Dear Parents and Friends,

**Book Week**
Next week is Book Week, a week where the focus is on promoting a love of reading and books. I am hoping that you can use this additional focus to further encourage your child to read and be interested in books.

In terms of the week’s activities apart from what each teacher will do in their classrooms to take advantage of this focus we will have:

- Our usual dress up as a book character assembly and day on Friday 26 August.
- Organised for a number of classes to visit the City of Albany library for programs they will be running during this week.
- A published author available to speak to some classes on one of the days during the week.
- Organised a book swap whereby children can trade in their old books for those from other children. Look for further information in today’s newsletter about how this activity will work.

A question that is often asked by parents – where can I find a good book for my child? In the internet age a quick Google search can provide you with a lot of information about the most popular books for certain aged children over time. A great website that can help is [www.scholastic.com/100books/](http://www.scholastic.com/100books/)

In my view one of the important keys to your child developing a love of books and reading is to start early. Reading to your child regularly from an early age and, once a child starts to read, following up, by having a readily accessible supply of good books available at home, is in my view a good recipe for bringing about enthusiasm for books and reading with your child.

**Albany Primary Schools Spelling Championship**
This annual event is scheduled for later in the term. To ensure that the students involved have time to prepare a selection process was carried out last week. This involved the students in Year 3 to 6 being given ever more difficult words to spell in a test situation. Those with the best performance are considered for selection. Other factors like week to week spelling performance and a record of diligent learning behaviour in class are also considered before selections are finalised. I am pleased to announce that the following people will represent the school at this event:

**Year 3/4**
- Will Macaulay  
- Thornton Hambley  
- Matthew Williams  
- Bella Scott  
- Te Paea Keremete  
- Nathan Porteous  
- Aliciah Mae Bersales (Year 3 (Reserve))

**Year 5/6**
- Dannon Hambley  
- Kirly Delima  
- Sharni Smith  
- Imogen Taylor  
- Laura Featherstone-Dawes  
- John Delima  
- James Stedman (Year 5 (Reserve))

Congratulations to each of the children selected – overall all selected are exceptional spellers for their age and I am hoping that they will perform well at this event. Two teams from each age group are formed to participate in the competition. They will be given lists of words to study in the lead up period.

**School Board Meeting**
Our School Board met last week and worked through a number of agenda items:

- The school needs to reapply for the money required to fund the School Chaplain program. The Board gave its support for this process.
- Discussion around our annual parent survey resulted in some changes to the questions being asked. It was also decided that to try and increase the number of surveys completed, these would be distributed during Open Night for parents to, if possible, fill out on the spot. It is part of a Commonwealth requirement that community satisfaction surveys, parent, staff and students, are carried out in each school every 2 years. The parent survey is the first part of this process.
- The Board worked through the 2016 - 2018 Business Plan to monitor progress being made to implement the commitments made in this document.
The latest financial information was tabled and levels set in relation to Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2017.

Child and Parent Centre – Chill and Chat
Angela Diletti from the Child and Parent Centre at Mt Lockyer now has a regular presence each week at our school. She will be in the Kindy every Thursday morning at drop off time to 10am for Chill ‘n’ Chat.

It is a great opportunity for kids starting kindy in 2017 to get used to their new school, but all parents are welcome. We also have guests that can answer any questions you have about your children or you can just come, have a cuppa. The schedule of visitors for the coming weeks is:
- August 25 Occupational Therapist: Michelle Preston
- September 1 Speech and Language: Rosemary Brennan
- September 8 Parenting ideas and Advice: Margot Morgan
- September 15 Child Health Nurse: Jen Scott.

I hope that you are able to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

2017 Applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary
Applications for your child to be involved in Kindergarten (children turning 4 by 30 June 2017) and Pre-primary (children turning 5 by 30 June 2017) 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.

The closing date for applications is Friday 1 July. Whilst we will continue to take applications for enrolment in these programs for the remainder of the year, getting your application in before the closing date will be important in securing a place with our school in 2017.

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 2017.

Do you have books in good condition that you don’t want any more? Books that you think other students at school might enjoy more?

Bring them to the Library by Wednesday 24th August and receive a Book Swap ticket.

At Lunchtime on Thursday 25th bring your tickets to the library to choose a different book to take home and enjoy.

1 book = 1 ticket

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.

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

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This week we are hearing from Mrs Eyles as our reporter of the week.

In Room 13 the students develop literacy skills through a teaching program, Meeting Initial Needs In Literacy (MiniLit).

MiniLit is an explicit and practical literacy program that promotes reading skills in students. The program delivers systematic lessons that encompass a wide range of learning styles and techniques.

MiniLit is designed to be taught one on one or in small groups of up to 4 students.

The program features 3 key components;
- Sounds and words activities
- Text reading
- Story book reading

These components maximise successful progression throughout the student's literacy development.

MiniLit is designed to be flexible. Lessons are taught based on students' previous knowledge and their progression through the lessons. The program includes a wide range of learning areas including; Phonics, fluency, vocabulary and text comprehension.

MiniLit and MultiLit are two of the research based programs we use at our school to help children’s literacy. The 4 blocks is also a framework we use to ensure Literacy is a focus in our classrooms.

This is going to be a very busy week at the Centre. Mrs Fleay, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Paull, Mrs Kellett, Mrs Cloud are all attending a free Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display (PODD) Communication Book workshop at the Independent Living Centre in Perth.

Thursday the Southwest Education Support Principals are meeting in Albany at Albany Secondary Education Support Centre. Also on Friday morning Cale Begley from College Row School in Bunbury will be presenting their Augmentative and

Alternative Communication journey and use PODDs in a school with students with very high educational needs. I will be involved with both of these sessions.

Friday is a School Development Day. (Remember: Friday is a Pupil Free Day) Staff are attending Professional Learning is a number of area:
- Dyslexia-SPELD: Understanding and Responding to Learning Disabilities
- First Aid
- Engaging Aboriginal Students at Educational Risk
- EAs Supporting Early Writers
- Teachers are attending a variety of PL hosted at Albany Primary School.

You may have noticed parts of our playground have been cordoned off. With all the heavy rain a sump in the playground has popped its lid. This will be fixed on Friday when the children are not here. However, they will begin work on it Thursday afternoon.

Have a great three day weekend with your children.

Diane E Edwards, Principal

PUPIL FREE DAY
As you will have noted on the term planner which came home at the end of last term, there is a Staff Development Day on Friday 19 August. No students attend tomorrow.

Future Dates
School Development Day
- Pupil Free Day Fri 19 Aug
- Book Week 22–26 Aug
- Book Week Dress Up Assembly Fri 26 Aug
- Eagles Cup Finals Tues 30 Aug
- Dockers Cup (Year 5/6 Girls Football Carnival) Fri 2 Sept
- P&C Meeting Mon 5 Sept
- Albany Primary Schools Music Festival Wed 7 Sept

BookWeek
Don't forget that next week is Bookweek. Some students will be going on an excursion to the town library. Permission notes need to be back at school as soon as possible.

On Friday 26 August we will hold our annual Bookweek assembly. Who will you dress up as this year? We hope that you have got something awesome planned.

YOH Fest Dance Competition
Monday 22nd August at the Albany Entertainment Centre, starting at 6:30 p.m
Tickets can be purchased through the following link: http://premier.ticketek.com.au/default.aspx or from the AEC Box Office. Cost: General admission $14
Performers/Teachers who wish to be in the audience $7
Music Festival
Wednesday 7th September at the AEC. starting at 6:30p.m. Tickets go on sale August 24th at 10:00a.m (First in, best dressed!!)
Tickets available through Ticketek (www.premier.ticketek.com.au) and from the EAC Box Office. Cost: $22 Adult $16:50 Concession, Child (2-17 years)

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.

FUNDRAISING FOR SOCCER!
# Raffle for fundraising... it will be open for another few weeks, with 6 prizes to be won.
Your support would be greatly appreciated so please feel free to contact me on 0487 987 528 or through facebook. Cheers, Claire Ridley

STALLHOLDERS NEEDED!!
Scouts Albany is holding a FETE on the 27 August. Stall sizes are 3mx3m and are $10 each
Please Contact Virginia at bidwell111@outlook.com or phone 0455322279

Parent-Child Connection
Raising children should be one of life’s greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task.

People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence.

Topics include -
- developmental stages of children and temperamental traits
- different parenting styles
- need for boundaries and rules, the giving of instructions and the consequences, both negative and positive, of withdrawing attention
- understanding behaviour patterns and communication
- need for positive self-esteem and resilience
- environmental influences
- discipline that works

Sessions to be held at the office of Relationships Australia 29 Albany Highway, Albany WA 6330
4 WEEKS Wednesdays 6.00pm-8.30pm
August 24th, 31st, Sept 7th , 14th 2016
Fee: $50.00 per person or $75 per couple

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0530 to enrol OR
Email: albany@relationshipswa.org.au

Chill ‘n’ Chat
Spencer Park

Our App will keep you up to date

Join us for a morning coffee. We will chat about the joys of parenting and those times that is it not so joyful. From time to time we will have visitors who will be able to answer those curious questions like “how do I get my child to go to bed, or how do I hide vegetables in my child’s food?”

Date: Thursday 28 July to Thursday 22 September
Time: 9.00am to 10.00am
Venue: Spencer Park Primary School in the Kindergarten Room: Hardie Road, Spencer Park
Enquiries: Telephone 9843 0071 or 0408 808 405 or download the App “Child and Parent Centre Mount Lockyer”
A recent Haiku competition was open to year 6 students around the Albany district. From all the entries, only 4 highly commended and 4 winners were chosen.

Winners receive a signed copy of Dianne Wolfer’s new book, ‘The Shark Caller’, and they are also having a milkshake meeting with her tomorrow afternoon at the Venice.

Spencer Park Primary School has produced 3 of the Highly Commended and 3 of the winners. Well done SPPS!

Winners were Jake Gray, Dannon Hambly and Becky Healy.

Highly commended winners were Max Lyons, Devon Proudfoot and Jasmyne Quayle.

Max’s Poem
A massive shipwreck, 
In the depth below us all, 
In the cold water.

Jasmyne’s Poem
Shimmers and Glitters 
Elegantly swaying sea, 
Moving slowly now.

Devon’s poem:
Schools of fish swirling 
In the vast deep blue ocean 
Makes my mind wander

Becky’s Poem
Lovely dolphins dive, 
In the magnificent sea, 
At night they whisper.

Jake’s poem:
Vast currents flowing 
Out to dark treacherous sea 
Makes my mind believe

Dannon’s Poem
Legends come to life. 
Mystic adventures spread through. 
Though at night, they sleep.
**The Three Little Kids**  
*By Indigo  Room25  Year 1*

Once upon a time there lived three little kids. They wanted to go to the park and have a picnic. But there were two scary dragons. One breathes fire and the other dragon breathes water. The kids names are Snowflake, Lilly and Lavender. Lilly crossed the bridge and one dragon said “Who’s that walking on my bridge?” “It’s me Snowflake”. “But I am going to gobble you up” said the dragon. “But I am to small. Wait for the next one,” said Snowflake. Then Lilly went on the bridge. “Who’s that walking on my bridge?” “It’s me Lilly. I am going to the park”. “But I am going to gobble you up.” “But I am too small. Wait for the next one.” Then Lavender crossed the bridge and the dragon said “Who’s that walking on my bridge?” “It’s me Lavender the biggest kid. Do you want to come with us?” “Yes we will come.” So they lived happily ever after.

The End

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**The Three Little Kids**  
*By Jaeda  Room 25  Year 1*

Once upon a time there were three little kids they wanted to go to the other side to go to the field of fruit and vegetables. Under the bridge there was a terrifying ogre and that ogre climbed up the ladder and said “Who’s that walking on my Bridge?”

One said “It is I the youngest kid Peyton. Wait for the next kid she’s much bigger”. “Off with you. Who’s that walking on my bridge?”

“It is me the second kid Jaeda. Wait don’t eat me. Wait for the next kid. He’s much bigger”. Off with you. “Who’s that walking over my bridge?”

It is me the biggest kid. “Now I will gobble you up!” “No you won’t!”

“Do you want to come over and pick some fruit?” “Yes” the ogre said. So they picked fruit together.

The End