Dear Parents and Friends

Wonderful Christmas Assembly
As always our annual Christmas Service held last week was an uplifting and moving occasion for all involved. For everyone at school this event really signals the beginning of the Christmas season and reminds us yet again of the original reasons for the celebrations that occur at this time of the year. Our choir provided us with a wonderful selection of Christmas Carols performed beautifully and at the end of the assembly led us all in rousing renditions of Feliz Navidad and Aussie Jingle Bells. Woven wonderfully between carols was the Christmas story presented exquisitely by the students of Room 19.

As we have done for many years Major Katie Beardsley from The Salvation Army was here to accept donations of foodstuffs collected by each class in the lead up to the assembly. It was terrific again to see such a large amount of donated goods and the amazing generosity of our community.

Between the events of the assembly and the donation of foodstuffs to The Salvation Army our students have had reinforced the importance of values like compassion, selflessness, humility and respect – important aspects when it comes to developing the kind of adults we want in our community in the future.

It was great to see a large audience of parents and family members present, I am hoping that many went away from this wonderful school event feeling like the Christmas spirit has well and truly arrived. Please see elsewhere in today’s Newsletter for photos of the event.

Many thanks to Mrs Wilson for preparing the choir so well, Mrs Fletcher and the students of Room 19 for their terrific dramatic presentation of the Christmas story, Ms Ralph for ensuring that the hall was decorated to reflect the Christmas season and Mr Luscombe for his coordination of the many elements required.

ASHS Graduation
A couple of weeks ago I attended the ASHS Graduation where Year 12 students are officially farewelld and recognised for their achievements in their final year of schooling. I was pleased to see 10 of our past students from the class of 2010 get through and graduate Year 12, I have no doubt that there would have been a number of others who would have also gone on and graduated from other schools here in Albany and beyond. Congratulations go to Sophie Pinker and Rica Bernolo who received special awards for outstanding achievement in individual subject areas.

It is fantastic to see that Students who have attended Spencer Park build on their work at our school and successfully complete their secondary schooling.

Year 6 Students Graduate
Our year 6 students are reaching a significant milestone in their schooling journey and next week our annual graduation ceremony will recognise their contribution to our school during their primary years. I am pleased that we can continue to hold this important event in the evening, at a time when parents and other family members can be present to commemorate and recognise this occasion.

There is always a tinge of sadness at this event as we not only farewell valued and respected students, many who have been here since their first day of Kindergarten, we also farewell parents who have also had a long term involvement with the school.

I am confident that as a school we have done our best to give them the skills and abilities, work ethic and values to make the most of the opportunities that are offered in this next phase of schooling. I wish those students leaving us every success in secondary school, as I have always done, I will follow their individual pathways with considerable interest.

Alan Dowsett – Principal
Future Dates

Next Assembly: Fri 11 Dec
Year 6 Graduation: Wed 16 Dec
Year 6 Graduation Excursion: Thurs 17 Dec
Distribution of Reports: Thurs 17 Dec
Last Day of the School Year: Thurs 17 Dec
Booklists Available: 10am-2pm Fri 29 Jan
Class Lists Displayed: 10am Fri 29 Jan
First Day of 2016 School Year: Mon 1 Feb

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

Pre Primary
- Storm PP1 (Goldie)
- Drake PP2 (Goldie)
- Ziva PP1 (Goldie)
- Peyton PP1 (Goldie)
- Jarvis PP1 (Goldie)
- Ellie PP1 (Goldie)
- Phoenix PP1 (Goldie)

- Pippa PP2 (Goldie)
- Indigo PP2 (Goldie)
- Finn PP2 (Goldie)
- Nia PP2 (Goldie)
- Michaylee PP2 (Goldie)

Chaplain’s Chat
Dear Parents and Friends,

I would like to say a sincere thank you for your generous support of our Salvation Army Christmas Appeal this year.

Major Katie Beardsley, who accepted the gifts at our Christmas assembly on behalf of The Salvation Army, is new to Albany. She said she felt quite overwhelmed when she found out all the gifts were for them to distribute.

What we do here at Spencer Park Primary School at Christmas time is something very special, and your thoughtfulness towards those less fortunate is much appreciated.

I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year, filled with peace, hope and joy, and will look forward to us being together as a school community again in 2016.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Hunt
School Chaplain

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.

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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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.

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre
Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Friday 18 December until Wednesday 20 January 2016. If your child requires emergency dental treatment please contact Albany General Dental Clinic on 9842 2211 from 8.15am to 4.30pm. For emergencies outside of these hours, please contact your own private dentist or Albany Regional Hospital on 9892 2222.

If your child attends a Western Australian school He/She will be eligible for free basic dental care from ages 5 to 16. Our appointments are issued to your home address so please keep us up to date email: spencerparkDTC@health.wa.gov.au or phone 9841 3967 if you have moved house in the last few years.

Dental Therapy Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!
Last Wednesday morning the parents and friends of our students attended the circus skills grand finale at PCYC.

The performance this year was far superior to the performance last year. The students were more confident as well as more capable of demonstrating their skills they had learned. This made it a more enjoyable experience for families and friends.

Below are a few comments from the students and a few photos of the spectacular.

Leearna said, "I was so nervous but I did it anyways".

Kyrese commented, “I loved climbing the pole and nearly reached the top.”

Ty said, “I liked swinging in the silks.”

Tori articulated, “I enjoyed hula hooping”

Hayley-jane verbalised, “I pushed through my embarrassment [to] perform circus.”

Josh said, “I didn’t like it.”

William C. uttered, “I loved the costumes at circus.”

Jacob said. “I liked climbing half way up the pole.” He also got Nana up to use the hula hoop.

On Tuesday the students went to Clarence Estate to do their annual Christmas singing and signing. Hayley Jane did a wonderful job of introducing the students. They again sang and signed *What I Am*, *The Happy Song*, *Six White Boomers* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. They were rewarded again with delicious biscuits and cool drink. The students then passed out small presents of angels or reindeers they made. This is our chance to be generous to others who have served our community over the years.

Thank you again, Mrs Eyles, for working so diligently to prepare our students for this event and organise the excursion.

**Reminder:** Next Monday is our end of term assembly. There will be a mini graduation ceremony for the year sixes. Before the assembly, there will be the Annual General School Board meeting from 9 o’clock until 9:30. The assembly will start at 9:30. We are looking forward to seeing you there and for joining us for the parent morning tea.

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
LOST PROPERTY
All lost property will be displayed outside Room 6 on 11 December. Please come and have a look for your children’s lost items. At the end of the day unclaimed uniform items will be put into the second hand uniform stock and non-uniform items will be donated to charity stores.

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.

First day of school jitters?

Join us for a calming cuppa and chat each morning during the first week of school. We understand that starting school is a big event for parents as well as children.

Dates: 1 to 5 February 2016
Time: 8.30am to 11.00am
Venue: Child and Parent Centre – Mount Lockyer, Humphreys Street, Mount Lockyer

For more information contact: cpc@wandsia.asn.au – Child and Parent Centre – Mount Lockyer, Humphreys Street, Mount Lockyer – 0408 806 405

NASHIS AND ASESC P&C CHRISTMAS MARKETS
The Senior Citizens Centre
Grey St, Albany
Saturday 12th December 2015
9am until 1pm

Variety of stall holders including local Crafts, Sausage sizzle and morning teas
GOLD MX will be broadcasting live.

For more information on this year’s Summer Reading Club, or please contact Dora Adeline on 9841 9331 or by email to doraa@albany.wa.gov.au
Christmas Assembly 2015