

## NEWSLETTER No. 1

8 February 2018



### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back to another year at SPPS and thank you for helping to make our start a very smooth and calm one. The students have settled well into their classes with uniforms and equipment and are all generally eager to learn and participate.

#### Attendance

As with last year a major focus for our school is to ensure that every student attends school every day that they are well. Missing days of school adds up quickly and can result in your child missing out on important learning. Regular attendance is set at 90%, which means that your child **should not be missing any more than 1 day per fortnight**. Please make an effort to ensure that your child comes to school each day that they are well and enforce it! Please do not give in to the many excuses that our children provide at different times. Please contact the school if we can assist with helping your child to attend regularly. School is the EXPECTATION and staying home is the EXCEPTION.

Congratulations to Rm 19, 9 & 2 who had **100% attendance last week!**

#### Parent Involvement & Support

Throughout 2017 I encouraged parents/caregivers to be involved within our school and again in 2018 I would like to ask parents to become involved in some capacity. Strong schools are created through the work of all stakeholders and parents are a key participant in this. As a parent I understand that many of you are busy people and that you have great demands on your time. If you are able to assist in any way we would love to hear from you. Some ideas are:

- Talk with your classroom teachers about how you can support within the classroom,
- Involve yourself with the P&C or School Board,
- Volunteer in the canteen,
- Offer to cover some books within the library, or
- Help out at a sporting event.

Whatever way you can be involved would be greatly appreciated.

- Our P&C AGM will be held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** and it would be great to see some new faces.
- Our School Board still has one parent position available for anyone interested in participating. Information about the School Board can be obtained from the school office.

#### Appropriate Behaviour and Appropriate Language

A continued focus for me throughout 2018 will be that students feel safe at school and that inappropriate behaviour & language is dealt with promptly and fairly. Could I please encourage all parents to explain the difference between school behaviour/language and home behaviour/language. It is important that children understand that some behaviour and language that might be acceptable at home is not acceptable at school. This '**code switching**' is an important skill to learn and practise. The focus behaviours established for SPPS remain unchanged and are:

- Respect other people, their rights and their property,
- Be Courteous,
- Let others learn and
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.

These behaviours are important for our students to display at all times with all staff.

#### Queen's Baton Relay

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at approximately 9.30am the QBR will be stopping at SPPS for a quick photo shoot and an opportunity for students to see (maybe touch) the torch. As part of the celebrations we would like to invite parents to come along and view the torch. Road closure will be in place around the school from 9.00am until 9.55am. Access to the early childhood carpark will be restricted at these times also. Please be aware that if you want to view the relay that you will need to be in the school before 9.00am or approach the school from Reidy Drive.

**Jeremy Hadlow** – Principal

#### P&C AGM

Our annual AGM will be held on Monday evening 12 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. We encourage all parents to attend and discover the purpose and intentions of the P&C group, as we work to enrich our school community.

## Future Dates

P&C AGM 7pm  
Queens Baton Relay  
Assembly Rm 3

Mon 12 Feb  
Thurs 22 Feb  
Fri 23 Feb

## COLLECTION OF CHILDREN during the school day.

Just a reminder that when parents or carers are collecting their children from school during the school day, they must present themselves to the school office where they will be required to fill out a **leave pass** and then be directed to where their child is located. This procedure is designed to ensure that the appropriate person is calling to collect your child.

## VALUES CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at Monday's Mini assembly.

Value	Respect		
Rm 1	Peyton	Rm 11	Jade
Rm 2	Kertis	Rm 18	Sophie
Rm 3	John	Rm 19	Evie
Rm 8	Katie	Rm 25	Holly
Rm 9	Sapphira		



## THE T&E SHED NEEDS RESTOCKING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Any glass, plastic or cardboard containers/boxes/jars/cans/tins/etc... that you have at home and no longer need PLEASE send in to school as they will help with student design and technology projects this term.



**\*\*Please make sure items are clean before sending!**

## Stationary Packs from CBH

We recently received starter packs from CBH. These packs are a great way to get students well equipped to start their school year. We thank CBH for their ongoing support of our junior students.



Year 1 students, Devin, Felix, Sophia and Cody from Room 25 with the packs from CBH

## NO HAT, NO PLAY

Please be reminded that the school does have a **No hat, No play** policy throughout Term 1 and as such your child will need to have a broad brimmed or equivalent hat at school each day to access the playground areas.

Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly marked with their name.

## YEAR 5 AND 6 SWIMMING LESSONS

Our Year 5 and 6 students are expected to participate in swimming lessons at Emu Point in weeks 5 and 6 commencing after the Long weekend.

The cost to parents will be for bus hire only and is non-refundable. Details about this program will follow in coming weeks.



## 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.



## News from ESC

### Note from the Principal

I would like to welcome back all our families and community members to the 2018 school year and introduce myself. I am new to Albany and Spencer Park Education Support Centre as the new Principal. Over the last few years I have had the opportunity to be involved with the Education Support Centre through various research projects for the South West Education Support Centre (SWESN) having worked at another two Education Support Centres in the South West Region in the past four years and in metropolitan Education Support Centres prior to this.

I have a strong passion to learning for all our students and providing the best possible outcomes for success for everyone. Thank you to everyone I have had the opportunity to meet so far and I look forward to meeting more members of our school community throughout the year.



Bec Wheatley

### What's Going On!

Research tells us that student behaviour is sometimes the result of children not being able to effectively express feelings or to communicate their wants or needs. Building relationship and being able to interact with other people is an important factor to being successful in our lives and again being able to communicate and engage in conversation helps us do that.

One of the major focuses for the staff and students here in our school is to ensure that every student has the means to be able to not just communicate what is wanted or needed but to have conversations and build positive relationships and friendships. These relationships would not just be with the other students and staff in our school but with families and other people we meet in our community.

Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) will continue to be a focus across Spencer Park ESC. AAC provides communication for those children who are unable to speak or articulate what they want to say in the conventional manner of speech. AAC may include, gestures, sign language, Pragmatic Organisational Dynamic Display (PODD Books), both high tech and low tech and other tools that the students can access to say **what they want to say, when they want to say it, to whomever they want to say it to.** AAC tools are also used to support

students when they feel overwhelmed to support them in self-regulating feelings and behaviours. Communication is an ongoing challenge and as a staff we are striving to continue to develop our own skills and strategies in our use of AAC.

The school has an AAC committee to support all staff.

SPESC Mission Statement of the AAC Committee

- Provide a means of communication for all.
- Access to AAC at all times.
- Support staff & students in implementing AAC
- Provide physical AAC tools

This year we have placed a Communication Table in the playground. This is a place where the children can leave their AAC devices (their voices) and play—however are able to access it when needed. Staff are also carrying a communication device to model the use of AAC when engaging with the students.

Access AAC is powerful in ensuring everyone has a voice.



## PBS Golden Bee Awards

Our Golden Bee Awards Winners this week:

Breanna  
Jacob  
Elijah  
Robert  
Isla  
Tobias  
Xavier  
Jayden  
Rhyen



Thank you for Being Your Best

Bec Wheatley, Principal





## Voluntary Contributions and Charges 2018

**\*\*Charges stated are the maximum amount expected but not necessarily the amount charged.**

Voluntary Contributions funds collected help to purchase photocopy paper, laminating sheets, classroom consumables, Art & Craft consumables, Science consumables.

All Voluntary Contributions and charges can be paid outright or by instalments. Payments excepted are Cash, cheques, EFTPOS, Credit Card, Direct Debit or Centrepay.

Voluntary Contributions	Cost	Year applicable
Voluntary Contributions	\$25.00	K - 6
P&C Contributions	\$20.00 Per family	K - 6
Charges	Cost	Year applicable
Book lists	\$120.00 <i>Estimated max cost</i>	K - 6
Scripture Book	\$3.00	1 - 6
Incursions	\$7.50 <i>Average per term</i>	K - 6
Excursions	\$15.00 <i>Maximum per term</i>	K - 6
**Interm swimming	\$70.00 <i>Estimated cost</i>	P - 6
**Camp	\$350.00 <i>Estimated max cost</i>	6
**Instrumental Music-Own Instrument	\$40.00 <i>Instrumental music students only</i>	
**Instrumental Music-Hire Instrument	\$140.00 <i>Instrumental music students only</i>	

## 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.*

### NARRIKUP NETBALL CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR SEASON 2018

TEAM SELECTION TRIALS:

Sunday 11th February & Sunday 28th February at ALAC

Thursday 15th February at Flinders Park Primary (new juniors/modified rules)

\*\* Please contact us (email or facebook) to register your interest\*\*

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME. We look forward to seeing you then!

CONTACT US:

Email: [narrikupnetball@outlook.com](mailto:narrikupnetball@outlook.com)

Facebook: Narrikup Netball Club

Phone: 0439 520 183 (Latrice) or 0407 060 208 (Andrea)

Great Southern's own

## "Let's Go Surfing Days"



Supported by: DSA Southwest [www.facebook.com/DisabledsurfersSw/](http://www.facebook.com/DisabledsurfersSw/) & the national DSA [disabledsurfers.org/](http://disabledsurfers.org/)

As you may be aware DSA Southwest have been coming to Albany once/year for the last 3 years, each time a huge success with the biggest smiles from participants, carers, parents and volunteers. Albany has now formed its own group DSA Great Southern.



Volunteer Training (Water Team Leaders) - Feb 10th, 7.00am

Register 9.00am - participants and other volunteers

start 10.00am – 12noon free BBQ

February 10th, March 17th, April 21st

[www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS/](http://www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS/)

Please 'like' (events too) and 'share' this page so we can get 'up and swimming' for next summer and message if you would like to be more involved NOW!

ALBANY CONTEMPORARY  
DANCE  
the dance alternative

**LET'S DANCE 2018!**  
CONTEMPORARY. BALLET. ACRODANCE. PERFORMANCE

**Wednesday & Saturday's @ Spencer Park Primary Hall**

This alternative dance school nurtures exploration of creativity, provides professional tuition to dancers of all ages & abilities and keeps costs down.

Sym Parr 0428 639 461  
symmove@gmail.com  
facebook/albanycontemporarydance

# SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM PLANNER TERM 1 2018

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 School Development Day <b>NO STUDENTS ATTEND</b>	30 School Development Day <b>NO STUDENTS ATTEND</b>	31  <b>Students First Day</b>	1 February	2
2	5	6	7	8  Newsletter	9
3	12 P&C AGM 7.00pm	13	14	15	16
4	19	20	21	22 Queen's Baton Relay Newsletter Constable Care	23 Rm 3 Assembly
5	26	27	28	1 March	2
6	5 <b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>	6	7	8 Newsletter	9
← Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons at Emu Point →					
7	12	13	14	15	16 Rm 8 Assembly
← Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons at Emu Point →					
8	19	20	21 Faction Swimming Carnival	22 Newsletter	23
9	26	27	28	29	30 <b>Good Friday</b>
10	2 April <b>Easter Public Holiday</b>	3 <b>Easter Tuesday</b>	4	5 Newsletter	6 Interschool Swimming Carnival ALAC
11	9	10 Yr5/6 Interschool Cricket	11	12	13 Interim Reports Distributed Rm 9- ANZAC/ POE Assembly

*Term 2 begins Monday 30 April*

## STAFF TERM 1 2018 Spencer Park Primary School

Teacher		Room	Year
Jasna Curic	Mon-Wed	1	3
Gerry Macaulay	Thurs, Fri		
Mechelle Harvey-Gimm		2	3/4
Fiona Kowald		3	4
Cathy Burges	Tues, Wed, Thurs	7	Science
Jenny Kightly		18	2
Cobie Fletcher		19	1/2
Jolene Dodd		8	5/6
Cassandra Cheetham		9	5/6
Cate Moreton		11	5/6
Frances Walmsley	Wed - Fri	25	1
Lucy Dowsett	Mon, Tues		
Rebecca Collins	Mon, Tues, Thurs	K	K1
Deb Edwards	Mon, Wed, Fri	K	K2
Jo Whittingstall		PP1	PP1
Diane Stevens		PP2	PP2
Jill Ben-Avraham	Mon - Thurs	Coolangarras Barmah	K

Jeremy Hadlow	Principal
Di Ruffell	Deputy
Carl Luscombe	Deputy
Liz Edwards	Sci R7 Tue/Wed
Naomi Swann	Music R20 T-Th
Cathy Burges	Phys Ed Tu, Wed, Th
Sarah Murray	Support Mon,W,Th
Sue-Ellen Miniter M-Th)	AIEO (Coolang)
Sherrona Clifton	AIEO (Coolang)
Johnno Woods	Bus (Coolang)
Greg Board	Gardener (Coolang)
Gale Bond	Gardener
Kerry Gadowski	Head Cleaner
Shivaun Rowley	Cleaner
Marlene Hills	Cleaner
Sriwai Sakkarat	Cleaner
Jennifer Hunt	Chaplain
Maree Dawes	School Psych
Jenny Allen	School Psych
Sue Swift	School Psych
Kathryn Wasley	School Psych
Brooke Bevan-Wilson	School Psych
Teachers	22
EA & AIEO	13
All Staff	52

Julie Fordham	Registrar
Robyn Clements	School Officer
Dee Franey	School Officer
Keithlea MacKenzie	Library Officer T,W,Th
Anne Green	EA Sp
Ellen Clements	EA K & PP2
Laurae Ogden	EA Sp
Shirley Cameron	EA Sp
Jill Davey	EA
Maree Swainston	EA Sp
Donna Hambley	EA K/PP1
Angela Caramia	EA PP1
Sue Jones	EA
Cherine Jackson	EA PP2
Toby Watt	IT Support
Susanne Chalmers	Dental
Tracey Walmsley	Dental (Thurs only)
Kaylene Morton	Dental
Jaqui Toovey	Dental