Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome Back
Welcome back to everyone for the start of the new term. I hope that you and your family were able to make the most of what was some terrific autumn weather and that your children are rejuvenated and ready to continue their learning journey for this year. It will be another busy term, please ensure you keep yourself well informed about school events and happenings – checking your child’s school bag regularly for notes and responding to these promptly will ensure that they make the most of what is happening at school.

Positive End to the Term
The end of term 1 finished on a very high note. Science Week was a great success. Science is a key learning area that has an enormous range of associated activities and is something that can really engage students in the learning available. Having Sci-Tech here, providing entertaining and specialised science activities certainly provided a terrific backbone to the week. I was also witness to some excellent classroom activities that enabled groups and individuals to run some spectacular experiments for others in their rooms. We also had people engaged in scientific work in the wider community come and share this with groups of our students. Many thanks go to Rob Gibson from the Albany Police who gave an insight into forensic investigation, Craig Russell from the UWA Science Department and one of our parents Mr Jonathan Middleweek who spoke about his interest in the natural world, in particular, his focus on butterflies. The involvement of these people did give the week a clear link between classroom activities and how science is practically applied in the outside world. I hope that the week for your child has really sparked an interest in science and a desire to go on and give this some focus as they progress throughout their schooling. I look forward to this becoming a regular feature of our school’s annual calendar.

Many thanks to Mrs Ruffell, who took a major role in coordinating activities throughout the week and also to all of our staff who ensured that their classes made the most of this focus.

Our own ANZAC Service held on the last day of term was also a wonderfully fitting and well organised event. This year the students of Room 17 took on the role of hosting this event. A number of students read out stories about their own family's connection and involvement in military service. These had real meaning for the students involved, were well written and highlighted the importance of maintaining our commemoration of this event. My congratulations go to Ms Moreton and the students of this class for their willingness to carry out this role.

Our School Choir sang beautifully as usual and added considerably to the importance of the occasion. The wreath laying by each class and multimedia presentation that included the last post, reveille and stirring rendition of the National Anthem, all made a contribution that ensured that our service connected emotionally for all in attendance. Thanks once again to Mr Hockey who works hard to ensure that, organisationally, this is the kind of event that fits the importance of the occasion.

The last hour of the last day was spent running a fun event for all of those students who retained their good standing during the term. Those involved rotated through a range of fun games – including an ice-cream eating station! We hope to make this a regular part of each term’s events as a way of acknowledging the vast majority of our students who work hard to maintain their good standing each day.

New School Chaplain Commences
A reminder that our new School Chaplain, Mrs Jennifer Hunt, started with us this week. Whilst
she will be away next week involved in an induction program, her roster from week 3 of this term, is Tuesday all day, Wednesday a half day until lunch time and Thursday a half day until lunch time. Please make her feel welcome at our school.

Congratulations
Our congratulations go to Mrs Julie Fordham who was recently successful in being selected for the permanent position of Registrar at our school. We welcome her ongoing presence in our school.

Coolangarras Barmah Aboriginal Pre-School Celebrates its 50th Anniversary
The Coolangarras Barmah Aboriginal Pre-School at Mokare Road celebrates its 50th Anniversary with an open day at the centre on Saturday 10 May. The centre will be open from 10.00am to 3.00pm. All past students and parents are invited to attend. There will be a bouncy castle for children, refreshments, displays of old photos and an official cake cutting ceremony.

This program that has had a number of venues over the years and has served the Aboriginal community in Albany extremely well over this time working hard to ensure young children are prepared for their entry into school in a way that recognises their needs both culturally, socially and academically.

If you have had a connection with this program I hope you can be there to help celebrate this occasion.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

Chaplain’s Chat
Hello to everyone at Spencer Park Primary School.
I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Jennifer Hunt, and I am your new Chaplain. I am very happy to be joining the team at Spencer Park Primary School. I come to this position having had teaching experience here in Albany and overseas.
I have been living in Albany with my family for the past eleven years, returning after living here as a child for six years.
Although it has changed a bit now, I have fond memories of living nearby and being brought to the Spencer Park shops. To come back here to be a part of this school is especially significant for me.
I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and working with Mr Alan Dowsett and his staff, helping our school achieve its vision, goals and dreams for our students.

What I can See from My Playground
by Jacob North

29 April 2014
Today I saw a small digger. The digger turns and digs trenches. Three men were digging holes and putting white pipes into the holes. They used spades to dig. There is no building started yet.
I like diggers and looking at them from the platform in the playground.

Forthcoming Events

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It is on again!!! Next Monday is our delayed End of Term assembly. As usual Mrs. Wilson has made her room available for the assembly. I will be talking to the parents from 9:00 about what is happening in the Centre for the year and other important information. There will be a Parents morning tea after the assembly.

School development day was full of variety for our staff. Firstly all the staff are now trained in Team Teach. It is a program that focuses on the positives with a wide variety of gradual responses to reduce the probability of challenging behaviours escalating.

The Peel Language Centre also ran a PL looking at practical strategies to encourage the development of speech and language. There are 8 modules with Introduction to Speech and Language, comprehension, semantics and social skills covered on Monday. The other four modules will be covered the beginning of Term 3.

Yakamia Primary school also presented a number of workshops. Guided reading was popular with our staff. Also three of our staff attended St John’s to update their First Aid Training.

Kristin Ellery updated her Bronze Medallion during the holidays. This is important for the swimming programs we offer at the Centre. Thank you, Kristin for giving up some of your holidays. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff and students.

Most of the computers in the Centre are being upgraded. Ben Riemer packed up the one we are returning at the end of the last term. The new leased computers have arrived. Ben will be setting them up next week. We continue to work on getting the WiFi and other system requirements organized to get the iPad program up and running.

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

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.

Community News

Please note notices appearing below are not necessarily endorsed by the school. We provide this space for community groups to advertise to the school community. It is up to parents to scrutinise the activity and organisers for their child.

Kids Central Great Southern

An opportunity for DADS and other male caregivers to participate in an innovative workshop series MINDFUL AWARENESS PARENTING (MAP)™ An education program promoting the emotional connection between parents and young children. © 2008 Dr Rebecca Coleman.

DADS and other male caregivers will experience and learn the following:

- Observation and Reflection - cultivating awareness of the relationship needs of young children.
- Repairing relationship break downs with your child - when things don’t go as smoothly as you would like.
- How to use mindful awareness when interacting with infants and young children in everyday life.
- Self-care, social support and acceptance of “the way things are” when parenting young children.
- Parents will be provided with handouts and a CD to practice at home in between each session of the workshop series.

Workshop Dates: Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 May, 2014
Workshop Times: 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Workshop Venue: Albany Family House, 219 North Road, Albany.
Workshop Instructors: Carol Pearce and Len Wilkinson

To register 2014 phone 9842 36 or, email manager@kidscentral.org.au or call in at Albany family House. This is a FREE workshop.

What is the KidsCulture Pilot Project?

The City of Albany and the Department of Culture and the Arts are conducting a trial to remove the financial barrier to children and young people participating in local visual and performing arts workshops. With the support from the Department of Culture and the Arts, the KidsCulture Pilot Project will...
provide vouchers of up to $200 to eligible applicants from the age of 5 to 18 years to participate in a variety of visual, media and performing arts workshops.

The KidsCulture Pilot Project began in Term 1, 2014, and is continuing in Term 2. Where will the visual arts and performing arts workshops take place?

Most workshops are taking place at the Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver Street, Albany. Workshops are also taking place at 77 Sanford Road, Albany, where Southern Edge Arts are located, and at Open Access Youth Arts Studio at 19 Prior Street, Albany. The workshops are being offered through the annual programs of the Vancouver Arts Centre (VAC), Southern Edge Arts Inc (SEA), Great Southern Factor Inc (GSFI) and the Act Belong Commit Open Access Youth Arts Studio.

Where do I get an application for KidsCulture Pilot Project?

1. Application vouchers for the KidsCulture Pilot Project can be obtained visiting the Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver Street or by downloading a copy from the City of Albany website: www.albany.wa.gov.au/facilities/vancouver-arts-centre

2. Completed applications must be taken to the Vancouver Arts Centre along with a copy of the Health Care Card or Pension concession card AND proof of residency (if applicants have recently moved addresses). Alternatively, a registered referral agent can confirm your eligibility. The agent will email the application voucher to the VAC for validation.

3. The application voucher will be validated by the Vancouver Arts Centre and the voucher returned to applicant or referral agent. The voucher is then provided to the Vancouver Arts Centre, Southern Edge Arts or Open Access Youth Arts Studio at the time of enrolment.

How can I get more information on the KidsCulture Pilot Project?

If you have any questions or queries in regards to KidsCulture Pilot Project, please contact the Vancouver Arts Centre on (08) 9841 9260 (Monday to Friday 9 - 4pm, Saturday 10- 3pm) or email arts@albany.wa.gov.au

What are the different types of bullying?

The types of bullying behaviours are physical, verbal or social. Bullying can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying can take place in person or online. Bullying – verbal or social – that happens online or via a mobile phone is referred to as Cyberbullying.

Research indicates that the majority of young people who bully online also bully others in person.