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We value providing a
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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Interschool Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the interschool carnival last week. It was wonderful to see our students participating and competing against the other schools and doing their very best. SPPS came 8th overall and 4th in the handicap of the senior competition and 6th overall and 4th in the handicap of the junior competition.

Thank you to our parent volunteers for assisting on the day and to the SPPS staff for your coordination and organisation.



Volunteers

I would like to acknowledge and thank the volunteers that have worked within our school over the last year. We have many parents and community members that give up time for various events and programs and the school greatly appreciates this donation of time and talent. I would particularly like to thank the regular scripture, canteen and classroom volunteers for their dedication and efforts.

New Uniform

As of 2020 parents will have a choice of purchasing a blue shirt as part of the school uniform. The P&C will be undertaking a pre-order until 13 December, so get your sizes ready.

Teach Learn Grow (TLG)

We are very fortunate to have a group of university students at SPPS here this week providing assistance for our students in learning math skills and knowledge. The TLG volunteers use hands on activities and games to teach math concepts, ensuring that the learning undertaken is fun! The school would like to thank the TLG organisation and the individual volunteers for this wonderful opportunity.

FUTURE DATES

Kindy Orientation for Students	Fri 6 Dec
Year 6 High School Transition	Fri 6 Dec
Graduation 9.00am in the hall	Thurs 19 Dec
Last day of school	Thurs 19 Dec
Uniform Shop Open 2020	Fri 31 Jan
First day School 2020	Mon 3 Feb

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Christmas Assembly

Congratulations to Rm 19 and the choir/percussion group on a wonderful Christmas assembly on Tuesday. The nativity play was performed wonderfully once again, while the choir and percussion group performed beautiful Christmas songs. Thank you to Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Swann on your efforts to organise the assembly. Congratulations also to the Pursuit of Excellence winners for their efforts throughout the term.



Salvation Army Donations

Once again our school has provided abundantly for the local Salvation Army food appeal. A trailer full of food was donated by SPPS families and staff and all of these items will be provided to needy families across Albany this Christmas. THANK YOU to everyone for your generosity, kindness and compassion to those less fortunate than us.



Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

HATS TERM 4

A reminder for all parents and students that hats are required to be worn at recess and lunch this term. Please ensure that hats have names written on them.

HURRY!! DON'T DELAY



Applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary 2020

Applications for your child in Kindergarten (children turning 4 by 30 June 2020) and Pre-primary (children turning 5 by 30 June 2020) 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 2020.

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Honesty & Trustworthiness		Care for our World	
PP1	Jazmyn	PP1	Jack
PP2	Riley	PP2	Jerome
Rm 1	Isabel	Rm 1	Harrison
Rm 2	Isaac	Rm 2	Gracee
Rm 3	Ziva	Rm 3	Rose
Rm 8	Portia	Rm 8	Imogen
Rm 9	Michael	Rm 9	Matthew
Rm 11	Paige	Rm 11	Arianah
Rm 18	Lewis	Rm 18	Lilah
Rm 19	Ruby	Rm 19	Kya
Rm 25	Destinee	Rm 25	Cairo

MOVING IN 2020?

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 2020. 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 remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2020 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

PBS Expectation of the Week

BE YOUR BEST- be organised and join in.

Swimming Lessons

Thank you to all the parents and carers that prepared their child each day for the two-week block of swimming lessons that our students completed recently. Our students did their best to learn and practice their swimming skills.



Upcoming End of Year Christmas Performances

Many of our students have been busy rehearsing and practicing their singing and signing for the end of year Christmas performances at a couple of local nursing homes. They have enjoyed learning new songs and are looking forward to sharing their music with others. Please return any permission slips as soon as possible to ensure your child is able to participate in these activities.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 12 December: End of year Christmas Performance Excursions to Gwen Hardie Lodge and Clarence House.

Tuesday 17 December: SPESC Final Assembly. Parents, carers and volunteers invited.

Tuesday 17 December: PBS Reward - Waterplay Fun.

Wednesday 18 December: PBS Reward - Excursion to Denmark Nature Playground.

Thursday 19 December: Graduation Assembly with Spencer Park Primary School.

Thursday 19 December: Whole school cooking day and shared 'long table' lunch.

Bec Wheatley
Principal

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

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

Rm 1	Yao
Rm 2	Esther
Rm 3	Ziva
Rm 8	Lilly W
Rm 9	Kiara
Rm 11	Sapphira
Rm 18	Sophia
Rm 19	Felix
Rm 25	Justin
Science	Te Paea
Music	Venja
HASS	Felix

NEW BLUE UNIFORM SHIRTS

Blue polos are available to pre order by 13/12/19 and will be delivered 31/01/2020.

Shirts are \$23 each, if pre ordering; otherwise they will cost \$25 each from 31/01/2020.

An updated uniform shop order form will be sent out with the booklists.

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.



CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Please enjoy a few images from our Christmas service held on Tuesday 3 December.



Mary and Joseph



The Nativity



School Choir



Marimba Serenade



Trailer loaded up for the Salvation Army

Thank you to the Spencer Park Primary School community for your generosity. You are amazing!

AUSLAN SIGNING

It has been fantastic to see all our students so enthusiastic and we hope that parents and carers can participate also. We will include practical demonstrations in the newsletter so that you can, as a family, practice the use of AUSLAN in your everyday conversations. Happy learning!



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 or online.

WHAT'S NEWS!

It's always great to see our students excelling at school and in the community. Does your child participate in a community club or group or joined in a special event? We'd love to celebrate this with you ... why not share your snaps? Email your photos to spencerpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au along with a brief description and we'll publish it in our next newsletter. Already shared on Facebook? Why not make your post public and tag us @SpencerParkPS?



Ziva participated in the IronKids event in Busselton last weekend. She had to complete a 100m swim, 2.25km Bike ride and a 1km run. Ziva absolutely smashed this event even with a mechanical issue on the bike leg.

This event is held in conjunction with the WA Ironman. Competitors from all over the world enter these events and the kids get to run the finishing chute with live coverage the same as the pro's do. This weekend saw thousands of competitors descend on Busselton including 2 x Olympic gold medallist Alistair Brownlee.

HASS EXCURSION TO THE COURT HOUSE



In Week 6, Room 9 and 11 students went to the Court House to see how decisions are made. It was a great excursion and we all learnt a lot! Here are what some students from Room 9 had to say:

"I enjoyed learning what a jury does and being able to test it out myself. It was a memorable day."

Tenille, Room 9

"I liked being the judge and sitting in his seat."

Ethan, Room 9

"I liked going through security."

Brock, Room 9

"I loved learning about the jury and doing a role play."

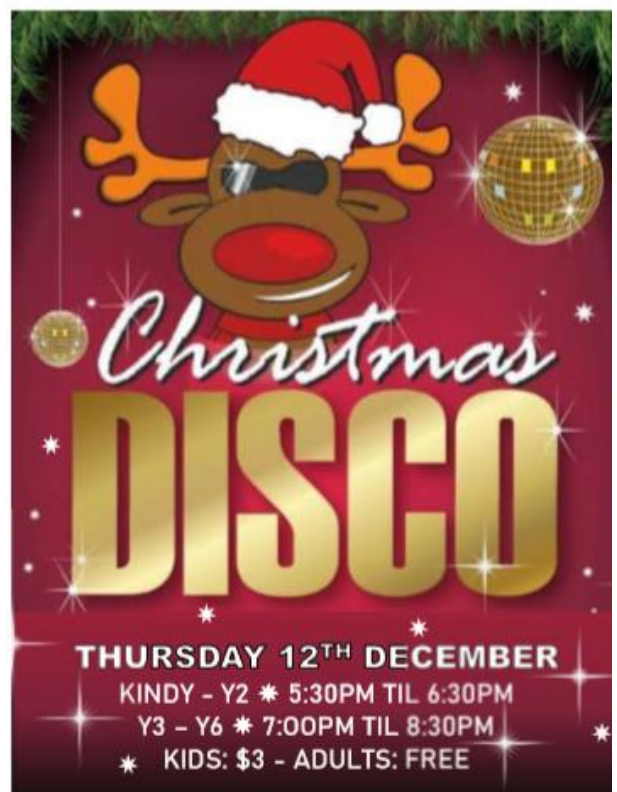
Alyssa, Room 9

"I enjoyed listening to real experiences from Court, roleplaying, figuring out how the jury is chosen and how everything works in a Court Room."

Dakota, Room 9

"My favourite part was being a jury officer."

Luke, Room 9



THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

KINDY - Y2 * 5:30PM TIL 6:30PM

Y3 - Y6 * 7:00PM TIL 8:30PM

* KIDS: \$3 - ADULTS: FREE

A BEEAUTIFUL STORY

Very recently a colony of bees decided to make their home in the irrigation pit outside the school admin building. As we all know, it is vital that we preserve our bee population to ensure future food propagation, seeing as these bees very nicely pollenate our plants. We are happy to say that this particular colony was able to be relocated rather than exterminated due to the willingness of Max who came to remove and re-home them onto his property.



Something you may not know about bees is that they like to build their honeycomb in a straight line. The underside of the pit cover was the perfect proposition for such a venture.



Max smokes the bees to calm them down while he scoops them out.



He cuts the comb carefully from the pit cover.



Bees are amazing mathematicians and engineers.

They've got it all worked out! The babies are snugly tucked away in the hexagonal chambers in the centre of the comb and plugged with wax to keep them safe.



Moving the comb and the Queen bee to the hive box so they can continue building it up. Once the Queen bee is in the new box, the other bees will follow.



Using elastic bands to hold the comb in place in the frame while the bees get back to work re-building.



Just waiting for the forager bees to come back to the hive after dark so that they can all go home together.

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.

DECEMBER & JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

POOL PARTY! 10-17 YRS
Celebrate the end of the school year the right way. Get your mates together and head down to ALAC's pool party with inflatables available and prizes to win.
Sign up with your mate and get the second ticket 50% off! Participants are welcome to bring their own inflatables.
Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre
Friday December 20: 6 - 8pm

COURT CHAOS 6-13 YRS
ALAC is the place to be these holidays with favourite activities available!
Bubble Soccer - Bouncy Castle - Basketball
And other fan favourite activities led by ALAC's Programs Officer!
Monday Dec 23, Tuesday Jan 14,
Thursday Jan 16 & 23, Tuesday Jan 28

ENROL 1 \$9.95 **ENROL 2 \$14.95**

FULL DAY \$14.95
9.30am to 3.30pm

LEISURE AQUATIC Active Albany Rio Tinto Albany

For more information or to book your spot in any program please contact our team
PROGRAMS OFFICER P: 08 6820 3455 E: recprograms@albany.wa.gov.au

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

JUNIOR STAY N PLAY 0-4YRS
Who says Toddlers can't have school holidays?
Enjoy this movement-based learning experience for young children aged 0-4 years and their parents or caregivers.
A quiet corner is also available during this program for the more reserved children.
Wednesdays Jan 15 & 22: 9 - 11pm

ENROL 1 \$4.95 **ENROL 2 \$6.00**

ROLLER DISCO! ALL AGES
Join ALAC's crazy 'Roller Disco's' these holidays. Fun on skates for all ages and abilities.
• Skate frames available for newbie skaters
• Skate and Helmet hire available
• Games and Prizes available
Friday Jan 17: 5.30 - 7.30pm

ENROL 1 \$9.95 **ENROL 2 \$14.95**

DRESS UP PARTY 0-4YRS
A wind up to our Junior Stay and Play sessions. This program will feature a dance instructor, ALAC's awesome inflatable and a BIG fruit platter.
ALAC encourages toddlers and parents to dress up and come along! Parental supervision is required.
Wednesday Jan 29: 9am - 11am

ENROL 1 \$9.95 **ENROL 2 \$14.95**

THE LAST HURRAH! 10-17YRS
ALAC's created the ultimate experience for this occasion. The courts and pools will be available with loads of fun challenges and activities.
Skip the line and pay early.
Friday Jan 31: 6 - 8.30pm

\$14.95

For more information or to book your spot in any program please contact our team
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ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CLUB

JOIN THE CLUB FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A SAMSUNG GALAXY TABLET

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
221 YORK STREET
ALBANYLIBRARY.COM.AU

Stories are everywhere waiting to be discovered

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

summerreadingclub.org.au

PERTH SCORCHERS

ALBANY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

SAT DEC 28 9AM-10AM

COST: FREE

WHERE: NORTH ROAD CRICKET GROUNDS

BRING: HAT, WATER BOTTLE & YOUR FRIENDS

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

STORY PLAYGROUND & SUMMER READING CLUB

Jan 7-23

SUPER FUN FREE ACTIVITIES THIS JANUARY

<p>7/1 Tuesday - Age 5+</p> <p>Nature Play Wacky Wind Chimes: Make your own gorgeous chimes with shells and bottle tops.</p>	<p>14/1 Tuesday - Age 5+</p> <p>Snazzy Succulents: Paint a snazzy pot for your very own decorative succulent to take home.</p>	<p>21/1 Tuesday - Age 5+</p> <p>LEGO Holiday Challenge: Get ready for some awesome holiday challenges to build.</p>
<p>8/1 Wednesday - Age 7-12</p> <p>Drawing Workshop: A hands on creative energetic drawing session with author/illustrator Gabriel Evans. Session runs 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>15/1 Wednesday - Age 12-18</p> <p>Macramé Owl: Macramé is a hoot with this beautiful owl wall hanger! Learn the art of knot tying as you combine 3 different knot types to complete your owl.</p>	<p>22/1 Wednesday - Age 5+</p> <p>Game On: Enjoy our favourite selection of new tabletop and card games for kids and their families.</p>
<p>19/1 Thursday - All Ages</p> <p>Story Ride: Starting from Emu Point café at 10.30am let's read and ride. Bring your bike or scooter and helmet to join us and special guest author and illustrator Gabriel Evans! Session runs 10.30-12.00</p>	<p>18/1 Thursday - Age 5+</p> <p>Let's Cook Herbacious Salad: Are you ready to take on this holiday cooking challenge? Introducing Superhero Foods in a hands on cooking session. *This Session is at Child & Parenting Centre, Mt Lockyer</p>	<p>23/1 Thursday - Age 5+</p> <p>Jamie the Clown Show: It's party time! Celebrate the Summer Reading Club with a Party and Jamie the Clown show.</p>

10.30am - 11.30am

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albanylibrary.com.au

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Albany Public Library 221 York Street 6820 3600