Dear Parents and Friends

Canteen Volunteers – Help Needed
Currently we have a very low number of regular canteen volunteers. It is just very difficult to provide a quality service with the Canteen Manager in attendance. Canteen volunteers are essential in ensuring that this service is sustainable. Any time that you can provide is valued – if everyone gave a little bit of time, the number of times a term you may be required will be minimised.

Grandparents are also welcome and encouraged to volunteer. Please remember that no specific experience is required, simply willingness to get in, help out, and provide an extra pair of hands. The amount of time that you come during a day is also negotiable with from about 8.30am to 10am the critical time.

The bottom line at the moment is that we are desperately short of help and keen to secure whatever time people may have to get involved. A healthy roster eases the burden on the Canteen Manager and ensures that this is also a viable role for those employed in this way.

I hope that you or someone in your family can find some time to help out.

Keeping Cars Locked in the Carpark
Recently I did hear of a person within our school community who left their car unlocked in one of our car parks. Unfortunately, this resulted in property being stolen from inside the car.

Like every other public place when you leave your car it must be left securely. The risk of having something taken from an unlocked car in our car park, is as high as anywhere else. Please be aware of this issue.

Security Cameras to be Installed
Unfortunately, over the last year, we have been the victim of a number of break ins and incidents of vandal damage. Like a lot of other schools we have decided to install a security camera system. Over time this will be added to so that our coverage across the school allows us to, in most instances, identify intruders involved in break ins or vandalising the school in some way out of hours.

Once this system is up and running I am sure the cameras, overall, will have a deterrent effect but also ensure that anyone involved in damaging activity is caught and hopefully penalised.

Vege Patch and Reidy Drive Fencing
Fencing works to replace the Reidy Drive boundary fence and at the same time enclose the area on the southern side of room 5 to be used as a vege patch is about to take place. This will be funded by contributions from the school, our P&C ($5000) and the Department of Education. Many thanks to our P&C for their willingness to provide these funds, once this work is completed we will be able get on in earnest with being able to establish this area as a productive garden.

Year 6 Camp
Our Year 6 students will be starting to get a little excited, their annual camp to Bridgetown is due to depart next Monday 2 November. They will be away until Friday 6 November.

Running a camp for our oldest students is an annual tradition at our school and in my time it has been, for many, a highlight of their primary years. There are many purposes for such an activity. In the main however, it is an opportunity for these children to continue to develop the skills they need to become independent people in our community. They will be required, whilst they are away, to manage a range of personal tasks that may not be required of them day to day at home. Whilst there are obviously adults involved who can assist them it is nothing like the constant presence and the day to day support provided by parents and carers. I think
this kind of opportunity provided by schools can be a valuable step experienced by children as they progress along the pathway to adulthood.

As schools are increasingly worrying about risks involved in such an activity and the commitment needed by staff to be involved I am pleased that we can still provide such an opportunity.

Many thanks go to Miss Perry, Miss Cheetham and Mrs Edwards for their considerable work in organising this year’s camp. Miss Perry, Miss Cheetham, Mrs Hunt (School Chaplain), Mr Brad Oreo (Education Support Centre) and Ms Pauline Peters (Education Support Centre) Mr Grant Tickell (Parent) have all committed to be part of our supervising adult group this year – this commitment is hugely appreciated.

I look forward to hearing what I am sure will be positive feedback from all involved when they return.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

Faction Carnival Canteen
On Thursday 12 November normal canteen orders will not be available. A Sausage Sizzle will be available for $3.50. Muffins, slices, drinks, ice cream, tea and coffee (for parents) will also be available to purchase.

Future Dates
Assembly Room 25 Fri 30 Oct
Year 6 Camp Mon 2-Fri 6 Nov
Faction Athletics
Carnival (Jumps) Tues 10 Nov
School Board Meeting Tues 10 Nov
Faction Athletics
Carnival (Track) Thurs 12 Nov
Albany Show Day Fri 13 Nov
Holiday
Faction Athletics
Carnival (Track) Mon 16 Nov
Back Up Day

P&C $100 Note Raffle
Congratulations go to Jasna Curic and Tony Lolley who were the lucky winners of the 2 x $100 note raffles conducted during Open Night last term.

Moving Schools/Locations in 2016
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 2016. Our funding and the way we organise 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 2016 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

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

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LUCKY TICKET DRAW
Recognising effort, excellence and good citizenship. Congratulations to these students who won ice cream tickets at the assembly last Friday.

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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.

Term 4 - No Hat No Play in the Sun
Having Amy Litton from the Independent Living Centre come to the school for 4 days and work with our staff was excellent. She worked with all the teachers and EAs to demonstrate the use of various forms of low tech as well as high tech devices.

At Early Close she gave the staff an overview of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). Often people think you only use this with people who are non-verbal. However, it is used to aid, enhance or as an alternative to speaking for some. If a person can speak but not be clearly understood then AAC can be very helpful, for example, someone with verbal dyspraxia.

For most of the students in our school it will be used augmentatively so they can communicate more and be able to say more things. It will also help to show them ways to communicate, such as using full sentences.

A number of key points were made to the staff.

1. Model, model, model how to use whatever AAC tool you are using. Talk while you are doing the modelling.

2. Model the pathways to get to the word you are looking for. This is the process our students will have to follow when they are looking for words.

3. Don’t expect the students to do it in the beginning. It is not a quick process but be confident and calm enough to have ago.

Amy is available for advice and information for the rest of the term. She will also be producing a report on her time with us. Amy loaned us some equipment and left behind many ideas and motivated individuals.

On Monday Mrs Ellery and Mrs Redmond attended the second day of AAC training at Malibu Education Support Centre. Their enthusiasm will support staff through the implementation phase of AAC at our school.

CAMP: Next week 3 of our Year 6 students will be attending the SPPS Camp. We are confident they will have a great week. Thank you to Mr Oreo and Mrs Peters who will be attending the camp to support our students as well as students from the mainstream classes. Their contributions are extremely valuable.

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
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.

Essentials for Women

Albany Women’s Centre (AWC) is local Women’s Refuge and Support service that is run by Anglicare WA. Our work has been directed by a commitment to social justice and a well-developed understanding of the issues faced by women and children affected by Family and Domestic Violence (FDV).

AWC heavily relies on donated items to provide for the day to day needs of our clients. Many Women and children experiencing domestic violence leave their homes with just what they are wearing.

Please when you shop next, pop something extra in your trolley for the centre.

This drive is in November and required this year are:

- Vouchers from Department stores
- New Children’s bags, lunch boxes and drink bottles
- New & full sized toiletry items such as Shampoo, Conditioners, toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, razors, etc.

Drop off points;

- Leading Edge Computers - U3/ 89 Cockburn Rd, Centennial Park
- Summit Fertilizers – Princess Royal Drive, Albany
- Anglicare WA office – 44 Collie St, Albany
- Mt Barker Bendigo Community Bank – 4 Short St Mt Barker

More details and contact www.facebook.com/essentialsforwomenofAlbanyWesternAustralia

Donations drive coordinated by Anglicare WA

KIDS YOGA

5 WEEK COURSES

TERM 4, 2015

“NATURE YOGA PLAY”

starts Thursday Nov 5th - Dec 3rd

Tweens (7-10yo) 3.45-4.30pm - $40
Teens (11-15yo) 4.30-5.30pm - $50

Participants can expect to develop their ability to create a positive state of physical, mental & emotional health. It is our objective to educate, nurture and empower kids on their journey.

ALBANY YOGA ROOM

2/90 FREDERICK ST, ALBANY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - Numbers limited

Claire: 0448 108 836 or via online booking form

www.albanyyogaroom.com.au