Dear Parents and Friends

ANZAC Day Commemoration
The ANZAC tradition is well and truly being kept alive at our school. Our own school service provided just the right kind of ceremony to ensure our students understand the importance of this day in the nation’s yearly calendar. The choir’s beautiful singing, the wreath laying, our guest speaker Mr Phil Maguire and the words spoken by chosen students about their family’s connections to war service all contributed to what was an excellent service. Many thanks to Mr Hockey, for his commitment to organising this event in a way that has the best possible impact on all of those in attendance.

Although I wasn’t able to be here for our involvement in the City of Albany ANZAC March and service on ANZAC Day, from all accounts it was a special day. In particular, our choir’s involvement at the service ensured that as a school we had a highly visible profile. Despite some of the difficulties in being able to rehearse with a live orchestra leading up to this event our students performed extremely well with a lot of excellent feedback being generated from those present. Congratulations to all involved. Many thanks once again to Mrs Wilson for her unwavering commitment to providing this opportunity for our students.

Many thanks also to the significant group of students who came along to be part of the march. This is a tradition that I hope grows and grows in the years ahead.

I am hoping that we will again be able to present all of those who gave up their time to be a part of this year’s City of Albany March and Service (either as part of the march or as a choir member) with badges to signify their involvement.

School Vision Statement Developed
This year our School Board has been involved in developing an up to date school vision statement. Whilst it is always difficult to synthesise clearly the essence of a school in a few sentences a vision statement is designed to give a broad indication of our purpose and ethos. So far a statement developed at Board level has been adjusted as a result of feedback from staff and at this stage is as follows:

Spencer Park Primary School is a dynamic learning community working together to help students succeed and become responsible citizens. We always strive to provide a safe school environment that is respectful, positive, inclusive and welcoming.

As a School Board we are now interested in your feedback – a form elsewhere in today's newsletter can be used to do this. Your feedback can be simply whether you approve or disapprove or any changes or additions you would make to what is written. The deadline for what is written is Friday 24 May.

Mt Barker Community College Staff Visit
Towards the end of last term three key staff from Mt Barker Community College, including Principal Jonathan Hoskin visited our school and observed the teaching being conducted in four of our classrooms. They were keen to see how our teachers are implementing highly explicit approaches to teaching, a programme we have been working on for the last 12 months. This follows up a similar visit by staff from Jerramungup District High School towards the end of last year and is part of the school’s growing reputation for its work in this way.

Feedback from the Mt Barker visit was impressive and an affirmation that the teaching and learning being conducted in the classrooms visited is highly effective. A huge thank you to Mrs Hamilton (K2), Mrs Dowsett (Room 2), Mrs Fletcher (Room 3) and Mrs Ruffell (Room 11) for their willingness to host a visit of this kind.

I look forward to further visits and affirmation that the work of all of our teachers is of the highest order.

NAPLAN Testing
Please be aware that if you have a child in Year 3, 5 or 7 they will be involved in the NAPLAN testing starting next Tuesday 14 May and continuing until Friday 17 May. The amount of time required over the 4 day period varies from a total of 170 minutes for year 3’s to 230 minutes for year 7’s. Most of the testing is carried out on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with a catch up day on Friday for those absent on the first 3 days.

To ensure the best possible indication of your child’s performance please ensure good nutrition and sleep patterns throughout this period. Students in these
year levels should have had reasonable exposure to the style of testing being conducted so should be well prepared for their involvement in this programme.

If any issues occur during this time that may suggest that your child is struggling to cope with their involvement in the testing – please do not hesitate to contact your teacher.

In Term Swimming
As you will be aware, this year our school's involvement in the In Term Swimming programme is split into 2 different consecutive fortnights. The first group of classes (Rooms 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, PP1, PP2) start in week 3 of this term. Our aim is to involve as many of our students as possible – if money is an issue please contact our school office as soon as possible to investigate ways in which payment can be made over greater time – this should help to ensure all children can be involved. Learning to swim in a coastal community is a crucial life skill. This program, if started in pre-primary and continued every year until its conclusion in year 7, should result in all children having enough swimming skill to save themselves should they end up in the water unexpectedly.

Please note that all children are taken to the pool whether they are swimming or not – any exemptions to this are provided by me.

I hope that your child has a great start to the term.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

Forthcoming Events

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School Vision Statement Feedback
My feedback to the newly developed vision statement is as follows;

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Welcome back to another busy term. I trust you all had a relaxing holiday.

Our first day back was busy. Some of the Education Assistants went to CMS (Classroom Management Strategies) training. This was very useful. Other Education Assistants went to the Mental Health First Aid Training. Given the diverse nature of our students, this is very important knowledge to have.

The teaching staff shared with the mainstream staff in the first session to review the Canter Discipline Model. This was a great refresher of behaviour management methods which work in the classroom. We also looked at the Australian Teacher Standards and what it means for us. We reviewed performance management and the timetable for the term.

As there will be no swimming next term, the students will be doing a series of activities on Monday afternoons. These will include: self care, ADOLF (Language games), Maths games and Writing activities.

The other exciting but sad thing that happened in the holidays was the large tree in our playground was chopped down. It has been dropping branches in the wind for some time and was quite dangerous. The students had fun on Tuesday morning exploring the ‘sawdust pit’ and looking at the photos of the tree being removed.

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

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Friday 10th of May
Lunch time, undercover area

- cards, bookmarks, resin rings 50c
- magnets, penholders $1
- cup cakes, chocolates $1-$4
- photo frames, pot pourie $2
- anklets, bracelets $3
- peg bags, scarves, slave bracelets and so much more.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
Active After School for Term 2 starts for Seniors on Monday 13th May and Wednesday 15th May for Juniors.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders are due back to the Office by Friday 17th May.

PRE PRIMARY GOLDIES.

These Pre-primary students received a Goldie for reading 25 books.

Emily PP1 Isabella PP2
Connor PP2 Tepaea PP1

COMMUNITY NEWS

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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.
w@austswim.com.au
Mid-Year intake - Master of Teaching (Primary or Early Childhood)
At the start of 2013 the UWA Graduate School of Education, in conjunction with the UWA Albany Centre, began the Master of Teaching (Primary and Early Childhood). This program is a pre-service teaching qualification suitable for those who already have an existing degree, and has allowed members of the local community to make a decision to change careers, engage in study and do all of this in Albany. The course is available through to 2016 allowing people to enrol fulltime or part.
Applications are now open for people to enrol mid-year. Applications close on July 15, when semester 2 begins. When enrolling mid-year, students will engage with the program in a part-time mode. Information on mid-year enrolment for the Master of Teaching (Primary or Early Childhood) can be accessed from the Albany Centre Website: http://www.education.uwa.edu.au/courses/future/albany-master-of-teaching
For further information about the enrolment process please contact either:
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Director of the UWA Albany Centre
Jennifer O’Neil
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On The Noticeboard
Outside Room 6
SAVERSPLUS
Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500.00. Contact Maureen Adams on 08 9845 6617.

SCHIZOPHRENIA AWARENESS WEEK
13TH – 19TH May 2013
Fellowship House supports Schizophrenia Awareness Weeks.
- Art Exhibition and Open House – 14th & 16th May.
- Sausage Sizzle and Morning and Afternoon Tea – 14th May.
- Devonshire Tea – 16th May.

WELLNESS RECOVERY ACTION PLAN (WRAP)
Free workshop for Carers, friends and families of people with mental illness.
30 and 31 May 10am -2.30pm.
At Fellowship House – 23 Stead Road.
Bookings call: 9892 6666.

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
NET-SET-GO COORDINATOR
Andrea Oostdam, Donna
Contact :98 440300 or andrea.oostdam@gsg.wa.edu.au donna.diletta@gsg.wa.edu.au

Celebrating
National Families Week
15 – 21 May 2013
with an
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 1428
ALBANY WA 6331
or
Deliver to
St John’s Anglicare Centre
44 Collie Street
ALBANY WA 6330
By 24 May 2013
Please contact Marlen on 9845 6814 with any queries.