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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

### Welcome Back & Uniforms

It is great to see all the students back from holidays and settling back into school routines. Students do not need to wear a hat for the next couple of terms but jumpers will certainly be required. Could parents please ensure that student names are placed onto jumpers.



### School Break Times

Due to needs from our wonderful canteen the school will be swapping our lunch and recess breaks over from week three onwards. This will mean that our breaks form Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May onwards will be:



Crunch & Sip: 9.35 – 9.45am

(Fruit & vegetables and water)

Recess: 11.15 – 11.35am

(Suitable home foods or recess orders)

Lunch: 1.05 – 1.40pm

(Suitable home foods or lunch orders)

These changes will allow time for our canteen staff to prepare lunches and have them ready. Recess orders will still be available.

The canteen would like to remind that all orders (recess & lunch) must be made before 9.00am each day. Late orders delay and impact on staff ability to plan and prepare food.

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### FUTURE DATES

Ride/Walk to School Week  
Ride/Walk to School Day

Mon 15-Fri 19 May  
Fri 19 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 Lessons**

Thank you to all our PP- Yr4 parents for your assistance in organising your child(ren) for swimming lessons over the last two weeks. Student participation has been great across all year levels and student engagement in the lessons has also been wonderful. Thank you to staff for your daily organisation of students, lost property, bus trips and management of students at the pool.

**Mother's Day Stall**

Our fantastic P&C will be running the Mother's Day stall next week on Thursday 11 May for Kindy - Year 2 students and Friday 12 May for Yr 3-6 students. Please refer to the flyer previously sent home or the P&C Facebook page for information about the items that can be purchased.

Jeremy Hadlow  
Principal

**VALUES CERTIFICATES**

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



PP1	Ruby	Rm 8	Jaxon
PP2	Levi	Rm 9	Lilah
Rm 1	Lucas	Rm 11	Flynn
Rm 2	Indigo	Rm 19	Tyler
Rm 3	Zena	Rm 24	Maxon

**SPENCER PARK PS MARCHES**



Spencer Park Primary School was pleased and proud to have student representatives of our school take part in the march down York Street on ANZAC Day, 25 April. Thank you to those families who came prepared to participate in this important community event.



**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

**2023 Mother's Day Stall**  
The Spencer Park P&C are proud to bring you this year's stall

- Nature Necklace \$6
- Tech Toppers \$5
- Love Mug \$5
- Photo Frame \$5
- Keyring \$3
- Seed Pot \$5
- Loving Mum Candle \$6
- Hand and Nail Set \$5
- Bluetooth Speaker \$10
- 55 Travel Mug \$6
- Cozy Socks \$8

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – ESC, Kindy to Year 2  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Kindy, Year 2 to Year 6

The gifts available are on this flyer so that siblings can plan their purchase in advance. Subject to availability. All purchases will go in to the draw to win a Mother's Day hamper

**SPPS RECYCLING NEWS**



Thank you to everyone that has helped Spencer Park Primary School to recycle Batteries, Bread Tags (we can only 257891 recycle the Plastic Bread Tags not cardboard ones), Pens and Markers. Well done!



# PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back at the start of Term 2. We have a busy term ahead with some exciting excursions and weekly swimming.

Our swimming teacher, Tonia Harrington, has recently had back surgery and we would like to wish her a speedy recovery. We look forward to having her back in our swimming lessons.

To all students, enjoy the term, Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best

## PBS

Spencer Park Education Support Centre Behaviour Expectations

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

Be /safe

I can be safe.



## AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week:

I can be safe by staying with my teacher.

I



Point to self using extended dominant index finger. (Natural gesture).

Safe



Safe

Stay



Teacher



Teacher

## MCS - NEWS

Before Term Break we had a visit from the Easter Bunny and the children enjoyed the associated activities; so too siblings, parents and staff.

During the Term Break, our beloved Porridge Bikers were not to be outdone by the Easter Bunny and spent many days in our Junior playground (sometimes in the rain) preparing the ground, laying drainage to cement an area and create a pathway. A major improvement, as seen in the photos; just in time before the change in weather would once again have provided us with a large mud pit! The children will just love this area for a multitude of activities including bike riding, scooter riding and chalk drawing. Over the weekend they came again and have laid lovely green turf; you don't have to be a kid to enjoy lovely green grass to play on.

The porridge Bikers also sourced all donations for the project and tirelessly donated their valuable spare time. We believe they also called on favours of friends with big toys to help out! (Albany Porridge Bikers is a collective group of prison officers who dedicate time to raise much needed funds for Albany Health Campus Children's Ward and other like-minded "low key" not for profits by donning their riding gear and biking to different communities raising money for the cause.)

We are grateful for their wonderful support. Thanks to donors who contributed; Orcon Steel, Bunnings, Great Southern Turf and Hanson's Concrete.



## CLASSROOM NEWS - SPESC

### Room 23 - News

The EIC primary students started their swimming this term and they are thoroughly enjoying their time in the water!



Rebecca Wheatley  
Principal

## PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the assembly on 6 April 2023.

Rm 1	Lauren
Rm 2	Jazmyn
Rm 3	Hayley
Rm 8	Emelia
Rm 9	Vela
Rm 11	James
Rm 19	Elsie
Rm 24	Lucas
Rm 25	Laveah
Music	Erin Room 11
Science	Isabelle Room 3
HASS	Bonnie Room 19
Phys Ed	Finley Room 19

## ANZAC ASSEMBLY

On ANZAC Day several students along with Mr Luscombe attended the ANZAC parade down York St and service at the Peace Park. Thank you to the students who attended and to the parents for supporting this event.

On Friday 28 April the school held our own ANZAC service. This ceremony was completely run by our student leaders and involved a beautiful song performed by the school choir. Both events were important opportunities for our students to remember the great sacrifice made for our country.



You're Invited to the  
**Spencer Park Primary School**

LARRIKIN House  
**BOOK FAIRS**  
 We take FUN Seriously!

**25TH MAY**

CLICK TO SEE THE TOP 200 TITLES

larrikinhouse.com.au

## STORY DOGS NEWS

Spencer Park Primary School is very excited to have a new regular visitor to our school to help our students with their reading. Janette and George & Jen and Harry will be visiting every Monday to help our year 3 & 4 classes with their reading.

The Story Dogs program partners with the classroom teachers to help students with their reading. Janette and George & Jen and Harry will help the same 4 - 5 students each week. The students will come out of their classroom and sit one-on-one with Janette and George or Jen and Harry and read to George or Harry. George and Harry love to listen to all the wonderful stories, they want to have a fun time so that books and reading become a joyful experience.



George is a Golden Retriever who loves the beach and getting out and about meeting everyone. Harry is a Flatcoat Retriever who loves pats and cuddles and loves sleeping on the couch. They have both been practicing at home with their new reading rugs and books so that they will be ready to help the students. They are super excited about starting.

If you are interested in volunteering in this rewarding program, please contact (Janettes@storydogs.org.au)

Welcome George and Janette & Harry and Jen



## 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](mailto: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.*



## Fathering 101

A free workshop delivered by a dad, for dads and male caregivers

This workshop will cover:

- Building self-regulation in children.
- Show your kids how it's done!
- "Same page parenting" - is it possible?
- Setting limits and boundaries.
- Teaching positive behaviour and life skills.
- Strengthening relationships.

Food and drinks provided.

*Facilitator: Brad Williams, Behaviour Tonics*  
 Brad Williams is known for his engaging & practical workshops. He is a father of 2 boys, was raised on a farm and before changing careers, he worked as a cray fisherman along the West Coast.

Click on the preferred location to book:  
 Mount Barker 9 May  
 Denmark 10 May  
 Albany 11 May  
 When: 6 - 8pm



## No Scaredy Cats - Online

A FREE 3-session online program for parents and carers of children 3-8 years

Whilst some feelings of anxiety can be a normal part of a child's development, an increasing number of children experience higher levels of anxiety that can impact their day-to-day life. This interactive three-part program will provide parents with a greater understanding on why children experience heightened anxiety and the role they can play in managing it.

The program supports parents to:

- Have a greater understanding of the brain and how anxiety originates.
- Practical strategies to help build resilience in children.
- How to identify anxiety & counter its progress.
- Simple techniques to help children manage worries.

Presented by Stephanie Rea of 360 Family Health

Booking Essential.  
 Visit: [PCWA No-Scaredy-Cats-GS Online](https://www.pcwa.wa.gov.au/Programs/No-Scaredy-Cats-Online)  
 E: [GreatSouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au](mailto:GreatSouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au)  
 T: 0448 137 192

When: 6-8pm  
 Wednesdays May 3, 10 & 17  
 Where: Online







# LEARN TO RIDE PROGRAM

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is launching at Albany Mountain Bike Club soon.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.





**AusBikers are safe & active kids!**  
 Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels... and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



REGISTER NOW

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.

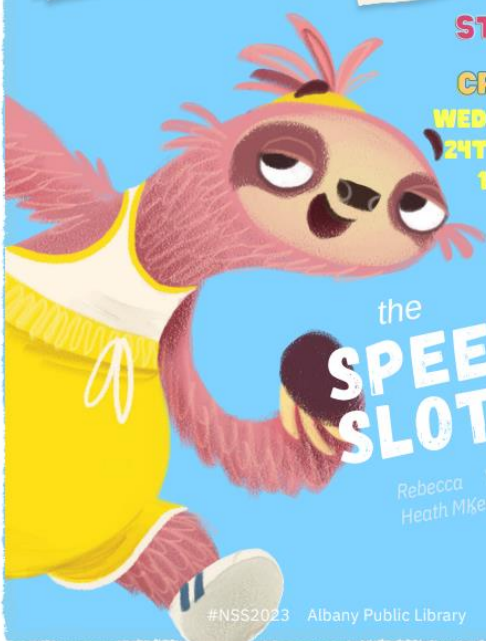


# NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

## STORY & CRAFT


**WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 11AM**




# the SPEEDY SLOTH

Rebecca Young  
Heath McKenzie

BOOK HERE



#NSS2023 Albany Public Library




**Maths Fun**  
IN LIBRARIES

A parent and child program at the library

**Hands on Maths for 2-5 year olds**

4 Sessions of Maths Fun in May


BOOK ONLINE  
SCAN ME





**Where:** *Albany Public Library*

**When:** 10:30am Thursday  
May 4 - 11 - 18 - 25

**Bookings:** [library.albany.wa.gov.au](http://library.albany.wa.gov.au)  
or 6820 3600



everyone's family

**About FACE Kids**

Ages 9 - 14

**CHOIR CAMP**

July 11 - 14

*About FACE Kids is a choral day-camp situated in central Albany, where seventy-five children will explore their passion for singing.*

*Three professional vocal coaches will teach the children vocal techniques and inspire them to achieve great musical heights.*


*Children will learn how to follow a musical score while singing an exciting selection of songs in three-part harmony.*

*Afternoon games include Archery Tag, G.R.I.T activities and ZONK challenges.*

*The highlight of the camp will be an evening performance for the public by About FACE Youth and About FACE Kids.*



For more information or to register for an audition, visit [www.aboutfacechoir.com/aboutfacekids](http://www.aboutfacechoir.com/aboutfacekids)



**Registrations Close**  
**21 May**

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