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We value positive relationships and
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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Colour Splatacular

Wow – what a great event! Last Friday was a very busy day and was finished off with our P&C Colour Splatacular, which this year involved slime! Our parents and P&C splattered and wet our students as they ran around the course, which included a water slide, swimming pools, sprinklers and a firefighting hose. Thank you to all those involved in the day and a HUGE thank you to our wonderful P&C who made it all happen!



End of Term

Another 10 weeks has flown by, and we are already at Easter! Term 1 has certainly been very busy with swimming lessons, NAPLAN, Constable Care, Harmony Day, Ride 2 School, Swimming Carnivals and our Colour Splatacular. Thank you to all our wonderful staff at SPPS for navigating term 1 and settling the school into the learning routine required. Have a safe and relaxing Easter break! School returns for students on Wednesday 26 April.

Ride 2 School

On Friday last week we invited students to ride, scooter or walk to school. It was fantastic to see so many students involved and getting physical on the way to school. Students enjoyed an opportunity to ride and scooter around the quadrangle and some prizes were awarded amongst the participants.

Thank you to the parents for supporting this event.



ANZAC March

On Tuesday 25 April Yr 3-6 are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day parade commencing at 10am and finishing around 11.30am. Students have been provided a note for parents to sign and return if they wish to participate.

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FUTURE DATES

First day Term 2	Wed 26 April
Interim Swimming	26 April – 5 May
ANZAC Service	Fri 28 Apr
Interschool Orienteering	Thurs 4 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. •

Swimming Carnival

On Friday 24 March the school held our faction swimming carnival, which involved our traditional swimming events as well as a number of novelty fun events. Gold faction took out the shield and our champions and R/Ups were:

Yr 4 boys - Riley & Sun-nin
Yr 4 girls - Chloe & Arden
Yr 5 boys - Lachlan & Noah
Yr 5 girls - Evelyn & Kaylah
Yr 6 boys - Kade & Connor
Yr 6 girls - Vela & Sophia

Last Thursday a squad of 23 students attended the Interschool Swimming Carnival and performed very well. The team won the handicap shield and the following students won individual medallions:

Year 4 Girls Champion - Chloe
Year 5 Girls Runner Up - Evelyn
Year 6 Girls Runner Up - Vela

Congratulations to all our swimmers for your efforts over the last few weeks and a special thank you to Mr Luscombe for his organisation. Also to our hard working staff and school volunteers/parents.



Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

SPLATACULAR

Huge thank you to our P&C for organising this event. As you can see from our photos. We LOVED it!!

The event is a great fundraiser within our school community and we would like to send out a big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated \$\$ and supported our students in their fundraising efforts.

The funds raised are going directly towards a new secure bike storage shed so our students can ride to school and safely lock their bikes and scooters up for the day.



VALUES CERTIFICATES

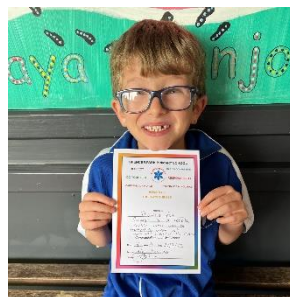
We congratulate the following students who received certificates at Monday's Mini assembly.



Respect	
PP1	Byron
PP2	Matilda
Rm 1	Edward
Rm 2	Oliver
Rm 3	Alix
Rm 8	Elena
Rm 9	Phoenix
Rm 11	Kaylah
Rm 19	Olivia
Rm 24	Mackenzie
Rm 25	Laveah
Super Value	Thomas Rm 8



Care & Compassion	
PP1	Leilani
PP2	Arlo
Rm 1	Bradley
Rm 2	Olivia
Rm 3	Jemari
Rm 8	Ingrid
Rm 9	Cody
Rm 11	Brooke
Rm 19	Finley
Rm 24	Tyler
Rm 25	Amber



CLASSROOM NEWS - SPESC

Room 14 - News

This term Room 14 have been going out on Community Access excursions every Tuesday. Every second week we walk to the Hardie Road Café and buy chips and nuggets and drink water. Some of the teachers have a hot drink. We are learning road safety while we walk and how to sit patiently in the café. We would like to thank Hardie Road Café for welcoming us.

On the other weeks, we go to other places in the community such as Ayre Park, Foundation Park, Middleton Beach Board Walk & Emu Point. We remember to be safe, friendly and our best when we are off campus.



FRIDAY FUN

Our final Friday for this term was a busy day starting with a visit by Barry & Garry from *Cycling Without Age* who took the students (and some parents) for a ride on the trishaws to promote National Ride2School Day.



The day ended with both staff and students joining in the fun of the colour *Splatacular*. Thanks to the P&C for organising this fundraising event that was enjoyed by all.



Be
Safe

Be
Friendly

Be
Your
Best

Rebecca Wheatley
Principal

PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE

Mrs Swann and our amazing SPPS Percussion Group were invited to perform at the official opening of the Jennifer Mary Grieve Home & Community Centre at Clarence Estate on Friday.

Our students, accompanied by Mrs Swann and Ms Taylor, performed their two sets beautifully. They were warmly congratulated by members of the audience who were also keen to have a turn.

Student highlights from the excursion were:

- 🎵 Performing at an official opening,
- 🎵 Watching former SPPS students Evie, Sophie and Storm perform in the ASHS band and choir,
- 🎵 Fairy floss, popcorn, ponies, bubbles, face painting, mini golf, lawn games AND Jamie the Clown.

What a wonderful opportunity for our Percussion students!! Thank you to Clarence Estate for inviting us to showcase our learning and Mrs Swann for inspiring and leading our Percussion students.





RIDE 2 SCHOOL

Our SPPS families successfully navigated their way around roadworks to safely Ride2School last Friday. Great job everyone!!

It was wonderful to have the Cycling Without Age - Albany team join us, our students really enjoyed learning about the trishaws and how they are used within our community.

Thank you to our SPPS staff and families for supporting and encouraging our students to be active on their journey to school.



WONDER RECYCLING REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS

We are running this program up to July 7. Please bring in all your bread bags and deposit them into our recycling boxes which will be located outside the canteen, room 6, room 19 and the ECE entry. The school then sends them to our recycling partner, Wonder Australia, where they are weighed and earn our school points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.



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?

SOLAR ECLIPSE SAFETY

Western Australia is due to experience a Solar Eclipse on 20 April. While this is an exciting occurrence, parents are advised that ensuring your child's eye safety during this event is paramount. Please visit the site below for advice on the safest way to view the eclipse.

[Solar eclipse \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au)



Chaplain's Chat

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope you are well, as this first term of the 2023 school year draws to a close. It has been a very busy one, and also different, with road works being undertaken in the vicinity of our school.

While this has been a change in routine, with various detours being needed over a period of time, I have noticed something special happening. There has been a fascination on the part of our students to observe what is going on, and see the progress. Not only that, there have been friendly waves from the workers in trucks going by, or when children are looking on while they operate equipment or are stationed at different places. At times on my way to school I've been directed by a helpful person to take a new route.

So to the people who are working hard to improve the roads around our school, I say thank you for providing us with a close up view of construction! I know they have given moments of enjoyment and excitement to many of our students.

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing Easter and school holiday.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Hunt

GRIP LEADERSHIP

On Thursday March 23, year six students from across Albany were invited to the Albany Entertainment Centre for a student leadership conference. Twelve trustworthy SPPS students were chosen to represent our school and learn to deal with multiple scenarios and challenges of being a student leader.

The conference included games, educational activities, and socialising with peers. The hosts 428964 taught us to put others first and when things go wrong to never give up. They also told us that doing the right thing is very important, as people look up to us for help and ideas. The GRIP hosts coached us on tips to become better leaders. The guidelines included the four H's- Humility, Happiness, Hear and Help, and the three Ls of Like-minded, Left out and Look up, help us to remember who to consider and what impact we can have when running an event. We will keep these with us and remember it is very important to include others and to try to build relationships with people who don't have many friends.

We would like to thank SPPS and the GRIP leadership Program for the opportunity to attend and the awesome experiences we had. We learnt things from everyone attending.
Brooke, Devin, and Vela



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.

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be CLOSED from Friday 7 April, re-opening Thursday 13 April. If you have a dental emergency during our closure, please contact Albany General Dental Clinic
Phone: 9842 2211.

All appointments are now sent to your home address. If you have moved in the last few years we may not have your correct address and your child could miss out on their check-up. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be given to someone in need. Your child is eligible to attend a Dental Therapy Centre from ages 5 to 17. Don't forget to return your enrolment forms to your school by Monday 3 April.

Please contact us to update your details either by phone: 9841 3967 or e-mail: spencerparkdtc@health.wa.gov.au

The staff at Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre would like to wish all children and parents a happy and safe break ☺

SCHOOL GARDEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Magic moments were captured on camera during science sessions in the school's outdoor classroom this week.

Ronald from Room 1 spotted two ripe apples which were hiding in the garden safe from parrots' beaks. All students were offered a tiny slice of apple after class. Try dividing two apples into 26 even pieces! *That's a good holiday challenge.*



Evie and Emelia from Room 8 picked a handful of ripe cherry tomatoes from their plot. They were thrilled with their harvest and were taking it home for dinner.



And finally, *proof is in the pudding*, so they say! Way back in Week 2 of this term students from Room 1 & Room 8 buried old cotton socks and jocks to measure the health of their soil in their plots. Yesterday they dug up their 'smalls' and excitingly, some had been

devoured by the 'soil bugs' living in the plots. The students know this is a wonderful sign their soil is healthy. Some 'smalls' remained intact or only partially eaten but this finding has provided students with clear direction for improving their soil in the future. Max said, 'We need to add worm castings to our plot'. Mulch, worm castings and liquid fertiliser are great ways to improve soil health. During our gardening sessions we often talk about how there's no quick fix in the garden, and that we need to be patient and tend to our plots' needs over time. Students also know that healthy soils grow healthy fruit and vegetables!



ASHTON - LITTLE ATHLETICS

"Ashton has just finished his Little Athletics season. Each weekend he has completed in different events, in an attempt to beat his own times in the weeks before. Ashton received two awards. For best improvement over the season, Sportsperson Trophy under 8's. And he received a runner up medal for personal best in under 8's. He is very eager for next season, so he can try even harder"



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.

Goldstix
A FUN-FILLED WAY TO LEARN HOCKEY!

Hockey WA's grassroots participation program - Goldstix, provides the opportunity to learn hockey in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

LOCATION: Albany Hockey Turf, Barker Road, Albany
AGES: School years 1-2
DAY & TIME: Wednesday 3:45pm - 4:30pm
START DATE: Wednesday 3 May 2023
LENGTH of PROGRAM: 7 weeks
COST: \$52.50 with equipment pack \$20 without
CONTACT: Dinah at do@lgshockey.asn.au or 0429 130 953

REGISTER HERE

A cartoon illustration of two children playing hockey. One child is wearing a yellow jersey and the other is wearing a black jersey. They are both holding hockey sticks and are in a dynamic pose as if they are about to hit the puck.

SCHOOL PARKING TIPS

SCHOOL PARKING MANAGEMENT TIPS



WALK, RIDE OR CATCH THE BUS INSTEAD:

Active transport to school has a range of benefits, including keeping kids more active; reducing traffic congestion; and helping students arrive at school ready to learn. If it's too far from home to walk or ride the whole way, why not park half way and walk or ride the rest? Many local schools have their own Park and Ride/Walk Maps. For more information, visit www.albany.wa.gov.au.

USE DESIGNATED DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONES:

To make these work effectively:

- Move forward in the zone
- Do not leave your vehicle
- Move out of the zone as soon as it is safe
- If your child is not there, drive around the block and try again

PARK SAFELY:

Unlawful parking within school areas is a major safety hazard that poses a risk to students, community members and other road users. City of Albany Rangers conduct regular school parking patrols during school hours to encourage safe parking and follow up with enforcement action if required.

Remember, it is an offence to stop or park a vehicle:

- In 'No Stopping' or 'No Parking' areas, bus bays or disabled bays (without a permit)
- So that it obstructs a footpath or blocks a driveway
- On a verge without the owner's consent
- Within 10m of an intersection or 3m of a continuous dividing line

For more information, contact City of Albany Rangers on 6820 3999

BETTER HEALTH CO.

FREE prizes

FREE fun healthy lifestyle programs

to help children and their families create healthy habits !

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM
for children 6-12yrs
4.00pm
Thursday's at
Beryl Grant Community Centre
Starting: 27th April

Sign up:
www.betterhealthprogram.org

A young boy with brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt with a green logo, is giving a thumbs up.

The Girls' Brigade is a **vibrant** community providing activities for girls of all ages. Girls' Brigade is a **relationship building, achievement based** program which has been developed especially for girls, incorporating physical, social, educational and spiritual aspects.



www.girlsbrigadewa.org.au

Albany Girls' Brigade

For Girls Pre-primary - Year 12

- Wednesdays**
throughout the school term
- Cadets, Juniors, Seniors & Pioneers**
(Pre Primary - Year 12)
3.30pm to 5.30pm
- Living Water Anglican Church**
78 Lower King Road,
COLLINGWOOD HEIGHTS, 6330
- Email**
waalbany@girlsbrigade.org.au
- Phone**
0413 920 995
- Girls Brigade WA Head Office**
T 9487 1822
E gbwa@girlsbrigade.org.au
W www.girlsbrigadewa.org.au

ALBANY ATHLETICS CLUB



2023 Winter Cross Country

- Sunday mornings
- April to September
- ~2, 4 or 6km options
- ages 6 years old & up
- marked & timed courses
- 8 outdoor locations

Registrations now open!
www.albanyathletics.com.au



27-30 APR 2023

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DAY 1	DAY 2
FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023 THE MUSEUM OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN 9.00am- 2.30pm A filmmaking focus joins the exciting exhibitions at the Museum. • Film lighting and music fun • Silent cinema with IndigifestOZ • Film guest visit at <i>Bush Mechanics</i> . Group bookings to community@cinefestoz.com	SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023 TOWN HALL & TOWN SQUARE 9.00am Refreshments available and activities open 9.00am Reclaim The Void project & silent cinema with IndigifestOZ 9.30am Welcome to Country 10.00am FREE Community Screenings of Great Southern Short Films 10.00am Great Southern Art Awards 2023 10.00am The Ministry of Fun DJ School - Movie edition! 10.30am Film guest for <i>Bush Mechanics</i> Museum of Great Southern 11.00am Making Waves Screening + Q&A with Tania Chambers 12.00pm Bayonets and Butterflies + Q&A 1.00pm Conclusion <div>  <p>MAKING WAVES</p>  <p>BAYONETS AND BUTTERFLIES</p> </div>

FREE EVENT!

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