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

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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to another exciting year at SPPS and thank you for helping to make our start a very smooth and calm one. Lots of parents and students have commented on the bright colours around the quadrangle and it is great to hear that most comments are really positive. These colours represent our seven values, which will be focused on each week by the school.



Parent Involvement & Support

Throughout 2018 we had lots of parent support and who got involved in a variety of activities across the school. The school greatly appreciates this assistance and we would once again encourage parents/caregivers to be involved within our school. Strong schools are created through the work of everyone and parents are a key part of 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 and whatever amount of time you can commit would be greatly appreciated.

- Our P&C AGM will be held on Monday 18th 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.

Staff Changes

We have very few new staff commencing at the school this year, which is a wonderful thing for continuity and stability. A few changes that have occurred are:

- Mrs Alyssa Perry has returned after some maternity leave and will be teaching in the Y3/4 area with Mrs Debbie Edwards.
- We have two new Education Assistants that have joined the school – Mrs Celina Sims and Mrs Samantha Savage.
- Ms Claudia Lemann will be working three days a week as our Humanities and Social Science (HASS) teacher.



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FUTURE DATES

Assembly	Fri 15 Feb
P&C AGM 6.30pm	Mon 18 Feb
Labour Day Public Holiday	Mon 4 Mar
Faction Swimming Carnival	Fri 15 Mar
Colour Run 2.45pm	Fri 15 Mar

Attendance

As the year begins I would like to remind parents that attendance is an important focus for our school. Please 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.

The school has a number of incentives to support parents with attendance including:

- Weekly attendance certificates for the best attending class.
- Canteen vouchers for the class with the best attendance at the end of each term.
- Individual 100% attendance badges for students at the end of each term.

Standards of Behaviour

Ensuring that our school is a safe and friendly environment for all parents, students and staff is a basic requirement that should be expected of any public venue. The school will continue to enforce this standard with our students and ask that parents and caregivers support this by advocating for our school rules and by being great examples when on school grounds. 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 is acceptable at home is not acceptable at school. This 'code switching' is an important skill to learn and apply. The focus behaviours established for SPPS 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 all parents and students to display at all times with all staff.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

SECRET CODE

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.

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.



Respect			
Rm 1	Vela	Rm 11	Lara
Rm 2	Amelia	Rm 18	Cody
Rm 3	Peyton	Rm 19	Poppy
Rm 8	Portia	Rm 25	Noah
Rm 9	Mick		

YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING LESSONS

Our Year 5 and 6 students are expected to participate in swimming lessons at Emu Point in weeks 7 and 8.

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



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS/ P&C CONTRIBUTION AND SCRIPTURE BOOKS

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have already paid contributions for 2019. Contributions can be made either by cash, card or cheque or you can phone your card details through to the office. If you would 190169 prefer to do a direct credit you can contact the office for banking details. Please ensure, if paying by direct credit, that you include your child's surname and first name as a description. Centrepay is another easy option for you to setup, if you would like to know more just contact the office.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

Note from Principal

Welcome back to school, it has been a fabulous start and it has been exceptionally wonderful to catch up with students throughout the week. Students and staff have got stuck into learning this week and have been busy getting to know each other and to become familiar with routines again in their new rooms. We have some new students with us this year in the Early Childhood rooms and send out a big welcome to their families.

We have two new teachers joining us this year. Mrs Trish Khoo in room 13 with our year 4 students and Ms Katy Steed who is room 21 on Thursday and Friday with the year 5 and 6 students. Mrs Shelley Redmond has moved up into room 14 with our year 3s and Mr Adam Morris is back again this year in room 21 on Monday through to Wednesday. Mrs Ros Fleay is in our Early Intensive Intervention Centre and Mrs Kristin Ellery in room 22 with our Pre-primary, year 1 and 2s.

I do take this opportunity to remind you that Tuesday even weeks is early close and we need all student apart from those travelling on the bus to be picked up no later than 2:30pm. Our weekly timetable is schedule to allow this time for staff development and meetings. If students are not picked up on time, then staff miss out on this valuable opportunity.

We would also like to remind you that on other days' school finishes as normal at 3:10, if you are running late we please ask that you ring us and let us know and the children will be looked after in the office area. Additionally, if children are not picked by 3:25 they will be brought up to the office to wait for you.

We have modified our inclusion program this year to be more effective for student levels of need. Most students will be included in the mainstream playground during recess and lunch with the supervision of our staff. Some students will attend integrated learning session during class time. We are extremely fortunate to be co-located with Spencer Park Primary School, which allows us the opportunity to be included in various others activities that support the development of student social skills and allows us to provide experience in the wider community. Examples of this is when we are participating in events such as the upcoming Colour Run, Swimming Carnival, Harmony Day, and various assemblies.

Our School Board is currently looking for a few new members if you are interested in supporting the school and contributing to our continued growth and development please email rebecca.wheatley@education.wa.edu.au or come in and see me in the office. Our next meeting will be Monday 18 February at 1:30pm in the Spencer Park Conference Room. We meet twice a term in weeks 3 and 9 of each term.

Learning from play



PBS News

This week's PBS expectation is "Be Safe" and "wear your hat when you go outside."

Our Golden Bee Winners this fortnight are

Brodie	Havana
Quin	Samuel
Shaan	Monty
Eden	



Well done on "Being Your Best, Being Safe and Being Friendly."

Bec Wheatley
Principal



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Dear Parents and Friends,

I would like to give you a very warm welcome to this new school year. It has been lovely to see familiar faces and meet some new people over the past couple of weeks!

As I've been seeing new students finding their way around our school, I've been thinking about the idea of change.

We have a poster in our staff room with a quote from the ancient philosopher Socrates which is just as relevant today:

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old but on building the new".

I find this to be such a comforting and strengthening piece of advice! Change, whether expected or not, can bring feelings of uncertainty; looking ahead and working on building something new gives a positive focus.

We all experience change at some time, whether it be in our homes or families, our workplace, school or friends, just to name a few possibilities.

I extend my best wishes to you all for this coming year, and look forward to us growing and learning together.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Hunt

CONGRATULATIONS

Abigail did the Busselton Jetty Kids Swim. She completed the swim in 4 min 25secs to place 87th out of 141 competitors. Well done Abigail!



STUDENT UPDATE FORMS


These forms should have arrived home last week. Please ensure you have updated and returned them to the school office by Friday 15 February.

2019 STAFF LIST

Teacher	Room	Year
Jasna Curic Gerry Macaulay	1	2/3
Alyssa Perry Deb Edwards	2	3/4
Fiona Kowald	3	4
Jenny Kightly	18	2
Cobie Fletcher	19	1/2
Jolene Pettet	8	4/5
Cassandra Cheetham	9	5/6
Cate Moreton	11	5/6
Lucy Dowsett Mechelle Harvey-Gimm	25	1
Diane Stevens	K	K1
Rebecca Collins	PP2	PP / 1
Jo Whittingstall	PP1	PP1
Jill Ben-Avraham	Coolangarras Barmah	K
Jeremy Hadlow	Principal	
Di Ruffell	Deputy	
Carl Luscombe	Deputy	
Liz Edwards	Sci R16/17	
Naomi Swann	Music R20	
Sarah Murray	Science	
Claudia Lemann	HASS	
Julie Fordham	Manager Corporate Services	
Robyn Clements	School Officer	
Dee Franey	School Officer	
Keithlea MacKenzie	Library Officer	
Jennifer Hunt	Chaplain	
Gale Bond	Gardener	
Kerry Gadomski	Head Cleaner	
Anne Green	EA SEN PP/1	
Ellen Clements	EA PP1	
Laurae Ogden	EA SEN 8/9/11	
Shirley Cameron	EA SEN 18/19/25	
Jill Davey	EA SEN 1/2/3	
Maree Swainston	EA SEN PP	
Donna Hambley	EA K/PP1	
Angela Caramia	EA K/ PP1/Y1	
Sue Jones	EA SEN 18/19/25	
Cherine Jackson	EA PP2/1	
Manuela Edwards	EA SEN 1/2/3	
Sam Savage	EA SEN Support	
Toby Watt	IT Support	
Paul Nie	Cleaner/Coolangarras	
Marlene Hills	Cleaner	
Sriwai Sakkarat	Cleaner	
Debra Godden	Cleaner	

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
OSHC**

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
CARE**

**NOW OFFERING BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
FROM 4TH FEBRUARY 2019 FROM 6:30AM
EVERY MORNING**

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION
admin@albanyoshc.com.au
0431 902 269

Morning sessions are \$25 and include breakfast for all children.
Children attending other schools will be assisted and walked over
to catch morning buses from Yakamia PS



**NEW PARENTING PROGRAM:
TUNING IN TO KIDS TOGETHER**
PARENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PARENTING RESEARCH

WHAT IS THE STUDY? This study invites parents/caregivers to attend a **Tuning in to Kids Together** parenting program, which is being run as a part of a PhD project.

BENEFITS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

- Learn about children's brain development and emotions
- Gain skills to assist your child manage difficult feelings
- Learn to help your child prevent/reduce challenging behaviours
- Develop strategies to stay calm when responding to emotions and challenging behaviour

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE Adults (parents, guardians, or caregivers) raising a child aged **3-10 years old together**. Both parents/caregivers are expected to attend the program together.

WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE?


- Attending a **free** eight-session parenting program on Wednesday evenings in Albany during March, April, and May 2019
- Completing three surveys (before, after, six-months after the program)
- The option to participate in a phone-discussion after the program

HOW TO PARTICIPATE? To enquire or register your interest, contact Christina Ambrosi:
Email: christina.ambrosi@unisa.edu.au
Phone: (08) 8302 1957


Supported by



This study has been approved by Unisa Human Research Ethics Committee (ID: 200549). If you have any ethical concerns about this project, please contact the Executive Officer of the Committee at +61 8302 3108 or Vice-Albany@unisa.edu.au.

**TERM 1 SUMMER PROGRAM
NEW YEAR, NEW ME
FEBRUARY 11 - APRIL 12, 2019**



Have you enrolled into Active Albany's Term 1 Summer Edition? As we welcome in 2019, the team at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre has a new range of programs beginning on 11 February 2019.

There will be something for everyone, with programs in three categories: Active Minds,

Active Bodies and Active Kids!

Activities will take place across nine weeks, with many of them free so they're sure to fill up quickly! Enrol now!

For more information on any of our programs be sure to visit our website
<http://albanyleisurecentre.com.au/programs-/active-albany/?view=draft>

Contact Jacob on 6820 3455 or email recprograms@albany.wa.gov.au for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL CATECHISM PROGRAMME HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Is a Religious Education Programme offered by the Parish to young children (Yr.1 - Yr.7) who are attending government schools and are wanting to deepen their awareness and understanding of their Catholic faith through the reception of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For further information, please phone the Parish Office, 9am-12.30pm, Tuesday - Friday on 9841 1129. Email: albacath@inet.net.au



ENROL NOW!



little legs
ballet
contemporary
acrodance
adult

NEW dance classes!
NEW 2019 timetable released
NEW Venue added - Vancouver Arts Centre

www.albanycontemporarydance.com.au
sym - 0428 639 461



PRIME MINISTER

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Dear parents, carers and the school community,

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility. Schools, governments at all levels, the Australian community and, first and foremost, parents take this obligation seriously.

As parents, we know that it can be challenging to raise children today in a world where risks to safety can appear not only on the street but online. And it is not always easy to navigate when the online world can have real world physical and mental health impacts.

That is why our Government has developed resources to empower parents (and schools) to protect children and prepare them to be resilient, responsible and respectful adults:

- www.esafety.gov.au – resources that promote online safety including tackling image-based abuse and a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au – support for students, parents and teachers to create a learning environment that promotes student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships.

You can also visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au for education and advice for kids, parents and schools on how to combat and respond to bullying.

Whatever age your kids, it is never too late to make changes to improve their welfare. With the fresh start that a new school year brings we encourage you to use these resources for practical advice on keeping your family safe and well through the year.

Yours sincerely

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SCOTT MORRISON

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Tehan'.

DAN TEHAN