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We value positive relationships and understanding between students of different cultures and abilities.

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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome

Welcome back to another year at SPPS and welcome to any new families commencing this year. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for helping to make our start a very smooth and calm one. We hope that you have noticed some of the new physical changes around the school, such as the fences/gates and the brightly coloured carpet



The fences/gates provide an extra level of security for our younger students as well as providing a bigger play area. The new carpets hopefully brighten the veranda areas up and make the school a fun place to be.

Staff Changes

We have a few new staff commencing at the school this year and I would like to welcome all our new staff and hope their time at SPPS is a wonderful experience. Our new staff are:

- Mrs Raigan Reading who has come to us from Denmark PS and who has lots of experience teaching middle primary. Mrs Reading will be teaching Yr 3/4 in Room 3.



Ms Raigan Reading



Ms Zoe McColl



Ms Lana Moss



Mrs Meredith Ditchburn

- Ms Zoe McColl who completed her teaching practicum with the school last year and undertook some relief teaching late 2019. Ms McColl will be teaching Yr 4/5 in Room 8.
- Mrs Lana Moss and Mrs Meredith Ditchburn who are both Education Assistants working across a variety of classes. Both Mrs Moss and Mrs Ditchburn have previously worked for SPPS as relief EA's.

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FUTURE DATES

Assembly (Student Council)	Fri 14 Feb
P&C AGM Staffroom 7.00pm	Mon 17 Feb
Scitech Incursion	Wed 26 Feb

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

Continuing to provide a safe and friendly environment for all parents, students and staff is an essential requirement that should be expected of any public venue. The school will continue to enforce positive standard of behaviour 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.

Parent Involvement & Support

Throughout 2020 I would like to continue to encourage parent support and involvement in activities across the 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:

- Volunteer some time in the canteen (particularly in the next few weeks while Nicole is away),

- Talk with your classroom teachers about doing some morning reading with different students,
- Involve yourself with the P&C or School Board,
- Offer to cover some books within the library, or
- Help out at a sporting event – faction and interschool swimming carnivals are on this term.

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, 17th February at 7.00pm in the staffroom and it would be great to see some new faces.

School Tours

Do you know of someone that would like to come to SPPS, but isn't sure and would like to have a guided tour around our school? If so, please refer them to our Facebook page or front office to find out more about when our school tours take place. If any existing parents, particularly in our ECE area would like to find out more about what happens in the rest of the school, please feel free to come along. Tours run the 1st Wednesday of each month from 11.00-12.00. Please book through the front office or Facebook.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal



**THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN
FOR RECESS
ON VALENTINES DAY**

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

PBS Golden Bee Award Winners Week 1 and 2

Congratulations to our students that earned their Golden Bees at our first PBS Assembly for 2020 - Ruby, Harry, Humphrey, Autumn, Brodie, Tairhys and Paul.



Well done also to Mrs Luscombe and Autumn for receiving a canteen voucher for demonstrating a high level of PBS behaviour during the first two weeks of term.



PBS expectation of the week

BE FRIENDLY - Use kind words on the bench after recess and lunch

Upcoming events

Parent and teacher meetings will be occurring over the next couple of weeks. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not yet arranged a meeting.

Bec Wheatley
Principal

KINDILINK

For our first day on Monday KindiLink at Coolangarras we had 8 children from 4 families come to enjoy a barbeque and get to know us. Three families had attended in 2019.

On Friday at Spencer Park there was great interest with people coming to ask what KindiLink was and saying they would definitely like to attend. We took new registrations 471110 and in total have 13 families with 16 children plus unregistered siblings or relatives who are older than KindiLink age.





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?



HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW!

Venja is donating her hair for wig-making for children who have undergone chemotherapy and have lost their hair. What a lovely thing to do!



Venja before she cut her hair ...



... and after!

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.

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. Early Term 1 *School Entry Health Assessment forms* are 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
School Health Nurse
98427523



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 98427523.

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.

A poster for the South West Street Fest. The background is a dark, blurred image of a street scene at night with lights. In the foreground, a man with a beard and long hair is playing an acoustic guitar. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, "SOUTH WEST STREET FEST" is written in a stylized, colorful font. Below that, "CALL FOR ACOUSTIC BUSKERS" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath, "Expressions of Interest close 2 March 2020." is written in white. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text: "YORK STREET ALBANY 21 MARCH 2020 10AM - 5PM". To the left of the banner, there is a small blue circle with white text: "21 MARCH 2020".

SOUTH WEST
STREET
FEST

**CALL FOR
ACOUSTIC BUSKERS**

Expressions of Interest close
2 March 2020.

Email events@albany.wa.gov.au to get
Involved!

YORK STREET
ALBANY 21 MARCH
2020 10AM - 5PM



FOR YOUNG ADULTS 13YR+

SOUTHERN EDGE ARTS AND ACT-BELONG-COMMIT PRESENT

FIRE SPINNING

FOR PERFORMANCE

Thursdays starting 6th February 5.00-6.30pm
at Southern Edge Arts ,77 Sanford Road Albany


A weekly workshop for young adults interested in exploring the art of fire spinning and flow arts (minimum age 13yrs)
TRY ONE WORKSHOP FREE

ENROLL NOW : www.southernedge.org.au

Contact us: email - semail@southernedge.org.au, phone - 9841 6002







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PERFORMANCE

SEA YOUTH PERFORMANCE

6 weeks for \$90 starts March 5

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT & SOUTHERN EDGE ARTS PRESENT

ADULT AERIAL CLASSES

THURSDAYS 7PM - 8PM
77 SANFORD ROAD, ALBANY (PCYC BUILDING)

For more info:
9841 6002 or semail@southernedge.org.au

BOOKINGS at www.southernedge.org.au



Information & Open Night for Recruits and Parents
6.00pm to 6.45pm
Wednesday 12 February 2020
Cnr Serpentine Rd & Spencer St
See if Cadets is for you!

Adventure • Leadership • Confidence • Mateship • Teamwork

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Fly as a passenger or pilot
Make new friends
Learn about aviation
Join in community parades
Earn points for your WACE Score
And much, much more.....

705(City of Albany) SQN
Time 5.45pm—8.15pm
Day Wednesday
Place Cnr of Spencer & Serpentine Rd
Age Year you turn 13

For further information
<http://www.aafc.org.au> or
Phone 0422 780 092

SOUTHERN EDGE ARTS
Term 1 Act-Belong-Commit
Workshop Program

SEA YOUTH PERFORMANCE

PRICES PER TERM

	4.00-5.00 [6-8YRS] \$120	5.00-6.00 [9-13YRS] \$120	6.00-7.00 [14+YRS+] \$120
MON	STREET ACRO JNR	STREET ACRO INT	STREET ACRO SNR
TUES	CIRCUS BEGINNER	CIRCUS BIG TOP	
WED	SINGING FOR STAGE	ACTORS CLUB	THEATRE ENSEMBLE
THUR	AERIALS 2	AERIALS FOR PERFORMANCE	
	SMIRCUS	CIRCA TROUPE	
	AERIALS 1	AERIALS SENIOR	
	LITTLE ACTORS CLUB	FIRE SPINNING	

STARTS Monday Feb 3rd 2020

STREET ACRO	CIRCUS	DRAMA / SINGING	AERIALS	FIRE SPINNING
Flip, jump, kick and fly in this high energy urban acrobatic class that blends parkour, tumbling, capoeira and slackline.	Learn a range of basic circus skills such as acrobatics, juggling, stunts, mini trampoline, tumbling, handstands and much more.	Learn the art of acting or singing for stage through theatre games, improvisation, vocal techniques, physical awareness and performance making.	Explore aspects of trapeze, silks, rope, cloud swing and other aerial apparatus. Gain opportunities to develop performing skills.	Opportunity for teens and young adults to explore the art of the spinning and flow arts. Develop skills in poi, staff, torch and other manipulation.

For more information call 9841 6002

CLASSES HELD AT:
Southern Edge Arts
77 Sanford Rd
Centennial Park WA 6330
(at the PCYC building)





Bookings at www.southernedge.org.au



Managing fighting and aggression

This workshop explores the skills that children need to get along with others.

Parents are encouraged to share and discuss experiences of challenging behavior involving their children.

The workshop will also provide an opportunity to prepare plans to manage those times when fighting and aggression does occur.

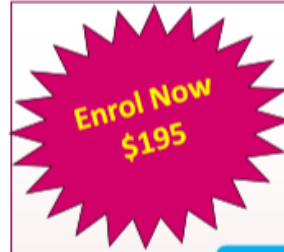
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AVAILABLE
Bookings
Essential

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Date: Tuesday 3 March 2020
RSVP: 9843 0071
Venue: Child and Parent Centre Mount Lockyer
Humphreys Street, Lockyer

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Small Group MATHS TUITION

5 Week
Specialist Programme

Years 3-4 Tuesdays, 4.15– 5pm

Years 5-6 Thursdays, 4.15– 5pm

Focuses on improving understanding of basic operations and number concepts.



Starts Week 6
Term One

To book phone:
Albany DSF Literacy Clinic
9842 2594
93 Earl Street, Albany

