John Fleming Visit
As you may be aware on Thursday and Friday of last week we hosted a visit from John Fleming. John is currently working with schools across the country to bring about better literacy and numeracy outcomes. His work is resulting in big improvements when it comes to levels of achievement in these areas.

This was an incredibly invaluable event from the point of view of both affirming our teachers work in implementing highly effective explicit teaching methods and in helping us to determine a clear direction for the next phase of development. John and groups of teachers observed 7 of our staff teaching and was able to give detailed feedback that will help sharpen the technical skills of all involved. He also worked with staff leading the development of curriculum in our school and those with roles in coaching teachers in relation to the work they do in their classrooms.

Given that this is the first time that he has visited the school to assist us in our work, in general, John was extremely complimentary of what he was able to observe. His view was that if we continue, the considerable gains that we have already made will also continue and hopefully, produce results in the top echelons of schools in the country. We have plenty of work to do however, but with the enthusiasm of our staff, I am entirely confident that we are on the right trajectory to ensure that our students can be among the highest achievers in their respective peer groups. This is also to some extent a belief that the students in our school who have the same intellectual profile as any other school community can, with the right kind of teaching, a well-co-ordinated curriculum and a collaborative whole school approach, produce exceptional results.

John has committed to come back about the same time next year – given his very busy schedule, this is further affirmation that he believes that as a school we are on the right track and that his involvement is worthwhile.

Many thanks to those parents who did come along to hear John speak on Thursday evening. I am sure that those that did come were able to get a good sense of his approach and what it takes as a parent to support this at home.

School Uniform – Hooded Jumpers
Please be reminded that hooded jumpers are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn to school. We have seen a rise in the numbers of students wearing these to school. You may have got the impression from your child that somehow this rule has changed – this is not the case. The school uniform policy remains unchanged – the jumpers, cardigans and jackets that are part of our dress code are the only warm items of clothing sanctioned by the school.

There will be some focus on this area in the remaining part of the term and we ask that you monitor what your child wears to school and ensure that any warm clothing that they wear complies with our dress code. Over this period, students will be asked to remove items of clothing that are outside of our dress code and if needed be lent items that do comply.

Whilst we do what we can to ensure there is compliance at school when it comes to maintaining high rates of those wearing their uniform, it is the combined efforts of staff and parents that will bring about the best result. I hope that you can also give this some focus before the end of term.

P&C Facebook Page
A reminder that the P&C does have a closed Facebook page for the carers and parents of students at our school. This is an excellent additional means of keeping in touch with what is happening at school and in the work of the P&C. If you are regular user of Facebook then I would encourage you to join this group and not only receive communication about the P&C and school but also be able to communicate with others in the group. This is a valuable facility.
Canteen “Help Wanted”
Our canteen is a place that does rely heavily on volunteers – it simply cannot be run just by the Canteen Manager. It is important that the parent volunteer roster is full of people wanting to help. Even if your time is limited and you can only spare a day or two here or there, this help is valued highly. Any time you can provide is helpful but we mostly want people from just before recess until lunch. Having volunteers is not just about serving students but is also about better opportunity to provide a quality menu – there is only so much that can be put on the menu with limited help.

You do not have to have any special skills to be involved – all extra pair of hands will be gratefully accepted!!

If you have been a bit tardy in getting your name on the roster I hope that this little note reminds and motivates you to get involved.

Dockers Cup
Last Friday it was our girls turn to showcase their Aussie Rules skills. A team of enthusiastic Spencer Park girls spent the day last Friday at the interschool Dockers Cup Carnival. They were very successful winning every game except one which they drew, finishing second overall. Some of the girls involved had been regular players in the Eagles Cup competition this year but many had limited experience with the game – maybe it might just inspire them to take up opportunities to play the game in the future, (when we have a National Women’s Football League!)

Congratulations to all involved. Many thanks to Mr Hockey for running some training sessions for the team and to Mrs Binning for ensuring our students got an opportunity to be involved.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

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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
The end of term is nearly here.

Don’t forget to bring all books back next week and have an extra hard look for those overdue books.

See you soon. Mrs Keeler

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 tin on the roof was finished. There was more stuff on top. We think they are air conditioners. The windows are finished. They are starting to put the doors on. I saw painter men painting inside the building.

Vacation Swimming Lessons
Flyers are been sent home with this newsletter for Department of Education Vacation Swimming Lessons. All enrolments are to be completed online.
On Monday we had our regular SPESC End of Term Assembly. Thank you again to Mrs. Wilson for letting us use the Music Room.

I had time with the parents before the assembly started. We discussed change and all the changes that will be happening between now and the end of the year and into the future. As J. F. Kennedy said, “Change is a law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

We covered a wide variety of topics related to change:

- No School Friday, 31 October, ANZAC Weekend
- IPS and One Line Budget
- School Council becoming a School Board
- Student Centred Funding Model (SCFM)
- Transition:
  - EIC - K students to PP in their local school
  - EIC - PP students to Year 1 at their local school
- Year 6 and 7 students moving to Albany Secondary Education Support Centre
- This is also a time of change for the parents with their children moving to new environments.
- The new SPPS Pre-primary building and the new associated car park that will begin construction soon; including the movement of the bus sheds.
- Development of a garden/retreat area
- New swings are ordered requiring a busy bee to remove old swings.
- In Term Swimming lessons Term 4
- New Child and Parent Centre at Mt Lockyer Primary School
- WASO String Quartet coming to school on Tuesday
- Planning for a 21st Birthday party during Disability Awareness week the first week of December

William was our master of ceremonies. He did an excellent job with great enthusiasm. At the assembly Honour Certificates were given to Xavier, Jake, William C., William F., Timothy, Ty and Finlay for the great work they have been doing.

Certificates of Completion and recognition were also given to the staff working in the Early Intervention Centre: Robyn Norman, Lesley Payne, Janine Williams, Angela Young, Kristin Ellery and Ros Fleay. As part of their professional development they completed in excess of 36 hours training over 2 months to complete an Applied Behaviour Analysis Online Training course. All the training was done out of hours and in Staff Prep time.

Virtue Vouchers were drawn by Mr Riemer. Winners were Leilani, Jacob, Crystal, Ty Josh, Krystyna, Tobias, Ruby, Hayley-Jane and Chad’s name was drawn twice. Good work all for Being Safe, Being Friendly and Being Your Best.

The Kindergarten students sang another interesting song called Roo Chi Cha. It was a full house with many cameras and iPads recording the events of the morning. The assembly finished off with our special school “What I am…” written by Will.I.Am.

After assembly the parents had morning tea and viewed our mini art exhibition set up around the Centre.

Next week we will have a few photos and a write up of the WASO String Quartet.

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

**Chaplain’s Chat**

Last week I went into a class that had just had a lesson with our special visitor, John Fleming, watching.

After the teacher thanked the class for the way they had behaved, I heard one student say, “We didn’t let you down.” I was struck by this beautiful sentiment being spoken by such a young child.

Later that day I attended several meetings where Mr Fleming spoke, and it seemed all of the children had indeed risen to this important occasion. He used words to describe their behaviour like ‘exemplary’ and ‘outstanding’.

My heart was warmed to think that here were qualities like loyalty and reliability, being shown at times when they were needed. Our students are learning valuable lessons!

- Jennifer Hunt
What doesn’t work when dealing with bullying.
Short-term ‘solutions’ alone, like punishing the student doing the bullying, do not improve the relationships and social factors which allow the bullying to happen. Although the bullying may stop in the short-term, unless these factors are addressed, it is very likely to reoccur or become covert (hidden).

Punishment as the only intervention is not effective in preventing bullying. Interventions need to be matched to the particular circumstance of the bullying. No single approach to bullying is appropriate or effective in all circumstances or for all people.

If the school’s response to bullying further disempowers students who have been bullied or fosters a negative school culture, this can make the situation worse.


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 Hobby Expo 2014
Hosted by the Albany Model Railway Association Inc.
Saturday October 4 from 10.00am to 5.00pm
Sunday October 5 from 9.00am to 4.00pm at Centennial Hall, Albany Show Grounds, Lockyer Avenue. Displays include: Model Railways, Patchwork and Quilting, Model Aeroplanes, China Painting, Fantasy War Games, Card Making, Radio Controlled Yachts, Scrap Booking and Paper Craft. Commercial Suppliers, New / 2nd hand Hobby Supplies. Admission: Adults - $7.00, Children - $3.00 (up to 16), children 5 and under – Free. Refreshments Available. For more information please contact Peter Pocock 0419 967 991 or 9841 6736, Bruce Norton 0470 223 783.

Beginners Sailing Course
Sailing course for ages 9 years and up. This course will open the option to join in the regular Saturday morning coaching at the Sailing Club through the season.

Date: Mon 29 Sept - Fri 3 Oct. 9am to 12 noon.
Where: Princess Royal Sailing Club, Chipana Drive, Little Grove.
Cost: $195 Kidsport grants available with Health Care card. Book in and pay at:
Click Here to Register for Kids Learn to Sail School Holiday Fun at princess Royal Sailing Club in Albany
Enquiries to: Chris Lee 0427 850 417

Circle of Security - Kids Central Great Southern & Parenting WA Great Southern
A program for parents of young children.
*Understand your child’s emotional world – learning to read the emotional need that lies behind your child’s behavior.
*Support your child’s ability to handle their emotions and improve their confidence and self esteem.
*Strengthen your skills in observing and connecting with your child.
Throughout the program a DVD with real life experiences and illustrations will be used.
Dates: Commencing Thursday October 30 2014, 6.30pm – 8.00pm for 7 weeks.
Venue: Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre Family House, 219 North Rd, Albany We recommend that participants attend all sessions as each week flows into the next. Phone 9841 0785 or 9842 3676 to register. Facilitated by Ingrid Storm, Rebecca Hopkinson and Ben Headlam. Free Creche Available.
This activity is funded by Communities for Children which is supported by the Australian Government.

Vacation Swimming Lessons for children aged 3 – 5 years
Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre is offering swimming lessons for pre-school aged children during the October school holidays 2014.

Lessons will be held over a two week period:
• Program 1 (4 days)
  Tuesday 30/09/2014 – Friday 03/10/2014
• Program 2 (5 days)
  Monday 06/10/2014 – Friday 10/10/2014
Enrolments are now open
Please contact Swim School on 98442274 or email nolao@albany.wa.gov.au

2014 Soccer Windup
The wind-up is scheduled for Sunday 21 September at 2.00pm till approximately 4.00pm, in the School Assembly Hall.
Hope you can all attend as there will be a short AGM followed by medal / trophy presentations. Please bring a plate to share after the presentation. Regards Claire 0487 987 528.

SEA Youth Performance - Cure Boredom! Holiday Workshops. Act - Belong - Commit
Aerial Arts with Amy Hastie, 1–3 October. 8 years +, $60.00
Face Painting with Diva Dingo, 3 October 8 years +, $25.00
Walkabout Characters for Street Performances with Diva Dingo, 2–4 October all ages, $50.00. Book now 9841 6002.