Full House at Singing Concert
When you can’t get a seat in the hall, as a parent you know that something special is happening. Such was the case last Wednesday afternoon for what has become our annual class singing concert. With every class from year 1 through to year 7 involved there was something for everyone to see. Mrs Wilson had all involved dressed up and well prepared. The items presented by each class were highly entertaining and it seemed to me that everyone involved enjoyed the experience of performing for a large audience. I was particularly impressed by the many students who got the opportunity to sing solo within their group – a great confidence building experience.

Congratulations go to Room 19 who were judged to have provided the best performance by our team of judges, Mrs Simpson, Ms Ralph and Ms Curic (I am glad I wasn’t one of them!)

Many thanks to Mrs Wilson, for setting up and organising this activity for our students, the parents for helping each student with their costumes and the large number of people who came along to form our audience.

Success at the Interschool Swimming Carnival
One of the things that I think kids need to learn is that hard work and lots of effort brings rewards. Success in winning the Handicap Shield at the Interschool Swimming Carnival and finishing 5th in the outright competition is evidence of how hard work pays off. Many in our team have been attending early morning swimming training for many months both this year and last year and it is clear that this has led to improvement. It has been sometime since we have had this kind of success at this event so all involved need to be commended for their efforts. I hope that the parents of those involved can strongly reinforce this achievement and continue to encourage the efforts of their children to improve their swimming skills.

Another impressive part of this event was that 2 of our swimmers were presented with medallions for their performance. Mitchell Rm 11 won Champion Year 7 boy, the second year in a row that he has been the best swimmer in his age group and Narelle Rm 10 was Runner Up Champion Year 6 girl. To be the best or second best swimmers in their age group in an interschool competition is something to be very proud of – well done to both students.

Again thank you to Mrs Binning for her commitment to developing swimming skill at our school. She gives up her own time each week to help our current swimming coach Mr Tony Stanton with our before school swimming training. This program will continue on during the school year. Getting our team organised, ensuring we have the best swimmers entered in each event is also an important role that Mrs Binning carries out – something that cannot be underestimated when it comes to involving ourselves in this activity.

I look forward to further improvement in this area next year.

Cricketers Presented with Shield
In finishing top of the competition ladder our cricket team was presented with the Interschool Shield at our last assembly. This was a great achievement and something that all involved can be proud of. It would be great to repeat this achievement in 2014!

Instrumental Music Students Shine at Assembly
It was just wonderful to hear some of our instrumental music students perform at assembly on Friday. Mitchell Rm 11, Austin Rm 11, Bryce Rm11 and Matt Rm 11 showed us their talents playing either the trumpet or clarinet (and in Austin’s case playing trumpet in one item and clarinet in another). Having access to the Instrumental Music program, a program that offers free tuition, is certainly a terrific addition to what we can offer as a school. Once selected students can continue in the program until year 10, this is certainly something our younger students can look forward to as they progress through the school. There is a drop out rate, but I would be really hoping that the students who performed for us on Friday stick with the program as long as they can as they will have a skill that will give them a lifetime of enjoyment and fulfilment.

End of Term
As always the term has flown by and as you will have seen in the previous items, has finished on a really positive note. Many thanks for your support throughout the start to the year. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back, ready to start the new school term.

Alan Dowsett – Principal
**Key Dates**

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**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.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

Woolworths are again running their Earn and Learn promotion this year and we have again opted to be involved. This commenced Monday 8 April and will continue on until Sunday 9 June. As with last year money spent at Woolworths will convert to tokens that can be used to purchase educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids at the end of the promotion. Apparently last year Woolworths were overwhelmed by the public response and ended up spending much more than they thought they would to cover the costs of schools redeeming their tokens – and we would hope that this would be the case again this year. A box to deposit the tokens will be placed in our front office – there will also be boxes at the various Woolworths stores in Albany. We hope that you can help out.

Please remember to ask for your Earn and Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. Last year we were able to supplement our school equipment and this is now in use here.

A copy of the sticker sheet is available at the school office.

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

**Friday 10th of May**

Lunch time, undercover area

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**PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE**

We congratulate the following students who received Pursuit of Excellence Awards for Term 1 at the Assembly held on the 12 April 2013.

- Bella Rm 1
- Lilly Rm 2
- Amalia Rm 3
- Lyndsey Rm 4
- Hope Rm 5
- Leah Rm 7
- Gwynneth Rm 8
- Blessa Mae Rm 9
- Megan Rm 10
- Darcie Rm 11
- Brooke Rm 17
- Mason Rm 18
- Zarelle Rm 19
- Blessa Mae Rm 9 Music
- Erin Rm 11 Phys Ed

**LOST PROPERTY**

The lost property bin will be cleared tomorrow, Friday 19 April. Please find the time to go through it to re-claim your children’s items. Any items left unclaimed will be sorted, uniform articles put into the second hand uniform store and other articles will be donated to local charities.

**AUSTSWIM**

PO Box 578
FLOREAT WA 6014

AUSTSWIM, the Australian Council for the Teaching of Swimming and Water Safety will be conducting a Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course in your locality soon. Please note the following details:

- **Venue:** Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre
- **Dates:** 11 – 12 June 2013
- **Times:** Saturday 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, Sunday 8.30 am to 5.30 pm

Application forms and further information is available by contacting AUSTSWIM WA.

wa@austswim.com.au
Monday we had our end of term assembly. As Room 21 is being well used at the present time the assembly was held in the Music Room. Many thanks go to Mrs Wilson for making the room available to us.

Before the meeting Mrs Edwards had a chat with the parents to discuss a few things that are happening. The list included:

- Meeting with Christopher Pyne last Thursday where I brought up a few issues about education relating to students with special needs.
- The federal government funding for schools based on the Gonski Report. If you want more information go to www.betterschools.gov.au
- Money Support for Students with Disabilities (MSSD) This will continue for the next for the next three years but will eventually be incorporated into the federal government funding for schools. I have filled out forms for us to receive $8000 for MSSD funds. This will be going into our iPads Program; more about that next term.
- Jenny Allen will be offering Stepping Stones Triple P program in Term 3.
- School Council Meeting is Thursday at 1:00 in Room 12. New Members welcomed.
- Car Park should be finished by end of the week n time for Term 2.
- Plans for the new Pre-primary block and relocation of the bus shed were shared with the parents.
- DSC – Options for Secondary: 2 meetings available 9th of May at 9:30 at Lotteries House and 16 May at 3:30 at Family House. It is recommended that families with children in Years 4 through 7 attend. Remember in 2015 Year 7 students will be going to high school.
- Swimming Lessons will be running next term with the younger students attending May 20 to 31 and older students June 4 to 14. We will also have a special class for students with higher needs running during the June Session. For those who attend hydro there is NO HYDRO until Term 3 due to renovations at the hospital
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program – Diane shared the graph of the gains the school has made with the program; more information next term.
- Hair for Hospice – see the flyer in the newsletter. Jen Dobson is involved with Carers WA and helps to organise activities for young carers, e.g., Siblings of children with a disability.

After I shared all that information with the parents the students joined us for the assembly. Sharnie was our MC with Hayley-jane leading the prayer. Great work girls!!!

Each class then presented information about the camp. The students had an individual photo board from the camp. They had written about the best and the worst thing about the camp as well as what they enjoyed and if they would like to go on camp next year. Funny thing they all said yes!!!

Honour certificates were presented to Jake, Joshua, Hayley-jane, Christoff, Crystal and Jacob.
Virtue Vouchers were given to: Jake, Krystyna, Jasper, Gus, Hayley-jane, Sharnie, Gus and Mrs Grey for all the great things they have been doing this term and some of last year.

The school song was sung and signed by some of the students and staff.

Thanks you to Mrs Ellery for organising the assembly and to the teachers who helped the students prepare for the item they presented. Also thank you to all the staff members who prepared food the yummy morning tea for the parents. It is a great time for the parents to catch up with one another and to see the students in the school environment at playtime.

Have a fantastic holiday with you child. They grow up so fast. School begins on Tuesday the 7th of May. 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

On The Noticeboard
Outside Room 6

Autumn holiday program Albany Public Library
April 2013 – Book Now

Sessions start at 10.30, run for about an hour and are suitable for Primary-school aged children.
Bookings are essential.
PHONE: 9841 930

Celebrating National Families Week
15 - 21 May 2013

All Families Working Together: Getting the Balance Right

Art Competition
Draw, paint etc. on an A4 size picture showing ‘Families Working Together: Getting the Balance Right’

Post the completed pictures to
St John’s Anglicare Centre
PO Box 1493
ALBANY WA 6330

or

Deliver to
St John’s Anglicare Centre
At Colin Street
ALBANY WA 6330

By 24 May 2013

Please contact Shani on 9841 9300 for any queries.
**San Remo Net Set GO!** is Netball Australia’s junior netball program.

This programme has been developed to provide children (boys and girls) with the best possible learning and playing experience that enables them to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Term 2**
- 10th May - Registration Day (ALAC)
- 17th May - Net Set Go Parent Coaching Clinic
- 24th May - First clinic session
- 28th June - Last clinic session for T 2

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**Positive Parenting Program Course Term 2 2013**

Positive Parenting Program is an internationally renowned parenting program being offered through schools in your area. Parents from across WA have given it rave reviews… And it’s **free**!

If you are a parent, you are invited to:
- Promote your child’s development - and prepare your child for school
- Discuss common parenting challenges
- Enrich your parent-child relationship
- Explore effective behaviour management strategies – ways to encourage behaviour you like

Remember, you don’t have to be experiencing difficulties - **Positive Parenting Program** is for **every** parent!

A course will be running in your area:
- **Venue:** Yakamia Primary School
- **Term:** 2nd Term 2013 (beginning Week 4)
- **Dates:** Thursdays: 30th May, 6th, 13th & 20th June
- **Time:** 9.15am to 11.15am

After the four group sessions there will be four follow-up telephone consultations.

A free crèche will also be provided if needed.

A limited number of places are available and you need to book in advance – please register your interest to attend as soon as possible by returning the information below by **Tuesday 21st May**.

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**School Holiday Activities Term 1 2013**

Saturday 20 April to Monday 6 May 2013

‘Papuan Paradise’

See a traditional Papuan highland village; create your own ‘waving wuna’; become a ‘mud man’ or make a quirky mini dukduk! Become a Papuan weaver! Help create a Rainforest Paradise with your own beautiful Bird of Paradise. Arm yourself with an Atkom and gather to the beat of the Ot!

**Join us as we explore the mysteries of Papua New Guinea …**

**Participate in a Papuan Paradise Workshop!**

($7/p, bookings essential, under 12’s must have adult supervision)

See notice board for more information.