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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Newsletter Competition

How do you feel about the opportunity to win a \$10 SPPS canteen voucher each time you read our newsletter? We are pleased to announce that we will be running an exciting competition in each of our newsletter publications, commencing with this edition. Somewhere within the text of this newsletter we have buried a six-digit code. When you have found the code, SMS 0437 619 154 and include your family name and the code. The first correct answer will win a \$10 canteen credit. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page and receive notification by SMS. With regret, prizes are only available to families enrolled at our school.

Christmas Service and Salvation Army Food Boxes



We would like to sincerely thank all the parents for your generous support of the Salvation Army Food Boxes this year. The food received will help the Salvation Army prepare Christmas hampers for needy families across Albany. We received so many donations from the SPPS school community, they had to be carted away in a large ute and accompanying car!

We would also like to congratulate Rm 19, the school choir and percussion group on a wonderful Christmas concert. The nativity play was performed beautifully by our students from Rm 19, the choir was angelic and the percussion group kept a tidy beat! Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Swann and their merry helpers.

Interschool Athletics Carnival



Congratulations to our junior and senior interschool teams who competed in the GSPSSA athletics carnival last week. Our senior team finished 3rd out of 8 schools in the handicap shield and our junior team won the handicap shield, which was the first time in over ten years. The teams competed with great spirit and displayed excellent team work and sportsmanship. Thank you to Jenny Kightly and Anne Green for training our junior team and guiding them on the carnival day with Gerry Macaulay. Also thank you to Jo Pettet for supporting the senior team on the day. Finally a big thank you to Kelly Webster and Jen Hunt for the jobs you performed at the carnival.

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FUTURE DATES

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| Year 6 Orientation Day | Fri 30 Nov |
| ASHS & NASHS | |
| Interschool Orienteering | Wed 5 Dec |
| Pursuit of Excellence Assembly | Fri 7 Dec |
| Year 6 Graduation | Thurs 13 Dec |
| Year 6 Excursion | Thurs 13 Dec |
| Last Day for 2018 | Thurs 13 Dec |

Day with a Scientist



Last week, 12 students from Year 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to spend a Day with a Scientist, Doctor Peter Eastwell. During the day, students worked in teams on engaging, hands-on activities designed to accelerate their understanding, further arouse their curiosity, stimulate their imagination and foster their creative-thinking and problem-solving abilities. They represented their school well and returned to school, enthusiastic and pleased, having had a fantastic day.

Albany Whale World Excursion



Our year 5 students and room 3 were lucky enough to travel to Albany Whale World to take part in the 'Expo Day' which celebrated 40 years since its closure. Learning experience included exploring the Cheynes IV whale chasing ship, meeting and interviewing retired whalers, learning sea-faring skills, investigating different types of whales, basic engineering challenges and some role-play activities. The event was free thanks to community funding sourced by Whale World.



Audience Certificate

Over the past weeks we have been discussing with the students what it is that makes a good audience and this week we commenced awarding the Best Audience certificate to the class who demonstrated the best audience skills, which include:

- Removing their hats
- Listening attentively
- Having eyes on the speakers/performers
- Staying silent, even during breaks
- Sitting still, not fidgeting with objects/hands
- Applauding appropriately
- Staying till the end

All classes have been striving admirably to improve their audience skills. Congratulations to our first winners: Room 3, who listened attentively, stayed silent, even during breaks and applauded appropriately during our mini Monday assembly and PP1 who were attentive and sat still despite all the excitement of our Christmas Service on Tuesday.

Year 6 Events



Our Year 6s have had a busy term so far and it isn't going to slow down much between now and the end of the year. Already this term they have had their school camp and a visit to Albany Senior High School. This week, they had a transition day on Wednesday at Albany Senior High School and an orientation day on Friday at both Albany and North Albany Senior High Schools. Graduation and an end-of-year excursion will take place in week 10. We hope they will make the most of the many experiences and activities being organised as the weeks of their primary schooling comes to a close.

School Board Nominations

The school would like to call for parent nominations to come onto the School Board for 2019. One position is currently available and will require a commitment of approximately 4-5 meetings throughout the year. The general role of the School Board is to assist the school with setting policy, reviewing performance and reviewing financial planning. If you would be interested in participating on the School Board please contact the front office to indicate your interest or obtain further information.

A busy final two weeks are coming up. We hope you all stay well and safe.

Carl Luscombe and Dianne Ruffell
Deputy Principals

BUS TRANSPORT



SmartRider
A smarter kind of ticket

If your child is going to be using public transport by bus in the new year it would be advisable to apply for a SmartRider Card. Having this card effectively cuts the cost of the bus trip by half which could save you up to \$250 each year in savings. Application forms are available at the school office.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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

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| Rm 1 | Caleb, Michaylee, Allikae |
| Rm 2 | De`Sean, Storm, Lara |
| Rm 3 | Hailey, Ziggy |
| Rm 8 | Skyla |
| Rm 9 | Sierra, Amber |
| Rm 11 | Skye, Seth |
| Rm 18 | Lachlan, Aashna |
| Rm 19 | Shelby, Tylor |
| Rm 25 | Cody, Logan, Kade |
| Literacy Support | Eh Say, Arianah, Lilly |
| Instrumental Music | Abi Room 11 Will Room 8 |

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



| Care & Compassion | | Do Your Best | |
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| PP1 | Zeke | PP1 | Eden |
| PP2 | BYearon | PP2 | Zaylen |
| Rm 1 | Keeley | Rm 1 | Gracee |
| Rm 2 | Breeanna | Rm 2 | Agyarko |
| Rm 3 | Tegan | Rm 3 | Hailey |
| Rm 8 | Owen | Rm 8 | Angelina |
| Rm 9 | Cleve | Rm 9 | Paige |
| Rm 11 | Imogen | Rm 11 | Khenneth |
| Rm 18 | Alyssa | Rm 18 | Maddie |
| Rm 19 | Poppy | Rm 19 | Savanah |
| Rm 25 | Izabella | Rm 25 | Agam |



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

PBS Award Winners



Week 7

Caleb
Ruby
Jayden

Jonty
Elijah



Week 8

Jacob
Tairhys
Roshaun

Liam
Jiyah

This week we have celebrated reaching our PBS goal of 1500 Bee points across the whole school with a "Wear your Pyjamas to School Day"



Please remember to save the day for our upcoming events

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| December 5 | Disability Awareness Day Performance at the Town Library |
| December 11 | End of Year PBS Assembly and Parent Morning Tea |
| December 13 | Year 6 graduation in the Hall |

Bec Wheatley
Principal

MOVING IN 2019?

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 2019. Our funding and the way we organise our classes is dependent on a clear understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school. From here on in and for the 230462 remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2019 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Friday 21 December 2018 until Wednesday 23 January 2019. If your child requires emergency dental treatment during this time 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.

Your child will be eligible to attend a Dental Therapy Centre from ages 5 to 17. If you no longer wish to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be taken up by someone else.

All appointments are now sent to your home address. If you have moved in the last few years we may not have your correct address and your child could miss out on their check-up, please contact us to update your details either by phone: 9841 3967 or e-mail: spencerparkdte@dental.health.wa.gov.au

Dental Therapy Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE



The year 5/6 students have been working hard, making steady-hand testers for our pre-primary and kindy students. The aim was to help the younger children improve their hand-eye coordination skills by tracing a wire shape with a wand and trying to not let a buzzer go off. They have all done a great job!!

HURRY!! DON'T DELAY

Applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary 2019

Applications for your child in Kindergarten (children turning 4 by 30 June 2019) and Pre-primary (children turning 5 by 30 June 2019) are still being taken at our school office. If your child is entering our school for the first time their birth certificate and immunisation certificate from the Australian Children's Immunisation Registry will be required.

If your child is currently enrolled in our Kindergarten program you will need to make contact with the school office to ensure that your child is on our Pre-primary list for 2019.

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL ART COMPETITION

Agyarko, a Year 3 student from Room 2, won first Prize in the Keep Australia Beautiful Competition held recently. Congratulations Agyarko!



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.

betterhealthprogram

healthy active happy kids

Do you have a child 7-13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

- Get fit playing fun games
- Meet new friends
- Learn new skills
- Become healthier and happier
- Build confidence
- Boost self-esteem

Free t-shirt, bag, water bottle, ball and other helpful resources!

To register
Call 1300 822 953
Visit betterhealthprogram.org



DADS, & KIDS FUN DAY 2018



- Bouncy castle
- Sausage sizzle
- Face painting
- Koffee Boost
- Jamie the Clown

Wilsons Park, Mount Barker

Saturday 1st December 2018

10.00am to 1.00 pm.

Information: grant@mensresourcecentre.org.au

The goal of this activity is to get Dads and kids to connect and interact with each other in a safe, fun environment. Dads will be encouraged to take an active role and just have fun with their kids with no expectations.

Supported by



Healthy Self Esteem

Albany workshop

Do you... sometimes question your sense of self worth and personal value?

Are you... interested in gaining useful tips to help feel better about yourself?

If so... this one night workshop is for you!

We at Relationships Australia recognise that self esteem is the key to good health, both physical and emotional. It helps strengthen relationships and promotes a consistently good emotional state in which people feel good about themselves

Discussed in this workshop

- What constitutes healthy self esteem
- Factors that can increase and decrease self esteem
- Links between self esteem and the success of relationships and our work environment
- Strategies to increase and maintain healthy self esteem

When: Thursday 29 November 2018

Where: Relationships Australia Albany
29 Albany Hwy
Albany

Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm **Fee:** \$20.00 per person



*It would be
great to
see you!*

Bookings Essential
Please call 6164 0566

Places are limited. Concessions available.

Please contact (08) 6164 0566 or email Bunbury.Education@relationshipsau.org.au to register today!

Relationships Australia

Understanding Angry Emotions

Albany workshop

Do you... sometimes feel frustrated and that anger gets on top of you?

Are you... interested in gaining useful tips to understand and help manage your anger?

If so... this one night workshop is for you!

We at Relationships Australia recognise that rather than being a destructive force, anger can be our greatest ally. This workshop helps you understand anger and turn it to your advantage.

We also look at

- Identifying common patterns while feeling anger
- Understanding anger as a constructive power and learn the 5 fundamentals of anger
- Strategies for positive resolution of anger
- Ways to deal with other people's anger

When: Wednesday 28 November 2018

Where: Relationships Australia Albany
29 Albany Hwy
Albany

Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm **Fee:** \$20.00 per person



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Relationships Australia



SPLASH ZONE!

10 - 13 YEARS

(Participants under 10 years require parental supervision)

Race through the famous giant inflatable as quick as you can, splash around with your mates with other fun inflatables and keep the party going with our new 'Court Chaos' program.

SESSIONS:

10AM - 2PM
Monday December 17
Wednesday December 19
Friday December 21

JOIN BOTH FOR
\$14.95
SAVE \$5 WHEN YOU ENROLL
IN BOTH SPLASH ZONE &
COURT CHAOS!

Splash Zone
\$9.95

COURT CHAOS!

6 - 13 YEARS

ALAC is the place to be these holidays with all your favourite activities available!

- Bouncy Castle
- Bubble Soccer
- Boulderling Wall
- Basketball Games
- Other fun favourite activities led by the Programs Officer

SESSIONS:

9.30AM - 3.30PM
Monday December 17
Tuesday December 18
Friday December 21

Court Chaos
\$9.95



LASERSCAPE

ALAC's stadium will be transformed into a battlefield where you and your team can take charge. Play a range of scenarios with Albany Laserscape

SESSIONS:

THURSDAY DECEMBER 20
1pm - 3pm | 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Laserscape
\$24.95

