Dear Parents and Friends

Lapathon/Cross Country Sponsorship
Hopefully by now you will have received the sponsorship forms associated with the P&C’s major annual fundraiser to be held this term. This will have similar components but is essentially asking students to gather sponsorship for their involvement in two different activities:

- Pre-primary to Year 3 students will be involved in a Lapathon where they will be sponsored according to the number of laps they walk in 45 minutes. This event is to be held **Wednesday 19 June**.

- Year 4 to 7 students will be gathering sponsorship that relates to their involvement in the Faction Cross Country competition to be held on **Monday 17 June**. Their sponsorship will relate to their individual times – the quicker they finish their run on the day the more money they collect from their sponsor. This will encourage involvement and at the same time raise funds for the P&C.

All students who participate in this fundraising and return their sponsorship by the due dates will participate in a draw for prizes.

P&C funds are an extremely valuable resource and assist in adding that little bit extra to what the school can offer. Over the years P&C funds have been used for many worthwhile projects – last year this included purchasing interactive whiteboards for the school.

Besides the fundraising aspect the sponsorship also encourages physical activity. The cross country in particular benefits greatly by increasing the focus on each child improving the time they take to complete the cross country circuit – I am sure this motivates and improves participation levels.

I hope that you can encourage your child’s involvement. All amounts of money no matter how small, will be gratefully received.

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School Photos
You will also hopefully have received the information package related to school photos. As I am hoping you will have seen on the term planner, the time for school photos is fast approaching **Tuesday June 4**. The most basic packages are no more than $20. To access these photos at this price, payment needs to be made before the photos are done. You can get hold of the photos at a later stage, but the costs are greater.

Choir Performs with “Fingers” Cullen
There aren’t many in life who can say that they have sung back up vocals to a genuine rock star (well maybe up and coming!), but a group of 32 students from our choir had this opportunity on Saturday night. Mitchell “Fingers” Cullen, a former student, is certainly a prodigious talent and with an appearance on national TV and an album of original music recorded he could be on his way to becoming very successful in this industry. Despite not a huge preparation, the students involved played their part superbly. I am sure this event will live on in the student’s memories for many years ahead, particularly if Mitchell becomes one of those famous faces of the music business.

With a reasonably long rehearsal on Saturday afternoon and a quite long concert the commitment of the students and parents to be involved was fantastic. There were plenty of tired but happy faces at the end of the night – many thanks to all involved. Particular thanks to **Mrs Wilson** who has shown huge commitment to provide such a fantastic opportunity for our students. I am sure that it can only inspire them to continue their interest in singing and music for as long as possible.

Earn and Learn
How are you going collecting your Earn and Learn stickers? Remember to ask for these when you are shopping at Woolies – they are not always given automatically. Encourage your wider family and friends as well to be involved – we do have a collection box at each of the Woolworths stores in Albany. I am hoping that we can make the most of this opportunity. **Earn and Learn ends on Saturday June 8**.

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Alan Dowsett – Principal
Forthcoming Events

Next Assembly       Fri 24 May
In Term Swimming    Rooms 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, PP1, PP2 Mon 20 - 31 May
Public Holiday      Mon 3 June
In Term Swimming    Rooms 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 17, 18, 19 Tues 4 - 14 June
Eagles Cup vs       Great Southern Grammar Tues 4 June
School Photos       Tues 4 June
Earn and Learn Finishes Sat June 8

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fotoworks will be at the school to take school photos on Tuesday 4 June for all students except Kindy 2, who will have theirs taken in the morning on Friday 7 June. You should have received a package containing information and instructions for paying for your photos.

Please bring your envelope on the day and give to the photographer. Please make sure that correct change is placed in the envelope as the photographers, the school office and the canteen cannot give change. Any child who forgets to bring their envelope on the photo day will have a second chance to order school photos after the photos have been returned to the school, however additional charges will apply.

Parents wishing to purchase sibling photos must collect a separate envelope from the school office. Please note that the sibling package is different from the schools package and details are outlined on the envelope. Sibling photos will be taken at recess and lunch times on the 4 June.

DISABLED PARKING BAYS
These bays are available at both, the car park at the Education Support Centre and the public car park in Reidy Drive. At this stage these bays are to be utilised in the same way as in other areas of the City. **That is, you must have an approved ACROD sticker for your car.** Information about how to obtain such a sticker is available at the school.

We also ask, that if possible when you are picking up or delivering a disabled child, you vacate the bay as soon as you have completed this process. This will enable others to make use of these bays during the day as well as at school arrival and departure times.

We don’t have an abundance of these spaces and a number of families rely on these bays to get their children in and out of the school safely. It is important that people are thoughtful and considerate in their use of these areas.

No Active

There will be no Active on Monday **27th May.**
Active will be as normal on Wednesday **29th May.**
Monday secession will commence as normal on Monday the **10th 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.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.

Jasmyn Rm 7       Kyse Rm 7
Joshua Rm 9       Baise Rm 9
Jasmine Rm 2      Tylor Rm 2
Titan Rm 18       Callum Rm 18
David Rm 1        Andie Rm 19
Room 8            Taya Rm 3
Taadjiduk Rm 19   Jake Rm 3
Emma Rm 10        Jesse Rm 10

LUCKY TICKET DRAW
Recognising effort, excellence and good citizenship. Congratulations to these students who won ice cream tickets at the assembly last Friday.

Kyse Rm 7
Jade Rm 3
William Rm 22
Imogen Rm 7
Crystal Rm 22
Chad Rm 22
Jessica Rm 7
Chantelle Rm 4
Mitchell Rm 7

ASSEMBLY
Please note there will be a school Assembly this Friday.
**Room 18** will be doing their Assembly item on **Friday 31 May.**
On Friday the students had another great afternoon. They had a visit from the Joyce de Rugler from the Albany Regional Hospital. Joyce runs the Hospital Familiation Program through The Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital. This is an incursion that goes to schools and kindergartens. It is a fun and interactive 2 hour incursion where the children enjoyed learning about hospitalisation.

They learn about medical equipment and aspects of hospitalisation in the familiar environment of the classroom.

It is an informal, hands-on session using real equipment. The program reinforces and supports all areas of the curriculum.

This is another part of our Protective Behaviour Program about people in the community who help us.

Now back to the Mega Skills I was writing about last term. We are now up to:

**Mega Skill Number 7: Caring**
The Virtues Project Cards say
“Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about other people you help them. You do a caring job, giving your very best effort. You treat people and thing gently and respectfully. Caring makes the world a safer place”

You are practicing caring when you...
- Show care for others, yourself and the earth
- Look at people and listen closely
- Handle things with care
- Are gentle with people and things placed in your care
- Treat your body with respect
- Work with enthusiasm and excellence

What can you do to model and help your child to be a caring individual?

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

**MAKING FRIENDS**
This incursion will be in the school on Wednesday 5 June. See back page of newsletter for details.

**BIG THANKYOU**
A big THANK YOU to parents and students who gave a good portion of their Staturday to practicing and performing at the ‘FINGERS” Concert.

**ILLNESS AND SCHOOL**
Parents please do not send your children to school if they are obviously unwell and keep them at home until they are fit enough to attend classes. By keeping your unwell child at home:
- You are enabling them to recover more quickly with rest.
- Protecting other students and staff at school from also becoming unwell.

**A few helpful tips.**
- If your child is unfortunate enough to develop a vomiting and/or diarrhoeal illness please do not allow them to return to school until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea.
- Students with chicken pox must be excluded from school for at least 5 days after the rash has appeared and until the vesicles have formed crusts. (Crusts alone do not warrant exclusion).
- Conjunctivitis (eye infection): After commencement of antibiotic eye drops from the GP, exclude from school/work until discharge from the eyes has ceased.
- Head lice: Exclude until day after shampoo treatment to kill eggs and lice.

If you are not sure about when you child should return to school please contact the school nurse.

**On The Noticeboard**
**Outside Room 6**

**East Narrogin Primary School**
50 year Anniversary on Saturday 9 November.

**Bedwetting**
A DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed, It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

“I Don’t Wanna Play House”
A free performance that touches on child abuse, domestic violence and ultimately escape.

**2013 July School Holiday Program**
Don’t miss the chance to see your favourite Fremantle Dockers Players up close and personal.
Louise has moved interstate over the summer break and the only person that she knows at her new school is Cameron, the little boy who lives next door. Cameron is really sweet but he’s only five and going to school for the first time. Louise encounters difficulties when she tries too hard to fit in and make friends at her new school, so she starts inventing ways to avoid having to go.

Making Friends looks at building new relationships, fitting in and dealing with bullying. Amusing, updated, fractured fairytales, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and the Three Little Pigs, both written in rhyming couplets are used to entertain while getting the shows simple “ABCs” strategy across.


Along with three outrageous pigs, a very cool wolf and one very wicked queen; two students are invited up on stage to play the roles of Snow White and the Handsome Prince. Simple, easy to remember strategies for making friends and solving conflicts are reinforced throughout this very funny and entertaining performance.

This incursion will be on Wednesday the 5th June and is for students in Kindergarten to Year 5. A permission note is being sent home for parents to complete and send back with payment to the class teachers.

We are aware that the cost of other events this term have required families to pay out more than usual. For this reason the school is subsidising the cost of this incursion and the cost to your child will be $3.00.