Dear Parents and Friends

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**
It was fantastic to see that the resources accessed through our involvement in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program have now arrived in the school. In times of budget constraint it is great that we can add to our teaching resources from a funding source outside of the school. These resources include maths equipment, language resources, word building blocks, construction sets, reading resources, whiteboard accessories, whole class sets and small group activities.

Many thanks again for your willingness to collect the stickers when you shopped at Woolworths, the new resources will be put to good use.

Whilst I haven’t heard about whether this will be run again this year, I would expect that we would get involved if the opportunity arises.

**Successful Students**
Three of our students Narelle Humphries, Nadia Humphries and Kayla Thomas were recently selected for a basketball team representing Albany at a country week carnival. This under 13 Raiders girls team won their competition, the first time that this has happened for an Albany team for many years. On top of this Narelle was selected in the All Stars team for her year group. Congratulations to these three talented girls on their achievements.

**P&C Facebook Page**
Our school P&C is looking at ways to get parents involved in its activities. As part of this a Spencer Park Primary School P&C Facebook page has been set up to allow parents and carers to get up to date information about P&C activity. This is however a closed group and only bone fide parents/carers will be accepted into the group by the page administrators.
As a school we will continue to do what we can to encourage and develop swimming skill, our early morning swimming program in particular is hopefully adding to the numbers of competent swimmers amongst our students.

I hope that you can get along to our carnival and encourage your child – this always adds to the atmosphere and helps maximise student involvement.

Fence Enclosing the Building Program
In last week’s newsletter I gave information about the beginning of the building program and that an initial activity would be to fence off this area. Unfortunately there will be a need to temporarily block off the Andrews Street access point to the school. I am assured that this will be only for a short time whilst they remove some trees near this area. I am hoping a narrow access point will then be established for those children and families who enter the school from this area.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

Key Dates
Assembly Fri 28 Feb
Interschool Cricket Game vs Albany PS (Home) Fri 28 Feb
On Entry Assessment (P – Yr 2) Mon 17 Feb to Fri 7 Mar
Labour Day Public Holiday Mon 3 Mar
Early Morning Swimming Training (7 – 8am) Thurs 6 Mar
Faction Swimming Carnival Fri 7 Mar
P&C Meeting Mon 17 Mar

Interschool Cricket
On Friday, February 21, Spencer Park played Mount Lockyer on the Spencer Park pitch in the first interschool cricket game. In a high quality first game Spencer Park compiled 67 runs in their 20 overs and were able to restrict Mount Lockyer to 27 by bowling them out inside their 20 overs. Spencer Park were represented by Josh, Cooper, Kayla, Nardia, Narelle, Mitchell, Carryl, Liam, Dakota, Ethan, Khyran and Jordan. The game was played in excellent sporting fashion and included many highlights, none better than the caught and bowled effort produced by Dakota. Spencer Park will now play Albany Primary on Friday, February 28 at Spencer Park.

Scholastic Readers
Spencer Park has recently been presented with a certificate by Ashton Scholastic recognising the books Spencer Park children purchased through Bookclub in 2013. Many thanks go to Mrs Healy and Mrs Kowald for their work over the years in supporting this initiative. Scholastic estimated that based on the purchases students would have gained an additional 110,224 independent reading minutes.

Please note Breakfast Club is now operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays and this is an excellent opportunity for students to bring along reading to share with an adult.

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.

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We are having more new things put into the playground!!!! The wharf is being put in place. The boat is being constructed off site and will be installed when it is finished. This will be a great place for our students to use their creativity to take their friends on trips into the harbour to go fishing, to visit foreign lands or to be pirates.

Last week I talked about consequences for not following the school rules. One of the things that is happening when a students comes to see me is we have a discussion about being part of our school community. Below is the simple diagram I am using with our students. All the children are told that we are ALL important as we are part of our school community.

More about this next week but note Parents and carers are an important part of our school community.

We had a Positive Behaviour Support meeting last Thursday. Soon you will be getting new Virtue Vouchers that your child has earned.

And keep an eye out for our new Bee Hive in the Reception Area.

Diane E Edwards, Principal
Australian Red Cross. Albany
Invites everyone in Albany & surrounding districts involved with Red Cross services past and present to join us for a history meets history. Centenary Afternoon Tea, at the WA Museum Residency Road Albany. Sunday March 16 2.30pm-4.00pm
Enjoy an afternoon of story swapping and memories. Please wear something red if possible
RSVP by 10 March 9841 3588

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 dollar for dollar, up to $500 towards education costs. There’s no catch.
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Albany Film Society
The Albany Film Society welcomes new members to join us for our 2014 season. Films are screened on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Vancouver Arts Centre at 7.30 pm.
Cost of membership is $35 for 10 films and includes a light supper. Visitors are welcome.
Phone 9853 2685 for further information.
March: Lessons in Chocolate
April: A Woman’s Tale
May: Made in Sudan
June: Whale Rider
July: Mr Hulots Holiday
August: On the Beach
September: Soul Kitchen
October: Central Station
November: Fitzcarraldo
December: McCabe and Mrs Miller

Bahá’í Classes
Bahá’í Classes are being offered at Spencer Park Primary School.
Lessons are structured around a particular spiritual quality (such as generosity, joy and kindness) with the hope of contributing to the development of each child’s character in their early childhood years. Emphasis is given to developing spiritual qualities and to those beliefs, habits and behaviours that constitute the essential attributes of a spiritual being. These habits and patterns of conduct include prayer, seeking knowledge, living in harmony, being a good friend, service and consultation.
An information folder about Bahá’í SRE Classes is available at the school office. Any queries phone Bahá’í SRE teacher Jenifer Forrest 9851 2547. For more info on the Bahá’í Faith, please visit www.bahai.org.au

Permission Slip
Please return to the class teacher by the due date.

I give permission for my child ___________________ Room _______ to attend Bahá’í Classes.

Name of Parent Guardian __________________________ Signature __________________

Parent / Guardian’s contact number __________________________