BRAIN-BASED HOLISTIC APPROACH TO WELL-BEING & LEARNING STARTS IN THE HOME!

Learn how to help your child realise & reach their incredible true potential – to be happy, healthy, successful and satisfied!

PARENT WORKSHOP:

This workshop is perfect for parents of children aged 5 to 18, as well as carers & grandparents.

All based on cutting edge Neuroscience and Psychology, this workshop gives you the practical skills, knowledge & confidence to nurture the well-being & development of your children.





We take a complex topic & make it easy to understand, in an entertaining fashion, with inspiring, memorable true stories.

This highly engaging, practical workshop will be presented via Zoom and parents will be sent a Zoom link so they can log in from home.

IN THIS WORKSHOP, PARENTS WILL LEARN:


- How your child's Mind & Brain works, learns and grows best
- The brain link between Well-Being & Learning
- Practical tools & techniques to boost Well-Being & Learning
- How to help your child Manage Emotions, Anxiety & Stress
- How to boost your child's Good Behaviour
- How to improve your child's Emotional Self-Regulation
- How to improve their Perseverance & Growth Mindset
- Strategies to help your child build Resilience & Confidence
- How to boost your child's Self-Acceptance & Compassion
- Why a Brain-Based Holistic Approach is essential
- How to help your child improve their Focus, Effort, Memory, Attention & Academic Achievements


Limited spaces! 27th April, 2nd & 5th May. To secure your spot go to:
www.abovebeyondeducation.com/greatsouthernparents


ALBANY

GEOCACHING ADVENTURES





Ages 8 to 12 • Tickets \$20 • Gear



10am-1pm, 20 April 2022
Eyre Park, Albany



Tickets: www.outdoorsgreatsouthern.org.au/events

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 info@outdoorsgreatsouthern.org.au
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 instagram.com/outdoorsgreatsouthern

Book by
 18 April



MINIROOS



HOLIDAY CLINICS



ALBANY LEISURE AQUATIC CENTRE (ALAC)

13TH APRIL
10AM - 1PM

Mini Roos – Holiday Clinic

- 3 hours of fun game-based activities
- Boys and Girls aged 4- 11 years
- \$40 per child
- The program is running on the Multi purpose pitch
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<https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/welcomeregplus.aspx?misc=%2bymiEZkNqnBp%2f%2byHZMOjiiBHM07qjO7Wt%2fv8pbUq8%3d&id=96185&save=0&entityid=77984>

Albany Farmers Market 20th Anniversary

KIDS DISCOVERY TRAIL



Join in this fun trail as you make your way around the farmers market, discovering the amazing foods grown by local farmers. Pick up your trail sheet at the gate and answer the questions to go into the draw for a prize.

Where: Albany Farmers Market on Collie St

When: Saturdays in April, 8am - 12pm

Cost: Free

Age: Under 15

cinefest OZ
ALBANY
FILM FESTIVAL
ALBANY | WESTERN AUSTRALIA

28 APR - 1 MAY 2022

Kinjarling Koorit
ALBANY HEART
A celebration of film in the heart of Albany!

Supported by

SATURDAY 30 APRIL | ALBANY TOWN HALL & TOWN SQUARE | FREE!

9.00am Enjoy complimentary tasty treats, purchase coffees, and start a Kinjarling Koorit adventure!

9.20am Welcome to Country

TOWN HALL
9.45am Toohey, by Karla Hart followed by community yarns
11.30am Noongar Boodja
12.15pm I Choose to forgive - Aunty Eliza Woods
Kwongkan Midstars - sand dancers
Magic Pen - Naomi Lake
Uncle Georgio
Nis Duncan - True Portraits
12.40pm Cinesnaps
Great Southern Student Shorts
1.00pm A Long Way Back

TOWN SQUARE
9am-2pm Virtual Whadjuk VR experience
"Stories of Us" with Creative Albany Inc
Silent Cinema selection of short films
Indigenous culture & community services
Performances

Visit cinefestoz.com for full program

BUY TICKETS cinefestoz.com
2.00pm Albany Shantymen Filmmaker Intro
Edward and Isabella

TOOLY SCREENING + Q&A | 9.45am

NOONGAR BOODJA SCREENING | 11.30am

A LONG WAY BACK SCREENING | 1pm

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Partners

Regional Partners

CinefestOZ Albany acknowledges the support of Kurrah Ma.

APRIL

STORY PLAYGROUND

FUN FREE ACTIVITIES & GREAT BOOKS THESE HOLIDAYS

FREE

**12 APR
TUES**

10.30-11.30AM

DIY CRAFT SPACE

Enjoy an hour of crafting to create a variety of crafts that make great gifts or room decorations. All materials supplied!

AGE 5+

**13 APR
WED**

4PM - 5PM

LEGO CLUB

Join us for an amazing underwater maritime themed LEGO Club adventure session, with a school holiday challenge. All LEGO supplied.

AGE 5+

**14 APR
THUR**

10.30-11.30AM

FESTIVAL OF THE TREES - NATURE PLAY

Sit under a leafy canopy and listen to stories that celebrate the beauty and magic of trees. Then get crafty and create your own colourful jigsaw collage tree.

AGE 3+

**19 APR
TUES**

10.30-11.30AM

DIY CRAFT SPACE

Enjoy an hour of crafting to create a variety of crafts that make great gifts or room decorations. All materials supplied!

AGE 5+

**20 APR
WED**

10.30-11.30AM

I SPEAK DOGGIE

A fun interactive session with guest presenter Theo, for all dog lovers. Learn the language of dogs and make a special doggie gift for a furry friend.

AGE 5+

**21 APR
THURS**

5PM - 7PM

YOUTH WEEK - GAME ON

Enjoy a great selection of awesome new and exciting tabletop games in this special Youth Week event. Refreshments provided.

AGE 12+



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TERM TWO

FRIDAY 6TH MAY Visit from Ashleigh from Amity Health	WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE Coffee and Chat
WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY Visit from Jen from Carers WA	WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE Visit from Margot from Parenting Connections
WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY Coffee and Chat	WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE Indoor Self Care Seated Exercise
WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY Project Focus	FRIDAY 24TH JUNE Coffee and Chat

All meetings are held from 9:30-11:30am

at

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