

NEWSLETTER No. 19

19 October 2017



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Friends

Staff Movements

I would like to welcome Mrs Elizabeth Edwards and Mr Stuart Leckie to SPPS. These staff members will be taking on the Physical Education role this term and will be hitting the ground running with sports carnivals only a few weeks away.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Deborah Edwards who will be working in Room 25 on Thursdays & Fridays this term. Mrs Edwards has recently graduated as a teacher and this will be her first teaching position.

Class Structure 2018

The following classes are the intended structure for 2018. This may be altered depending on the structural needs of the school and **final student numbers**.

Coolangarras 3 Yr Old and Kindy: *Monday-Thursday*
Kindy 1: *Wednesday, Friday & every second Monday*
Kindy 2: *Tuesday, Thursday & every other Monday*
PP 1: *Full time*
PP 2: *Full time*
Yr 1: *Full time*
Yr 1/2: *Full time*
Yr 2: *Full time*
Yr 3: *Full time*
Yr 3/4: *Full time*
Yr 4: *Full time*
Yr 5/6: *Full time*
Yr 5/6: *Full time*
Yr 5/6: *Full time*

Parent Requests for 2018 Student Placements

Parents are welcome to submit **written** inputs with respect to class placements. The submissions must be based on educational reasons, addressed to "The Principal" and marked "Confidential". (All written parent submissions will be given consideration but will not automatically be accommodated.) Written submissions must be sent to the Principal by **Friday 3rd November**.

If your student is not returning in 2018 please advise the school ASAP.

Current class teachers will confer with next year's class teachers to form educationally balanced classes taking into consideration a variety of criteria. Some of these criteria include:

- Classes are to be balanced (whether these are split or straight) with respect to academic performance, social development, behaviour and gender.
- Previous class placements.
- School Psychologist recommendations.
- Special needs such as twins and family situation.
- Written parent submissions regarding a student's educational needs.

Hats Term 4

A reminder for all parents and students that hats will be required to be worn at recess and lunch this term. Please ensure that hats have names written on them.

Grounds Update

Over the holidays the basketball and netball courts received an upgrade. The poles and backboards were replaced and are now ready for use. These are the first items installed under the state government grant provided to our school after the election. At some point in November work will commence on the Nature Playgrounds planned for the school. There will be three separate playground areas created as part of this project, with a variety of equipment for different ages.

Special Donation

At the end of Term 3, Jo-Joes partnered with Room 3 in a very successful fundraiser. Jo-Joes donated pizzas for Room 3's end of term pizza and pyjama party. The pizzas were extraordinary and helped to end the term on a high and positive note. In addition, funds were raised which will be used to plant fruit trees in our school garden. We are very thankful to Jo-Joes for their kind and generous donation. It is so beneficial to our students and our school to receive this kind of support from local businesses. Thank you!



Jeremy Hadlow – Principal

HURRY!! DON'T DELAY

Applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary 2018

Applications for your child in Kindergarten (children turning 4 by 30 June 2018) and Pre-primary (children turning 5 by 30 June 2018) are still 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.

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 2018.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE



We congratulate the following students who received Pursuit of Excellence Awards for Term 3 at the Assembly held on the 22 September.

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| Tha Taw | Room 1 |
| Heath | Room 2 |
| Sophia | Room 3 |
| Aliciah | Room 4 |
| Abrafi | Room 5 |
| Kleo | Room 9 |
| Imogen | Room 11 |
| Hazel | Room 18 |
| Anima | Room 19 |
| Maddie | Room 25 |
| Ari | Music |
| Jensen | Phys Ed |
| Lily | Science |
| Samantha | ESC |
| Xavier | ESC |

Moving School/Locations in 2018

As we move towards the end of the year it is important that we have an accurate picture of school numbers for the new school year. It is crucial that you inform the school of any intention to move from Spencer Park in 2018. Our funding and the way we organise our classes is dependent on a clear understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school. From here on in and for the remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2018 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

| Value | Understanding, Tolerance & Inclusion |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| PP 1 | Holly |
| PP 2 | Erik |
| Rm 1 | Kiara |
| Rm 2 | Latia |
| Rm 3 | Owen |
| Rm 4 | Tashara |
| Rm 5 | Alyssa |
| Rm 9 | Jasmine |
| Rm 11 | Owen |
| Rm 18 | Alexander |
| Rm 19 | Jessica |
| Rm 25 | Noah |



Future Dates

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| Assembly Room 5 | 20 October |
| P&C Meeting 7.00pm | 23 October |
| Year 6 Transition ASHS | 24 October |
| Year 6 Camp | 30 October > |

LAND AND SEA FUNDING DISCONTINUED

With regard to the Funding Grants that were available for the Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar Aboriginal persons from an agreement with the Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations Mine - We would like to inform you of the following:

Due to the Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations Mine **closing**, please be advised there is **no further funding available** to the Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar claimant group.

You may have heard on the news recently that due to the low nickel price, the Ravensthorpe Nickel Mine is currently in the process of shutting down. As a result of the closure, we are very disheartened to confirm that our office situated at Unit 3, 77 Lockyer Avenue in Albany, will also be closing.



SPENCER PARK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

Welcome back to Term 4. The weather is beginning to improve (I think) and we are in for a very busy term.

ALAC Swimming on Friday with Mr Riemer has replaced Friday's Fishing with Mr R. The students from Room 13 and 14 who do not go to Hydro are now off to ALAC to improve their swimming strokes and water safety; important life skills.

Mrs Pears applied for a Sporting Schools Grant. She was success at getting a grant to the value of \$1800. There is a small group of students who will be going to ALAC from 9:30 to 10:30 the alternate Wednesdays to Riding for the Disabled. A coach has been organised to teach netball skills and a range of equipment will be purchased for the school and the students.

Room 21 will be going on a few community access outings over the balance of the term. So on the list are Eyre Park, Hardie Road Café, the Board Walk, Vancouver St Park, Emu Point, and the park on Lindfield Crescent.

Salon –Express have a Lap-a-thon Fund Raiser happening on Sunday 22 October on the school oval. It starts at 11:00 and finish 1:00 pm. Sausage Sizzle and Prizes to be won. You can pick up a form from the SPESC office.

Transitions of Year 6 Students: Transition for Hamish to ADESC began last term and will be increasing over this term. Xavier S. will begin transition to NASHS every other Friday for a couple of hour with a full day of transition happening 1 December.

Report Writing will be getting underway soon. Planning for 2018 has begun with a school review day happening on the Albany Show Day. Transition to retirement for me is also on the agenda.



In case you missed our Facebook page announcement I am very happy to announce that Rebecca Wheatley was the successful applicant for the position of principal. I have worked with Rebecca over the past few years. She is dedicated to working with children with disabilities. I am very confident she will continue to move your school purposefully and collaboratively into the future.

Bec is planning on attending our School Review Day on the Albany Show Day in November. The current plan is for official handover will take place Week 8. She and I had some time together over the holidays. Plus, we are in regular contact via email. Bec will officially start on 25 January 2018.

Please feel free to discuss any of your concerns with me. It is best to make an appointment by calling 9841 1537 to be sure I will be available.

Diane E Edwards, Principal

Voluntary Contributions and Charges 2018

****Charges stated are the maximum amount expected but not necessarily the amount charged.**

Voluntary Contributions funds collected help to purchase photocopy paper, laminating sheets, classroom consumables, Art & Craft consumables, Science consumables.

All Voluntary Contributions and charges can be paid outright or by instalments. Payments excepted are Cash, cheques, EFTPOS, Credit Card, Direct Debit or Centrepay.

| Voluntary Contributions | Cost | Year applicable |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Voluntary Contributions | \$25.00 | K - 6 |
| P&C Contributions | \$20.00 Per family | K - 6 |
| Charges | Cost | Year applicable |
| Book lists | \$120.00 <i>Estimated max cost</i> | K - 6 |
| Scripture Book | \$3.00 | 1 - 6 |
| Incursions | \$7.50 <i>Average per term</i> | K - 6 |
| Excursions | \$15.00 <i>Maximum per term</i> | K - 6 |
| **Interm swimming | \$70.00 <i>Estimated cost</i> | P - 6 |
| **Camp | \$350.00 <i>Estimated max cost</i> | 6 |
| **Instrumental Music-Own Instrument | \$40.00 <i>Instrumental music students only</i> | |
| **Instrumental Music-Hire Instrument | \$140.00 <i>Instrumental music students only</i> | |

We are still collecting Voluntary Contributions for this year. If unsure whether you have paid just contact the office.

Spencer Park Primary School Code of Behaviour

- Respect other people, their rights and their property.
- Be safe.
- Let others learn.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.

STOP AND DROP

Parents and Care givers are reminded that **no vehicles** should be parked in the stop and drop area of the car park on Hardie Road. The purpose of this facility is to enable an effective, efficient drop off point for children to alight a vehicle in safety. If you need to walk your child/ren into the school please park your car in bays provided.

