Dear Parents and Friends

Very Successful Interschool Carnival
On a day where the weather was at one point warm enough to be pretty uncomfortable and then generated a wind that pretty much sand blasted all in attendance, we still managed to conduct and participate in a very successful event. The success of the day was measured at many levels:

- Our performance as a small school in winning the Handicap Shield and in coming 4th overall was a fantastic achievement. Winning or being highly placed in several senior team events was a highlight and was evidence of a great team spirit throughout the day.
- Two of our students Tom Chambers (year 4) and Kayla Thomas (Year 6) were awarded Runner Up Champion Medallions – a wonderful achievement given the quality of the competition.
- A well manned P&C food stall, showed publicly the kind of support the school enjoys.
- The event, hosted by us, was really well organised and ran without any significant issues throughout the day.
- The many staff who came in before school to help set up and be well prepared for the start of the event.

Many thanks go:

- Once again to Mrs Binning, this is a large scale event, but many hours of preparation and coordination and attention to detail resulted in a quality event – a great effort.
- To Mr Hockey for giving up many of his lunchtimes to selecting and training children for team events – this work really paid off for these students.
- To a large number of staff who selected and trained, prepared students for our team, assisted with the set up, diligently and professionally carried out support roles and encouraged and supported our students over the course of the competition.
- To parents who helped out on the P&C stall, supported in various roles or who simply turned up to support their children and the school.

Overall it was just a great team effort of staff, students and parents. We can breathe a sigh of relief that this is over but can do so with a great sense of satisfaction.

P&C AGM
As you may be aware early last week our P&C held their AGM, I am pleased to report that all of the key positions have been filled. It is also pleasing that for all of these positions the current incumbent has nominated to continue in the role in 2014. This kind of continuity has many benefits when it comes to ensuring that our P&C is an effective and positive support for our school. Key office bearers for 2014 are:

- President   Carrie Beeck
- Vice President  Gerry Macaulay
- Secretary   Linda Taylor
- Treasurer   Ivane Cremasco
- Uniform Committee   Lori Quayle
- Canteen Committee  Diane Edwards
- Treasurer   Ivane Cremasco
- Jessie Harvey
- Corina Campbell

Many thanks go to these people for their ongoing commitment to our school – this is hugely appreciated.

Evidence of the importance of this group to our school is their willing support for 2 funding requests. The P&C have agreed to contribute $4500 towards the provision of a maths text for our students. This non consumable text will come as part of a commercial curriculum package that will provide explicit and clear direction for our teachers when it comes to the teaching of mathematics. This funding support significantly reduces the funds needed from the school to carry out this purchase. The P&C have also agreed to a $2000 contribution towards increasing the capacity of the sound system in the hall, helping with the installation of drop down stage microphones – this will save our students from having to use hand held microphones during performing arts activities.

Many thanks to the P&C for their support of these projects.

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.

Forthcoming Events
NASHS/ASHS
Year 7 Orientation Day  Fri 6 Dec
Next Assembly     Fri 6 Dec
Booklists Due Back Fri 13 Dec
Year 7 Graduation Wed 18 Dec 7.00pm
Distribution of Reports Thurs 19 Dec
Last Day of School Thurs 19 Dec

A BIG THANK YOU

A huge Thank You to all the people who donated food and/or their time to help with the SPPS P & C food/drink stall at the Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday. It was a great day and we raised approximately $800.00!!

Thank You.

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.

The Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre Swim School offers an extensive range of classes from babies through to adults and lessons for children with special needs. Lessons are held all year round, Monday to Saturday. All lessons are conducted in our indoor heated pools and are 30 minutes in duration, with the exception of squads which run between 30 and 60 minutes. Timetables for term 1, 2014 issue Friday, 6 December 2013 and enrolments commence Friday, 13 December 2013.

For further information, please contact Swim School Manager, Nola Osborne on telephone number 9844 2261 or email nolao@albany.wa.gov.au

SPENCER PARK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

The Centre is involved with Disability Awareness week. Jo Kellett, Leanne Grey and Natasha Cekerevac along with Kristin Ellery put in a fantastic effort to organise our display stand for the Breaking the Barriers Agency Expo on the Grassy Knoll. We also had student artwork displayed in the library.

The students sang and signed ‘Rainbow Connection’ and ‘Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer’ at Agency Expo. They were awesome! The children and the school received lots of positive comments. The staff are awesome too in the care and compassion as well as patience they show the students. Great job!!!

The Bush Fort continues to grow. The bits from the old playground equipment have been refinished and are being reinstalled.

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
The children in Room 19 have followed the 12 Clipper yachts from Cape Town to Albany as part of their Round the World Race. Today in perfect sailing conditions we watched them leave Albany on the Fifth leg of the race. They will go to Sydney via Tasmania.

Bon Voyage Switzerland.

Room 19 have written some excellent reports about this excursion which we will feature in next weeks newsletter.
At our annual Christmas Service held on Tuesday 3 December a presentation was made to Captain Niall for the Salvation Army. Thank you to all families who donated gifts and food items for the hamper and thank you to Room 3 who presented a fantastic nativity play.