Dear Parents and Friends

Voluntary Contributions and Charges 2016
At our most recent School Board meeting we finalised these costs for 2016. Essentially there will be minimal change from this year, with voluntary contributions kept at $25 per year per child. Given what our school provides and the outcomes being achieved it is wonderful that as a society we are still able to offer such affordable quality education. Whilst the $25 amount is a voluntary contribution, I am hoping, that by remaining at a lower amount, as many people as possible will ensure they make this payment next year.

Elsewhere in today’s newsletter you will see a schedule of levels set by the School Board for each of the possible areas where you may be required to pay money in 2016.

Booklists 2016
By now I am hoping you will have received the recommended booklist for your child when they attend in 2016. As we have done for many years we will be continuing our arrangement with Storm Office National, whereby they will organise your booklist order and have it ready to be collected before the new school year. This is a great service, saving you much time and money in having to gather all of these supplies for your child at the start of the year.

Whilst you are obviously free to gather your booklist items from any supplier of your choice, there are a number of benefits in organising your child’s school supplies through the school:

- It is a significant fundraiser for our schools P&C. The purchases generate a commission from the supplier. Obviously the more people that get involved the bigger the amount that is paid to the P&C in commission. This commission is earned, in that members of the P&C are required to be available at the beginning of the year to distribute orders and manage payment from parents. In effect, the commission is about keeping a portion of parent expenditure on booklists – an ideal fundraiser.

I do hope that as many people as possible support the school and take up this option when it comes to providing your child's school supplies. As in past years, all of those who have participated in this process have gone into a draw to win a prize provided by the supplier.

Christmas Service
Next Tuesday 1 December commencing at 9.40am, we will get our first glimpse of the festive season when we conduct our annual Christmas Service. This is always a great way to begin the relatively short pathway towards Christmas. There will be carol singing, Christmas wishes and importantly, a reminder about why we commemorate this time of the year.

We are again putting together a hamper of non-perishable foodstuffs and gifts that will be donated to the Salvation Army – I hope that you can also get into the spirit of giving at this time of the year and provide something that your child can add to this.

Student Councillor Elections
We have also arrived at that time of the year where we begin the process of selecting Students Councillors for the new school year. As always those nominating are required to prepare and deliver a short speech to our staff and students from Year 4 to 6, before voting takes place to select the new group.

It is wonderful to hear from each candidate, their pride in their school and willingness to want to commit to role modelling the kind of behaviours we want all students to aspire to. There are some outstanding candidates this year. Whilst there will be some disappointment from those not selected, all students involved should be proud of being prepared to nominate and serve the school in this way.

Announcements about the new group of Student Councillors will be made in the last week of school this year.

Alan Dowsett – Principal
Forthcoming Events
Next Assembly Fri 27 Nov
Year 6 Transition at ASHS Fri 27 Nov
Christmas Service Tues 1 Dec
ASHS/NASHS Orientation for Year 6 Students Fri 4 Dec
Year 6 Transition Disco at Albany PS Wed 9 Dec
Year 6 Graduation Wed 16 Dec
Year 6 Graduation Excursion Thurs 17 Dec
Last Day of the School Year Thurs 17 Dec

Congratulations Abi
Abi from Room 19 won the Keep Albany Beautiful Colouring Competition for the Year 2 category. She was presented with her award at a ceremony at the City of Albany’s council offices.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.
Sharmel Room 1
Chris Room 2 Janika Room 2
Kaizen Room 3 Seth Room 3
Imogen Room 4 Terraley Room 4
Zeppelin Room 5 Khiarah Room 5
Annabelle Room 9 BJ Room 9
Jayden Room 18
Latia Room 24

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.

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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This is one of the songs to be sung at the Christmas Concert. The other song to be sung is Feliz Navidad.

Aussie Jingle Bells
Verse 1
Dashing through the bush in a rusty Holden ute,
Kicking up the dust, esky in the boot.
Kelpie by my side, singing Christmas songs,
It’s summer time and I am in my singlet, shorts and thongs, Oh!

CHORUS
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Christmas in Australia on a Scorching summer’s day, hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Christmas time is beaut,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden ute.

Verse 2
Engine’s getting hot, we dodge the kangaroos,
The swaggie climbs aboard, he is welcome too.
All the family is there, sitting by the pool,
Christmas day in the Aussie way,
by the Barbecue, Oh!

Repeat CHORUS

Verse 3
Ha, ha, ha,ha…

Verse 4
Come the afternoon grandpa has a doze,
The kids and Uncle Bruce,
are swimming in their clothes.
The time comes round to go, we take a family snap.
And pack the car and all shoot through before the washing up, Oh!

Repeat CHORUS

Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden ute.

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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.
Disability Awareness Week
Disability Awareness Week this year runs from 29 November to 5 December, with International Day of People with Disability celebrated on 3 December.

The week promotes the aspirations of the State Government’s Count Me In vision: that we all live in welcoming communities that facilitate citizenship, friendship, mutual support and a fair go for everyone. Events and activities will be held to raise awareness of the importance of access and inclusion, and that we all have the opportunity to have a good life.

The United Nations sanctioned that International Day of People with Disability is held each year on 3 December. In 2015 the theme is Inclusion matters: Access and empowerment for people of all abilities. The sub-themes are:
- making cities inclusive and accessible for all
- improving disability data and statistics
- including people with invisible disability (such as psychosocial, intellectual and/or hearing impairments) in society and development.


As a school we have been learning to sing and sign the song ‘What I Am’ and ‘We Wish You a Merry Christmas. We have also been practising singing the song ‘The Happy Dance’. The students have enjoyed practising their singing and signing and are now ready to take their performance to the public.

On Monday, 30 November at 11.00am we will be performing at the opening of the Disability Awareness Week at the City of Albany.

EARLY CLOSE is Tuesday on even weeks of the term. The children have had the required contact time with the teaching staff.

We are having Early Close to give the staff more time to collaborate on the various programs and for training TO IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES FOR YOUR CHILD. It allows us to run training for the whole school and develop a better understanding and implementation of the WA Curriculum.

What this means for you: We are expecting your child to be picked up at 2:25 from school so that we can begin our meeting at 2:30. Those students who for some reason can’t be collected will be supervised but no program will be run at that time.

Remember if you need to pick students up from the mainstream our playground is available for you to use.

In order for us to have an effective meeting it’s important that all those students who are normally picked up by their parents are actually picked up early on Early Close Tuesdays.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges 2016
Our School Board met recently and approved the following voluntary contributions and charges for 2016. **Charges stated are the maximum amount expected but not necessarily the amount charged.

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ALBANY SOLAR VISIT
The science students in Rooms 9 and 11 were fortunate enough to heat how solar panels, solar heating and LED lighting works.

Neil Howitt and Howard Rathbone from Albany Solar very kindly came to SPPS to talk to the students about this type of renewable energy. They explained how the latest technology worked and discussed future developments in solar energy.

I was particularly pleased at the level of questions the students put to the two experts. Very ‘heart felt’ questions!

I thank Mr Howitt and Mr Rathbone very much for giving up their valuable work time to speak to the students.

Catherine Burges, Science Teacher
**Salvation Army Christmas Appeal**

Dear Parents and Friends,

We would like to invite you to be part of our 2015 Christmas Appeal.

This involves us donating and collecting together non-perishable food items. These will be given to a representative of our local Salvation Army at our Christmas Assembly on Tuesday December 1, and then distributed to needy people during the Christmas season.

Your support for this Appeal would be greatly appreciated, and all donations gratefully accepted. We thank you for your very generous help last year, and hope you may be able to assist us again.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Hunt, School Chaplain

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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.

**Introduction to Irish Dance.**

Boys/Girls classes Wednesdays
(2nd, 9th, 16th Dec)
'January Workshops'
Tuesdays - (5th, 12th, 19th)
Thursdays - (7th, 14th, 21st)
kids & adults.
All levels welcome / $10/class
All enquiries: Lucy 0404 126 014 / lucycelticdance@bigpond.com