NEWSLETTER No. 21

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome Back
I hope everyone was able to enjoy some time with their children over the holidays and that you are ready to begin the second half of the year.

As always it will be a busy term. Open Night is scheduled for Wednesday 4 September 6.00 – 7.30pm, please ensure that you have this marked in your diaries.

Another one of the significant events for the term will be HOTIHOTIHOTI, our biannual performing arts showcase to be held on September 25 in the Albany Entertainment Centre. Tickets for this event involving most students from year 3 to 7 will go on sale at the AEC about mid term. At this stage ticket prices will be $19 Adult and $10 for children, please keep this in mind as we get closer to the time that tickets become available. I am sure that this will be a great night, one not to be missed. Performing in such a wonderful venue will also be a fantastic experience for our students. Further information in relation to this event will be provided as it becomes available.

NAIDOC Week Sporting Success
As you may be aware our annual “Dreamtime” sporting contest versus Mt Lockyer is held during NAIDOC week. I am pleased to report that this year Spencer Park won both the netball and football games. I can’t remember in my time having ever beaten Mt Lockyer in netball – this was a great achievement by the players involved. Many thanks to Mrs Simpson for her work in coaching and preparing this team for what was also a convincing win. Congratulations also go to Dylan Rm 10 and Nardia Rm 9 who were our best players on the day.

In recording a win against Mt Lockyer our football team extend their successful season and unbeaten run in Eagles Cup. In the end this was also a convincing win and another great team effort by those involved. Congratulations go to Tristan Rm 10 and Joshua Rm 9 who were our best players on the day. Many thanks go to Phil Gilbert and the students from Clontarf who did an excellent job with the umpiring and also to Mr Hockey who is having a fantastic year of coaching, (we may have to extend his contract and find some additional dollars to pay him!!)

Thank you also goes to the many parents who came along to the games and supported those involved – this is greatly appreciated.

Another Opportunity to Purchase an Engraved Brick
I am sure that all of you who enter the school from the public carpark will have seen the engraved bricks near the entry to the hall. This was organised during the school’s 50th Anniversary in 2009 and obviously gave past and current students at the time the opportunity to permanently and publicly record their involvement at our school. Given the time that has elapsed since we are again offering the opportunity to purchase an engraved brick and have this placed amongst the existing pavers at the front of the hall.

Individual bricks will cost $30 each – we are hoping for an order of over 100, as this will allow access to free freight. I have attached an order form to today’s newsletter. This will need to be returned along with your money to our school office. We will collect orders until the end of term to give people as long as possible to gather the money needed and submit their order.

Provided we don’t have to pay freight, there will be some profit in each order; this will go to the P&C as a fundraiser.

This is an opportunity that won’t come again for sometime, due to the cost, this isn’t something we will do annually.

Lapathon/Cross Country Sponsorship
In what was a fantastic effort nearly $3000 was raised for the P&C from the sponsorship of these two events. A big thank you to all of those families who supported their children in these activities. All of those people who submitted their funds by the due date will now go into a draw for prizes. This draw will be conducted at our first assembly for the term on Friday 2 August.

Alan Dowsett – Principal
**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.

**IS YOUR CHILD ATTENDING KINDERGARTEN FOR THE FIRST TIME?**

The National Health & Medical Research Council (NH&MRc) recommends that children who have turned 4 years of age have the following booster immunizations:

- DTPa-IPV (vaccine against diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) and Polio)
- MMR (vaccine against Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- And all other WA schedule vaccinations recommended, completed.

**THESE VACCINES SHOULD BE GIVEN BEFORE STARTING PRE PRIMARY.**

If you need more information about these vaccines please phone one of the following:

- Immunisation Clinic – Anne Taylor, 98427500
- Central Immunisation Clinic in Perth – 93211312
- Australian Childhood Immunisation Register – 1800 653 809 or [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)
- Your Community Health Nurse

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**SmartRider**

Advice received from Loves Buses has stated that if a student loses their SmartRider card they will have to pay $1.10 per trip (NOT $0.50) until a new card is issued.

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**WA Education Awards**

Nominations for the WA Education Awards are now being called for. These awards celebrate schools and staff who have achieved outstanding results in education throughout the year. The awards cover a number of categories and acknowledge and thank individuals and schools for their achievements and enable them to further excel their results through professional development.

Categories for 2013 are:

- WA Premier’s Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
- WA Premier’s Primary Teacher of the Year
- WA Premier’s Secondary Teacher of the Year
- WA Primary Principal of the Year
- WA Secondary Principal of the Year
- WA Beginning Teacher of the Year
- WA School Support Staff Member of the Year
- WA Primary School of the Year
- WA Secondary School of the Year

Cash prizes will be awarded to finalists and winners of the nine categories. Prize money for individuals will incorporate a professional learning component which will not only benefit the individual but also the school and most importantly, its students.

Nominations for awards close on Friday 16 August. More information can be found at: [http://www.det.wa.edu.au/educationawards/detcms/portal/](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/educationawards/detcms/portal/)

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**HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?**

We need to know! Please call into the school office and check that we have the correct details for your children. This will help us care for your child more efficiently in the case of an emergency. This also relates to changes to those people who are listed as your emergency contacts.
Monday was a great day for the staff to upskill in a number of areas.

Shelley Redmond has renewed her First Aid Certificate through St John’s Ambulance.

Ten Education Assistants attended the second half of the Classroom Management Strategies training program. Five of the teachers and six EAs and I attended the ICT Professional Development sessions at Yakamia and Albany Primary Schools. We also had staff working back at the school to prepare the Centre for the return of the students. All in all it was a very productive day with many new ideas, valuable information and knowledge coming back into the Centre.

Welcome back Ty!!! Ty moved to Perth last year and has returned to Albany. It is great to have him back in the school.

Enrolments: We are now taking enrolments for our Early Intervention Program as well as Kindy and Pre-primary. If a student has an Intellectual Disability or Global Developmental Delay they can now be enrolled in the Education Support Centre from K through to Year 7. Give me a call if you would like more information.

For those students doing Hydrotherapy on Thursday the pool at the hospital is now open. Mrs Redmond attended a training session on Tuesday.

She is planning on resuming Hydro on Thursday the 1 August. So be sure to send in bathers, etc unless we have them at school already.

Remember we are again raising funds through the Disabled Children’s Foundation Raffle. ALL the money from the sale of the tickets comes back to the school for the school camp in 2014. We have raffle books to sell so if you are interested in supporting us please come to the office to get a book to sell.

We have a Canon Pixma print that is excess to our needs. Not sure how well it operates. Free to a good home along with a few ink cartridges.

We plan on having a school planner for the Centre out next week.

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

All parents are invited to
Cyber Safety
Informative sessions provided by:
CyberSmart

When: Wednesday, 14th August
Where: Spencer Park Primary School (Staff room)
Session Time: 6:30PM—7:40 PM
(All parents are encouraged to attend)
Free entry
Supported by the PaCE program at
Spencer Park Primary School
Further information please phone
Briony 0429012104

Would $500 assist you with education costs?
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:
- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

Anglicare WA delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Maureen Adams, Saver Plus Worker at Anglicare WA 9845 6617 or maureen.adams@anglicarewa.org.au

Saver Plus is a matched saving, and financial education program developed by Anglicare WA. The program is funded by Anglicare WA and delivered in partnership with Anglicare WA and the Department of Education, Training and Innovation, with funding from the Commonwealth Government. Anglicare WA encourages anyone who may need assistance or want to improve their financial literacy to contact us.

Did you save your cash bonus for education costs?
Saver Plus provides free financial education, budgeting and savings tips to assist you in making your money go further! Saver Plus will even match your savings dollars for dollar, up to $500 towards education costs. There’s no catch. To be eligible you need to have:
- a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school, starting next year or already
- some regular household income, e.g. you or a partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work.

Contact Maureen Adams at Anglicare WA on 9845 6617 or maureen.adams@anglicarewa.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by Anglicare WA and the Department of Education and Innovation and is funded by Anglicare WA and the Australian Government.
YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

Individual Paver

Your donation of $30 or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved in to paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in the area in front of the school hall.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 Max)

A unique and lasting record of your support.

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cheque or money order to:

Spencer Park Primary School P&C
26 Hardie Road
ALBANY WA 6330

Contact Name: ..............................................................................

Address: .........................................................................................

Phone: .............................................................................................

Offer closes on 27 September 2013

Please photocopy and pass on to business associates and friends.

Spencer Park Primary School P & C needs your support!