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- The first Europeans to visit the Western coast of Australia were Dutch explorers in the 1600s. Later a French party also visited the area. However, many early visitors were not positive about the land’s potential so they travelled further.
- In 1826, the first British settlement, an outpost of the army, was established in Western Australia in Albany.
- During 1827, Admiral Sir James Stirling led a number of explorations along Australia’s west coast and recommended that a permanent settlement should be established in the Swan River area. In 1829, he returned to the area with a navy vessel, HMS Challenger, and the merchant ship Barque Parmelia.
- On June 1, 1829, Australia’s west coast was sighted from the Parmelia, although the ship did not reach anchor until the following day. Later that year, more ships arrived in the area and Perth was officially founded. The area was known as the Swan River Colony until 1832, when it became known as Western Australia.
- In 1834, Stirling, who was now administrator of Western Australia, decided to hold an annual celebration to unite the settlers, masters, servants and Indigenous Australians within and around the colony. June 1 was the chosen date because it was the anniversary of the first sighting of Western Australia from the Parmelia and marks an important victory for the British navy over the French in 1794.

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Forthcoming Events
Next Assembly Fri 31 May
Public Holiday Mon 3 June
In Term Swimming
  Rooms 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 17, 18, 19  4 - 14 June
Eagles Cup
  vs Great Southern Grammar Tues 4 June
School Photos Tues 4 June
Making Friends Incursion Wed 5 June
Earn and Learn Finishes Sat June 8

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
Parents of children in Rooms 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 17, 18 & 19 are reminded that their swimming lessons start on Tuesday 4 June.

| Group 2 Lessons commence on Tuesday 4 June 2013 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Lesson Time     | Class           |
| 9.50-10.30      | Room 9          |
|                 | Room 19         |
| 10.30-11.10     | Room 3          |
|                 | Room 18         |
| 11.10-11.50     | Room 2          |
|                 | Room 17         |
| 11.50-12.30     | Room 1          |
|                 | Room 5          |
| 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 $3.00 per day for the bus.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.
Lahni Rm 8  Tenisha Rm 8
Ila Rm 8   Dale Rm 8
Callum Rm 8 La’Shae Rm 1
Tyler Rm 7  Stephen Rm 11
Rueben Rm 17  Tyree Rm 17
Tyresha Rm 19  Shantelle Rm 19
Alexis Rm 18  Jack Rm 18
Tyson Rm 7   James Rm 7
Luke Rm 5   Rebecca Rm 5
Taylor Rm 3  Makayla Rm 3
Ari Rm 1    Xavier Rm 4
Owen Rm 4   Chantelle Rm 4
Carrly Rm 10  Desirae Rm 10

KINDY’S SANDPIT.
A THANKYOU TO ALBANY LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES WHO KINDLY DONATED SAND, FOR KINDYS SANDPIT.

Layla from Room 4 Was presented with a “Lions Children of Courage” Award at the end of last term
Well done Layla.
Last Friday, the students stayed on campus during Community Access time due to swimming lessons. They cooked pizza and popcorn and watched the movie “Lightning McQueen” The Thursday afternoon shopping and cooking group bought the ingredients to make the food and the Friday group had lots of fun cooking and eating.

Last week, Tempo Tricycles visited our school to show us their tricycles, bikes and scooters. Tempo Tricycles make trikes with modifications to support people with disabilities. Some of our students had lots of fun trying out the various bikes and trikes and scooters. We had visitors from other organisations as well as I invited most groups that have people with disabilities as their clients.

Mega Skill Number 8: Teamwork.
Teamwork is defined as “Co-operative effort by the members of a group or a team to achieve a common goal.”
In teaching teamwork, it is best to start small. A parent and a child or two can be a great sized team to begin to teach teamwork. Perhaps begin with a teamwork task that has a parent, teacher or support person as a leader, role modelling leadership skills. Or a mini-team of two or three children, with a small, easily achievable goal to work toward over a short timeframe – doing the dishes or tidying up after play. Assigning tasks with small rewards or encouragement opportunities taken at regular intervals will also encourage the development of team work skills.
On the Thursday and Friday I was in Perth for the WA Education Support Principals & Administrators Association Conference, Meeting of the Minds. Thank you, Shelley Redmond for covering for me while I was in Perth.
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
Scouts - Join the Adventure

Scouts Australia provides young Aussies aged 6 to 25 with fun and challenging opportunities to grow through adventure.

Today's Scouts can take part in an extraordinary variety of outdoor activities, from ‘traditional Scouting skills’ such as camping and bushcraft, through to other challenges such as abseiling, overnight hiking, rafting and canoeing.

Scouts can get involved in performing arts, leadership development, community service, amateur radio operation and environmental projects. Scouts also learn valuable practical skills such as first aid and cooking... and fun skills, like how to build a ballista and fire wet sponges at their mates!

Scouts are separated into age-based sections:
Meet weekly - Joey Scouts (6-8yrs), Cub Scouts (7.5-11yrs), Scouts (10.5-15yrs).
Meet to suit them - Venturer Scouts (14.5-17yrs)

For more details contact 3rd Albany Group Leader Jenny Treeby on 0428 447 988 or visit www.scouts.com.au for more info.

Bendigo Bank School Banking Program at Spencer Park Primary School

Hi everyone,

We would like to let you all know we are still doing School Banking on a fortnightly basis on Thursday mornings between 8:20 – 8:45am for those children who wish to participate. If your child does not yet have a Bendigo Piggy Passbook or Student account and would like them to participate please come and see us in Room 99 at the school for more information or call into the branch.

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