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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 to the start of term 3 and believe it or not we are halfway through another school year!

NAIDOC Assembly

On the last day of term 2, Room 11 presented their NAIDOC assembly item. It was a wonderful performance of a local Aboriginal story called Mamang. All the students participated in performing the story, while it was narrated in both Noongar and English. Congratulations to Rm 11, Mrs Reading and Mrs Elphick on this great performance.



Magical Weedy Seadragon

On Wednesday of the last week in term 2, students were treated to a very special performance by Breaksea of the Magical Weedy Seadragon. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the quirky characters, live music and particularly the starring performance of Mrs Mcleod!

Cultural Awareness Excursion for Staff

On Monday 17 July teaching staff participated in a cultural awareness excursion to learn more about our local Aboriginal history. Staff visited the Fish traps and Yoork Park with Mrs Vernice Gillies, who provided a wealth of information and cultural knowledge. Having these two culturally significant sites on our doorstep is a real treasure and one that we should all appreciate and value. We look forward to continuing to learn more as a staff and working with Vernice and others to bring this learning into our classrooms.



Changes to Parent Volunteers

There have been some changes to the Working with Children Check policy, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

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FUTURE DATES

Science Week	31 July to 4 Aug
Assembly Room 2	Fri 4 Aug
Katanning Netball Carnival	Fri 4 Aug
Jeans for Genes Day	Fri 4 Aug
Dockers Cup	Thurs 10 Aug

- **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. •

If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form'. You cannot volunteer if you have a current Working with Children Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice.

These changes affect parents who are currently engaged in volunteer work. For example, you are considered a volunteer when you assist with activities such as reading sessions, day excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties.

You are not a volunteer when:

- picking up and dropping off your child
- observing events like school assemblies
- attending parent and teacher interviews
- visiting the uniform shop.

If your circumstances change, and you are issued with a Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice after completing the 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form', you must advise the principal.

A current Working with Children Check is required by all other family members and friends over 18 years of age who want to volunteer.

We thank all our parents who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community.

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Care and Compassion

PP1	Ava	Rm 9	Eloise
PP2	Oliver	Rm 11	Agam
Rm 1	Addyson	Rm 19	Ella
Rm 2	Sun-nin	Rm 24	Clara
Rm 3	Ronald	Rm 25	Peyton
Rm 8	Destinee		



Spencer Park PS will participate in Jeans for Genes on Friday August 4 (week 3). Students can bring a gold coin donation and wear jeans and their school shirt to participate. The funds raised will be donated to the Children's Medical Research Institute to find cures for kids with genetic diseases.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly of Term 2

Rm 1	Erik
Rm 2	Arden
Rm 3	Alix
Rm 8	Chloe
Rm 9	Evelyn
Rm 11	Christine
Rm 19	Olivia
Rm 24	Mackenzie
Rm 25	Cylus
Science	Sophia
HASS	Madelyn
PE	Savanah
Music	Alix

BOOK WEEK BOOK SWAP THURSDAY 17 AUGUST.



Do you have any **preloved but in good condition** books at home that you think another student might enjoy reading?

Send them to the library. Now!

At lunch time Thursday 17, students who have sent books to the library will be invited back to choose a swapped book to take home and keep.

Bring 1 book - take 1 book home.

Bring 5 books - take 5 books home.

Don't miss out on this great chance to update your bookshelf.

See you there.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. We have another busy term ahead with Book Week in week 5, school photos in week 9 and of course our weekly swimming.

We welcome Mrs Harrington back for our Friday swimming lessons and say a very big "Thank you" to Mrs Hotker for standing in for the swimming last term.

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

PBS

Golden Bee Awards

We welcomed two new students to Room 22 this week with BEE certificates: Hollie and Logan,

Queen Bee, Lady Bug and Snappy Chappy noticed Ellie and Mrs Coppock being their best last week and they each earned a canteen voucher.



Spencer Park Education Support Centre Behaviour Expectations

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

Be Friendly

I can be Friendly.



AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week:

I can be friendly by including others.

I



Friendly



Include



Others



CLASSROOM NEWS - SPESC

Room 26 - News

Room 26 has had a great start to Term 3. This week we have looked at photos from our holidays and have dressed up to be different characters.

We are looking forward to joining Room 1 next Monday for our Reading Rockstars.





Bec Wheatley
Principal

WEEDY SEA DRAGON

On Wednesday 28 June the students at Spencer Park Primary enjoyed a production of the Magical Weedy Sea Dragon in our school hall. It was a great way to finish up the term.



ADOPT A SPOT and ACTIVE TRANSPORT

Spencer Park PS has joined the Keep Australia Beautiful, Adopt a Spot program. On Monday afternoon, in glorious sunshine, a group of eight Year 6 student citizens went over to the Archibald Menzies Memorial Garden to pick up rubbish. We wore fluoro vests, so people could easily see us and used tongs and gloves to keep us safe.

We picked up the rubbish in the gardens because we care about the environment and our community. We also wanted 257929 the paths to be clear and nice for Spencer Park kids and the community to walk and ride through, especially everyone who tries to use more active transport to get to school or around the community. We really enjoyed helping our environment and our community.

By Phoenix and Dinae



NAIDOC WEEK



Week 10 of term 2 was NAIDOC Week. We enjoyed the assembly item and the journey through the culture of our First Nations People.



KINDY ENROLMENTS 2024

Places are filling fast for a spot in our Kindy program next year. If you or someone you know is looking for a Kindy placement in 2024 please come to the school office to complete a registration for enrolment. We will require a birth certificate and an immunisation record from the ACIR.

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!

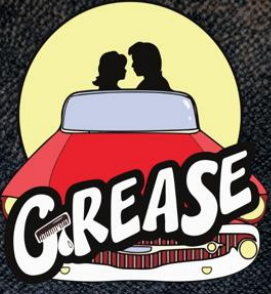
It's always great to see our students excelling at school and in the community. Does your child participate in a community club or group or joined in a special event? We'd love to celebrate this with you ... why not share your snaps? Email your photos to spencerpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au along with 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 LIGHT OPERA & THEATRE COMPANY
PRESENTS



BOOK, MUSIC & LYRICS BY
JIM JACOBS AND WARREN CASEY

DIRECTOR: FIONA KUIPER
MUSICAL DIRECTORS: DONNA MARKOVIC & CATHY RAINEY

October | November 2023

Albany Port Theatre, Princess Royal Drive

7:30pm Friday 20 & 27 Oct ★ 3 & 10 Nov



7:30pm Saturday 21 & 28 Oct ★ 4 & 11 Nov

2pm Sunday Matinee 22 & 29 Oct ★ 5 & 12 Nov

Mature Themes – Parental Guidance Recommended!

\$40 adult, \$35 concession from Paperbark Merchants, York St
www.paperbarks.com.au (scan the QR code)

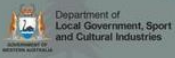
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ANACONDA

KIDS ADVENTURE CLUB

AUG 6, 13, 20 **10AM - 12PM**
SEP 3, 10, 17 **CAMP QUARANUP**
KIDS: Y1-Y3 & Y4-Y6

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/KIDS-ADVENTURE-CLUB-TERM-THREE-2023](https://events.humanitix.com/kids-adventure-club-term-three-2023)











MyTime
Supporting parents of children with disabilities

MyTime is for all parents and carer's of children under the age of 18 who need a higher level of care than other children.

Being a parent is an important job. It's easy to get caught up in looking after your child's needs, but looking after yourself is important too.

MyTime is a place where you can unwind, and share ideas and experiences with others who understand.

Term 3 2023 program

DATE	TOPIC DETAILS
Wed 26th July	 Coffee and Chat
Tues 1st August	 12:30 –2:30 MyTime @ Child and Parent Centre, Humphreys St, Mt Lockyer **DIFFERENT LOCATION**
Wed 9th August	 Coffee and Chat
Wed 16th August	 Project Focus
Wed 23rd August	 Visit from the **new** Carers WA Great Southern representative
Wed 30th August	– NO MYTIME—in Perth for training
Wed 6th Sept.	 Coffee and Chat
Wed 13th Sept.	 Indoor Fun (BYO water bottle, comfy clothes)
Wed 20th Sept	 Coffee and Chat

**** CRECHE**** is now available for all non-school aged children

WHERE: Wanslea, 26 Prior Street, Albany

TIME: 9.30-11.30 each Wednesday (unless specified)

ENQUIRIES: kharvey@wanslea.org.au or 9843 0077

