Dear Parents and Friends

Interactive Whiteboards Now Installed in all Classes
At the end of last term, we purchased the last 3 interactive whiteboards needed to ensure that each classroom now has the use of these resources. An interactive whiteboard has an incredible range of uses when it comes to benefiting the teaching and learning process. This includes being able to instantly access information in a range of formats via the internet, to using programmes like powerpoint for drilling and recalling key information and concepts and to being used as a simple whiteboard and DVD player. In my view they represent a massive advance in the power a teacher has in enhancing the learning of students. It is great that we now have one of these machines in each class. Over time I am sure that new technologies will be developed but I would think that this current technology will serve our teachers and students very well for some years ahead.

Eagles Cup Football Season Begins
One sporting season ends and another begins. Football has certainly taken hold with a large number of students on the oval each day playing kick to kick or participating in training sessions with Mr Hockey in preparation for the new Eagles Cup season. Eagles Cup is certainly a popular program in the power a teacher has in enhancing the learning of students. It is great that we now have one of these machines in each class. Over time I am sure that new technologies will be developed but I would think that this current technology will serve our teachers and students very well for some years ahead.

School Uniform throughout the Winter Season
The winter season is usually accompanied by a larger array of different clothing other than what is part of our uniform. Hooded jumpers in particular are not part of our uniform – all of our students understand that garments of this kind will be swapped for school jumpers and taken back at the end of the day. Your support in keeping your child from wearing a hooded jumper or anything else outside of our school uniform is greatly appreciated and will help to ensure that there is conformity across the school.

Given that there is still some variability in our weather and that cold mornings and warmer days will result in children shedding layers of clothing it is important that you label all clothing. Despite this advice being given quite often, I regularly find jumpers around the school that are not labelled with the child’s name. These garments are destined for lost property and usually do not find their way back to the owner.

Bunnings Team Completes Garden Border Renewal
Beth Parker and her team from Bunnings were back in the school last week to put the finishing touches to the renewal of the sleepers that border our gardens in the quadrangle. As was indicated in an earlier newsletter all of the materials and labour were donated by Bunnings – a wonderful community service. The new borders look great and should be here for many years ahead.

Mothers Day Stall
I hope that the Mums in our community were suitably impressed by the gifts their children bought from the Mothers Day stall last Friday. It is fantastic that our students get the opportunity to select an affordable and much prized gift for their mothers at this stall – in this instance it is so much about the thought rather than the gift itself. Many thanks to Trish Hambley who for many years has committed to providing this opportunity for our students, either by making the items herself, getting others to do this or simply procuring inexpensive appropriate items for the stall. Many thanks also go to the team of adults who helped out this year behind the counter. As has been the case in the past a Fathers Day stall will also be held later in the year.
Choir Group to Accompany Former Student's Concert at AEC

A group of our students from our choir have been rehearsing over the last few weeks to accompany one of our former students, Mitchell “Fingers” Cullen when he performs at the Albany Entertainment Centre this Saturday 18 May. Mitchell attended Spencer Park throughout his primary years. Since graduating from secondary school in 2010, Mitchell has been pursuing his musical career. He has his own unique style, fast becoming known for his outstanding speed 6 and 12 string guitar skills, he is an extremely talented multi instrumentalist having mastered didgeridoo, lap slide, stombox, harmonica and percussion whilst topping it off as a singer song writer. Voted as the number one home grown talent on Australia’s got Talent, he appeared as the special guest on the Grand Final night of this show last year. He has many other fantastic accomplishments including winning the South West heats of the Next Big Thing in 2008 and 2009 and has just returned from a tour of Northern WA, coming back to play in his home town of Albany.

It says something that he chose our choir to perform with – he obviously retains respect for a program that he has a very good knowledge of.

If you haven’t already got a ticket to this concert – you might as, Molly Meldrum says, – do yourself a favour!

Alan Dowsett – Principal

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.

Forthcoming Events

First Assembly Term 2: Friday 17 May
P&C Meeting- Staffroom: Mon 20 May 7.15pm
PaCE Meeting: Tues 21 May 12.30pm
Eagles Cup vs Little Grove: Tues 22 May
School Board Meeting: Wed 22 May
In Term Swimming: Rooms 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, PP1, PP2 Mon 20 - Fri 31 May
Earn and Learn Finishes: Sat June 8

On The Noticeboard Outside Room 6

There are spaces for swimming lessons during term 2.

Albany Swim Registration night Fri 17 May

School Vision Statement Feedback

As per information given in last week we are seeking feedback about our recently developed School Vision Statement. This 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.

My feedback to the newly developed vision statement is as follows;

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Comments from some of our students included:

“Fire truck outside the car park. I pressed the siren button.” Joshua

“I squirted the hose.” Jasper

“Mr. Barrington and I watched the fireman use the jaws of life. The siren wasn’t too loud for me.” Christoff

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