Dear Parents and Friends

Animation Program
Students from Room 9 have been involved in a very interesting program that will result in the production of a short animated film. The animation involves the use, movement and incremental filming of plasticine moulded figures. A clever but simple to use computer program joins the filmed sequences together to produce the animated film. The basis for their film is a local Aboriginal Dreamtime story told to them by local elder Larry Blight. The team from Scope Youth and Media have trained the students in the techniques and have been helping the students produce the film.

This program has been funded through the PaCE program and organised by Coordinator Briony Arnold. I look forward to seeing the finished product that will involve a public screening of the film some time early next year.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a group of our students to be involved in another kind of artistic endeavour, something that these days is readily accessible for anyone to take up as an interest if they have a talent and passion in this area.

Radio Plays Performed at School
Last week a group of our students were treated to the live performance of a collection of short radio plays. This was organized by one of our parents Rachel Colmer. Radio plays whilst not as common as they were in the heyday of radio are still from time to time produced and broadcast on radio. From all accounts the students in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to witness this unique event.

Choir Perform at Thank a Volunteer Celebration
Our choir were invited to perform a special event last week at Whale World to specifically thank those in our community who volunteer and provide a valuable service to our community. From all accounts as usual they impressed everyone involved and helped make this a great occasion when it comes to celebrating volunteers in our community.

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Christmas Concert
I usually see our annual Christmas Concert as a clear signal that the end of the year and another festive season is almost upon us. Despite some gremlins in our newly upgraded hall sound system this event again reminded us of what this time of the year is about. Again it was fantastic that our school dug deep and brought in donations to help those less fortunate over the Christmas period. Captain Niall from the Salvation Army collected these donations on behalf of his organisation and thanked everyone for their ongoing support in this way. I would hope that this activity reinforces in our students the importance of thinking about people other than themselves at this time of the year.

As always Mrs Fletcher and the students of Room 3 reminded us of the origins of Christmas by acting out the nativity play, this was interwoven with some wonderful singing from our school choir, making the whole event a moving experience for all involved.

Many thanks to all involved with the production of this event, a valued and important part of our school calendar;

- Mr Hockey for his splendid coordination and organisation.
- Mrs Wilson for ensuring that the choir had a terrific Christmas sound and that all students could have some fun by joining and singing songs that had been covered in the music program.
- Mrs Fletcher and the students from Room 3 for their enactment of the Christmas story.
- Ms Ralph for decorating the hall and giving it a festive feel.

I hope that like me, all of those in attendance went away uplifted and ready for the Christmas season.

Year 7’s to Graduate
With our graduation to be held next Wednesday evening Nov 18, our year 7 students are entering their last days of primary schooling. A large number of these students (about 50%) have been here for 9 years, the entire period of their primary years. As such I am sure that these years will hold some very strong memories for the students involved. I hope that each student leaving feels positively about their time with us and that they have built a solid foundation, a sense of pride and self belief that they can use to build a successful pathway in secondary school and beyond. Like all students exiting our school I will follow their pathway with great interest in the time ahead.
Like most students at this time they are ready for the change that is presented by high school. Many have reached a level of maturity that does call for higher levels of responsibility when it comes to managing their study and learning. It is also the time to begin the journey toward a vocation and as such there is a need for specialist teaching. This specialist teaching will help them to start thinking about life after school and the kind of work they might like to be involved in.

I am pleased that we offer an evening based graduation ceremony allowing parents and people from extended family to attend and acknowledge this significant milestone in a child’s educational journey.

Condolences
Our condolences go to Mr Hockey whose mother passed away last Friday after a long illness. Our thoughts and best wishes go to him and his family at this sad time.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

Forthcoming Events
Next Assembly Fri 13 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
Booklist Collection Day Thurs 30 Jan 2014 10.00am to 2.00pm
Uniform Shop Open Thurs 30 Jan 2014 10.00am to 2.00pm
Class Lists Available Fri 31 Jan 2014 From 10.00am
First Day Back for Students Mon 3 Feb 2014

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.

Chloe Rm 9 Lilly Rm 2
Imogen Rm 1 Zoe Rm 18
Alyssa Rm 2 Lily Rm 19
Blaise Rm 9 Mrs Sodano
Sidorie Rm 9 Jake Rm 3
Tegan Rm 19 Room 7
Sarah-Jane Rm 4 Nathan Rm 10
Desirae Rm 10 Xavier Rm 4
Blessa Mae Rm 9 Max Rm 5
Rihannen Rm 3 Morgan Rm 18
Denayh Rm 3 School Choir
Kaylee Rm 2 Sharni Rm 8
Rylie Rm 8

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

Jamie Rm 4 Layla Rm 8
Hope Rm 5 Bella Rm 3
Erin Rm 1 Becky Rm 5
Aaron Rm 19 Tom Rm 19
Dale Rm 8 Lee Rm 4
William Rm 1

CLIPPER EXCURSION ROOM 19
On Friday the 29th of November we went to visit the Clipper Yachts. We found out:
• 22 people could fit in a yacht but it would be like a tin of sardines.
• It is hard to sleep in a storm but at least you would be kept in bed with the mattress diagonal and a tarp from the bed to the bottom of the top bunk.
• The crew are selected by what they do so if you were a doctor or mechanic you would have a better chance of getting chosen.
• Vicky Ellis became involved in sailing when she went sailing and liked it, so she wanted to try “the clipper round the world”.
• If you travel on one of the clipper yachts you can only bring a small amount of luggage.

By Mitchell Year 4.

The three most important things about riding in the clipper race were: Making sure that you stay on your bed, making sure that you don’t get hit by too many flying fish and making sure that you have fun.

By Cerys Year 4.

On Friday the 29th November 2013 we went to see the clipper race yachts. We got to meet Vicki Ellis the captain of the Switzerland, we asked her seven question’s like: How did twenty two crew member fit on such a small boat?. Did you see a king wave? She said she did not see any king waves they were all queen waves, the first questions answer was that 22 crew member fit into such a small boat like a small can of sardines.

By Kali Year 4.

LOST PROPERTY
The lost property bin will be cleared Friday 13th. It will be displayed out the front of Room 6. Any items left unclaimed will be donated.
This has been a big week for the Centre.

Monday was our end of term assembly. I spoke to the parents before the assembly to give them a run down on the big things that have been happening. We are still waiting on the new fence with a slightly enlarged playground. If it doesn’t happen before the school holidays hopefully it will happen over the break. The playground renovation has begun with the completion of the Bush Fort. The log jumble is next on the list with the shopfronts, boat and gardens going in later next year.

Independent Public School was also discussed. I, along with other staff and school council members, will be attending the 3 Modules to prepare us to present to the selection panel to become IPS.

The assembly was great. Thank you again Mrs Ellery for doing a wonderful job of organising everything for the assembly. Hayley-jane was the MC and Christoff signed the prayer. For the assembly item the students sang and signed "Rainbow Connection" and "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer". Thank you, Mrs. Eyles, for teaching and practicing with the students to perform their Christmas songs.

Jasper and Juniper helped me hand out honour cards to Gus, Chad and Ty. Hayley-jane received an award for her writing. MultiLit Reading Awards were given to Damian, Crystal, Jacob and William F.

Virtues Voucher winners were Jacob, Damian, Krystyna, Gus William F. Joshua, Christoff, Hayley-jane Chad and Sam. Thank you also goes to Mr Barrington for standing in for Mr. Riemer by drawing the voucher.

We had a mini graduation ceremony for our Year 7 students. Christoff, Jasper and Juniper were presented with a photo frame with 6 photos spanning over the time they have been at SPESC as well as a graduation certificate. Emily will get hers when she returns next week.

We also acknowledged a number of parents. Mrs. Swarts, Mrs. North, Mrs. Farmer, and Mrs. Barrett for all the work they have done on our school council. Mrs Swarts “graduated” too as her son will be in high school next year. Mrs de Vos van Steenwijk also received a certification of appreciation for running our creative dance classes in Term 3.

Christoff also received the Peter Watson Award for his improved academic achievements as well as a Woodside SciTech Science Award.

After the assembly we had our Parents’ Morning Tea with a number of staff preparing delicious nibbles for the parents and students to share.

We also presented certificates to James McLean and Stu Kilby from Sculptural Timber Design before we opened our Nature Play Bush Fort. The children have been waiting to play on it so they all got to tear the streamers surrounding the new structure. Thank you, Mrs. Redmond, for putting up the balloons and streamers.

On Tuesday the students went to Clarence Estate for their annual Christmas concert. They performed the same songs as at the assembly.

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

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**SmartRider Cards**

A reminder to parents/guardians of year 7 students that intend using bus transport to High School next year. In order for your child to be able to obtain confessional fares without delays please make sure you have ordered them a SmartRider card. Application forms can be downloaded from the following website [http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/TicketsandFares/Smartrider.aspx](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/TicketsandFares/Smartrider.aspx) or ask for a form at the front office. These forms need to be signed by student and parent and then one of the office staff will stamp and sign for you. You then need to post to Monitor WA. The same applies to replacement cards.

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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.
ALBANY MINECRAFT CAMP

DEC. 23, 2013
http://albany1.eventbrite.com.au

DEC. 27, 2013
http://albany2.eventbrite.com.au

VENUE: Vancouver Arts Centre
TIME: 9am to 4pm
PRICES: A$ 70.00 (1 day)

REGISTER NOW

FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO:
http://minecraftcamps.net