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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

### Coronavirus Updates

To help keep the school community accurately informed, updates from the Department of Health will be sent out via SMS to our parents/caregivers. This information is readily available at <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>. Other information that is important to note:

- Schools are currently operating as per normal until further notice, including planned local and interstate excursions and camps (except overseas travel where restrictions apply).
- Further updates will be provided to you by the School as they become available from the Department of Health.
- The information emerging concerning the virus can sometimes seem overwhelming but remember the following simple rules:
  - Please do not send your child to school if they are sick.
  - Protect yourself and others: Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use your inner elbow, wash your hands often with soap or hand sanitizer, and, as noted, stay away from school if you are sick."

### Class Interruptions

Could the school please request that parents wanting to provide a message to their child do so by going through the front office. Some classes are experiencing a number of interruptions, which is disturbing lessons and distracting student's learning. Front office will send messages to the classroom at a suitable time.

### National Ride2School Day

This Friday is National Ride2School Day and we would like to invite all students and parents to participate.

You are invited to gather at either Cull Park & Chauncy Park at 8.10am for an 8.15am start. The ride should take approximately 10 minutes and a light breakfast will be offered in the undercover area at approximately 8.30am. If your child is not a confident rider, please come along to assist them and all cyclists should be wearing a bike helmet.



### Assemblies

Congratulations to Rm 2 on a wonderful problem solving assembly last Friday. Our next assembly will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April. This will be our Pursuit of Excellence assembly and our ANZAC day service and will be run by Rm 9.

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### FUTURE DATES

P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom	Mon 16 Mar
Interm Swimming Rms 8,9 & 11	16-27 Mar
Talented Young Writers Day	Tues 17 Mar
Faction Swim Carnival	Thurs 19 Mar
National Ride to School Day	Fri 20 Mar
Interscholar Swim Carnival	Thurs 2 Apr

## School Board

Our School Board held our AGM last week and reviewed the achievements of 2019 as well as our School's Annual Report. Both these documents will be available on our school web site shortly. Our School Board members for 2020 are Mr Jem Ruggera (Chairperson & Parent), Mrs Perdie Beebe (Parent), Mrs Eileen Wheeler (Parent), Mrs Jenny Kightly (Staff), Mr Carl Luscombe (Staff) and Mr Jeremy Hadlow (Staff). Sadly, we farewelled Mr Brendan Oakley who retired from his role as parent and community representative.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Oakley for his involvement and contribution to the Board throughout 2019 and thank the continuing members for their ongoing participation. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact the school or an existing Board member.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Jeremy Hadlow  
Principal

## VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



HONESTY & TRUSTWORTHINESS		CARE FOR OUR WORLD	
PP1	Rhyder	PP1	Charli
Rm 1	Chayse	Rm 1	Lincoln
Rm 2	Kaleb	Rm 2	William
Rm 3	Vela	Rm 3	Ashna
Rm 8	Isabel	Rm 8	Bailey
Rm 9	Jayden	Rm 9	Mia
Rm 11	Imogen	Rm 11	Elisha
Rm 19	Jerome	Rm 19	Ronan
Rm 24	Charlee	Rm 24	Max
Rm 25	Serena	Rm 25	Jazmyn

## HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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

Rm 1	Jaxon
Rm 2	Ava, Tyler
Rm 3	Zahra, Aiden
Rm 8	Cary, Ella, Deacon
Rm 9	Lexi, Marley, Syrus
Rm 11	Imogen, Keeley
Rm 19	Ruby, Erin
Rm 24	Isabelle, Ryka
Rm 25	Tyler, Arden



## Week 7 is Harmony Week

Spencer Park Primary School is getting involved by having a dress up day on Wednesday 18 March. To celebrate our school's diversity, come to school dressed in traditional cultural dress or wear orange!

Kids will also participate in a colouring competition at school with canteen vouchers up for grabs for the best work.

The canteen will have special food with an international flavour available to order. Menu items on offer will include:

- Nachos
- Fried Rice
- Bali Chicken Satay Sticks
- Vegetable Salad with Peanut Sauce
- Filled Croissant
- Sushi

Please order as normal before school.

## ASSEMBLY

Room 2 year 2/3 presented Problem Solving. Based on the story of the hole in the bucket the students did a fantastic job of presenting arguments for and against ways of solving the problem... unfortunately they did not reach a satisfactory ending as there was still a hole in the bucket.





# PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

## PBS Golden Bee Award Winners Week 5 + 6

Congratulations to these students who were awarded Golden Bees for being extra wonderful at using our PBS expectations of Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best.



Quin, Talon, Emily, Isla

Congratulations also to Harry for the huge effort he made to Be His Best by having a go, make mistakes and risk on purpose, which means you should always try.

Mrs Garcia-Wright and Mrs Young are also commended for Being Friendly, Safe and their Best.

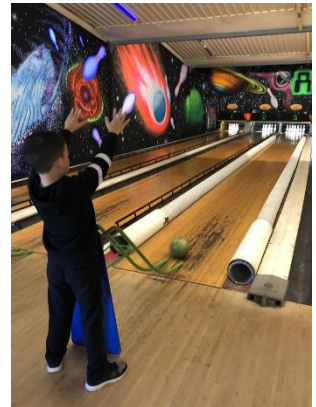


## PBS expectation of the week

**Be Safe** when you need a break. Remember to ask using your 'take a break card', 'PODD' or your words by saying 'I need a break'.

## Ten Pin Bowling

Some of our wonderful students are attending Ten Pin Bowling in Term 1. The students had a fantastic time at their first visit. We will continue to go to bowling every week to improve our bowling skills!



Bec Wheatley  
Principal

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS/ P&C CONTRIBUTION AND SCRIPTURE BOOKS

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have already paid contributions for 2020. Contributions can be made either by cash, EFTPOS, QKR or cheque or you can phone your card details through to the office. If you would 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.

## 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.

## SENSORY ROOM EQUIPMENT

We have introduced sensory break rooms around the school to assist our students and we are looking for donations of suitable equipment in good condition for students to use. The kind of equipment we are hoping to source are rowing machines, elliptical trainer etc. If you have one that is no longer needed at home we would appreciate the donation to the school. Please contact the school if you can assist.



## 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](mailto: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?

## IN-TERM SWIMMING

Students in Rooms 8, 9 and 11 will be participating in swimming lessons at Emu Point from Monday 16 to Friday 27 March. The cost of these lessons this year is \$28.80 for all of the 9 sessions or \$3.20 per day.

There are only 9 lessons due to our Faction Swimming Carnival on Thursday 19 March.

Please ensure that your child has their swimming gear, including bathers, towel, goggles and a plastic bag to bring wet gear home in.



## 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.



Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development  
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# ANT BLITZ

24 FEB to 3 APR 2020

## Help look for the world's worst ants!

Protect our native ants which maintain healthy soils, plants and ecosystems, but look out for invasive ants which are aggressive and destructive and can compete with native ants.

Between 24 February and 3 April, get up close and personal with the ants in your neighbourhood, and send in as many specimen samples and photos as possible. Our ant experts will advise you on control and whether your ants are friends or foe!

- 1. Find it** Get outside, inspect your property for ants or nests.
- 2. Catch it** Take specimen samples. Be careful not to disturb the nest.
- 3. Snap it** Take a photo if safe to do so.
- 4. Send it** Turn over for instructions on how to send specimen samples and photos.

Visit [agric.wa.gov.au/antblitz](http://agric.wa.gov.au/antblitz) or call (08) 9368 3080 for more information.



## Tiny Tots First Aid

This is a non-accredited course covering first aid skills for a range of injuries and illnesses. This short course is recommended for parents or guardians.

Sunday 15th March 2020 9.30am - 1.00pm  
Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre \$40.00

Bookings and enquiries to Great Southern Regional Office  
Phone 9841 4212 or Email [gsfirstaid@stjohnambulance.com.au](mailto:gsfirstaid@stjohnambulance.com.au)

St John 

### How to send photos

1. Use the **MyPestGuide™ Reporter** App to send photos taken with your phone.
2. Go to [agric.wa.gov.au/antblitz](http://agric.wa.gov.au/antblitz) to make an online report.
3. Email [padis@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpird.wa.gov.au)



### MyPestGuide™ Reporter app quick instructions

- Download the App and open in your phone
- Create a report
- Take a picture
- Complete details
- Send it

### How to collect and send specimen samples

- Brush ants into a sealed container or zip lock bag and place in the freezer for 1 hour.
- Label container with the collection location (eg. backyard, kitchen, bathroom, driveway etc.), your name, contact number, email address and postal address.
- Deliver or post to:  
Ant Blitz, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development,  
Pest and Disease Information Service,  
3 Baron-Hay Court,  
South Perth WA 6151



Visit [agric.wa.gov.au/antblitz](http://agric.wa.gov.au/antblitz) or call (08) 9368 3080 for more information.

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## STRIVE FOR MORE

IRONMAN 70.3 Busselton

1.9KM SWIM  
90.1KM BIKE  
21.9KM RUN

### REGISTER NOW 2 MAY

08 6245 2470  
[EVENTS@WA.TRIATHLON.ORG.AU](mailto:EVENTS@WA.TRIATHLON.ORG.AU)  
[BUSSELTONFESTIVALOFTRIATHLON.COM.AU](http://BUSSELTONFESTIVALOFTRIATHLON.COM.AU)

Head down to Barnard Park on Sunday 3 May for the Kids Triathlon. There are two distances to choose from – a Short Distance (100m swim, 2km cycle and 500m run) which is open to children aged 7-11 years and the Long Distance (200m swim, 4km cycle and 1km run) which is open to children aged 12-15 years. This short, fun filled event is designed specifically for kids to enjoy themselves and discover what it's like to compete in a triathlon. To find out more or to register, please visit our website: [www.busseltonfestivaloftriathlon.com.au](http://www.busseltonfestivaloftriathlon.com.au)

**Disabled Surfers Association**  
**Great Southern 2020**  
**"Let's Go Surfing Days"**

Supported by: national [disabledsurfers.org/](http://disabledsurfers.org/)  
 Due to the huge success of DSAGS 2019 season we will be having another 4 days in 2020.



**Surfers, Carers & Volunteers**  
 Register 9am, water 9.30 am – 11.30/12 noon,  
 presentations and free BBQ  
**Saturdays – 9.30am**  
**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Albany - Middleton Beach**

[www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS/](http://www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS/)  
 Register [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lets-go-surfing-registration-65331856881](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lets-go-surfing-registration-65331856881)  
 "Adult/child accessible changing facilities available"

**Hosting French Students**  
**19 July – 19 August**



For the last 15 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 14-17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

We are looking for families willing to host students for the four weeks of their visit. They will travel to and from School with your children.

The purpose of the programme is for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australians and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme. We believe such an exchange is also highly beneficial for our Modern Languages students, opening their eyes (and ears!) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

Please contact Martine Floyd, email : [martine.floyd@iinet.net.au](mailto:martine.floyd@iinet.net.au) , mob : 0403 019 609 if you are interested in hosting.



**My Time is your time**

**- Term 1 2020 program -**

MyTime is a FREE service just for you! Come along and join others in similar circumstances to socialise over coffee/ tea and cake in a relaxed setting, while your child and their siblings are engaged in activities with an experienced Play helper.

We welcome families/ carers who are caring for a child aged 0-16yrs with a disability, developmental delay or chronic illness to attend one or more of the sessions below.

"It's nice to have a group that looks after the parents' needs as well as the children's. *MyTime Parent*"

DATE	TOPIC DETAILS
Fri 14th Feb	Coffee and chat
Wed 19th Feb	Easing the transition for our kids going back to school
Wed 26th Feb	<b>Self care pamper activity</b> we will be making something to take home
Wed 4th Mar	<b>Craft focus</b> , bring anything you would like to work on
Wed 11th Mar	Coffee and chat
Wed 18th Mar	<b>Self care pamper activity</b> we will be making something to take home
Wed 25th Mar	<b>Jigsaw activity</b>
Fri 3rd Apr	Visit from <b>Jen Dodson</b> from Carers WA

WHERE: Wanslea, 26 Prior Street, Albany

TIME: 9.30-11.30 each Wednesday

Contact details: 08 9843 0077, [albany@wanslea.asn.au](mailto:albany@wanslea.asn.au) [www.mytime.net.au](http://www.mytime.net.au)





Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities

## Are you interested in foster caring?

Would you like to make a difference in a child's life?

Being a foster carer is not always easy, but it can be extremely rewarding. The Department of Communities is always looking for caring people to open their homes and hearts to young people in care.

Foster carers are currently needed in the Great Southern for long-term care, short-term care and occasional weekend care.

Foster carers come from all walks of life. You can be male or female, single, married or in a same-sex relationship; you may, or may not have children of your own, be working full or part time, or retired.

To find out more we encourage you to attend a free information session:

**When:**  
Tuesday, 17 March 2020  
7pm to 9pm

Friday, 20 March 2020  
10am to 12pm

**Where:**  
25 Duke St, Albany

**TO RSVP:**  
Phone 9841 0777 or email  
[ChungSiew.Beh@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:ChungSiew.Beh@communities.wa.gov.au)

For further information: <https://childprotectioncareers.wa.gov.au/foster-carer-recruitment>