Dear Parents and Friends

Spelling Championship Success
Last Tuesday six teams, involving 3 students in each team, across 2 age groups (Year 3/4 Year 5/6) participated in the Albany Primary Schools Spelling Championship at Flinders Park Primary School. For the third time in 9 years one of our Year 5/6 teams won this competition and as well as this our second team finished runner-up in this competition – a fantastic result! In fact both teams finished the competition tied and were only split after a tie break round. Congratulations go to Kirly Delima, John Delima and Sharni Smith who were in the winning team and also Imogen Taylor, Laura Featherstone-Dawes and Dannon Hambley who eventually finished in second position. As such we host this event in 2017. Our Year 3/4 teams also did very well finishing 3rd and 6th out of the 14 teams involved. Many thanks to Mrs Taylor who did some coaching of the teams in the lead up to this event and to those parents who helped transport our students to this competition.

Many thanks also to Paperbark Merchants who help fund the $30 vouchers awarded to each of the students on the winning teams.

Open Night
It was pleasing to see so many parents, (and grandparents), here last Wednesday night taking some time to get a first-hand look at the kind of learning being carried out in our classrooms. As I have indicated before this is a relatively simple but effective way of ensuring that your child is motivated to do their best at school. I hope that you didn’t miss the moment to offer a word of praise and encouragement or if needed to give some feedback that could help them focus on what is needed to improve. Many thanks for your involvement in our school in this way.

Thanks also go to our hardworking P&C who as usual, ran the canteen and the sausage sizzle to cater for those that wanted some refreshments.

I did manage to get to most classrooms and was impressed by the quality of work on display and available for parents to view. I am sure that most students who came with their families would have been proud and pleased to show off their efforts to those accompanying them.

Parent Survey
Thanks to the many parents who took some time to fill out our annual parent survey during Open Night. We have already well and truly surpassed the numbers completed compared to 2015. I also know that there was also quite a number who took away a copy to complete at a later time – if you can return these by the latest the end of the first week of next term this would be hugely appreciated. These can be deposited in the box provided at the front office or returned via your child to the same location.

Library Upgrade
Something that I am hoping you have noticed is that over the course of this year we have been slowly rejuvenating and remodelling the school library. Mrs MacKenzie our Library Officer has done a wonderful job in planning and implementing the changes involved. The inside has not only been significantly reorganised to give far more open space, but some new furniture and floor coverings have given the area inside a more modern and attractive look. Mrs MacKenzie is also working hard to refresh the collection of books and ensure that the materials available appeal strongly to our students.

There is still further work to be done, this will be carried out over the next year or two as funds are made available.

Optimising the attractive nature of the library is an important part of maximising a child’s desire to read and ultimately improve their literacy skills.

End of Another Term
The end of another productive term! As always Term 4 will be busy. In particular, we will be holding our biennial Art Exhibition, this year being held at the Vancouver Arts Centre, a fantastic venue for this event. As in the past every child will produce a piece of artwork to be exhibited. I am sure that as usual this will be something not to be missed. Please ensure that you take note of the dates from our Term 4 planner and make some time to either be at the opening or have a plan to visit the exhibition whilst it is on display.

I wish everyone a great holiday – hopefully with a little more sunshine than we have enjoyed in recent months.

Alan Dowsett – Principal
As you know, Mrs Redmond and I are filling in for Diane Edwards this week.

On Monday we had our end of term Assembly in the Music Room. Thank you to all of the parents who attended.

Room 22 students performed a wonderful item ‘I Can Sing a Rainbow.’ The students signed and sang the song with the help of 2 siblings.

The following students received Honour Certificates for Being Their Best this term:

Kya
Trinity
Elijah
Xavier R.
Ruby
Leilani
William
Xavier S.
Abbey
Isla
Caleb
Robert
Seth
Samantha
Chad

Thank you to Breanna for being a great assembly leader and to William for sharing a prayer with us.

School for next term commences on Tuesday 11th October for students.

I hope you all have a relaxing and safe holiday with your children.

Lara Eyles, Acting Principal

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

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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 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.

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.

Students return to school on Tuesday 11 October.

Term 4 - No Hat No Play.

REMEMBER YOUR HATS!
Chaplain’s Chat
Dear Parents and Friends,

Do you ever experience events where you want to capture the moment, and take a mental photo of what is happening? I had one like this earlier this year that I’d like to share with you.

I had the opportunity to accompany some students who were taking their work from class to show Mr Dowsett. They had made an exceptional effort, and proudly carried what they had done on our journey to the administration building. As we reached our destination there were other children coming to do the same thing, so there was quite a group of us who entered the office.

Once there I became more of an observer of the proceedings. It was a precious time, as each child patiently waited for their turn to have their work looked at and rewarded by Mr Dowsett. The room was filled with children, comfortably gathered around him and sitting or standing around his office.

It was here that I caught a glimpse of what teaching and school is all about, and the joy it brought to Mr Dowsett and the students. I hope that by the end of this year, you might all have your own special moments to remember of Mr Dowsett’s time at our school!

Wishing you a restful and refreshing break.

Kind regards, Jennifer Hunt

October is Stamp Collecting Month
In support of Stamp Collecting Month and as a way to fundraise for charity the school will be collecting used stamps for the month of October.

Stamps will be exchanged for a ticket in a lucky draw for book prizes from authors like Aaron Blabey and Nick Bland and series such as Dear Dumb Diary, Star Wars and Adventure Time. One stamp = one ticket.

Please bring your used stamps to the library. The lucky tickets will be drawn Tuesday 1st November. Any students wishing to swap stamps for their personal collection are welcome to do so at lunchtime on the 1st.

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• behaviours and tasks of adolescence
• developing a helpful perspective on adolescence
• communication adolescents understand
• handling conflict
• how to minimise discipline

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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.

ZUMBA® KIDS, ZUMBA® KIDS JNR AND ZUMBA FOR TEENS!
Enrolments are now open for term 4! Join us for an 8 week course of Zumba® dance fitness classes commencing Tuesday 18 October. Learn kid-friendly dance routines based on original Zumba® choreography using Latin & world rhythms, including breakdowns of steps, games and cultural exploration. 4-6yr old classes are Tuesdays OR Fridays 3.45-4.15pm. 7-11yr old classes are Fridays only 4.30-5.15pm. Teens 12-17yrs are Tuesdays 4.30-5.15pm. Cost is $80 per term per child. Classes are held at the Just Move Albany@Fitness For Her studio in Middleton Loop – numbers are limited, so contact Ainslie on 0411 279 062 or at ainslie.zumba.albany@gmail.com

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Acrodance
Act-Belong-Commit
School Holiday Workshop
3 days of dance and acro workshops creates Acrodance!
Learn Contemporary Dance skills with dancer, Sym Parr.
Acrobat, Cassy Turner, will teach you Acrobatic moves like handstands, cartwheels, turns, inversions and freezes.
Each day we will explore blending these two skills to create Acrodance, whilst exploring the theme of ‘success not failure’ and what is success anyway?

Workshops:
Tues, Wed, Thurs. 4th - 6th October
9.30am-12.30pm
Suitable for 8-12 years
Spencer Park Primary School Hall (Reidy Dr)
$120 (or $60 for SPS Students)

Performance:
12.30-2.45pm
Thursday 6th October

SEA YOUTH PERFORMANCE
www.southernedge.org.au
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seamall@southernedge.org.au

SCHOOL
ACT-BELONG-COMMIT
2016 CREATIVE CAPACITY SESSIONS
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HOLIDAYS
AERIAL PERFORMANCE
Join aerialist Cassy Turner for a trapeze and silks workshop
Teaching skills and choreograph to develop your own aerial act.
Junior Session: 7-9yrs
Tue 27th Sept
SEA Central
10am - 12noon
$60
Senior Session: 10yrs+
Wed 28th Sept
SEA Central
10am - 12noon
$80

STREET ACROBATICS
Acrobat Zak Lamare is presenting an exhilarating workshop
packed with Carpeuta, tumbling, skillit and mini-tramp.
Junior Session: 7-11yrs
Tue 27th Sept
SEA Central
1 - 4pm
$70
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BOOKINGS: www.southernedge.org.au
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MIND
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A cutting edge contemporary performance about being mindful.

OCTOBER 11TH-15TH 5PM & OCTOBER 15TH 3PM
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LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE - BOOK NOW AT www.southernedge.org.au

Presented as part of the ‘Mental Health - Create a Healthy Mind’ cross sector performance project, to raise awareness and promote Mental Health and Wellbeing.
Miss Ralph’s Seat

By Cleve Year 4 Room 5
Spencer Park Primary School recently had memorial seat installed in memory of a much loved teacher. Jeannie Ralph worked at S.P.P.S for 27 years but she died suddenly on Feb 23, 2016.

One of the SPPS staff called Miss Clements thought of a seat, concrete and a fabulous tree for kids to have a talk under the nice, shady leaves. In autumn the leaves turn bright red and orange. Miss Ralph loved gardening and teaching.

A lady called Annie organised it. The P&C and the school have paid for it. Mr Dowsett rang Miss Ralph’s mum and she was very happy to hear the news and will come in and see it soon. She will love it.

When I go to ASHS I will miss it. I think that the tree is great and very suitable for our school. Miss Ralph would have loved it too.

Alyssa, Angelina, Abrafi, Cleve, Imogen, Thomas Sierra, Abi and Kaylee
Sitting on Jeannie’s seat

Mia Year 2/3 Room 18
On a wild windy Saturday, three people went flying through the sky while the wind blew strongly and did not stop.
They were parachuting!
They were wearing helmets and a parachute.
It was fun and amazing.

Lily-Anne Year 2/3 Room 18.
One sunny afternoon when Mum was out, I bought an aero plane.
I got someone to fly it. Then when it was high above the ground, I jumped out of it with my colourful parachute ready to open.
Wonderful Writing

Check out the sensational sentences the students in Room 9 have written.
First we brainstormed rich vocabulary based ion this picture of a bridge, then we wrote a simple compound and a complex sentence using those amazing words.

Tom
Nervously walked across the weathered, old, abandoned bridge
Ava slowly tiptoes across the rickety, mossy bridge, so she could get away from the tiny mad pixies that were chasing her.
Although the mouldy bridge looked ancient and Maddie was petrified she might plummet into the river where there was man eating piranhas, she was brave enough to walk across the wibbly wobbly bridge.

By Mia Room 9 Year 6

Mike
ran across the rotting bridge.
Mike walked slowly over the mossy, ancient bridge and jumped into the water.
Although Mike was petrified, he cautiously walked across the heart-stopping bridge.

By Mitchell Room 9 Year 6

Dan walked nervously over the rotten bridge.

Dan ran nervously across the rickety old bridge and escaped from the man-eating monster.
After Dan ran across the rickety, old bridge, he cut the rope holding the bridge up and watched the man-eating monster plummet to his death.

By Charlie Room 9 Year 6

Jake adventured slowly across the drenched bridge.
Josh slowly walked across the ancient bridge but the furious lion cut the vines and he went plummeting.
After getting stuck in quick sand, chased by cheetahs and nearly plummeting to his death, Callum had had enough so he jumped off the bridge.

By Rylie Room 9 Year 6

Mike ran across the rotting bridge.
Mike walked slowly over the mossy, ancient bridge and jumped into the water.
Although Mike was petrified, he cautiously walked across the heart-stopping bridge.

By Mitchell Room 9 Year 6

Jack cautiously crossed over the drenched, rotten, mossy bridge.

Jack swept through the magical enchanted Elf forest and climbed up the vines that lead into the ancient tree house.

By Jake Room 9 Year 6

Katty
slipped slowly to the other side of the ancient bridge.
Katty sprinted lightning fast across the ancient bridge and climbed up a tall tree to escape the terrifying ogre.
Although Katty was petrified of crossing to the other side of the bridge and plummeting down into the revolting river, she took a deep breath and walked cautiously across the ancient bridge.

By Gwyneth Room 9 Year 6

Rachel made her way carefully across the old, rickety bridge.
Auraya didn’t like the look of the mossy, abandoned bridge but she crossed it anyway.
Before Katelin could get halfway across the drenched, rotting bridge it collapsed and she plummeted noisily into the icy water.

By Sharni Room 9 Year 6

By Mia Room 9 Year 6