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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back to the beginning of term 2!

Start of Term

SPPS commenced Term 2 with approximately 63% of students attending in week 1 and around 70% this week. This is a very pleasing number of students and they have certainly been excited to see friends and recommence with their learning. Thank you to parents for your cooperation and support for the school over this difficult time and we look forward to your ongoing support as we continue to progress through this transition period. The school would strongly encourage all students to return to school and participate in the learning program. Home learning material will be provided if required, but we would like to see students face to face and have them undertaking normal classroom lessons. Please contact the school if you have any questions or queries in relation to the teaching and learning program at school.



- Parents are requested not to come in to the school - beyond the pick-up drop off locations.
- Please send a water bottle to school so students DO NOT have to drink from the water bubblers.
- Lots of extra cleaning is occurring across the school and students are being encouraged to wash hands regularly and undertake good hygiene practices.
- Arrangements for K/PP/Yr1 students to be dropped off and picked up have been put in place for this term. This will continue as long as parents are not allowed to enter school grounds.
- Staff will continue to liaise with parents/students in relation to home learning. Information about future work packages will be provided to parents as required.
- Please continue to monitor your child(s) health and if they are unwell PLEASE keep them at home.
- All students should be either at school or using a work package provided by the school. If other resources are being used, then the school needs to have a conversation with parents about these resources.

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Important Information

The school does still have a number of requirements and processes in place that will help ensure that students and staff remain healthy. These are:

FUTURE DATES

Bookfair Dress up Day	Fri 29 May
Checks, Spots or Stripes	

Virtual Assemblies

The school will hold virtual assemblies this term in place of the real thing. Classes will record their item and then have a link placed on our website for parents and classes to view.

Canteen

Our canteen has reopened and will continue to operate from Tuesday to Friday at recess and lunch. Students will be requested to physically space while lining up for the canteen and having the correct change for purchases would be appreciated. Please contact Nicole in the canteen if you are able to volunteer any time throughout the week.



Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

What it looks like in term 2.

As always I look forward to working with the Spencer Park Primary School and Education Support School Communities this term. How we deliver the service is likely to change but at the moment I will be talking to parents on the phone or in some cases online meetings.

I will be contacting parents of children who have been referred to discuss how we can continue with our plans as well as providing consultation to staff.

I can also talk with parents by phone who would like tips for managing schedules at home or where children are overly worried about health or returning to school. This is available where children are learning at home or school.

Our usual case meeting process is on hold at this stage due to physical distancing required for adults, however school staff will continue to communicate with each other and parents to ensure the best for each child.

Please contact one of the Admin team if you would like me to contact you.

With all the changes we are experiencing it is even more important to keep to routines, continue enjoyable activities for children and adults, exercise, get lots of sleep and of course – keep on hand washing!

Maree Dawes
Senior School Psychologist

VALUES CERTIFICATES

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



Respect			
PP1	Madelyn	Rm 9	Brock
Rm 1	Erik	Rm 11	Latia
Rm 2	Kade	Rm 19	Byron
Rm 3	Zavier	Rm 24	Sasha
Rm 8	Gracee	Rm 25	Ruby

BOOK FAIR DRESS UP DAY



Checks, spots, or stripes. Which do you like to wear the most?

Perhaps you like to wear them all?



If so come to school on May 29th dressed in your favourite combination to celebrate:

- Room 3 will be performing the National Simultaneous Story "Chicken Divas."
- The Scholastic Book Fair is happening in the library.

BUS INFORMATION



TransAlbany buses will only accept the correct cash fare and no change will be given. This procedure has been implemented to reduce the risk to all TransAlbany staff.

Smart rider cards can be topped up as usual but again no change will be given.



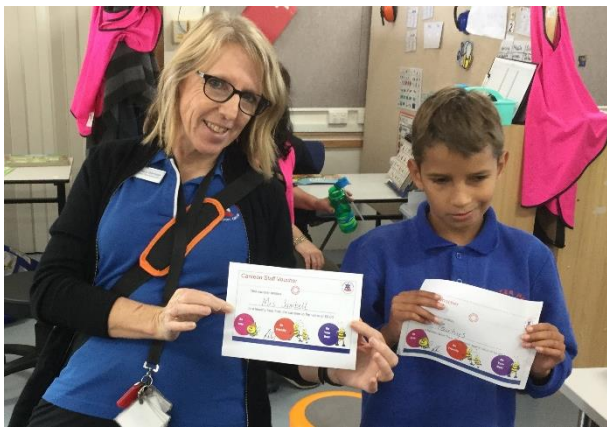
PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

PBS Golden Bee Award Winners - Week 2

Congratulations to Ruby and Thomas for earning their Golden Bee Awards, for an amazing effort to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best.



Canteen vouchers were earned by Tairhys, for his extra effort to Be Safe, and Mrs Sambell, for following our school's PBS Expectations so well.



PBS expectation of the week

Be Safe when you are at school and at home, being safe in the kitchen. Stay out of the kitchen when mum and dad are cooking and do not touch anything on the stove.

Biscuits and Sunshine!

Students in Room 22 enjoyed their first week back for Term 2 by making Anzac Biscuits and having their morning tea in the sunshine. Teacher Mrs Ellery said the students played so well outside in the sunshine, being safe and friendly with each other.



AUSLAN signs - Be Safe, Be Friendly, Be Your Best. Students and staff have been practising their signs this term to Be Safe, Be Friendly and Be Your Best.



Thank you

Thank you to parents and carers for your perseverance and patience during the start of Term 2, as we have implemented staggered start times. We should have more information for you about school arrangements by the end of Week 3.

Bec Wheatley
Principal

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.

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE UPDATE

The Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre is currently working under level 2 Government restrictions which mean we are now able to perform a wider range of treatments but are still restricted in some cases. We are in the process of calling parents with children who have urgent treatment. If you need to make your child an appointment for urgent care we ask that you please call our surgery, do not attend in person. When you attend your appointment only one visitor will be permitted inside the building this includes infants and siblings. Please make arrangements with your child's school prior to the appointment date and they can notify you of protocols for collection and return to school. If you or your child have been travelling outside of WA in the past 14 days OR been in contact with a confirmed COVID case OR are sick in anyway then please reschedule your child's appointment.

Last Term Enrolment forms were issued to your child if they had changed schools or were enrolled in Pre-Primary; please return these forms to the teacher ASAP. Parents of enrolled students are reminded to contact the centre to update your details if you have moved or changed phone numbers in the last few years, without any way of contacting you your child could miss out on their dental visit. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be taken by someone in need. You can call us on 9841 3967 or send us an email to spencerparkdtk@denal.health.wa.gov.au.

To keep your child's teeth healthy during this important stage of growth we recommend brushing twice a day, parents should always assist with one daily brush and use adult strength toothpaste and spit it out but don't rinse with water. Teeth should be brushed for a minimum of two minutes.

We wish you all a safe and healthy term 2 .

ADMINISTRATION CAR PARK

Due to the administration car park and pathway upgrade which commenced last Friday we have had to sacrifice the tree that has been part of the landscape for some years. However, foot access to the school administration building should be made safer and easier for the community. This car park will be closed for 2 weeks.



LEAVERS SHIRTS 2020

Katie, Brock and Ethan modelling the 2020 leavers shirt. Looking good!



SCHOOL IS BACK!

We are pleased to see our students filing back in to school. It just wasn't the same without them!





GARDENING GURUS

Room 1 and 3 students have been busy working in the garden getting ready to plant some winter crops. We have been putting new soil into the garden beds, weeding, raking the leaves, and watering. It has been great to see all the students working hard in their groups to get the jobs done. Stay tuned for photos of our seedlings being planted



TAKING KINDY ENROLMENTS NOW

Applications for your child to be involved in Kindergarten (children turning 4 by 30 June 2021) and Pre-Primary (children turning 5 by 30 June 2021) are now being taken at our school office.

READING

Starting in kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade and on 137521 standardized tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers.

This is compelling data on the benefits of encouraging your child to read.

Helps in language development

From the time your child is born, reading out loud is a positive influence. As your child grows, daily reading will help the brain make connections between the written and spoken word, widening vocabulary in the process.

Adding to that benefit, vocabulary knowledge equates to masterful spelling. In fact, reading, spelling and vocabulary are critically important to a child's lifelong achievement.

Promotes brain development

Educators have long said reading makes people smarter, and there's research backing them up. A recent [study](#) conducted by the American Academy of Pediatrics found reading to children of any age wakens a number of regions in the left part of the brain. The areas in the brain that become active involve understanding the meaning of words and concepts tied to memory.

Aids in understanding of a world outside our own

Reading is more than just translating written words into verbal form; it is about understanding those words were once ideas in the minds of great thinkers. It is about realizing those ideas can be connected to personal experiences.

Through daily reading, children are exposed to a world outside their own reality. It expands their know-how, opens their minds and creates the potential for a continuation of ideas and an endless number of possibilities.

Strengthens family relationships

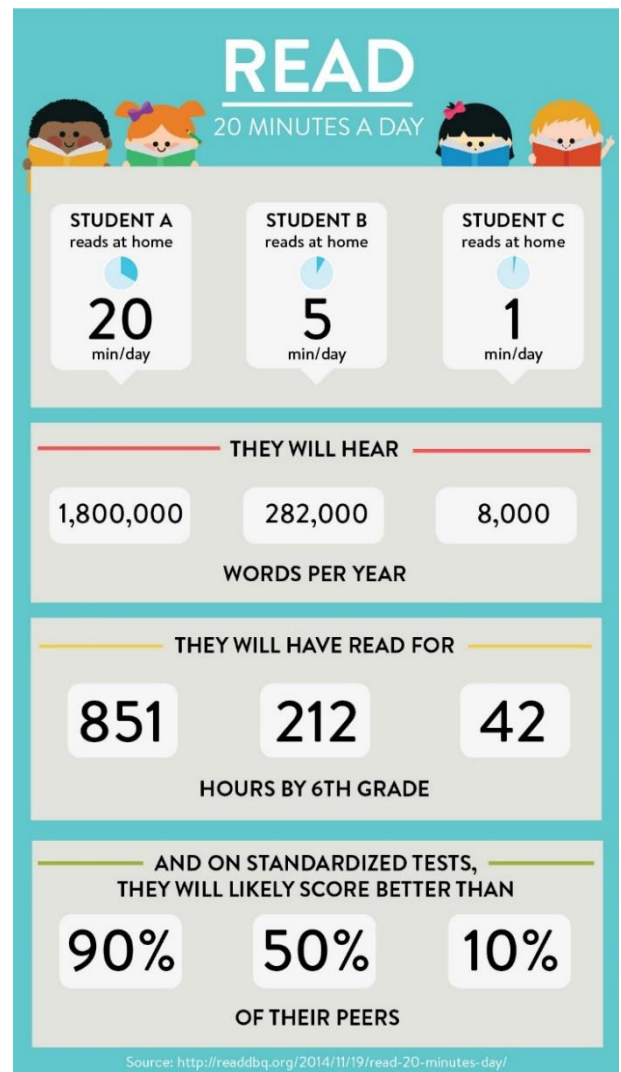
There is nothing quite like reading together as a family. Whether you're flipping through picture books with your little ones or sitting in the same room with older kids while, each immersed in a piece of literature, these are times you remember.

For a moment, you are all able to escape worries and experience art in written form. It is something that can be recreated in different forms with every new book and family read-a-thon.

Provides endless possibilities

Whether it's a picture book, a novel or even [help resources](#), there are many options.

With technology, particularly tablets like Kindle, your child has access to thousands of books anytime, anywhere. Reading on a Kindle ensures children are never without a new title and, based on their interests, they can easily find recommended books. Additionally, children can take advantage of a Kindle to improve reading skills through the development of



word fluency and comprehension. [Word Wise](#), for example, places short and simple definitions and synonyms directly above difficult words in text, so kids can better understand the material and keep reading with few interruptions. [Vocabulary Builder](#) automatically takes words users look up and creates flashcards with definitions and word usage examples.

So, this is a great time to encourage your child to dive into a great new book and get the whole family reading each day too.

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?

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.



Parenting Connection
Supporting WA parents

FATHERING 101-Parenting Information for Dads

MEN ARE MORE INVOLVED IN PARENTING THAN EVER BEFORE, BUT WITH SO MUCH INFORMATION IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW HOW TO DO IT WELL AND WITH CONFIDENCE. REGISTER FOR THIS FANTASTIC WORKSHOP DELIVERED BY A DAD FOR DADS!

THIS ONLINE WORKSHOP WILL COVER:

- Why set limits and boundaries?
- Developing self-regulation in kids?
- What role do consequences play?
- Why Dad's modelling is so important?
- Dads are great teachers!
- Is it too much to expect that parents be 'on the same page'?
- How much positive reinforcement is enough?

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 2x45 minute live and interactive webinar sessions
- Access to webinar recordings
- Notes and activities list

Where: Zoom Online Application - please download to device which has audio and video prior to start date
When: 7-8pm Tuesday 19 May and 26 May 2020

Cost: FREE

Facilitator: Brad Williams, Behaviour Tonics. Brad has over 15 years' experience delivering engaging interactive parenting sessions across rural WA.

To register: Call 0448 137 192 or email GreatSouthernPCWA@wanslea.asn.au

Once registered Zoom meeting ID and Password will be sent via email before the workshop starts.

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SIGN UP for the for free to the 1000 Books Before Kindy Challenge and earn online badges plus rewards and prizes.

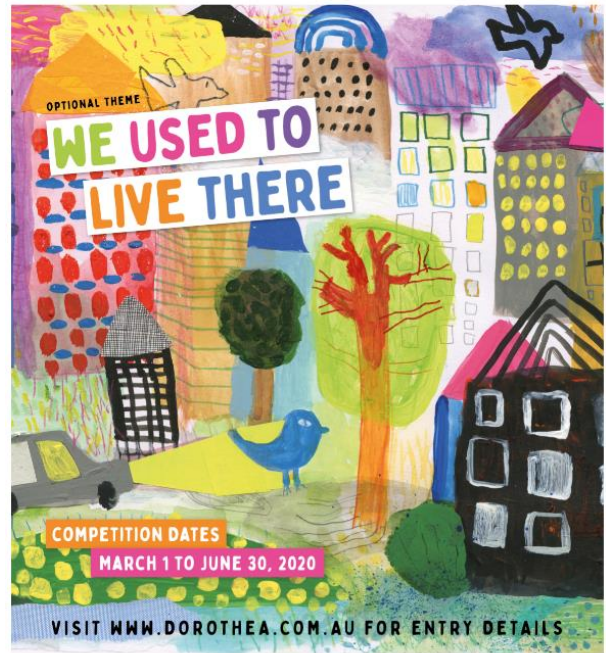
LEGO CLUB



Monthly **CHALLENGES** are posted on our website to build at home. Send a photo of your design to display in the gallery.

PLUS MORE FOR KIDS ON OUR LIBRARY WEBSITE

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