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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Growing Spencer Park

A community engagement event will be held on 7 March between 3 and 7pm. There will be a sausage sizzle and a free bouncy castle so come along and see what is planned for the Spencer Park area. More information on page 8 of this newsletter.

School Board AGM

On Thursday 21st March the School Board will hold its AGM, where a summary of the 2018 year will be presented. Members of the school community are welcome to come along to the AGM which will commence at 3.30pm in the staffroom. The Board still has a few vacant positions available for any parents interested in being involved.

Parents and Community (P&C)

I would like to congratulate and welcome our P&C Office Bearers to their roles for 2019.



Nicole Arta, Jessica Galantino, Fiona Mullally, Amy Sims, Erika Leak

Our P&C are keen to have new members come and join to assist in fundraising events for the school. Some of these events include: Colour Explosion (15th March), Movie night (23rd March). The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 18th March at 7.00am in the staff room.

Please come along and join the new team as they provide great fundraising events for all of our students.

Thank you to the many parents that supported the P&C by purchasing their booklist through Albany Office Choice. Our winner of the refund was Bella from Year 1. Congratulations!

Swimming Carnival & Lessons



On the 15th March our Yr 4-6 students will be participating in our faction swimming carnival. This will occur between 9.30-12.45pm at ALAC. Parents should have received a nomination form for their students to participate in either the novelty or traditional stroke events.

Year 5/6 classes will commence their swimming lessons at Emu Point on Monday 18th March and go for two weeks. It is important that students participate in this program (particularly given the coast line that we live along) and I encourage all parents to engage their children in these lessons.

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FUTURE DATES

Assembly Room 3	Fri 1 Mar
Labour Day Holiday	Mon 4 Mar
Faction Swim Carnival	Fri 15 Mar
Run4Fun Colour Explosion	Fri 15 Mar
Rooms 8,9,11 Swim Lessons	18-29 Mar

Assembly

Our first class assembly will be held by Room 3 and Mrs Kowald this Friday in the hall at 9.00am. Please come along and support our students as they perform their assembly item and receive merit certificates.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

SCHOOL ENTRY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

All children in Western Australia are offered a health assessment during their first year of primary school. This usually occurs in kindergarten and is provided by the local School Health Nurse. This is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life.

Kindy assessments start in Term 1 and will continue throughout the year.

The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which are best addressed, if picked up and treated early. The tests include:

- Vision and hearing checks
- 'Lift the lip' assessment
- Growth assessment including weight, height and Body Mass Index
- Developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form
- Teacher and nurse observations
- Any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents.

Your child's results will be sent home after their health check has been completed. Results are always treated confidentially.

Please note, the screening tests indicate if there may be a problem – they do not diagnose a condition. If the test results for your child suggest there may be a problem, the School Health Nurse will contact you to talk about further assessment and possible referral. School Entry Health Assessment forms are currently being distributed for parents to complete. Please complete and sign the back page of the form before you return it. Please return the form to the class teacher as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with you and your family. Please phone if you wish to discuss anything to do with the School Entry Health Assessment.

Sharon Nicholls
Community Health Nurse
98427523

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Care & Compassion		Do Your Best	
Rm 1	Devin	Rm 1	Faith
Rm 2	Jarvis	Rm 2	Evie
Rm 3	Lillianne	Rm 3	Nia
Rm 8	Teagan	Rm 8	Koby
Rm 9	Emily	Rm 9	Kai
Rm 11	Paige	Rm 11	Neve
Rm 18	Lilah	Rm 18	Cody
Rm 19	Kya	Rm 19	Jayce
Rm 25	Destinee	Rm 25	Hudson

SIREN TIMES

Please note the change in siren times for 2019.

1. 8.53am Staffroom & Warning Siren
2. 8.55am Siren – PA Notices – 1st session
3. 9.35am 2nd session
4. 10.05am 3rd session
5. 10.35am Siren – Morning Recess
6. 10.53am Staffroom & handbell
7. 10.55am Siren – 4th session commences
8. 11.25am 5th session
9. 11.55pm 6th session
10. 12.25pm 7th session
11. 12.55pm Eat lunch
12. 1.05pm Siren – Go to play
13. 1.35pm Staffroom & handbell
14. 1.40pm Siren – 8th session commences
15. 2.10pm 9th session
16. 2.40pm 10th session
17. 3.10pm- Siren – Home Time

AUSLAN SIGNING

Our school community is learning AUSLAN Sign Language and we are introducing it into our everyday conversations. Here are some basic signs for you to practice with your child.



Hello



Please



Book



Sit Down



Bird



House



Thank You



Goodbye

NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE LAB

Students at SPPS have hit the ground running in science! All classes spent the first week settling back into lab routines, preparing their science journals and practising working in teams. This year 90 minutes has been dedicated to the teaching of this important subject area. Students from Pre-primary to Year 6 will cover all four aspects of the National Curriculum throughout 2019. These aspects are: **Physical Sciences**, **Biological Sciences**, **Earth & Space Sciences** and **Chemical Sciences**. At SPPS we use the *Primary Connections* program to deliver primary science education across the school. Learning programs are fun, hands on and provide an inquiry-based learning approach that helps students develop deep learning.



3 heads and 6 hands equals a glowing light bulb!



Max and Mick working collaboratively to light up a bulb in a simple circuit.



Rm 19 students proved that water pushes back.



Melting ice-cubes & freezing hands in Rm 1.

If you haven't poked your head into the new science lab, come on down to Room 17 and check out our amazing new work space. You will find me there on a Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Sarah Murray on a Thursday.

If you have any questions regarding the science program, or your child's progress in science throughout the year, please don't hesitate to arrange an interview with either of us. We are looking forward to another exciting & productive year in the lab!

Ms Liz Edwards

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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

Rm 1	Skye, Devin
Rm 2	Gracee, Kertis
Rm 3	Ella, Keeley, Jaeda, Cody
Rm 8	Robert, Ben
Rm 9	Luke, Latia
Rm 11	Marissa, Paige
Rm 18	Chayse, Imogen
Rm 19	Jasmin, Phoebe
Rm 25	Eden, Jesse

Turning a FIZZLE into a **SIZZLING START**

At the beginning of the year our teachers undertook the Seven Steps for Writing professional learning.

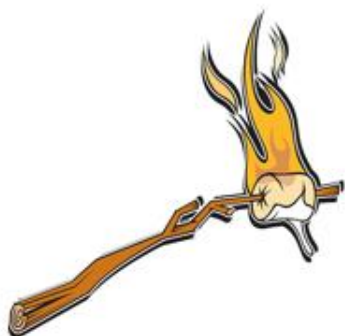


Seven Steps for Writing is learning program that focusses on improving students' writing skills. Already the students in Room 8 have been working on step 1: *Plan for Success* and step 2: *Sizzling Starts*. You can have a read of the class' *sizzling starts* any time you pop in to the office, where they are on display.

Sizzling Starts

Molten pink goo drips slowly onto roaring fire.
Slowly I bring one of roasted marshmallows to
my watering mouth.
"Mmmmm." I mumble to Bob.

By Ziggy Cuzens



SIZZLING STARTS

ASHLEE AND ME WERE SURROUNDED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND THE LIGHTS WERE BLINDING ME. THE MUSIC WAS SOFT AT FIRST THEN IT GOT LOUDER AND LOUDER UNTIL IT WAS DEAFENING. AT THAT MOMENT MY FAVOURITE BAND CAME ON STAGE. IT WAS BEGINNING!!

BY LILLY WATERMAN



SIZZLING START

"YOU LITTLE RIPPER! OUR TENT CASTLE IS DONE NOW."

I GRABBED SOME WOOD AND I GOT A LIGHTER. "YES NOW OUR FIRE IS DONE!"

MUM SHOUTED "WE ARE HAVING PIES FOR DINNER!" SHE YELLED.

"YES" I SHOUTED. "I LOVE THE PIES. NOW WHAT'S FOR SWEETS?" "ROASTED MARSHMALLOWS" MUM SAID WITH A SMILE
"NICE" SAID JIM

BY JOHN WOODS

Sizzling Starts!

Bang! Sizzle! Pop!

"Yummy! They are delicious!" Atune told me as he was munching away on marshmallows.

"I know," I mumbled in reply with marshmallows in my mouth. Just when I was going to get a marshmallow, Atune ate them all. "Wait, what!?! Oh Atune! Why!?" I shrieked at him.

"Ha ha!" Atune giggled.

By Arsh



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 171259 each day to access the playground areas. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly marked with their name.

P&C NEWS

The P & C hosted its AGM 18th February 2019 and welcomes its 2019 executive committee:

President: Erika Leak
Vice President: Jessica Galantino
Treasurer: Amy Sims
Secretary: Fiona Mullally
Committee Members: Suzanne Rice
Kelly Webster
Perdita Beebe
Melissa Chandler
Kaitlen Vickers

We are all parents at this school and would love to hear from you, informally or at a meeting, with any suggestions or feedback you may have about what we can do this year to make it great for our kids.

Did you know? The P & C have a Facebook page where you can contact us and learn about all the happenings at the school? Please join the group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/455192061248347/> or search for Spencer Park Primary School P & C Group.

We welcome your participation and are seeking volunteers to help at the Canteen or the exciting second annual Colour Explosion. We will soon post a shout out on Facebook where you can register your ability to help out on the day.

Thank you to each and every parent supporting their kids through school. Let's make 2019 AWESOME!



KICK OFF - Mainstream 2.30pm – Ed Support 2pm

A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Sharon Nicholls and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on 9842 7523.

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.

West Australian Football Commission in conjunction with the Great Southern Regional Development Council proudly presents

GREAT SOUTHERN YOUTH GIRLS FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

COME AND HAVE A KICK WITH THE CLAREMONT WOMENS FOOTBALL SIDE!

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2018
SDJFA PAVILION, CORNER OF NORTH RD & CAMPBELL RD, ALBANY
10AM-11AM, PP-YEAR 2 | 10AM – 1PM, ALL OTHER AGES

For girls of all ages and skill levels from the Great Southern Region willing to give footy a go!

FUN Football Activities • PLAY small games • MEET Claremont Women's Football Players
LEARN the skills of the game • HEAR about the exciting future of Female Football in WA!

To join this exciting day just register yourself (and any friends) on Facebook! [Facebook.com/events/2077110005702153](https://www.facebook.com/events/2077110005702153)

For more information contact Great Southern Regional Manager: Matt Bishop – mabbip@wafc.com.au or 0468 472 787
Great Southern Female Football Coordinator: Shelley McLennan 0467 290 682 or smclennan@wafc.com.au

www.wafootball.com.au

Facebook: @greatsouthernfemalefootball, @greatsouthernfootball, @greatsouthernfootball, @greatsouthernfootball, @greatsouthernfootball





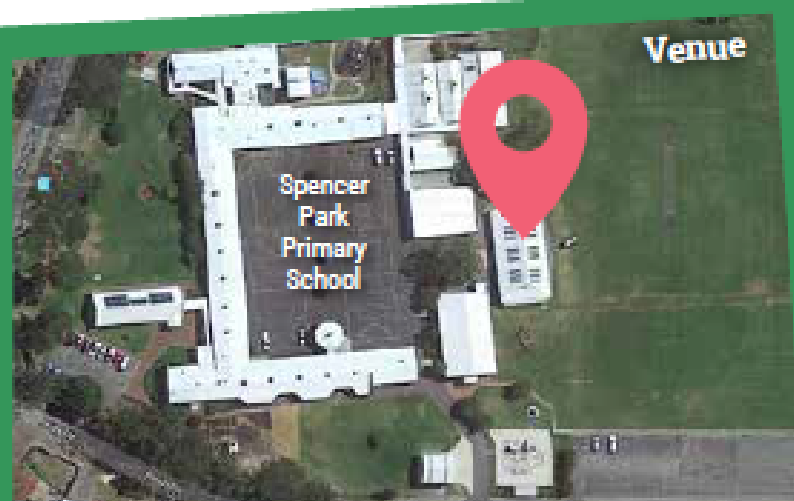
Growing
**Spencer
Park**

Community Engagement Event: Have your say on the concept plans

Come along and chat with representatives of the Department of Communities and City of Albany between **3pm & 7pm on Thursday 7 March** at Spencer Park Primary School, 26 Hardie Road.

We have listened to the Spencer Park community's comments and incorporated this feedback into the concept plans. The plans will be on display along with sample imagery of the possible building and area uses.

Food, drinks and children's entertainment will be available. Funds raised will go to Spencer Park Primary School.



Spencer Park Urban Renewal project is led by the Department of Communities in partnership with City of Albany and the Great Southern Development Commission.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities



SUNSMART ALBANY KITE FIESTA 2019

FREE EVENT

Sunday 24th March 2019
10am - 4pm
ANZAC Peace Park
Albany Foreshore
Kite Making Kits available for \$5



Join Michael and Jan Alvares of
Kite Kinetics
<http://www.kitekinetics.com.au>
and Green Skills
for kite making and kite flying fun
Watch the skies for the giant kites!

Bring along your families!

For further information about this event go to
www.greenskills.org.au or phone Green Skills
9846 3310

This event is proudly brought to you by Green Skills sponsored
by Healthway to promote the SunSmart message



NEW: Grow Free Initiative needs your help! Grow Free is a movement that is spreading throughout Australia and is now coming to Spencer Park. It's a free locally garden/tree grown produce stand where neighbours take what they need and leave what they can. It's a great way to give away what always seems to be too much for you/your family to eat by themselves! It's also a great way to trade extra of what you grow for some of what you don't grow. We're looking for growers and folks that just want to help bring neighbours closer together.

Just give Will a call at 0475 454 448; or Jane at 0438 813 854.

Southern Districts Junior Football Association 2019 Registrations

City of Albany Information Session—ALAC 23: February -
11.30am-2.00pm

Registration Week—Centennial Stadium: 25-29th March

Final Registration Day—30th March

Denmark & Mount Barker Registrations: 30th March



Need more info?

Email: registrar.sdjfa@gmail.com—Lisa

Ph: 0400 927 764—Secretary - Glenys

Website: www.sdjfa.sportingpulse.net

Facebook: [facebook.com/www.sdjfa.sportingpulse.net](https://www.facebook.com/www.sdjfa.sportingpulse.net)



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 WWC 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)



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