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11 September 2014

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Open Night
It was great to see, as usual, a large number of parents and carers supporting their children’s endeavours at school by being here for Open Night last Wednesday evening. As I have indicated before this is a simple but highly effective way of ensuring that your child’s endeavours at school are as fulsome as possible. Every class seemed crammed with student work so I hope that you got to see enough of your child’s efforts to give them the feedback they need to stay motivated and focussed.

Many thanks go to the hardworking and committed members of our P&C who were on hand to cook sausages and serve refreshments for those in need of a snack. Every dollar spent raises funds for the P&C and in turn goes to the school for special projects. Also many thanks to all of those who donated cakes, slices and other goodies that could be fed to the masses who were here.

A push bike generously donated by Mr Peter Watson, our local MLA, was also raffled during the night and raised $700 for the Year 6/7 camp next term. The lucky winner was Asha from Room 8 – as she doesn’t have a bike and wanted one it has gone to a very good home.

Albany Primary Schools Music Festival
At assembly last Friday we had a preview of one of the items to be performed by our choir at the Albany Primary Schools Music Festival next week (Tuesday evening 16 September). I wish them well in their endeavours along with the students of Room 11 who will also be performing a marimba item for this event. We have the role this year of hosting this event. Cooper and Sidorie will be helping me on the night to introduce and welcome each item. I hope that you can be there to support your child’s participation or even just to come along and enjoy the best that children in primary schools around Albany can produce when it comes to the performing arts.

The choir also presented 2 other pieces they are preparing for a performance during the ANZAC Centenary commemoration next term. Those of you who have been following the program for Albany at this time may have seen that Stirling Terrace will be closed off and used as a “Mess Hall”. Our school along with a number of other schools will perform for the many people expected to visit this area over the period of the commemoration.

Given what I heard of the choir’s performance at assembly I am sure that they will impress not only those that hear them at the Music Festival but also those present in the audience in Stirling Terrace during the ANZAC centenary commemoration. Many thanks again to Mrs Wilson for her enthusiasm in organising our students involvement in such wonderful learning opportunities.

Spelling Championship Teams Selected
After spell offs conducted in the last fortnight we have selected our teams for the Albany Primary Schools Spelling Championship to be held Tuesday 23 September here at Spencer Park. Congratulations go to the following students:

Year 6/7
Joshua
Gericho
Nathan
Rhianne
Thalissa
Brock
Toby (Reserve)

Year 4/5
Zoe
Morgan
Ebony
Blaze
Kanisha
Beaudean
Olivia (Reserve)

Last year our year 6/7 team won this event – I am hoping that we will go close again this year. The students involved will receive some coaching by staff in the lead up to this event.

New Early Childhood Building
Maybe you have been following Jacob’s excellent observations showing the progress of
the new Early Childhood building. This has been a great way for everyone in the school community to get a week to week update of what is happening on this site – my thanks go to Jacob and the staff from the ESC for initiating this idea.

Last week I toured the site and can report that the project is on schedule to finish before the end of the school year. I expect internal fixing to begin quite soon which means that delays due to weather should be minimal from now on in.

Thank you

Alan Dowsett – Principal

PS: I wish our girls football team all the best in their endeavours at the Dockers Cup tomorrow!

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<td>Headspace Workshop</td>
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<td>Last Day of Term 3</td>
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Help Needed
We are looking for help from our school community to set up for the Art Exhibition to be held at WA Museum Albany on 28 and 29 October 2014.

Help is also required for the pack up of the Exhibition on 12 November.
Any volunteers please contact the school office on 9841 2488.

Library News
Exciting things are happening in your library so make sure you come in soon. There are plenty of wonderful books to borrow and read.
Rooms 2 and 19 have some great work on display.
See you soon. Mrs Keeler

Uniform Shop
Due to unforeseen circumstances the Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 12 September. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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.

What I can See from My Playground by Jacob

Today I saw the workmen putting the roof on the building. They were using screws to keep the tin in the right place.

The outside of the building is nearly finished.

Jacob

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly, 5 September 2014

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SPENCER PARK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

Well, transition to IPS begins next Wednesday. Tamara North, School Council Chairperson, and I will be attending The Launch of the 2015 Independent Public Schools. Among the presenters will be Peter Collier, Minister for Education and Sharyn O’Neill, Director General for the Department of Education.

A quick reminder that next week is the SPESC End of Term assembly. As Sharon Hall, our registrar, and I will be in Perth for IPS training the beginning of Week 10 we are holding the assembly Monday, 15 September. I will have a chat with parents from 9:00am. The assembly will begin at 9:30am with an art exhibition and parent morning tea following the assembly. Mrs. Wilson, thank you again for allowing us to use the music room. We love its spaciousness!

Tuesday next week the WASO On the Road Albany tour is coming to the SPESC. A string quartet from the WA Symphony Orchestra with Peter Moore as the presenter will be entertaining the students. WASO On The Road Albany is supported by the Water Corporation.

The WASO String Quartet will be performing a Community Concert on Thursday 18 September, 6 – 7pm at Albany Town Hall. It is a FREE EVENT BUT TICKETS are REQUIRED

Tickets can be collected from The Classical Music Shop
48 Stirling Terrace Albany

For more info visit waso.com.au

Mrs. Eyles went to Perth on Tuesday to visit the Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation. She attended training about a new computer program we bought called WordShark. It is designed to help our students read and spell. It uses more than 60 specially designed games to teach and to reinforce reading and spelling. It uses over 9,000 pre-recorded words grouped in specially selected word lists.

The program includes a high quality phonics approach which is available for the majority of the word lists. Different games include blending sounds into words for reading and also segmenting into sounds and syllables for spelling.

All common letter patterns and auditory patterns are covered, also spelling rules, syllable work for longer words, homophones, and alphabet and dictionary skills.

This program will support what we are already doing with MiniLit, MultiLit, and the other phonemic awareness programs we are using. It replaces ABC Reading Eggs.

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

Why are other people (bystanders) important in dealing with school bullying?

Everyone plays a part in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of others – parents, staff, students and community members. It is essential that these members of the school community know how to deal with incidents of bullying effectively and safely. It is important to note, however, that the majority of people are not involved in bullying.

Those who bully others often aim to impress or intimidate bystanders. The reaction of bystanders can either support or discourage bullying from happening. If bystanders do nothing, this can be seen as a form of silent approval.

Supportive bystander behaviours are actions and/or words that are intended to support someone who is being bullied. The actions of a supportive bystander can stop or diminish a specific bullying incident or help the bullied student to recover from it.

The attitude and reaction of bystanders can affect the culture of the school. Social disapproval of bullying behaviour can prevent bullying from occurring and help to stop it when it is happening.

Training in how to intervene safely assists in effective bystander behaviour. The majority of students do not want bullying to occur, but often don’t know how to stop it. Schools can help students learn what to do when bullying occurs. 

Taken from Bullying, No Way! (2013) Fast Facts: Bullying in Schools

What is Saver Plus?

Saver Plus is a financial literacy program where participants save a regular amount (up to $50 per month) for a period of ten months. Every dollar saved is matched dollar for dollar by ANZ up to $500, to be used for educational expenses either for themselves or for their children. Each participant must attend 4 informal workshops covering areas such as budgeting and planning.

Who is eligible?

Saver Plus is open to people who have:
• A Health Care, Pension or Disability Card
• Some regular employment (you or your partner)
School aged children OR are studying themselves

What sorts of things can be purchased with the matched funds?

- School books & stationary, tutors, extension programs
- School uniforms, sports uniforms, bags, shoes, trainers, football boots etc
- Expenses related to school camps, excursions, swimming etc
- Laptops, printers, tablets
- Equipment for sport, music, art, photography etc
- Fees for extra-curricular activities – sports, dance, drama etc
- Desks, lamps, bookshelves for studying at home
- Equipment needed for vocational training

How do people access funds?

After ten months of saving people can buy the item of their choice and be refunded in full, or Saver Plus can pay their supplier directly.

For further information please contact:
Sara Gunning on 9845 6617 or email saverplusalbany@anglicarewa.org.au

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.

REGISTRATION FOR ALBANY JUNIOR CRICKET
2014/15 Season
For Boys and Girls. Please Note the three Registration days below.
Where: Norman Pavilion, Centennial Oval Lockyer Ave, ALBANY
Who: Pre Primary to Year 11 (in 2014)
When: Sat 13 Sept. - 9:00am to 12:30pm
Sat 20 Sept. - 9:00am to 12:30pm
Thur 25 Sept. - 3:30pm to 5:30pm
MILO in2Cricket - PP to Year 2 $80 (Includes in2CRICKET pack)
U10 - Year 3 and Year 4 $80
U12 - Year 5 and Year 6 $90
U14 - Year 7 and Year 8 $90
U17 - Year 9 - Year 11 $90
Season commences Term 4. For more info: Mob.0412 723 116 Web: ajca.wa.cricket.com.au
Email. albany_jca@hotmail.com

Albany Surf Life Saving Club
REGISTRATION DAY
Sunday 21 September. 9am - 1pm. Sausage Sizzle. Eftpos facility available
We welcome all new and existing members to join our family friendly club for an exciting season of fun on the beach.
Further information for Juniors or Cadets contact Chris 0409 292 263

WA Carers Australia
Are you caring for family member, friend or relative with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, or who is frail aged?

If so, Carers WA would like to invite you to take a break from your caring role. Take part in a truly relaxing experience - 'The Cone, The Gong and The Bowl'. Enjoy some time out Relax, Talk to other carers, Take a break. Friday, 24 October 2014, meet at 10.00am for a 10.30am start at Mt Romance Sandalwood Factory, 2 Down Road, ALBANY. Free! Includes 'The Cone, The Gong and The Bowl' experience and a choice of Devonshire tea or soup lunch.

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Are you caring for family member, friend or relative with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, or who is frail aged?

If so, Carers WA would like to invite you to take a break, sit back and enjoy a wellness and socialisation activity on us. Seats are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Tuesday 11 November at Orana Cinemas, 451 Albany Hwy, ALBANY. Evening time and movie to be confirmed once timetable is available. Free movie ticket provided. Snacks can be purchased at carers own expense. To register for this event please call 1300 CARERS (1300 227 377) and ask for Patricia.

The 2014 Albany Hobby Expo
Hosted by
Albany Model Railway Association Inc.

When & Where
Saturday, October 4th, Opening from 10am to 5pm
Sunday, October 5th, Opening from 9am to 4 pm
At Centennial Hall, Albany Show Grounds, Lockyer Avenue, Albany

Highlights:
Model Railways
Patchwork & Quilting
Model Aeroplanes
China Painting
Fantasy War Gaming
Card making
Radio Control Yachts
Scrap Booking & Paper Craft
Commercial Suppliers - New & 2nd hand Hobby Supplies

Admission
Adults: $7.00
Children: $3.00 (up to 16 yrs)
Children 5 and under: Free

Refreshments Available

Contact
Peter Pocock
0419 967 991
9841 6738
OR
Bruce Norton
0470223783

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