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We value positive relationships and
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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Student Reports

Semester 1 reports will be sent home this week via parent email addresses. Some student reports may have limited information provided if your child has had poor attendance. If parents have any queries or questions regarding report information, please contact the school and speak with the classroom teacher.

Cross Country Carnivals

Congratulations to every student that participated in our cross country events! It was wonderful to see the high level of participation in our faction cross country event and huge congratulations to RED faction, who won the event after an eight-year gap. Our top four runners from each race were selected to participate in the Interschool event, which was held last Friday. Our top placing students were Sophia in 5th (Yr 6 Girls) and Phoenix in 7th (Yr 5 Girls)



NAIDOC Week

Throughout our final week we have engaged in a few different activities for NAIDOC Week. The big event for the whole school has been to participate in a colouring competition for our new faction designs. These designs have been created by Jesse Wynne and Thomas Dimer from art work undertaken by our students. The three new designs are based on themes:

Red – Sun, Gold – Moon, Green – Stars

Every class will submit ten designs to a final whole school selection, which will be viewed to select our winning designs. These designs will be used to create new faction flags, large faction posters and eventually new faction shirts.

Our Yr 5/6 students also participated in our annual football and netball competition against Mt Lockyer and performed very well.



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FUTURE DATES

Pursuit of Excellence
Assembly
Last Day of Term 2
First Day Term 3

Fri 1 July
Fri 1 July
Tues 19 July

- **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. •

Bullying Information

Bullying is always a topic talked about in school communities and as with all schools, workplaces and various locations where people gather, bullying can exist. A very important point when considering the topic of bullying is the definition. This is important because we shouldn't confuse one-off bad behaviour with bullying.

The Department of Education defines bullying as: *Bullying is when an individual or group misuses power to target another individual or group to intentionally threaten or harm them on more than one occasion. This may involve verbal, physical, relational and psychological forms of bullying. Teasing or fighting between peers is not necessarily bullying.* (PREVENTING AND MANAGING BULLYING-Guidelines for Schools 2011)

Strategies that schools employ to assist our students to deal with behaviours that make them feel uncomfortable or bullying:

1. Ignore the behaviour if possible (people who bully are generally after attention),
2. Walk away or move away from the person,
3. Ask the person to stop (at times, others do not realise that their behaviour is annoying),
4. Seek assistance or help (if the strategies above do not work then intervention is required).

Preventative strategies employed at school:

- Duty teachers in high visibility vests and administration presence during breaks.
- Structured games for junior primary to foster social skills and fair play.
- Library open every lunch time, providing supervised quiet reading and board games.
- Constable Care in Term 1.
- Whole school values rewarded weekly.
- Classroom behaviour expectations regularly discussed with classroom teachers.

How can parents assist? It is vital for parents to reinforce the strategies above to try and help your children become resilient members of our society. As outlined above bullying can occur anywhere (schools, sporting groups, family gatherings) and is not limited to an age group or particular place. Helping your child build resiliency is really important, but knowing also when to intervene and assist your child is equally important. If you believe your child is being bullied at school, please come and talk with either their class teacher or administration ASAP. Posting incidents on social media does nothing to help resolve the issue and can result in some very bad advice being given.

SPPS is committed to dealing with bullying when it arises and has implemented a program called Bullying – No Way to help students understand what it is and how to handle it when it occurs. Further information can be found on our web site.

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.



Respect		Care & Compassion	
PP1	Paige	PP1	Maxon
PP2	Lucas	PP2	Summer
Rm 1	Lucas	Rm 1	Braxton
Rm 2	Alfred	Rm 2	Ronan
Rm 3	Scarlett	Rm 3	Oskar
Rm 8	Bella	Rm 8	Brax
Rm 9	Lilah	Rm 9	Molly
Rm 11	Alhasan	Rm 11	Vela
Rm 19	Kade	Rm 19	Rhyder
Rm 24	Keisha	Rm 24	Jack

KINDY MAKING BREAD



Mmmmmm. YUM! The aroma of fresh bread wafted throughout the early childhood area of Spencer Park Primary School last week. Our kindy children worked together to bake some delicious bread. When the bread came out of the oven the children enjoyed spreading butter and jam 929634 on their fresh warm bread. What a treat!



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Golden Bees

Our students have had an amazing term 2. They reached **14 243** points for the whole school! Which mean it was reward time. Last Friday our Senior students chose to have Disco food and a movie, while our Junior Students chose a Disco Party and Disco food. Keep Being Safe, Being Friendly and Being your Best and congratulations on your amazing achievement.



We wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday. We will see you all on Tuesday 19 July.



Bec Wheatley
Principal

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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

PP 1	Ashley, Maxon, Mackenzie, Jude
PP 2	Olivia, Hunter, Lucas
Rm 1	Allegra, Kailee
Rm 2	Ronan, Justin, Hayley
Rm 3	Arden, Max
Rm 8	Angus, Channaye, Mitchel, Elena
Rm 9	Kaleb, Devin, Cody, Karley
Rm 11	Evie, Cody, Vela, Cory
Rm 19	Edward, Kirrily
Rm 24	Chloe, Craig
Science	Esther Rm 11, Allegra Rm 1, Benjamin Rm 9



Chaplain's Chat

Dear Parents and Friends,

How slowly yet quickly we seem to have reached the end of another school term! It has certainly been an eventful one, with changes and challenges presenting themselves.

I take heart from something I've noticed here at school; it gives me cause for optimism. There used to be a sticker I saw in different places, that read something like "Practise random acts of kindness". In these current times we could possibly start to think kindness is disappearing, happily I think not.

Every day I'm seeing these acts of kindness in our school. In the little things, like one child saying they want another one to choose the game they'll play. Or welcoming a new student to their class, enthusiastically giving them a tour of our campus, and including them at break times. These are just a couple of the kind of things that happen.

Our recent faction cross country event was a very good example. While giving out place cards to competitors, I saw so much encouragement being given, amongst staff, students and parents to those running (actually quite a long way!) This was even extended to assisting a student who needed some help during their race. In this instance not only did I think of kindness; the ideals of courage, determination and sportsmanship also sprang to mind.

What valuable life skills our students are learning – they give us hope for the future of our young people. Let's keep showing them the way, so they continue to make us proud!

Wishing you all a very happy holiday, and hoping you stay safe and well.

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.

FACTION CROSS COUNTRY

Red Faction made a great showing and took out the Faction Cross Country Shield for 2022.

Congratulations to all who participated and to our medallion winners.

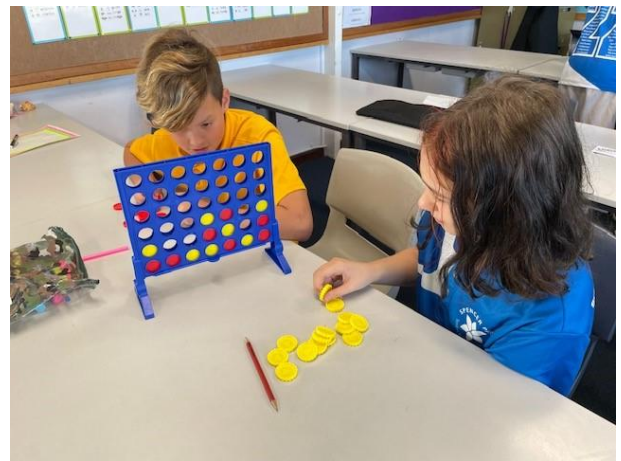


WHAT'S NEWS!

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?


NEW GAMES

Our sincere thanks to the P&C for their very kind donation of games. The students love them.



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.



**GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!**
3-10 JULY 2022

NAIDOC 2022

BASKETBALL COMPETITION ROUND ROBIN 3 ON 3

This is a shout out to our Young, Black and Deadly Noongar Youth in the Great Southern. We are calling for teams from Albany, Mt Barker, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Tambellup and Kojonup.

Register your team with the Southern Aboriginal Corporation
headspace Albany or ALAC . Rego closes June 24th.
Ages 11 to 15 and 16 to 25 - Male, Female or Mixed
Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Non-Aboriginal youth welcome

When: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July. Starts 10 am

Where: ALAC Courts - Albany

BBQ and Prizes on the day

For more info contact Nikita Armstrong or Narelle Miniter on 9842 7751



all at Sea Saturday

A DAY OF MARITIME FUN AT THE ALBANY BOATSHED

SAT JULY 2

Build-a-Boat Competition & Regatta
Sailing with Princess Royal Sailing Club
Cooking Demonstrations * Seafood Tastings
Food Vans * Live Music * Shanty Singing
Jamie the Pirate * Mermaid Mara * Youth Markets
Photobooth * Marine Knot-Tying with the Cadets
Radio Boat Demonstrations
...and so much more!!

ALBANY BOATSHED
256 Princess Royal Drive
10am - 5pm



www.cityofalbanyevents.com



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JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Unhinge the Ninja: \$10
Where: Albany Indoor Adventures
Date: Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 13 July
Time: 2:15pm - 3:45pm
Ages: 10 - 25
Put your ninja skills to the test this July!

Painting and Collage Workshop: \$5
Where: Vancouver Arts Centre
Date: Saturday 9 July
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm or 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Ages: 10 - 25
Instructed by local artist Tessa Moncrieff, you will have the opportunity to create your own original art piece!



Aqua Games: \$5
Where: Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre
Date: Thursday 14 July
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Ages: 10 - 14
Make a SPLASH these school holidays!



Survivor Challenge: \$5
Where: Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre
Date: Wednesday 6 July
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Ages: 10 - 18
In teams, you will participate in a range of 'Survivor' themed challenges to become the ultimate survivor!



Scan the QR Code or head to <https://bit.ly/3mZZQK5> to secure your booking

For more information contact Caitlin Jameson on 6820 3008 or email caitlin.jameson@albaney.wa.gov.au





