Dear Parents and Friends

Placement of New Building

Last week School Board member Linda Taylor, Principal of the Education Support Centre Diane Edwards, and myself, met with the architect and officials from the Education Department and Department of Housing and Works to discuss placement of the new early childhood building on our school site. This meeting followed on from previous School Board meetings to discuss this issue and a meeting of a similar group held earlier in the term. Staff have also had time to consider the plan put forward. A number of options have been considered but the most likely and favoured option by those that have been involved with discussions thus far in relation to this issue is the one detailed in the plan on the last page of today’s newsletter. The placement of the building on the north side of the new BER Building does take into account the following considerations:

- The early childhood facilities cannot go back in the same position that they are currently – the building is too big for this area and the old facilities would need to be relocated whilst the building program was underway – adding considerably to the cost. At the end of the building project these transportable buildings will be removed. The area that currently houses the pre-primary buildings will be returned to play areas and the bus sheds from the area on the north side of the Education Support Centre will be relocated on the old kindergarten site.
- Getting the new building connected to the school was a prime factor. The new building does also include 2 junior primary classes (most likely Year 1 classes) – this will mean that the 2 classes in the BER building will also become junior primary, keeping a contingent of these age groups together.
- Due to the age groups using the new building it does need parking close by; the location favoured does offer this service quite well in the context of other factors that are important. This additional parking in a different location should be seen as a bonus as it will take pressure off our main public car park area.

Pre-primary and Kindergarten children do need a separate, fenced play area – this has to be taken into consideration when placing these facilities. As you will see the northern boundary of this area is also the boundary of the school. This will be fenced, closing off the entry to the school via the Andrews St cul-de-sac.

The actual design of the building is the standard plan currently used by the Education Department. It is the same design used for the new early childhood facilities at Yakamia PS.

The School Board is seeking feedback about this development so that a final decision can be made by the end of the term. I have added a cut out form for this purpose in today’s newsletter – any positive or constructive feedback will be welcomed.

Earn and Learn 2013

Woolworths are again running their Earn and Learn promotion this year and we have again opted to be involved. This will commence next Monday 8 April and 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 – I 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. I hope that you can help out.

Interim Reports

Our Interim Report performance giving you a brief snapshot of your child’s approach to learning in this first part of the school year will be distributed at the end of this term. This should give you some idea about how your child has started the year in terms of their behaviour and in relation to some key areas that can give an indication of the level of effort and care being taken to produce their best. Please see your child’s teacher promptly should you have concerns, so that these can be addressed before the year continues much further.

Year 7 Immunisation Program

The move of year 7’s into high school in 2015, has prompted a rethink of this vaccination program. A decision has been made to carry this out in year 8. As such there will be no vaccination program for year 7’s this year. This will now be conducted for these
students in year 8, and, as such, our current year 7 group will have their routine vaccinations carried out in 2014.

Interschool Swimming Carnival
For those of you with children selected in our school swimming team I hope that you can get along and support their endeavours at this event next week Thursday 11 April. It is terrific that many of these students have been coming along to early morning swimming training in an effort to improve their technique and fitness levels – I hope that this pays off for each child involved. Your presence as parents will, I am sure, inspire some additional effort and help to produce the best performance possible from our swimmers on the day.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

PS Great to see so many great Easter Hats last week – many thanks to those parents who supported their child’s involvement!!

KEY DATES

Next Assembly Fri 5 April
Interschool Cricket vs Yakamia Fri 5 April
Interschool Swimming Carnival Thurs 11 April
Earn and Learn Commences Mon 8 April
Pursuit of Excellence Assembly Fri 12 April
ANZAC Assembly Fri 19 April
Last Day of Term Fri 19 April
Interim Reports Distributed Fri 19 April
Students commence Term 2 Tues 7 May

FOUND
Silver brooch with a pearl in the centre. Found in Dental centre carpark. Please contact the school office.

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.

CONCERT AND FREE DRESS DAY
We will be holding a concert on Wednesday 10 April from 1.10pm in the school hall. All classes will perform their songs. This will also be a Free Dress day so please bring a gold coin donation for Telethon.

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

Sarah Rm 4       Leearna Rm 5
Jye Rm 3             Amelie Rm 5
Bella Rm 2         Leah Rm 7
Heaven Rm 18   Nikita Rm 8
Josh Rm 2               Sam Rm 8

IN-TERM SWIMMING FORMS
Enrolment forms for In-Term swimming are being sent home with your child today. These need to be returned to the class teacher by Friday the 10th May. Payment is required before lessons commence.

The cost of lessons this year will be $6.00 per day per student. Payments can be made by EFTPOS at the school office or to your class teacher. A timetable of lesson times will appear in a newsletter early next term.

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

Kaizen Rm 4  Caspar Rm 4
James Rm 11  Sam Rm 11
Jessica Rm 7  Tyler Rm 7
Tarryn Rm 4  Caitlyn Rm 18
Tristan Rm 10 Zoe Rm 18
Jess-Ammee Rm 10

New Building Plans Feedback
My feedback in relation to the new building plans as attached are as follows:

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Last week the Ed Support students went to Camp Quaranup for 3 days and 2 nights. We left on Tuesday in the cold and wet. We had planned to go to the beach to swim, but instead we went for a walk down to the jetty before lunch.

After lunch, the weather fined up a little so we went for a long walk on the beach. We climbed a sand hill and ran down it. We saw lots of dead fish on the beach. We also saw lots of rubbish!!

Later, some of us stayed in the warm recreation room and some of us went rogaining. The rogaining was fun. In the evening some of our parents came out to join us for dinner. We all slept well after a long day.

On Wednesday, we went to Whale World. We loved the ‘Walk on the Wild Side’ animals, the big ship and the movies. The swing and slide were also a big hit. When we got back we went for a very long beach walk. This time we took plastic bags with us, to collect the rubbish on the beach.

On Thursday, it rained again but we still had fun. We played on the low ropes course and went for a bush walk. Then it was time to pack up and come home for a long weekend.

Thanks to the staff who slept over: Cicele Finlay, Tracy Sambell, Wilma Tognetti, Lara Eyles, Fiona Roberts, Marissa Paull, Leonie Wills, Ben Riener, Warren Barrington, John Brogmus and Shelley Redmond.

Thanks also to the other staff: Kylie Sim, Leanne Powell, Tully Marwick, Jo Kellett, Leanne Grey, Natasha Cekerevac, Silke Malpass, Angie Young, Sue Merli and Kristin Ellery. Without the support of staff, who work long days without a break, camp is not possible.

Finally, big thanks go to Shelley Redmond, our outstanding camp organiser and fund raiser. Without her dedication and determination the camp would not happen.

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

REMINDERS

- The cooperation of all parents is sought in ensuring students arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.50am. Late students disrupt classes and we are unable to guarantee supervision prior to 8,30am. Students who arrive late receive a late slip from their teacher. End of school siren is at 3.10pm. Please ensure students are collected promptly.

- Nits/headlice are a constant problem in schools but are primarily a parent responsibility. Regular checks are urged and you are thanked for your cooperation.