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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Spellademic Competition

On Tuesday this week twelve students from Yr 3-6 participated in the Albany Spelling Competition, which extends well beyond Albany to include schools from as far as Jerramungup DHS. The event was hosted by Mount Lockyer Primary School and our school entered two teams in both the Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 competition. All of our teams performed very well, with our Yr 5/6 team coming equal second. Next year the competition will move to Albany PS. Thank you to the parents that came along to support the event.



Open Night

Next Wednesday night is our Open Night, which is a great opportunity to come along to school and view student work, methods of teaching & learning and have a chat to staff about your child(ren). Our uniform shop will be open, which is beneficial for school photos the next day and our P&C will be selling pizza!

Father's Day Stalls

A huge thank you to the P&C for running the Father's Day stall last week. It was great to see so many students buying cups, number plates and other trinkets for their dads. We hope all father's had a wonderful day!



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FUTURE DATES

Scitech Incursion	Fri 9 Sept
Open Night 5.30 - 7.00pm	Wed 14 Sept
School Photos	Wed 14 Sept
	Thurs 15 Sept
Assembly ESC - POE	Fri 23 Sept
Last Day Term 3	Fri 23 Sept

- **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. •

Parent and Student Survey

As part of our school's reflection we gather information from students and parents about how our school operates. We will be sending parents an SMS message with a link to a short survey that we would like all parents to complete. Paper copies will be available at the Open Night.

Yr 5/6 students will also complete a survey later in the year, which will again ask them to provide feedback about their experiences at school.

All of the data collected from these surveys are viewed by the School Board and are available in summary to the parent community through the school's annual report.

Treasure Hunters

The school is very excited to announce that YouthCARE will be commencing a Treasure Hunters program for students in Yr 1-6 at lunch time each Tuesday.

The program is optional for students to attend, but they must have parent permission to participate. Treasure Hunters is a values-based program run by trained volunteers. It aims to help students develop interpersonal skills and a greater awareness of the world around them through the use of Bible stories and games.

This program is fun, relational, active and dynamic, with themes and core concepts that will help students navigate through life.

Permission forms are available from the front office.

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Respect		Care & Compassion	
PP1	Noah	PP1	Stella
PP2	Tyler	PP2	Samuel
Rm 1	Allegra	Rm 1	Sasha
Rm 2	Destinee	Rm 2	Indyanna
Rm 3	Riley	Rm 3	Oskar
Rm 8	Ingrid	Rm 8	Shanayla
Rm 9	Ella	Rm 9	Lachlan
Rm 11	Esther	Rm 11	Vela
Rm 19	Zylas	Rm 19	Charli
Rm 24	Alyson	Rm 24	Amity

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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

PP 1	Flynn, Paige, Shilah
PP 2	Eli, Marcel, Amber, Ned
Rm 1	Annaberry
Rm 2	Destinee, Jerome
Rm 3	Tahnaya, Willow
Rm 8	Jafar, Hudson, Elena, Tahi
Rm 9	Faith, Amara, Zahra, Harrison
Rm 11	Doreen, Xavier
Rm 19	Jason
Rm 24	Ella

PRE-PRIMARY 2 ASSEMBLY



Stuck!

When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things. Thank you to Pre-primary 2 for presenting this wonderful story so well.

VACSWIM SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the 811071 summer school holidays.

VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. It's a great school holiday activity that teaches valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Places are limited, so get in early. Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

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.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

PBS AWARDS

Bee Voucher Winners

Congratulations to Brayden, Eden, Caleb, Robert & Isaiah for earning the most Bee Vouchers in their class this week. They could choose something exciting from the prize box.

Golden Bee Certificates were given to Scott, Joseph, Havana, Charlie & Xavier. Fantastic work! You are great role models in our school by Being Your Best, Being Friendly and Being Safe.



Spencer Park Education Support Centre Behaviour Expectations

Each week we have an Expectation of the Week focus. This week we focus on:

Be Your Best

I can be friendly



AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week: I can be friendly by using a kind voice and telling the truth.

I



Friendly



Kind



Using kind Voice



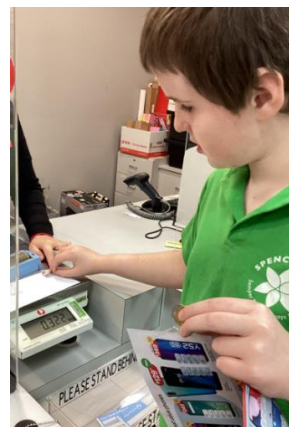
CLASSROOM NEWS - SPESC

Room 13 -Community Access Excursions

This term Room 13 have been going on weekly Community Access excursions which have been planned so that students can interact & learn about their local community. The learning activities assist the students to meet some Geography IEP goals like; visiting well-known places in the community, participating in the community & identifying what they and others can do at particular locations in the community.

Staff work hard to reinforce and support students' social skills; We must be;SAFE & stay with the group, FRIENDLY & use manners like saying please and thank-you and be our BEST by paying attention to others in the community.

Some places visited were the Museum of the Great Southern, Albany Post Office and the Albany Public Library.





SPEC ASSEMBLY AND MORNING TEA



We will be hosting an Assembly and Morning Tea on Friday, 23 September.



Bec Wheatley
Principal

CULTURAL INCURSION

Bush Tucker: How to live off the land

In the last week of August our students enjoyed a Cultural Incursion with a visit by well-known cultural advisor, Larry Blight who talked to them about Bush Tucker: how to live off the land. They showed great interest and a few even tried out the tucker!



GETTING HELP WITH WORRIES

Everyone has worries but sometimes they can get in the way of children and adults doing the things they need to and want to do in the day. If this happens now and then we can encourage our children to be brave, have a go, break it into small steps and have a small reward for giving it a go. If this goes on for longer, or is stopping our children from doing things they need to do – like coming to school, or would like to do like having a sleep-over or trying a team sport it is time to get some help.

The Fearless program gives parents specific steps to manage worries – watch out for this in the newsletter – Maree, our School Psychologist will be running this 2 hour session next term.

You can also get help through counselling – either directly through services such as Relationships Australia (Ph 6164 0530), or via your GP.

Free online help is available for both children (and their parents) and adults.

The Brave Program [The Brave Program - Childhood and adolescent anxiety - Emerging Minds](#)
For Children 8 and over and their parents

Mind spot [MindSpot Clinic - Free Online Mental Health Support](#)

Free assessment and treatment for adults (anxiety and other mental health problems)

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?

ENGINEERING WITH NATURE WORKSHOP



Four intrepid potential engineers headed to the University of WA, Albany on Wednesday 31st August, for a wonderful introduction to Engineering with Nature. Channaye, Elena, Erin and Noah ate a wonderful afternoon tea and then listened closely as lecturers from Perth and Albany provided fascinating insights into how engineering often calls on nature for inspiration. They did themselves and the school proud.



Nature's engineers, harvesting wave technology and Biomimicry were topics discussed.



A hands on experiment about hydrophobia after learning about shark skin.



Attendees were given a game to help them decide which type of engineering was of most interest to them.



Biomimicry - Ask out attendees which birds inspired the improved design of one of the fastest trains in the world.



TAKING KINDY ENROLMENTS NOW
TELEPHONE 6821 3000 OR VISIT THE SCHOOL ON HARDIE ROAD

Applications for your child to be involved in Kindergarten (children turning 4 by 30 June 2023) and Pre-Primary (children turning 5 by 30 June 2023) are now being taken at our school office. If your child is entering our school for the first time their birth certificate and immunisation certificate from the Australian Children's Immunisation Registry will be required.

We are taking applications for enrolment in these programs now, getting your application in as soon as possible will be important in securing a place with our school in 2023.

If your child is currently enrolled in our Kindergarten program you will need to make contact with the school office to ensure that your child is on our Pre-Primary list for 2023.



Spencer Park Primary School
Wednesday 14 September
5.30-7.00pm

See your children's work and view the great things happening across the school!

Open Night 2022

P&C will be providing food on the night in the CANTEEN - see overleaf for details about the great **pizza deals** and other food/drink that you can purchase.

Other things to see & do:

- Past Choir & Percussion performances will be played on a loop outside the Science room in the verandah area.
- 2022 Assembly Items will be played on a loop outside Rm 4 in the verandah area.
- Uniform shop will open - Rm 6. New and second hand clothes will be available.
- Visit the Science Room to see the great resources and student work.

OPEN NIGHT PIZZA & CUPCAKES

Canteen Open
5:30 - 6:30pm

Hawaiian* / Meatlovers Pizza
\$2 per slice / \$15 whole

Simply Cheese* Pizza
\$2 per slice / \$10 whole

*Gluten Free \$2.50 per slice

Cupcakes* \$2 each
Cooldrinks & Juice Boxes

While stocks last

Eft available



Last chance! Please help me raise some dough for the **Year 6 camp** with Australia's favourite fundraiser, Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough. This is your chance to purchase Billy G's mouth-watering gourmet cookie dough which is only sold through fundraising. Choose from ten delicious flavours packed in 1kg tubs - there's sure to be one flavour to satisfy any cookie lover **including your dog!** Every batch is made to the exact same recipe in a nut-free factory ensuring 100% safe recipes with the best ingredients. Orders need to be made **before September 12th**. Email Ms Reading on Raigan.Reading@education.wa.edu.au for the link to order.

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 CRICKET BLAST COME AND TRY!

- NORTH ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX (NEAR ALAC)
- FREE!
- THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15 | 3:30PM - 4:30PM
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

KIDS MEET BLAZE AND TRY CRICKET WITH FRIENDS AFTER SCHOOL