Dear Parents and Friends

City of Albany ANZAC March
It was wonderful to have a large group of 37 students voluntarily assemble to be part of the City of Albany ANZAC March and Service on the last Friday of the holidays. All students involved used the school representative shirts and looked terrific and stood out in the crowd. Many thanks to the parents who supported their children’s involvement in this important national event. One hopes that this will build a life-long commitment to be one of those that assemble to commemorate this event each year. As we have done in recent years, all in attendance will receive a special badge to acknowledge their commitment to be involved. This is something that can be worn to each subsequent service to recognise their involvement. Many thanks, to Mr Hockey who organises our involvement and Ms Ralph who came on the day and helped out to ensure that each child was wearing a school representative shirt.

Next year, the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing on April 25 1915, the City of Albany Parade and Service will be a huge event and as such will not be able to include school children. So that students can have an involvement in this special anniversary a committee of school people are currently organising a combined schools service to be held on the previous day the 24th of April. All schools in our local area will be invited to attend – we are expecting that we will have up to 2000 students involved. This will be a major event. Whilst it will not be possible for all students to be part of this I am expecting that a sizeable contingent will be included.

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

WA Opera Company Visit
Opera these days may seem a world away from our younger generation but a visit last Friday, by some wonderfully talented performers from the WA Opera Company, proved that this form of the arts can still connect well with this generation. The engagement by students from Year 1 to 7 was something to see. The full spectrum of high and low notes, famous arias sung in a range of languages and some over the top operatic acting from those performing brought laughter and enjoyment to all in the audience. We were certainly privileged to have such talented people here to for what was a free performance to showcase their incredible skills. I would hope that there will be some who take a closer interest in this form of the arts – and you never know we may just inspire someone to become an opera singer as they get older.

We have had many such incursions over the years. I would say that in terms of educating and informing, enjoyment, engagement and entertainment this would be one of the best I have seen. I hope that you heard something about this and were maybe badgered to attend the concert conducted by the company at the Entertainment Centre last Saturday evening.

Phone Messages – Have a Plan B!
I understand that from time to time transport arrangements at the end of the day may change after a child has been dropped off at school in the morning. However please be aware that the later in the day you call our office to ask that this message be delivered to your child the greater the chance that it won’t reach the target. As a rule of thumb any later than 2.00pm you need a Plan B – a solution that doesn’t involve contacting our office and asking that a message be delivered. This is for a range of reasons;

- Sometimes the office has limited staff available to leave the area and take the time that is possibly needed to hand deliver a message.
- Classes/Students can be away from their rooms and time is needed to track them down and deliver a message.

If your child relies on a bus or parental pick up – it is probably a good idea to coach them in what
to do when there is an issue. Children not picked up by a parent in a reasonable time frame can come to the front office and ask for assistance – there are people here usually until at least 4.30pm. Children who go home on the bus and find no one at home also need a way of getting assistance in these situations. You will probably find a Plan B at most times. From now on office staff will ask about this if they feel that there is insufficient time to get a message to your child.

NAPLAN Testing Next Week
As you will have seen on the term planner NAPLAN testing for students in year 3, 5, and 7 is next week, starting on **Tuesday 13 May** and continuing until **Friday 16 May**. The amount of time taken up by the testing varies from a total of about 170 minutes for year 3’s to about 230 minutes for year 7’s. Most of the testing is carried out on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with a catch up day on the Friday for those absent on the first 3 days.

It is important that your child’s performance in relation to the testing is as closely reflective of their day to day performance in the classroom as possible. For this reason please be mindful of the additional focus that is required at this time and ensure that your child maintains good sleep and nutrition patterns during the test period. Students in these year levels should have already had reasonable exposure to the style of testing being conducted so should be well prepared for their involvement in this program.

If any issues occur during this time that may suggest that your child is struggling to cope with their involvement in the testing – please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

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**Forthcoming Events**

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**Canteen News**
The Canteen has released its winter menu.
Fried Rice $4.20
Chicken or Pumpkin soup $3.80
Hot chocolate 80c
These are just some of our lovely specials, drop in and grab a menu.

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**What I can See from My Playground**
by Jacob North

I saw a crane today.
The crane was on the truck. It pulled heavy things off the truck. It bends and gets bigger as it lifts. It looked like sheets of metal that the crane lifted.
I also saw two men carry boards. The boards go all around the building site. The best part today was seeing the crane on the truck.

Jacob North
On Fridays our students go on Community Access. Last Friday half of the students went to the War Memorial. The other half went to the shops to purchase food items and come back to school to do some food preparation.

Last Friday the students purchased different kinds of fruit. A juicer was used to create a number of different fruit drinks. The students expressed their likes and dislikes for the various drinks. Have a look at the outcomes of their flavorsome experience.

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Activities like this give the picky eaters a chance to try a variety of different flavours and textures.

Monday we also had our delayed end of term assembly. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents. I spoke to the parents from 9:00 about the new funding model for 2015, our continuing plans for applying for IPS and our vision for the school board. I also gave them a heads up on the need for a busy bee later in the year to remove our old swing set when we replace the current set.

The students have been singing and signing “What I Am” by Will.I.Am. They did a great job at assembly. Thank you goes again to Mrs. Ellery for organizing the assembly and for Mrs. Eyles for teaching the students the song/signs and all the rehearsals. Honour Certificates were presented to Hayle-jane, Chad, Timothy and Crystal.

Virtue Vouchers were drawn by Mr Riemer for Timothy, Xavier, Jake (2), Jacob, William F., Joshua (2), Crystal, Leilani, and Krystyna. They were given to the children by Mrs. Eyles, Ms Paull, Mrs. Sim, and Mrs. Walsh. Well done students and staff.

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.

### HEALTHY EATING

#### A Healthy Lunch Box

Sandwiches are a great lunchtime food because they are so easy to make. There are many different sandwiches you can put together. Try something different each week and your child will never get bored.

Consider different breads, (eg. wholegrain, wholemeal, white or rye), and slices of pumpkin bread or fruit bread for something different. You can also choose from a range of shapes (eg. sliced bread, round rolls, long rolls, pita breads or French sticks).

The trick to a good sandwich is making sure it does not go soggy.

Don’t forget to pack snacks for the morning and the afternoon. Fruits are a great snack to pack either whole, chopped or dried. Boiled rice and vegetables. Reduced fat yoghurt.

Last of all - always remember to pack some water.

### LOST PROPERTY

If your child is missing any items of school uniform, please take the time to look through the Lost Property bin located outside Room 6. Please mark all clothing items clearly as this helps us return to the appropriate owner.
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.

Apology
If you have sent an email to Spencer Park Primary School for the Newsletter and it does not appear in today's issue our apologies, our email system has been down most of the day.

Auskick – Mothers Day Stall
A Mothers Day Stall will be held Saturday 10 May, 9am - 4pm at the Norman Pavillion Junior Footy Grounds, Lockyer Avenue. Gold coin donation for entry. Activities include Reptile Roadshow 9-11am, Facepainting and tattoos. Picture products, Bouncy Castle (11am-4pm), Sausage Sizzle. Psychic – Amanda Trickett 10.30am – 1pm. Soaps, Scrubs, Craft, Plants, Cakes, Jewellery, Nazzy Beads, Art, Preserves, Educational, Clothing, Fresh Flowers, Hot Food, Soy Candles all for sale. A community fundraiser for Southern Districts Junior Football Association.

National Families Week – Art Competition
National Families week is from 15 to 21 May 2014. Anglicare WA is celebrating with an Art Competition. Draw, paint or use craft ideas etc. on an A4 size picture showing Stronger Families, Stronger Communities. Post the completed pictures to St John’s Anglicare Centre PO Box 1428 ALBANY WA 6331 or deliver to St John’s Anglicare Centre 44 Collie Street ALBANY by 30 May 2014. If you have any queries please phone Marion on 9845 6666.

New Earth Beauty – Singing Lessons
Bringing the Beauty of Sound to a New Earth. Private Singing lessons by professional performer Ashlee Jane, tutoring from beginners to advanced. Lessons are classically based with any genre able to be introduced and developed, allowing each student to achieve the best from their own beautiful voice. $30.00 per 30 minute lesson or $50.00 per 60 minute lesson. Discounts apply to full term students. Free Starter Pack to all new students. Ashlee has a Working With Children Clearance.

Epilepsy Action Australia
An information evening: for people with epilepsy and their families on Wednesday 4 June from 6-8pm (Registration from 5.30pm). Held at Lotteries House Building, 211-217 north Road Albany. Free (includes light refreshment). Action Adventure Fun Day: People with epilepsy and their families are invited to a family fun day, try something new such as archery and have an opportunity to spend time with our Epilepsy Nurse Educators. Saturday 7 June from 10am-4pm at Camp Quaranup Albany. $50.00 per family (booking fee) refundable upon attendance not refundable if non attendance on the day. Epilepsy Action Australia is coming to Albany and extends an invitation to Disability Support Workers, Child Care Workers, Teachers, Nurses and Medical or Allied Health Professionals to attend a workshop on ‘Epilepsy Essentials’, an education session on epilepsy, along with an update about the latest tools and resources available for you clients living with epilepsy. Thursday 5 June from 10am – 12 noon (registration from 9.30am), at Lotteries House Building 211-217 North Road. Free (includes morning tea). Bookings are essential, places are limited. Please email epilepsy@epilepsy.org.au or call 1300 37 45 37.