Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome
Welcome back to all of our families, I hope that your children are suitably rested and ready to restart their 2016 learning journey. Term 4 has the usual range of events to be planned and coordinated, but the main focus as the term progresses is about getting organised for the new school year. As always keeping up to date with what is happening at school is important, your newsletter, term planner and the school’s website are key ways to stay informed.

Art Exhibition “By the Sea”
I hope that you have noted on the term planner that one of our main events for the year, our Art Exhibition, is only a few weeks away. This is held every 2 years and this year’s theme is “By the Sea”. As in the past every child will have produced a piece of artwork to exhibit, in line with the theme. From what I have seen of the pieces produced so far, our exhibition this year will be as stunning as those from previous years. It will be an event not to be missed, and I am so pleased that this year our exhibition will be held at the Vancouver Arts Centre, Albany’s prime location when it comes to the visual arts in our community.

Over a number of weeks last term, as part of this program, local artist Scott Mahar also worked with a group of students around the theme “By the Sea”, which will result in the installation of another mural for our school. Scott has worked with students on 2 previous occasions to produce the wonderful murals already in place at the front entrance of the school. The new mural will go on the western end of the bus shed on Reidy Drive – from what I have seen of the work so far this will also be a spectacular addition to our school’s grounds and facilities. I expect that this will be in place sometime prior to our exhibition.

Principal Position 2017
As you will be aware last term my position was advertised and a process run to select a replacement for me starting Term 1 next year. Unfortunately, after a thorough assessment of the applicants, the panel including myself and Carrie Beeck, our School Board Chair, decided that none of those that applied had the necessary experience that matched what was required for this position. Whilst this is disappointing, the positive is that we still have time to readvertise, run another process, and still have a permanent person appointed for the start of the year. This was the benefit of engaging in this process as early as possible. Getting the best possible person to be Principal of our school will continue to be the focus of this process. I will continue to keep you informed in relation to this situation.

Moving School/Locations in 2017
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 2017. 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 2017 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

DJ Wanted
The P&C are keen to conduct a Disco this term, but do need someone who can DJ or at least provide the necessary equipment and music for this event. If you think that you can do this, please call in or phone our school office and leave your details and someone from the P&C will be in touch.

2017 Applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary
Applications for your child to attend 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 was 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 as soon as possible 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.
Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you had a great break with your children. This term is always a very busy term with a number of things happening.

- Parent School Opinion Survey
- Staff Opinion Survey
- Student Opinion Survey (Years 5 and 6)
- The Art Exhibition
- Transition of Year 6 students to high school
- Review of the Business Plan in preparation for 2017 and the 2017 IPS Review
- Pupil Free Day on Albany Show Day, 11 November
- Planning for 2017 including staffing, fees and charges and programs
- School Board Meetings
- Faction and Interschool Athletic Carnivals
- Disability Awareness Week
- Opening Ceremony
- Singing and Signing at community event
- Christmas Singing and Signing
- Retirement of Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Dowsett
- Year 6 graduation
- End of Term Assembly

A term planner will be available as soon as possible.

The Parent School Opinion Survey is very important to the school. This is an opportunity for our parents to give us constructive feedback. We love hearing what we are doing right but in order for us to grow and develop we appreciate ideas from our school community. Please remember that implementation of new ideas is dependent on feasibility as well as discussion with the staff and the School Board.

The surveys will be going home in the near future. They can be completed in hard copy and the data entered by me onto the system or you can complete it online. We will give you more information about that next week.

This week is National Nutrition Week! It would be a great idea to help your children discover more veggies that they like. The following are ideas from http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/national-nutrition-week

Whether they’re fresh, frozen or canned, eating more vegetables is #1 thing we can all do for better health and wellbeing!

Here’s 3 great ways to add veg to your day!

**Eat a rainbow** Have a bunch of different coloured vegetables every day during National Nutrition Week to get the max variety of beneficial nutrients, PLUS you’ll love the variety of tastes and textures!

**Try something new every day** Try a new vegetable, a new recipe, or try eating vegetables in a way that you don’t normally eat them. Or get more bang for your buck by using up ageing veggies, and eating the parts that you usually throw away! Visit the information hub at http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/national-nutrition-week for recipes and new ways to add veg to your day.

**Love your legumes** Did you know that 2016 is International Year of the Pulse? Or that legumes are in the vegetable AND protein food groups? Pulses, beans and legumes are a cheap and versatile source of fibre, protein plus many other important nutrients. Remember a healthy, low sugar breakfast will set your child up for a great day at school. When children eat well they behave better, can listen longer and concentrate longer. When we eat well we are happier and healthier.

Diane E Edwards, Principal

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**Future Dates**

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**PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Pursuit Of Excellence Awards at last assembly for Term 3.

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**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.
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.

### Term Four

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Heid from 9.30-11.30 each Wednesday

Wanslea Family Services
26 Prior Street Albany

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**KIDS CLASSES**

**BODY CARE health club**

Based on the principle of Mechanics, Consistency and then Intensity, CrossFit Kids emphasises good movement throughout childhood and adolescence. Consistently good mechanics translates to physical literacy, enhanced sports performance and fewer sports injuries for kids. Not only that, a vast body of research indicates that exercise is beneficial to cognitive function, which means consistent adherence to the program can have a positive impact on children’s academic achievement.

CrossFit Kids is meant to be BIG Fun for all ages. Broad-Inclusive-General Fun. Fun means we provide an active alternative to sedentary pursuits, which means less childhood obesity and all-around better health for our children. The program is scalable for any age or experience level and provides kids the opportunity to be physically fit and active throughout their lives.

**Term 4 = $110**

**LITTLE BEASTS: 7-10 years**
3.45-4.30pm Mondays + Wednesdays

**NINJAS: 10-13 years**
3.45-4.30pm Tuesdays + Thursdays

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**KIDS/TEEN CLASSES**

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**WARRIORS: 13-15 years**
3.45-4.30pm Mondays + Wednesdays

**SPARTANS - 15-18 years**
3.45-4.30pm Tuesdays + Thursdays
Book Week recount

In week 6 of term 3 rooms 1, 2, and 4 went to the public library for book week and we met a famous author and illustrator, Leanne white.

Then we went to the Book Week assembly. We recited a book but I had to stand up for the whole assembly because my costume could not sit down. My costume was a creeper. Then we walked around the whole quadrangle for the costume parade.

My favourite part was when I had to stand up after the play next to the teachers. That was fun.

By Bailey  Room 2

Book Week Assembly

Today at the 2016 book week assembly the whole school and parents came to watch my assembly item called “The Cow Tripped over the Moon” by Toni Wilson and Laura Wood. Khenneth and I were the assembly leaders. I was very nervous because I thought I might make a mistake on my lines.

Mr Dowsett and Mrs Ruffell read Green Eggs and Ham. Mr Dowsett was one of the musketeers.

At the end of the assembly the whole school sang “I luv a b-o-o-k ok”. Then we did a parade around the quadrangle.

By Dakota Room 2

MY BOOK WEEK RECOUNT

In week 6 of Term 3, Spencer Park Primary celebrate book Week. Rooms 1, 2 and 4 went to the Public Library and when we got there we saw an illustrator-author Lean white. She drew a picture of someone. The next day our class room 2, had an assembly. We read a book called “The Cow Tripped Over The Moon.” After that Mr Dowsett and Mrs Ruffell read a story.

Then we walked around the quadrangle then went to class. The best thing about today was when Mr Dowsett and Mrs Ruffell read the book.

Kai Room 2

MY BOOK WEEK RECOUNT

In Term three week six, Spencer Park Primary School celebrated book week. It all began with a visit to Albany’s wonderful public library. Rooms one, two and four went we left at nine’ o clock and left the library at ten’ o clock.

Firstly, on Wednesday the school had four brilliant artists came. We also had a book week book swap I swapped two books.

Secondly, because it was book week we had our book week assembly. We performed ‘The Cow Tripped over the Moon.’

My favourite part was when we performed at the assembly.

By Neve  Room 2