Dear Parents and Friends

P&C AGM
I am sure that you will be aware that the AGM for the P&C is scheduled for next Monday 25 November at 7.15pm in the staff room. Our P&C is obviously a key group within the school, providing a parent voice when it comes to the overall direction of the school, assisting the School Board when it comes to lobbying and influencing departmental and government policy in relation to school affairs and working hard to fundraise and maximise the resources available to the school. The P&C also specifically manages the canteen and the uniform shop, both key services provided at our school. An effective, well functioning and supportive P&C such as we have had over a long period of time can be a huge asset to the way a school operates.

Obviously committed leadership of the P&C group is important, whilst we have been fortunate over a long period to have quality people in these positions; an AGM is always an anxious time as we hope for good numbers of people willing to take on the responsibility of leading our group.

Getting involved with the school by either being a regular attender at P&C meetings or by taking on a leadership position is something that, I am sure, you will find a fulfilling and productive activity.

If you have any interest in getting actively involved in the school I would urge you to come along next Monday and nominate for the wide range of roles available. I hope to see you there.

Faction Athletics Carnival
A cool dry day made for pretty much perfect weather for our Faction Athletics Carnival last week. It was an enjoyable day with good behaviour and positive enthusiastic participation by all of those involved. Whilst there is a focus on developing the skills of athletics it is also about encouraging participation in physical activity, an important life habit when it comes to maintaining good health. Any child who enjoys this kind of activity should be greatly encouraged and supported – I hope that you were able to do this.

Many thanks to those who made a contribution to both the Tuesday (jumps, throws and long running Events) Thursday (track) sections of our athletics carnival;

- Mrs Binning for her terrific work in preparing and organising this event.
- Those parents who helped out, particularly on the Tuesday – it is difficult to manage this event without these people.
- Our own staff who also had a role in the weeks leading up preparing the students and during the event ensuring that our students knew what was expected.
- Medallion donors – your support is gratefully received and appreciated.
- All of those parents who came along on both days to encourage and support their children – your presence adds value to the event in many different ways.

My congratulations go to all of our medallion winners – this is a significant achievement that you should be very proud of. Also congratulations go to Red Faction, the winning team – their first win since 2004. In looking at this team – I don’t think that they will have to wait another long period for their next win.

Year 7 Transition Visits
Our Year 7 students are at ASHS today starting the first of 4 day long visits to prepare themselves for their shift to high school. All students will be involved with the first 3 days of this program even though some students are attending different high schools in 2014. This serves as a very useful familiarisation process building their understanding of what being in a high school feels like and an understanding of how a high school operates. Hopefully this does reduce any anxiety that may arise from what is quite a significant change; moving from a primary to secondary school.

The last of the 4 days of visits will allow those going to either ASHS or NASHS the opportunity to spend a day in these schools.

Many thanks to Mrs Ruffell for liaising with ASHS and enabling these additional opportunities for our students to prepare for their entry into high school.

Interschool Carnival
Following on from our own Faction Athletics Carnival last week, next week our school team will participate in the Interschool Athletics Carnival. This year we have the added responsibility of being the organising
school. As is usual this event is held at the North Road Athletics Centre over 2 days, with the jumps, throws and long running events on Tues 26 Nov and the track and team events on Friday 29 Nov. All of the public primary schools in Albany are involved as well as Denmark and Mt Barker – it is always very competitive and a great spectacle – I hope you can be there to support your child and our school.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

Voluntary Contributions and Charges 2014

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

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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 her 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.

Forthcoming Events
School Disco         Thurs 21 Nov
Next Assembly        Fri 22 Nov
P&C AGM              Mon 25 Nov
Interschool Athletics Carnival (Jumps)     Tues 26 Nov
(Track)               Fri 29 Nov
Christmas Service    Tuesday 3 Dec
NASHS/ASHS           Year 7 Orientation Day Fri 6 Dec

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.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.
Geo Rm 9
Talissa Rm 8
Jasmine Rm 3
Jack Rm 2
Sebin Rm 10
Sam Rm 7
Bryell Rm 1
Year 4/5 Green Faction Team

LUCKY TICKET DRAW
Recognising effort, excellence and good citizenship. Congratulations to these students who won ice cream tickets at the assembly last Friday.
Isaac Rm 17
Sheldon Rm 1
Kalan Rm 1
Thornton Rm 1
Sylvie Rm 3

INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL Donations of food required.
The P & C will be running a food stall at the Interschool Carnival next Friday 29th November. As such we are asking for donations of cakes, slices and sandwiches. These can be dropped at the canteen on Thursday 28th November or at the North Road Athletics Clubrooms on the day of the carnival.

Also if you can help out on the day at the stall this would be appreciated. Please give your name at the school office if you are able to help out in this way.

INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL
Help for interschool carnival
This year Spencer Park Primary School is hosting the Interschool Carnival. We would greatly appreciate any volunteer help that is available on 26 and 29 November. If you are available to assist with either the jumps and throws on Tuesday or the track events on Friday please return the slip below.

Yes I __________ am available to assist with the Interschool Sports Carnival on
Tuesday  ☐  Friday  ☐
 рано в утру, Диана посетила конференцию главных учителей поддержки образования в Бенбери. Это было очень информативно.

Последними пятницами, студенты посетили аэропорт Харри Ридж (Алберни) в рамках посещения сообщества. Это был чудесный визит. Они увидели, где багаж упаковывается и проверяется. Эмили проверяет Мисс Самбела на предмет взрывчатых веществ, в то время как Финли наблюдает.

Они видели несколько небольших самолетов взлететь и приземлиться. Они были заинтригованы двигателем на передней стороне.

В следующий вторник, центр отправится на день-поход в конце четверти. Мы идем на прогулку в Кэмп Квакану. Мы надеемся упражняться в утре и присоединиться к мероприятиям, организованным WA Disabled Sports Association в послеобеденное время. Наш последний поход в конце четверти ранний, чтобы включить в него Year 7s, которые будут участвовать в мероприятиях перехода в колледж в течение последних трех пятниц четверти.

Пожалуйста, держите в курсе всех своих вопросов с Дианой. Лучше всего зарезервировать время, позвонив 9841 1537, чтобы убедиться, что она будет доступна.

Диана Е Эдвардс, директор

ATHELETICS CARNIVAL

Большое спасибо всем родителям, которые помогли сделать праздник успешным: мисс Хэмптон, мисс Тикелл, мисс Коннелли, мисс Марвик, мисс Ханна, мисс Тейлор и всем родителям детей начальной школы.

Второе место получило зеленая команда с 839,5 баллами.

Третье место получила золотая команда с 792 баллами.

УГОДОВЕРЕННОСТЬ

КРИЗИС РИСУНКИ МАТЧА СПАСАНИЯ РОМБУС ЭЛЕКТРОНИК

Как это было традицией, мы с щедростью помогаем Салвация Армии в рождественской кампании. Каптен Нил был рад заполнить его автомобиль большим количеством подарков, которые были получены в прошлом году. Все эти подарки идут к семьям в нашем регионе, которые несут тяжелые времена. Мы хотели бы сделать еще одну коллекцию для Салвация Армии к Рождеству. Коробки будут доступны в классах для рождественских подарков и будут предложены Каптену Нилу на Рождественской сессии 3 декабря.

Пожалуйста, дайте: не переживающие едой: например, яблоки, рождественские пудинги, фруктовые салаты, консервированный винтаж и рождественские материалы.

Благодарим за вашу щедрость.

Фабиан Хардэй, священник

I learned to give not because I have much but because I know exactly how it feels to have NOTHING.

- Fabian Hardey, Chaplain
Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday, August 1 children with a special interest and talent for maths were involved in an Australia wide competition. At Spencer Park 17 children from Years 3 to 7 voluntarily tested themselves in this competition which is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. All children received participation certificates and 2 Year 3 children, Ila Rm 8 and Dannon Rm 5 received credit certificates indicating that they achieved results in the top 40% of their age group. Year 7 student Bryce Rm 11 received a Distinction certificate which placed him in the top 4% of children of his year level sitting the tests.

ASSEMBLY

Assembly commences at 8.55 in the school hall tomorrow Friday 22nd. This week Room 8 will be presenting an item. All welcome.

Parents of 4 year olds - Immunisations

Children who have turned 4 years of age are scheduled to received 2 injections, MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) and DTP – IPV (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, and Polio) vaccines. These are booster doses to ensure good levels of coverage against these life threatening diseases. These immunisations can now be given as early as 3.5 years of age.

From 1 July 2012, families will need to have their children fully immunized or have an approved exemption to receive the Family Tax Benefit Part A end-of-year supplement.

The supplement, worth $726 per child each year, will now only be paid once a child is fully immunised at one, two and five years of age, or has an approved exemption.

This means that over the three immunisation check points, families will have an incentive of more than $2,100.

If your child still requires his/her immunisations please see your usual immunisation provider or alternatively you are welcome to make an appointment for our Tuesday / Thursday Population Health Immunisation Clinic, in Albany. This is a free service, and appointments can be made by phoning 98427500.

If you have any questions relating to immunisation please do not hesitate to contact me on the phone number below or by email.

Email  anne.taylor@health.wa.gov.au

SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO TONIGHT

Our next school disco will be held tonight 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.

NITBUSTERS

Nit checks are being held on Tuesday 26th November. If you can help please be at the front office at 10.00 o’clock. The Nitbuster Ladies.

On The Noticeboard

Outside Room 6

Be Active Perth Wheelcats are coming to Albany!

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2013
5.00PM – 7.00PM

Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre

Watch an exciting demonstration game then HAVE A GO!

Free entry
Cafe open
Enquiries: Robyn 9841 4800

The Be Active Wheelcats after winning the Australian Wheelchair Basketball League Grand Final in September 2011. Photo courtesy of Robert Williams Photography.