Dear Parents and Friends

Reports Distributed Tomorrow
We have arrived quickly at that time of the year when our first formal summative report is to be distributed. I am hoping that the information you receive does give you a reasonably clear indication of your child’s performance. Please remember that the main percentage of our students will be assessed as C (Satisfactory) – this is working at level. Those assessed as B (Good) or A (Excellent) have achieved above and well beyond what is expected for their year level. Anyone with these assessments is certainly doing well and needs commendation.

I would hope that assessments of a child’s levels that fall in the D (limited) or E (Very Low) categories do not come as a surprise to parents – a child performing at these levels should be known to the parent before the report arrives. Whilst these aren’t grades that we would want for our children, before anyone is too critical of a child it is important to look at effort levels and rates of progress. Children who may not have great grades but are making steady progress and giving their best need to be encouraged and supported, these children may not be first in the race but will get there in the end. The last thing we want these students to do is give up and not want to pursue learning with vigour.

We are also in a transition phase when it comes to the implementation of the Australian Curriculum, full implementation of the first phase of learning areas (English, Maths, History and Science) and reporting in relation to this program of learning is not due until the first set of reports in 2015. A letter attached to your child’s report will give some explanation in relation to this.

The written comments are also an important aspect of reports – these should provide you with feedback that you and your child can use to improve performance. If this is unclear or needs further clarification please see your child’s classroom teacher. Sometimes acting upon a simple piece of feedback can make a big difference to a child’s progress and achievement.

Whatever the situation with your child’s report ensure that they know that the information it contains is important and that a good education is crucial and valued. This has to impact on motivation and enthusiasm levels in classrooms and ultimately the capacity of the teacher to extract the best outcomes for each and every child.

Interschool Cross Country Success
Last week we added to our successful sporting year by winning the Handicap Shield at the Interschool Cross Country. In my time we have never won such a shield, fantastic achievement! We also finished 5th overall, again a very good team result. Our Year 4 girls in particular did well – all finishing in the top 20. Congratulations go to Callum Year 4, who finished Runner Up Champion in his event.

NAIDOC Week
Our opening assembly really got the week going well and has helped to ensure that this year’s NAIDOC program is as good as any that we have conducted previously.

You may want to keep an ear on our local ABC Radio station over the next week. (Officially NAIDOC nationally is commemorated between 7 and 14 July) Four of our students from Room 19, Kasey, Macy, Mitchell and Andie were interviewed about NAIDOC and what it means to them as part of a feature being run by the ABC. Many thanks, to one of our parents, Rachel Colmer, who organised for our students to have this great opportunity.

Like any of these programs its organisation is dependent upon many people coming together and adding their contribution. A big thank you goes to Mr Hockey, Mrs Williams, Mrs Arnold our PaCE Coordinator, Mrs Averil Dean, Grandparent for providing the Welcome to Country and many others who have helped out during the week.

Chevron City to Surf for Activ
If you have a child who is into running you may be interested in them entering this event to be held in Albany on Sunday 4th August. Entry fees go to Appealathon and Activ Foundation. There are a number of categories including 4km walk, 4km run or 12km walk, 12km run. You can visit chevroncitytosurf.com/Albany for more information.

End of Term
Another term has come and gone and we are now at the midpoint of the year! I am sure that with a busy agenda next term that this time will also fly past.
Please keep your term planners handy or access our website regularly to keep up to date with events and happenings.

One event to keep in mind is HOT! HOT! HOT!, the title of our biannual performing arts showcase, which is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday 25 September and will be held at the Albany Entertainment Centre. At this stage I am anticipating that most students from Year 3 to 7 will be involved – please keep this in mind when planning family movements at this time. More specific information will come next term.

I hope everyone has a great holiday and I look forward to seeing refreshed and rejuvenated students and parents back next term.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

Forthcoming Events

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Applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary Programs in 2014

Applications for your child to be enrolled in kindergarten (4 year olds) and pre-primary (5 year olds) are now being taken at our school office. If your child is entering our school for the first time their birth certificate and immunisation details will be required.

The closing date for applications is Friday 26 July. Getting your application in before this date will be important in securing a place with our school in 2014.

If your child is currently enrolled in our 4 year old program you will still need to make contact with the school office to ensure your child is registered for the pre-primary (5 year olds) program in 2013.

RECYCLING CLUB
ROOM 8 YEAR 3

To the school community I am on Long Service Leave for Terms 3 and 4. Room 8 will NOT BE COLLECTING CANS and BATTERIES while I’m away.

Thank you for the donations received this year.

Good recycling
Catherine Burges – Class Teacher.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

We congratulate the following students who received Pursuit of Excellence Awards for Term 2 at the Assembly held on the 1 July 2013.

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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.

LUCKY TICKET DRAW

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

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HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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Last Friday, for Community Access, we had a visit from an inspector from the RSPCA, her name is Helen. She told us how to look after our own pets and the role she plays in the wider community looking after the welfare of both domestic and farm animals.

Helen explained her role to be like a police person for animals.

We talked about what we should do to keep our pets safe and well. We asked lots of questions. Hayley-Jane asked what sort of car the lady had to transport animals. She said she has a dual cab UTE. She has lots of leads and nets to catch animals and keep them safe.

We all received a magnet, bookmark and stickers as a reminder. It was a very informative and fun afternoon.

It has been a great term and the students have all made gains on their Individual Education Plans. Reports will come home Friday or be posted as required.

Remember we have Disabled Children’s Foundation raffle books to sell. Best time is over the holidays when things are a bit more relaxed at home. ALL the money made from the sale of the tickets goes towards SPESC Camp 2014. We have 40 books to sell with a possible profit of $1200.

Also we have an opportunity to raise $500 towards the 2014 Camp by manning the sausage sizzle at the NASHS/ASESC P & C Market at the Centennial oval on the 20 of July. There are 2 hour slots starting from 7:30 to about 2:00. Please call Sharon or Janelle to volunteer a bit of your time to cut the cost of the camp for all children.

Money raised for the camp goes towards covering the cost of the staff to attend the camp, accommodation and food. If there are any funds left over this goes towards reducing the cost per child. Without the fund raising the camp costs would be too expensive for most families.

Have a great holiday with your little darlings. As I have said before they are with you for such a short time. Enjoy!!!

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

NAIDO WEEK SPORTING EVENTS

Spencer Park was successful in the special NAIDOC Week netball and football games against Mt Lockyer.

Eagles Cup
Spencer Park 73       Mount Lockyer 29

Netball
Spencer Park 35       Mount Lockyer 2

FOUND

During swimming lessons a mini i-pod was found on the bus. If you have lost this please come to the school office with a description of the item.

On The Noticeboard
Outside Room 6

Official Opening of the Refurbishment and Extensions of the Clubrooms at Middleton Beach on Saturday 27 July 2013 at 2.00pm.

Details are on the noticeboard with a copy of invitations.

Touch football WA School School Holiday Clinics
Langley Park, Perth.

KidspaceWA Great Southern- New office now open
Pocket-money

Recent research shows that Australian children are generally good savers. They don't all squander their pocket-money on toys, sweets and other treats, as may have been believed. Nearly 50 per cent of 7 to 12-year-olds have accumulated over $100 in savings which is excellent considering allowances are usually in the $3 to $5 per week range.

Regular pocket-money gives children some independence and allows them to regulate their own financial affairs without continually asking their parents for money. Pocket-money helps remove some of the pressure to buy that children exert on parents.

**Bright ideas**

1. Pay children pocket-money on a regular basis so they can plan ahead and budget. Give them coins — this allows them to immediately allocate money for different purposes.

2. Encourage them first of all to set aside some coins for saving rather than saving the money left over.

3. Ensure banking day follows pay day which makes saving easier.

4. Provide children with guidelines to help them regulate their use of pocket-money. Let them know what you will buy and the types of expenditure that they are responsible for.

5. It is a good idea not to use allowances as rewards or bribes for good behaviour or chores. Find other ways of encouraging children to cooperate and keep pocket-money and behaviour separate.

6. Consider providing older children with a considerable sum which can cover such items as fashion clothing, lunch money, fares and other recurring costs. Help them to establish a budget and allow them to regulate their own spending within limits.

7. Encourage children to establish savings goals. Most children have wish lists containing expensive items which they hope their parents will buy. Show them that they can purchase a wanted item by putting a little aside each week allowing the amount to build up. Not only does this provide kids with a great deal of satisfaction but they usually always look after goods when they have saved hard to buy them.