



SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We value providing a learning environment that is safe and positive.

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Newsletter Changes

In a few weeks the newsletter will be changing from a weekly communication to a fortnightly communication. From the **10th March** the newsletter will be sent home every even week: Week 6, 8 & 10. This will continue on throughout the year.

Assembly

Thank you to Room 3 and their wonderful assembly last Friday! I was very impressed with the level of participation, humour and the weaving in of a traditional story with school based characters – what a clever performance. Thank you also for the yummy lamington! Our next assembly will be the 24th March.

Faction Swimming Carnival

This Friday is our school's faction swimming carnival. I would like to encourage all the students to participate in as many events as possible and earn points for their faction. We would love to see lots of parents and community support at the pool. Events commence at approximately 9.30am. Thank you to Mrs Binning for her organisation of this event.

Swimming Lessons

Year 5/6 classes will commence their swimming lessons at Emu Point next week. It is important that students participate in this program (particularly given the coast line that we live along) and I encourage all parents to engage their children in these lessons.

White Slips

White slips are part of the schools behaviour management process that helps inform administration and parents about what behaviours have occurred at school. White slips are used by teachers to communicate behaviours to parents and administration about in class and playground behaviour. When necessary, administration will send home Parent Notification slips to inform parents about behaviours that have occurred and any resulting consequences. **Keeping parents informed is part of our job and helps the parent/school**

relationship remain strong. Please do not take the receiving of a white slip or Parent Notification as a judgement from the school, but simply as a notification of an incident that we needed to deal with and that we would like you to talk about with your child.

When dealing with an incident from school some useful tips are to:

1. Have your child acknowledge the issue/problem. *(There was a problem at school today. Can you tell me about it?)*
2. Identify what they could have done instead. *(What could you have done differently? What could you do next time?)*
3. Outline your expectations as a parent. *(I would really like to see you behave in this way.)*
4. Reinforce that tomorrow is a new day and that we start afresh each day.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Jeremy Hadlow – Principal

Future Dates

Faction Swimming Carnival	Fri 3 Mar
Year 5&6 Swimming Lessons	Tue 7 Mar
School Board Meeting	Tues 7 Mar
P&C Meeting 7.15pm	Mon 13 Mar
Scitech Incursion	14 & 15 Mar

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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

John	Rm 1	Venja	Rm1
Lily-Anne	Rm 2		
Jade	Rm 3	Ronald	Rm 3
Kiara	Rm 4	Joanah	Rm 4
Joshua	Rm 5	Ari	Rm 5
Ruth	Rm 9	Rebecca	Rm 9
Brielle	Rm 11	Laura	Rm 11
Paige	Rm 18	Travis	Rm 18
Keeley	Rm 19	Violet	Rm 19
Shelby	Rm 25	Lachlan	Rm 25
Science	Room 1	Year 3	
Music	Room 25	Year 1	



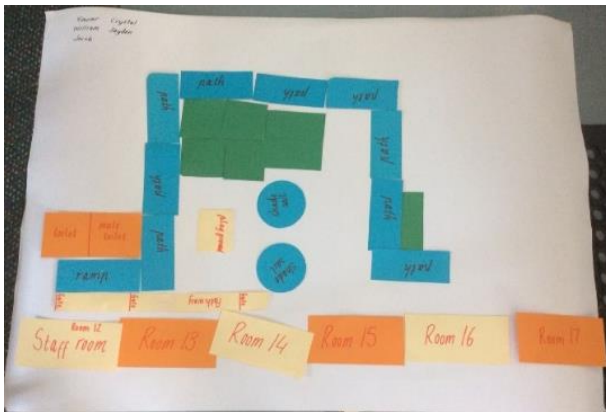
SPENCER PARK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

Camp Week! We will have photos and a story in the next newsletter. Mrs Redmond is going to attempt to post to our Facebook page during the week. This may be difficult due to reception at Camp Kennedy.

Geography project for Room 13 is coming together. We now have a more specific list of items required for the current project.

- milk bottle (and other bottle) tops
- bread clips
- small cardboard boxes (see attached image)
- small berry/vegetable punnets
- small cardboard or plastic containers
- photocopy paper box lids (especially A3) and/or mango/avocado/stone fruit cardboard trays

They have been working on creating a school map for the ESC with pieces of cardboard.



Growth Mindset Recommended Practice 4. Follow the research on brain plasticity.

The brain isn't fixed; the mind shouldn't be either. From

<http://www.opencolleges.edu.au/informed/features/develop-a-growth-mindset/>

"Plasticity, or neuroplasticity, describes how experiences reorganize neural pathways in the brain. Long lasting functional changes in the brain occur when we learn new things or memorize new information. These changes in neural connections are what we call *neuroplasticity*". From <https://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/plast.html>

Stepping Stones Triple P: Jenny Allen, Lead School Psych, will be offering Triple P Stepping Stones Program at the Local Education Office on Serpentine Road. It is starting 10 March; running weekly for 4 weeks from 9:30 to 11:30.

Stepping Stones Triple P has been developed for parents of children with a developmental disability (Aged 2 -12 years). It gives you ways to deal with the kinds of childhood behaviour problems and issues that can make family life stressful. IT IS FREE and ON-SITE CHILD CARE can be booked AT NO COST.

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Contact Heather Jackson on 9844 2833 or Jenny Allen on 0427 083 653. For more information check our Facebook page for a copy of the flyer or pick up a flyer from the SPESC office.

Diane E Edwards, Principal

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE NEWS

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre provides free dental examinations, oral care advice, preventative, restorative and emergency treatment for children from pre-primary to Year 11. The clinic is staffed by Kayleen (Dental Nurse), Susanne (Dental Therapist), Jaqui (Dental Nurse), Michelle (Dental Therapist) and Tracey (Dentist).

Enrolment forms will soon be issued to your child if he/she has recently changed schools or enrolled in Pre-Primary, please make sure these forms are returned before the end of term 1 if you wish to use our service.

Parents of enrolled students are reminded to contact the centre to update your details if you have moved in the last few years. All appointments are posted home and many of these are returned to us due to incorrect addresses, this means that your child misses out on their dental visit. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be taken up by someone else. You can call us on 98413967, drop in or send us an email to spencerparkdntc@dental.health.wa.gov.au.

To keep your child's teeth healthy during this important stage of growth we recommend brushing twice a day, parents should always assist with one daily brush and use adult strength toothpaste providing children are spitting it out. Teeth should be brushed for a minimum of two minutes and children are encouraged NOT to rinse after brushing.

We hope to see you all in here soon.

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.



HEAD LICE

We are all settled back into a school routine now and one of those needs to be a weekly head check for your child to ensure we can STOP head lice in their tracks. Please be vigilant and check your child's head regularly