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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

### Harmony Week

Throughout last week we have been celebrating Harmony Week. Students have been able to answer quiz question relating to the Humanities learning area and also took part in a colouring competition. These have been placed outside Rm 4 and look amazing. Thank you also to the students that participated in the dress-up day on Wednesday – there was lots of orange on show!

### Ride2School Day

Well done to all the students, staff and parents that participated in the Ride2School event held last Friday. Approximately 80 students braved the weather and rode their bikes from home or designated points and then enjoyed a breakfast in the undercover area. Thanks to Amy Sims, Kelly Webster, Mr Luscombe and Ms Lemann for their support and involvement on the day.



### COVID-19 Update

While the situation regarding the COVID-19 continues to evolve, the Department of Education sector has established plans and a team to support principals and

schools. It is important that as a school community we apply common sense, factual information and a practical approach to COVID – 19.

At this point our school will remain open and will be providing an education program. This will remain the case until **Friday 3rd April**. From **6th April** students that attend school will be supervised, but teachers and EA's will be preparing further Home Learning Packs for students.

If parents choose to keep children home due to concerns about the risks associated with COVID-19, the school will be providing some online curriculum material to support this. This can be found at [www.spencerparkps.wa.edu.au](http://www.spencerparkps.wa.edu.au) under the Learning at Home tab. Additionally, the DoE have introduced a Learning at Home resource that all parents are welcome to access and use. <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

From today onwards we will also have **Home Learning Packs** available for parents who cannot access online material. Please call the front office if you would like to access these packs and arrange a time to pick up.

We realize that these are difficult times and that parents want to keep their kids home, while being able to access an education. Hopefully these resources will provide for both of these needs. If you do decide to access this option, please contact the school to inform us and we will note this in our attendance records. This will save parents receiving SMS messages regarding attendance.

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### FUTURE DATES

Last day Term 1  
First day Term 2

Thurs 9 April  
Wed 29 April

If and when the time comes that schools need to be closed, all families will be immediately contacted and provided with the relevant information. This contact may be during the school day, or before or after school. It is therefore **important that we have up-to-date contact details** for your children, please notify the front office if these have changed. If the school closes, access to curriculum material and lessons will be provided.

as the **Colour Run will be postponed** until Term 4 and it is likely that other events such as these in Term 2 will also be postponed.

Jeremy Hadlow  
Principal

**The school is encouraging students to practice some personal hygiene habits including:**

- Frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or using an alcohol based hand gel.
- Refraining from touching mouth and nose.
- If coughing or sneezing, covering your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow.
- Dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene.
- Participating in physical distancing will be adhered to whenever practicable.
- Encouraging students to use water bottles and to fill these from the water bubblers, rather than drinking directly from drink fountains.
- **Stay at home if you are unwell.**

**We would encourage parents to help support the school by:**

- Parent /community volunteers and non-essential visitors will be asked to suspend visits.
- Parents/carers dropping off and collecting students are asked to practise social distancing (Arrange to meet at a point in the school).
- Items needing to be dropped off to your child (lunches etc.) need to be left with office staff who will take it to your child's classroom
- If a parent/ teacher meeting is required, it will be arranged by phone.
- **Protect others by keeping students at home if they are unwell.**

For the latest health information and health related enquiries please visit [WA Department of Health](http://www.health.wa.gov.au) or access the helpline 1800 020 080.

### School Desks for Home Schooling



The school has a few older desks that are surplus to need and we would like to offer these to parents who require a work station for their student. It is a first come first take basis. These will be available from Friday onwards. Please call the office if you are interested.

### School Activities

Please be aware that some events have been cancelled or postponed. Generally, these events are ones that involve large gatherings of staff, students and in some instances parents. We will still try to continue some events like our assemblies, but these will be held over the PA system rather than in a gathering. Events such

## VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



PP1	Kade	PP1	Stella
Rm 1	Lily	Rm 1	Lewis
Rm 2	Phoebe	Rm 2	Jasmin
Rm 3	Skye	Rm 3	Vela
Rm 8	Esther	Rm 8	Alexia
Rm 9	Bella	Rm 9	Arianah
Rm 11	Jaeda	Rm 11	Winter
Rm 19	Patrick	Rm 19	Ruby
Rm 24	Ebony	Rm 24	Evie
Rm 25	Aroha	Rm 25	Jack

## 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 RUN4FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION

Dear Parents and Guardians

Due to the advice that all non- essential gatherings of fewer than 500 people should be postponed or cancelled, we have decided to postpone the Colour Fun Run until Term 4.

Due to the uncertainty of the situation, we can't set a new date, but will let everyone know as soon as this is decided. We have made contact with the organising body and the online fundraising option will remain open and when things get rolling again we will encourage final donations and inform you of the closing date. Any cash you have collected can just be saved till later.

Regards  
Mary McLeod  
Secretary, Spencer Park P&C



# PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

## PBS Golden Bee Award Winners

Congratulations to our Golden Bee Award recipients this week: Jayden, Rhyan, Emily, Riley, Eden and Havana



## Special Event that have occurred in the last fortnight

We recently had a special presentation to say thank you to our 'Chappy', Chaplain Mitch. Thank you for all your wonderful work in our school Chappy. The staff and students appreciate all that you do.



Bec Wheatley  
Principal

## EASTER RAFFLE

### All Year 6 Parents

Easter Raffle finishes this Friday, could all money and tickets be returned to 201568 school. Regardless if sold or not.

Raffle will be drawn on Monday. Winners will be notified.



## PBS expectation of the week

Be friendly - Encourage others



## WHAT'S NEWS!

Learning from home? Why not send us stories and pictures from your educational activities so we can see how you have adapted to the change in learning?

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?

## 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.

## SPENCER PARK SOCCER CLUB

The contact person for the team is Nathan Anderson. Nathan can be contacted on 0487 806 421. All ages can call him to register an expression of interest for a team or email him at [spencerparksoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:spencerparksoccerclub@gmail.com).

### 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.

Albany WA "Let's Go Surfing" Event  
Cancellation for 4th April

**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-85331856881](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lets-go-surfing-registration-85331856881)  
"Adult/child accessible changing facilities available"

## Staying Connected With Our Children

Now is the time to stay close to our children. They need to feel us beside them so they don't feel as worried as they are. We need to be honest with them and let them know that good people from around the world are working very hard to keep them safe and healthy. Our children will believe us, we love them deeply.

**Be Honest**  
COVID-19 is a sickness like a cold. Some people will get it. Maybe someone in our family might get sick. We are all a little bit scared. Being scared is a sign that we are concentrating on being safe. There are really good people like doctors who know what to do. They are helping to figure it out!

**Validate Their Feelings**  
I know I might look worried sometimes. Mums or dads get worried too, just like children. I know it can make you feel scared. But I am ok. It is ok to be feeling scared or worried, or whatever you are feeling right now. You can share that with me whenever you need to.

**Acknowledge Day to Day Disruptions**  
Even if school and your after school activities stop for a while, they will start up again. How about we think about some ways of doing versions of these things together at home if we need to?

**Remind Them**  
I love you and that is one thing that will never change.

**Look to History**  
There have been businesses like this before. And they have stopped. Clever people from around the world have worked them out together. The scientists are doing this right now with this one.

**Remain Available**  
You can talk with me whenever you need to. I will answer any questions you have. If I don't know the answer, I will find out and then I will tell you.

**Have Fun**  
Share some time with your children that is just for them, and let them lead the play. Let's do some things that you like to do.

**Create some quiet time**  
Find a regular time where you can just be still with children. Stroke their hair. Watch a favourite show on TV. Listen to music together. Let them decide if they want to talk. Be present with them. Enjoy it.

Here are some ways that parents and carers can share connection, comfort and care with their children right now.




childhood.org.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>