Dear Parents and Friends

Bunnings Lends a Hand
Many thanks to Beth Parker and her team from Bunnings who came last Tuesday to replace the sleepers we use to contain the garden beds in our quadrangle. The replaced sleepers had given reasonable service but were beginning to breakdown badly. It is wonderful that Bunnings were prepared to provide all of the materials and labour for this work, with those attending volunteering their services to be involved. The new sleepers look great and I am sure will be in place for many years ahead.

ANZAC Service
I hope that you have already noted that our annual ANZAC Service is to occur on the last day of term, next Friday 19 April. ANZAC Day is obviously an iconic part of the nation’s heritage and school services like ours are an important part of maintaining the day’s status in the community. Over the years our school service has provided just the right kind of ceremony to ensure that our students see this as an important and solemn occasion. Parent attendance is greatly encouraged – I hope that you can be there.

We will be participating in the City of Albany street march again this year. I am hoping that you will have already seen an invitation for students to be part of this activity. We have always had a reasonable sized contingent participating but please encourage your child’s involvement – the larger the group the better.

This year our choir is also involved in the service. This is quite a complex activity where the choir will be accompanied by the City of Albany band, something that requires considerable rehearsal and organisation. Many thanks to Mrs Wilson for her willingness to be involved and to our students and their parents for committing to being part of this holiday event. Unfortunately I will be in Melbourne for ANZAC day, but I am sure that our choir will give a good account of themselves on the day.

I am hoping that all of those students involved in the ANZAC Service including the choir will be presented with badges, sometime afterwards, recognising their participation (similar to last year). This will depend a little on funding as it potentially could have up to 80 students involved.

Close Game to Finish Interschool Cricket Competition
In our last fixture of this competition and what must have been an exciting game, our school team failed by just 3 runs to chase down the score set by Yakamia. Batting first Yakamia made 7 for 74. Best bowling was Josh Rm 9 2 for 5, Cooper Rm 9 2 for 7 and Bryce Rm 11 2 for 7. Our batsmen struggled to maintain a good run rate early on and needed 30 runs off the last 4 overs. Josh Rm 9, coming in for a second time following his retirement earlier in the innings, put a big dent in the runs needed with a big 6, this was followed by a great partnership between Ben Rm 11 and Cooper Rm 9. Four runs were needed off the last ball but with only a single scored we fell a gallant 3 runs short. Top scorers in our innings were Josh Rm 9 16 and Ben Rm 11 13.

With the results of other games still not in, I am not quite sure of the eventual winner, but with 3 wins from 4 games and an impressive total of 375 runs scored in the competition I would think that we should hopefully finish as the overall winners. If this is the case then this is something that each child will remember for many years ahead.

I have been so impressed with the commitment of all of the students involved in this competition. Whilst there were a small number who have had previous experience playing cricket in junior competitions outside the school many had not. For these children, the great aim is to not just introduce them to another sport but to provide them with the confidence, skill and motivation to have a go at playing cricket outside of school and that this may become a lifelong interest.

Many thanks to Mr Hockey who ran training sessions each lunch time involving not just year 6 and 7 students but whoever wanted to be involved and to the parents who came along to games to support their child’s involvement and volunteered to transport players to and from the game venue.

Mr Leckie’s Replacement
We welcome Ms Liz Edwards who has been appointed to replace Mr Leckie when he leaves at the end of this term. Ms Edwards is a highly experienced upper primary teacher who has moved to Albany from Perth looking to settle long term in this location. She will begin the process of familiarising herself with her new class and our school, spending
a day here next Monday 15 April. Please make her feel welcome at our school.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter a special assembly will be held next term to recognise Stuart’s long term contribution to our school. The date for this will be on the term planner that goes out at the end of term.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

KEY DATES
Pursuit of Excellence Assembly Fri 12 April
ANZAC Assembly Fri 19 April
Last Day of Term Fri 19 April
Interim Reports Distributed Fri 19 April
Students commence Term 2 Tues 7 May
Earn and Learn Finishes Sat 8 June

Spencer Park Primary School
Code of Behaviour
• Respect other people, their rights and their property.
• Be courteous.
• Let others learn.
• Treat others as you would like to be treated.

IN TERM SWIMMING 2013
Enrolment forms for the swimming lesson program came home last week. It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all students participate in this Physical Education program. The lessons will commence on Monday 20 May 2013. Students in the first group will have 10 lessons. Due to the public holiday occurring on Monday 3 June students in the second group will only have 9 lessons. The cost of the lessons this year will be $6.00 per day. This money is payable in one payment either to the class teacher or at the office where EFTPOS is available. If you wish you may pay daily to the class teacher at the rate of $6.00.

Students who have ALAC membership must record their membership number with their class teacher prior to the lessons. These students will then only pay for the bus at a cost of $30.00 or $3.00 daily.

Enrolment forms must be returned to the school office by Friday 10 May.

Due to the number of classes participating it has become necessary to spread our lessons over 4 weeks. The lesson times are as follows:

Group 1 Lessons commence on
Monday 20 May 2013
10 lessons

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10 lessons Total Cost: $60.00
OR $6.00 per day

Lessons commence on
Tuesday 4 June 2013
9 lessons

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9 lessons Total Cost: $54.00
OR $6.00 per day

Please ensure payments are made to class teachers before lessons commence or students can pay daily. Payments for the whole amount can also be made by EFTPOS at the school office. Students with ALAC Membership passes pay only $30.00 or $3.00 per day for the bus.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.
Jamaica Rm 19  Teheira Rm 19
Will Rm 3     Neia Rm 3
Jye Rm 3      Levi Rm 17
Joshua Rm 7   Jasmyn Rm 4
John Rm 4     Caleb Rm 7
Jasmyn Rm 4   Jamie Rm 18
Cody Rm 18    Joshua Rm 1
Ryley Rm 5    Nathan Rm 10
Kayla Rm 10   Bryce Rm 11
James Rm 11   Austin Rm 11
Emily Music

Our next school disco will be held on Thursday 11 April. Times are as follows:
Kindy to Year 3  5.00pm to 6.30pm
Years 4 to 7     7.00pm to 8.30pm
Entry fee is $3.50 per child.
Please note that students who have been in time out this term will not be eligible to attend the disco.
Also be reminded that a responsible adult must deliver and collect all students from the hall. Children will not be released from the hall until this occurs.
SPENCER PARK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

Last Friday the students went to the Albany Museum for Community Access. It was an interesting afternoon learning about solar energy and things that can be powered by the sun.

The solar cars powered by the sun were a real winner with the children. They timed/raced the cars as they ran along the track.

The children’s creativity came to the fore. Anything from gold to multi-coloured plaster suns were decorated by the students.

MegaSkill Number 6: Perseverance
Perseverance is the steady persistence in the course of action, purposefulness to achieve or complete something you have started. It is being persistent especially when there are challenges. Teaching your child to persevere helps them gain an important personal skill that will help them succeed. Some children are more inclined to persevere than others, but all can learn some aspects of this trait.

Resist jumping in. When you see your child struggling with something, it’s every parent’s urge to jump in and help. Don’t. It will lead to a cycle of uncompleted projects and frustration for both of you. Instead encourage from the sidelines. Say to them, "I know you can figure it out, I have confidence in you. You’re a smart kid." This will boost their confidence and self esteem, giving them enough emotional steam to persevere to the task’s completion. Then watch your child’s self esteem grow when they accomplish what they thought was impossible.

What can you do this week to help your child develop their perseverance to help them have more successful outcomes in life?

Please feel free to discuss any of your concerns with me. It is best to make an appointment by calling 9841 1537 to be sure I will be available.

Diane E Edwards, Principal

FRIDAYS ASSEMBLY

This Fridays Assembly 12th April 2013 will be held in the school hall at 9.00. This term’s Pursuit of Excellence Awards will be give out. Also the class that won the Music Performance Award will be announced. All parents, grandparents and friends welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAKING CHOICES
Which high school will suit my child?

2 Information Sessions for parents of students with a diagnosed disability. (Tea and coffee provided)

Thursday May 9th, 2013
from 9:30—10:30 at Lotteries House Meeting Room, 211-217 North Road

Thursday May 16th, 2013
from 3:30pm—4:30pm at Family House, 219 North Road (Creche facilities provided)

Information presented with regard to all government high schools. Disability Services Commission will talk about funding, programs and support offered for students heading to High school.

RSVP Jenny Allen 98425801

SOCCER HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE.
Term 2 Commences Thursday 16th May
Session Times/Age groups will be
6-10 yr olds 4.30-5.45pm
11-18 yr olds 6.00-7.30pm
COST IS $95.00 for 7 week training.

Squirt Soccer for children 3 – 5 years Will be run for free in term 2. Starting on Thursday 16th May 3.30-4.15pm.

For more information email Jo on jowen.hpc@gmail.com

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME.

Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre offer a comprehensive ‘Learn to Swim’ program catering from babies through to adults - of all and any ability - from beginners through to squad swimmers.

Timetables for Term 2, 2013 swimming lessons are now available.

Re-enrolments (for students currently enrolled in our term 1 program) commenced on Saturday, 6 April 2013. Enrolments for past and new students will commence on Monday, 22 April 2013.

Further details and information can be obtained by contacting our Swim School Manager, Nola Osborne, directly on telephone number 9844 2274 or email nolao@albany.wa.gov.au
A team from Bunnings, led by Beth Parker, came to the school on Tuesday to replace the sleepers surrounding the garden beds in our quadrangle.

Both the materials and labour were provided and we extend our thanks to Bunnings and those who volunteered to work on this project.