



# SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We value our professional and dedicated staff and volunteers who are committed to a quality school experience for all.

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## NEWSLETTER No. 7

23 March 2017



### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Community Members,

#### Canteen Manager Change

I would like to thank Mrs Debbie Hull for her wonderful service to SPPS over the last few years. Debbie will be finishing as the canteen manager at the end of the term and I know that many staff, students and parents will be very sad to see her go. Please pop into the canteen over the next few weeks and thank Mrs Hull for her service and dedication to SPPS. An advertisement for the new Canteen Manager position has been included in this week's newsletter.

#### Child and Parent Centre

This term we are fortunate to have the Child and Parent Centre visiting Spencer Park PS to offer a 'Story Time' to children aged 0-4 years. Story Time is between 9.00am-10.30am Thursday mornings in the Kindergarten. We would love to see lots of Kindy parents bring their children along as well as any other visitors. We are also keen to hear from parents about what other services/ programs they would like to see CPC offer into the future.

#### Playground Play

SPPS is promoting our students to play with similar aged students at recess and lunch breaks. Ensuring that students are playing appropriate games in the right age group helps to reduce conflict and misunderstanding in games and activities. Younger students regularly misunderstand games that older students play or simply cannot compete physically. Please be aware of this for your children, particularly those that have siblings across the school.

#### Crazy Hair / Autism Awareness Day

On Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> March students are invited to wear blue and style their hair in a crazy fashion to help support Autism Awareness and SPPS P&C. The P&C will be awarding a prize to the best hair style (1 per class). Students that participate in the day need to bring a gold coin donation, which will be split between the Autism Foundation and the P&C.

#### Impetigo / School Sores

Please be aware that the school has had a few cases of School Sores. If you suspect that your child has this skin infection, please see your local doctor. Exclusion from school is required for 24 hours once antibiotic treatment has commenced. Your support with this is greatly appreciated. Further information can be found at:

[http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F\\_I/Impetigo-school-sores](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Impetigo-school-sores)

Have a great weekend!

**Jeremy Hadlow** – Principal

### INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS

#### Advance Notice

Interm swimming lessons will commence for Pre-primary to Year 4 students on **Monday 22 May**. The cost to students this year will be **\$60.00** for 10 lessons. This advance notice allows you to financially plan for this outlay which can quickly add up if you have more than one child participating. We have many options for payment and if you wish you can start making payments towards it now.

#### Future Dates

Kidsafe Years 1-3	Thurs 23 Mar
Next Assembly	Fri 24 Mar
T20 Blast Year 5/6 Carnival	Tues 28 Mar
Crazy Hair Day (Gold Coin)	Fri 31 Mar
Interschool Swimming Carnival	Mon 3 April

### LAMINGTON MAN

Room 3 presented the very first assembly item of the year, Lamington Man, and featured many familiar school teachers and characters and our new principal, Mr Hadlow. The Lamington Man escaped many hungry teachers, before being outwitted by "Principal Hadlow" and his lunch box. Pictured are Zac, as Lamington Man, Luke as Mr Hadlow and our own Principal, Mr Hadlow and his delicious lamington snack. Congratulations Room 3 on an extremely entertaining assembly item.





## SPENCER PARK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

March 27 to 2 April is Autism Awareness Week. Next Monday is our end of term assembly. We are asking students and parents to wear blue to the assembly as part of the raising awareness of Autism in our community. Our school has the Albany's Early Intervention Centre for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children with Autism is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation. We are located in Room 23 at the Spencer Park Education Support Centre.

Baseline testing is collected during the child's first weeks in the centre, we have now collected all evidence of a child's strengths and needs and individual programs have been set for all children.

We recognize and celebrate both the giant steps our children take and the smaller steps as well.

Children learn the skills required for a mainstream environment in Year 1.

Outcomes are being looked for in every activity but the need to enjoy learning is never lost.



In the last picture children had listened to the story Mr Gumpy's Outing. Each child then has the opportunity to read out a sentence from the story.

If you have a child who would benefit from our program for more information please call 9841 1537.

**Growth Mindset Recommended Practice 5. Replace the word "failing" with the word "learning."**

When you make a mistake or fall short of a goal, you haven't failed; you've learned. Taken from:

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

Diane E Edwards, Principal

## Interschool Swimming Carnival



SPPS are the school responsible for organising the Interschool Swimming Carnival for 2017. We would appreciate volunteers for the day to help activities run smoothly. If you can offer any time on Monday 3 April to attend ALAC and assist please contact the school office and leave your name and contact details and we will be in touch soon after. Thank you.

## 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.

## Congratulations to Room 19



The book prize bundle from Scholastic ... awarded to the class with the most students placing an order from Issue 2.

## 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 [spencerparkdct@dental.health.wa.gov.au](mailto:spencerparkdct@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.



## Position Vacant

### Canteen Manager Spencer Park Primary



7.30 am – 1.30pm 5 days per week.  
Start Date 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Duties include ordering, preparing food and serving.

A duty statement, selection criteria and application package can be obtained from Spencer Park Primary School – Ph. 9841 2488.

Closing date for applications is 3.00pm Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## 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.*

## On The Noticeboard Outside Room 6

**Please check out the notice board for information about these events coming up soon.**

- Bunnings Easter Family Night
- Tackers Start Sailing Tackers Course
- J & J Football Training Albany Easter Clinic
- "Mr Stink" at the Albany Entertainment Centre
- Leisure and Aquatic Centre Swimming Lesson Timetables
- NET SET GO Junior Netball

## Keeping Kids Safe Free Presentation

A general overview presentation focussing in community injury risks that children are sustaining. The presentation focuses on providing information, tips and prevention methods to help keep children safe in and around the home and includes relevant first aid.

The injury focus areas include:

- Poisoning prevention
- Car and travel safety
- Burns and scalds prevention
- Water safety
- Falls prevention
- Choking and strangulation
- Farm safety

### Who are the sessions targeted at?

These sessions are great for parents, carers and grandparents, or anyone who is interested in child safety. Children Welcome!

**Where:** Relationships Australia WA  
29 Albany Highway, Albany

**When:** Tuesday 23 May 2017

**Time:** 10-11am

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** Relationships Australia-4families  
6164 0600 or [albany@relationships.wa.org.au](mailto:albany@relationships.wa.org.au)



# Understanding Autism—for Parents and Carers

Sunday 2 April 2017 is World Autism Awareness Day. This presents a significant time for us to pause and reflect on what we know about Autism, gain new information and promote the concept of embracing differences.

## Autism Spectrum Disorder ('Autism')

### The Early Signs

Autism is a complex, life-long developmental disability which is neurobiological in origin. An estimated 1 in 160 to 1 in 100 people have Autism.

The signs of Autism may be evident by age 2 or may only become apparent when the child starts school. One of the first signs, which can alert a parent to the fact that their child is not developing in a typical way, is the manner in which the young child responds to them. They may not learn to speak or have very limited speech. The child may also have great difficulty in understanding the speech of others.

Some children with Autism can develop good spoken language. However, their language is very concrete and literal; it lacks a social quality and is not used in a conversational manner. Parents may notice that their young toddler does not seem interested in playing with other children.

They may also notice that the child is not playing with toys in an imaginative way. Instead, they may spend time placing their toys in neat lines; or engaging in the same sequence of play activity over and over again. While these are some common signs, Autism presents differently for each child.

## Common Features of Autism

### Social Communication and Interaction

The child may:

- Use few or no words, repeat patterns of words or may have well developed speech, but only talk about a limited range of interests
- Not respond to their name or simple instructions
- Not copy other's actions
- Have very limited attention span, except for activities that include their interests e.g. trains
- Not engage with peers
- Not engage in pretend play
- Make limited eye contact

