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We value an approach that
seeks to understand and
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achieve to their full potential.

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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Art Exhibition – Artists of the World

Thank you to all the parents and community members that visited the Art Exhibition at the Museum of WA over the last few weeks. Many positive comments were received by the museum staff, and people all over Albany, Australia and even overseas. How wonderful for our student work to be viewed and appreciated by so many people!

Artwork is still available for purchase, with most pieces being \$10 or less. Please see the front office or classroom teacher if you wish to purchase your child's art.

Armistice Ceremony

On Thursday 8 November over a dozen students from Spencer Park PS participated in the Combined Schools Centenary Commemoration of Armistice Service. Six students were involved in the choir and a further six participated in the bell ceremony, which identified the 100 soldiers whose names appear on the monument in York Street. Lilly Briscoe also read her poem as part of the service. Along with these students our Year 5/6 students marched down York Street as part of the Armistice Parade. The student work and poems can be viewed at the Town Library for the next few weeks.



Year 6 Camp & Transition

Our Year 6 students and staff had a wonderful week away in Bridgetown. They enjoyed lots of fun activities at the Camp School as well as visits to an Animal Farm, Big Brook Dam and other locations around the local area. Thank you to all the staff that helped organise the camp and for their involvement throughout the week. We hope everyone had a wonderful time!

Our Year 6 students commence their ASHS transition visits this week when they travel up to ASHS with our staff. Another transition day is planned for Thursday 28 Nov and a final orientation for both ASHS and NASHS students will occur on Friday 30 Nov.



Salvation Army Christmas Appeal - Food Boxes

We are gathering non-perishable food once again for our school donation to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Last year our school was so generous that the food collected filled a large 4WD. Any food received

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FUTURE DATES

Music Assembly	Fri 16 Nov
Interschool Jumps and Throws	Tues 20 Nov
Interschool Athletics Carnival	Thurs 22 Nov
Christmas Service	Tues 27 Nov
ASHS Transition Year 6	Wed 28 Nov
Online ONLY Newsletter	Term 4

will help the Salvation Army prepare approximately 150 Christmas hampers for needy families across Albany. Food can be bought into classroom until Monday 26 November and will be presented to the Salvation Army at the Christmas Service on Tuesday 27 November.

School Development Day

Last Friday staff engaged in a professional learning day where we looked over our 2018 plans and made some changes and improvements for 2019. We also updated our School Business Plan, which provides parents and community with an overview of the key elements being focused on by the school in the next three years. Staff also participated in some AUSLAN training, which is the most common form of sign language used for hearing impaired. AUSLAN is a recognised language and will form part of our curriculum in 2019.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Tolerance & Inclusion		Respect	
PP1	Erin	PP1	Ruby
PP2	Angus	PP2	Patrick
Rm 1	Tristan	Rm 1	Emma
Rm 2	Lillianne	Rm 2	Isaac
Rm 3	Chyanne	Rm 3	Chevy
Rm 8	Lauchlan	Rm 8	Irene
Rm 9	Josh	Rm 9	Lily
Rm 11	Will	Rm 11	Ethan
Rm 18	Taleah	Rm 18	Zahra
Rm 19	Braxon	Rm 19	Zoe
Rm 25	Logan	Rm 25	Devin

CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Our annual Christmas service is on Tuesday 27 November in the school hall. This assembly commences at 9.40am and the children from Room 19 will present a special presentation of the Christmas Story.

PACKAGE IT BETTER IN SCIENCE!



Students in Room 3 had to design and produce a package that would safely deliver a fragile gift home. As part of the chemical science unit, they had to develop their understanding of packages, and investigate properties of a range of materials before embarking on this design project. These photos show the final packages before they were put through the impact tests. Students dropped their package from the height of 1 metre, threw their package 3m along the ground and finally, ran the length of the basketball court holding onto their package. Final results, and the condition of the chocolate biscuit (fragile gift), are evident in the last two pictures.

☺Ms Edwards

ASSEMBLY

This week we will be entertained with an assembly featuring the musical talents of our students.

Pre- Primary 1 and the Choir will perform and then Room 8 will perform a marimba piece.

The percussion group will round out the assembly.

Assembly will commence at 8.55am in the hall.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

What's happening?

All our students come with a variety of levels of sensory needs and sometimes this requires using our muscles in a big way and getting moving doing some heavy work.



A big thank you goes out to Brendan, Killie, Noah and Isla Van Vliet for the sheep poo. This will make our vegetables grow.



Thank you also to Jenny Allen and Kath Penton who presented the FASD workshop on behalf of the Education Assistants Professional Learning Committee. Professional learning is important to the ongoing development of the staff, keeping us well informed of current research and what works best for our students.



PBS Golden Bee Awards



Week 5
Toby
Isla



Week 6
Logan
Crystal
Jake
Jayden
Autumn

Bec Wheatley
Principal

P & C CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

Spirit Xmas Trees Denmark and Albany have offered our school a festive fundraising opportunity

****Our P&C will receive 20% of tree sales****

Trees range from 4ft to 8ft and are priced from \$50 to \$80

Trees will be available for collection at
School pickup from 2:45pm on Mon. 10th December
or alternatively you can go out to the farm and collect at an earlier/ later date (remember to mention our school)



Please register your interest with the School office 9841 2488 by Thursday 6th Dec so we can confirm minimum numbers

Find Spirit Xmas Trees on Facebook or call 0428 482 667 for more information

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.

ALBANY SWIM CLUB

With Swimming Carnival Season fast approaching now is a great time for children to join Albany Swim Club. A new member trial is scheduled Saturday 24 November.

If you are at Stage 7 or above and keen to join the club, please contact Silke 33silan55@gmail.com by 22 November.



NEW: Spencer Park Kidz Club is on!

Kids Play, trade & learn – Saturdays from 1-2pm in the primary school covered area – totally FREE!
An hour of building friendships through what kids love the most. Spencer Park children (min. age 7 yrs) bring and play their favourite games (all kids must bring their own cards, board games, game system, etc.).

Kids can also learn about computers (coding, hardware & software—we provide, by advance RSVP only, to Colin Broadway: email to cb@wn.com.au, or call 9842 8773 between 12noon & 5pm). A parent/guardian MUST sign in kids and leave a mobile contact number (of course parents are also welcome to stay!). Sorry, we can't accept any "walk-ins", so kids who aren't signed in will not be admitted.

Supervision provided by Working With Children adults; parents, and older youth may also be on site to help. Brought to you by the Spencer Park Change Mob (a grass-roots group of people who live in Spencer Park – find us on Facebook).



Year 7 2019 ASHS Students

Beat the rush and waiting in line.

Come up and get your uniforms fitted before the New Year.



Permapleat ASHS Uniform Shop
Tuesday 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 1.00pm - 4.00pm

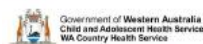
Additional trading hours

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th December
Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th December
Tuesday 22nd January & Wednesday 23rd January
Tuesday 29th January & Wednesday 30th January
8am – 4pm

School uniforms can be purchased online at www.albanyshs.com.au

Phone: 9841 0962/ 0481 962 688

Email: albany.uniforms@permapleat.com.au



school health services

Health information for parents of upper primary children



Your child will soon be a teenager, so now's a good time to think about some important health issues.

Healthy lifestyle

- Encourage children to keep physically active, choose healthy food, and get sufficient sleep.
- Eat dinner as a family to encourage good communication and connection.
- Your child should have a dental health check every year. Contact the school dental health service or a private dentist.

Immunisations

In Year 8, your child will be offered immunisation (with your consent) against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, chickenpox and human papillomavirus (HPV). Find out more at healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation

Scoliosis

This is an abnormal, sideways curvature of the spine. It can develop during early adolescence, usually between 10 and 13 years. Your school will give your child a leaflet about checking for scoliosis in Year 8. If you have any concerns, talk to your doctor or community school health nurse. Find out more at raisingchildren.net.au

Puberty

Now is a good time to discuss physical and emotional changes with your child. We recommend Talk soon. Talk often. A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex, available from healthywa.wa.gov.au/Talk-soon-Talk-often. Schools usually teach students about growth and development during Years 5 and 6. Your child's teacher can give you more information about these classes.

Good mental health

Good communication with your child is always the best way to promote mental and emotional health. If you have any concerns about your child, talk to your doctor, community school health nurse or school psychologist. Find out more at raisingchildren.net.au

Vision

Your school will give your child a leaflet about colour vision in Year 6. Take your child to your doctor or an Optometrist if your child:

- covers or closes one eye when reading
- holds books very close
- complains about eyestrain or headache
- complains about double vision or blurred vision with reading or blackboard viewing
- complains that words move on a page
- loses place with reading, or skips words and lines
- has a short attention span when reading
- rubs their eyes a lot.

*Medicare will pay for your child's eye examination.

Contact the community school health nurse through your school to discuss these or any other health concerns.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

This publication is provided for general education and information purposes. Contact a qualified healthcare professional for any medical advice needed.

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Ombudsman invites the Aboriginal community to **FREE** information sessions in Albany and Katanning

Aboriginal services and community members are invited to meet with staff from:

- Western Australian Ombudsman
- Energy and Water Ombudsman
- Health and Disability Services Complaints Office

Come and talk to us and find out what we do and how we might be able to help you and your community.

We may be able to help if you are having problems you can't fix with:

- State Government agencies and universities
- Local governments (your city, town or shire)
- Your electricity, gas or water services provider
- Health, mental health or disability service providers

If you have a complaint you can talk to one of our staff on the day.

The session is **FREE** and anyone can come. Lunch will be provided.

Katanning

When: Tuesday 20 November
12:30-2:00pm

Where: Katanning Leisure & Function Centre
4 Pemble Street

Albany

When: Wednesday 21 November
12:30-2:30pm

Where: Noongar Centre
Corner Hanrahan Rd and
Serpentine Rd, Albany

For further information, call 1800 117 000
or email communications@ombudsman.wa.gov.au



Parent Information Evening

DSF Psychologist Kirsten Melville will present this session designed for parents and professionals interested in the area of literacy learning difficulties and learning disabilities. She will provide some preliminary answers to the following questions:

- What does current research tell us about reading acquisition?
- Why do some children struggle with reading and writing?
- What is a learning disability?
- What is dyslexia?
- What are the causes?
- What can we do about it?
- How important is the school / home partnership?



This free parent session is provided by DSF Literacy Services. Bookings are not required.

Where: Little Grove Primary School
33 Gordon Street
Little Grove WA 6330

Date: Wednesday 14th November
Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm



FREE PARENTING SEMINAR



Take the guesswork out of parenting!

Want to make family life easier – and happier? Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you understand why kids act the way they do, and how your reactions and words can make a big difference. This 90-minute seminar is free for all WA parents and carers, and is packed with ideas to help you give your kids the best start in life, and get more enjoyment out of being a parent.

Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you:

- raise happy, confident kids
- encourage positive behaviour
- set rules and routines that everyone follows
- get on well with your kids and argue less
- balance work and family with less stress

Register for your **FREE** parenting seminar:

The Power of Positive Parenting

[Friday 23rd November]

[9.00-11.00am Conference Room]

[Spencer Park Primary School - contact the school to book 98412488]

Book your free place now:

www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa



SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPORTS THE ALBANY COMMUNITY



Our annual Christmas Service will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 27 November at 9.40am.



If you feel that you could donate non-perishable food items to make up hampers, there will be boxes in classes and the school office. Hampers will be distributed through the Salvation Army.



This is our opportunity to support others in our community who are struggling.

Thank you

