Dear Parents and Friends

Home Reading Program

For a couple of years now our school has provided Reading Logs to enable children in our younger years to record their home reading. These logs have provision for rewards at various milestones. (eg 50 nights reading, 75 nights reading and so on) Mostly where we have time, these rewards, stickers and goldies, are provided by someone in our school leadership team. Encouraging reading practice at home is a crucial part of developing early reading skill. It is pleasing that we have many children in recent weeks being rewarded for completing up to 200 nights of reading. This represents terrific commitment from both the students involved and their parents and is making a big difference to the scale of reading development being attained in our school. Recently I heard a number of children read in the pre-primary and was extremely pleased with the level of reading skill being shown by these very young children. Your support as parents in ensuring that your children are practicing their reading at home is a key part of this – many thanks.

Happy Campers Return

A tired but happy group of year 7 students returned home from camp last Thursday. As has been the case in the past I am sure that their experiences at this event will live on and become a real highlight of their time at primary school. From what I have heard they were blessed with some good weather and as such were able to make the most of all of the outdoor events, a feature of the Bridgewater Camp. This included bike riding, canoeing and from what I have heard the use of an exhilarating flying fox!

I was also pleased to hear that the students involved were well behaved and represented the school positively wherever they went. This certainly makes the role of the supervising adults much easier and helps greatly in making this an enjoyable experience not just for the students but also for the adults who commit to a high level of responsibility when they embark on such a venture.

Many thanks once again to Mrs Ruffell who is an enthusiastic supporter of this program and also to our staff Mr Hockey, Ms Moreton, Mr Hardy, as well as Mr Brogmus and Ms Paull from the Education Support Centre, who ensured that all students were well supported whilst they were away.

Booklists 2014

We are at that time of the year when you will soon receive your booklists for the new school year. Being able to submit your booklist order through the school is a service that has been available for many years at our school. Storm Office National has been our preferred supplier for a number of years and do an excellent job in ensuring that each booklist is collated and delivered within the timelines we require. Whilst you are free to gather the booklist items from any supplier of your choice, there are a number of benefits in organising your booklist order through the school:

- It is a significant fundraiser for our school’s P&C, they have returned a percentage of the total sales in commission from the supplier. Obviously the more people who get involved the bigger the amount that is received in commission. This commission is earned, in that members of our P&C are required to be available at the beginning of each year to distribute the orders and manage payment from parents. Keeping a portion of parent expenditure on school supplies makes an ideal fundraiser.
- It is a convenient service in that you simply submit your order and pick it up at the beginning of the school year, rather than having to gather the supplies from different places around Albany.
- We are supporting a local business.
- When you pick up your order, it is a one stop shop enabling you to pay your annual voluntary contributions and also pick up any school uniforms at the same time.

I hope that you can once again support the school in this way by submitting your booklist order through the school for next year’s supplies. It would be great to see a maximum percentage of people taking up this option when it comes to providing your child’s school supplies.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

Are you moving schools or locations in 2014?

It is crucial that you inform the school of any intention to move from Spencer Park in 2014. Our funding and the way we organise classes is dependent on an accurate approximation of student numbers in each year level across the school. From here on in, and for the remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2014 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.
**SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our next school disco will be held on Thursday 21 November. Times are as follows:

- Kindy to Year 3: 5.00pm to 6.30pm
- Years 4 to 7: 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Entry fee is $3.50 per child.

Please note that students who have been in time out this term will not be eligible to attend the disco.

**A responsible adult must deliver and collect all students from the hall.** Children will not be released from the hall until this occurs.

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**Voluntary Contributions and Charges 2014**

Our School Board met recently and approved the following voluntary contributions and charges for 2014.

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**Forthcoming Events**

Nominations Close School Board Vacancies: Thurs 14 Nov
Next Assembly Pre Prim 1: Fri 15 Nov
School Disco: Thurs 21 Nov
P&C AGM: Mon 25 Nov
Interschool Athletics Carnival (Track): Fri 29 Nov

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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.

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**SPENCER PARK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE**

The students did very well at the show with their painted footwear and grass heads. All the students received a certificate of participation. Prize winners were:

**"Grass Heads Competition"**

10-12 yrs
First prize: Christoff Swarts
Second prize: Emily Donner
7-9 yrs
First prize: Joshua Carson
Second prize: Ty McKenzie
**SECOND PRIZE HAMISH KIRBY**
**"DECORATIVE BOOTS COMPETITION"**

12-16 yr
**FIRST PRIZE CHRISTOFF SWARTS**
SECOND PRIZE EMILY DONNER
8-11 YR
**SECOND PRIZE ANGUS TETLOW**

Monday afternoons are interesting at SPESC. Mrs. Ellery takes group of students swimming at ALAC. These are students that benefit from the water activities and are well behaved in the community.

The balance of the students participate in Personal Care activities teaching them the importance of such things as brushing teeth, washing hands and face as well as practicing these skills.

Mr. Riemer has these students for the last session of the day for yoga. The class is using Yoga Motion DVD which teaches the students 10 easy to learn yoga routines. This is important for relaxation and self awareness. It improves strength and flexibility. Yoga is also important in developing core strength, balance and confidence as well as concentration.

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

**On The Noticeboard**

Amity Trail Walk for Carers on Thursday 21st November.