Dear Parents and Friends

Students Perform at Albany Show
Many of our students added to their impressive performance resume this year, by performing at the Albany Show last Friday 7 November. Students from Rooms 9, 10, and 11 as well as our Choir students entertained the assembled audience with drumming and marimba items and our choir also performed a number of songs from their excellent repertoire. Again, the feedback I had from this activity was excellent, enhancing the positive image our school has in the community.

Many thanks, to those students who gave up their time on a day off from school to be a part of this event, as well as to parents who were able to transport their children to and from the venue on the day. My thanks to the many others who helped on the day to make it possible. They are acknowledged elsewhere in today’s Newsletter.

Thanks once again also to Mrs Wilson who carries out the considerable task of organising and coordinating this terrific opportunity for our students to showcase their talents at this event.

Early End of Year for Students in Pre-primary and Kindergarten
By now I am hoping that all of the parents who have children in pre-primary and kindergarten will have received a letter from me informing them that these programs will end the school year a little earlier than others within the school. All children in these programs will finish their school year by Friday December 12 rather than the scheduled close of Thursday 17 December. Approval to close at this time has been given by our School Board and the Department of Education.

This decision relates to the building program at school and will allow enough time for the old transportable buildings to be removed before Christmas and other works to take place in this area to occur over the summer holiday period. This will hopefully ensure that all of the current building program and associated works are completed before the start of the 2015 school year.

School Review
The Albany Show day holiday for students gave our staff the opportunity to take this time to carry out our annual school review and planning process. This regular part of our school calendar involving collection, collation and analysis of a range of performance data that allows us as a group to develop plans that accurately address the needs of our students and as such maximise the outcomes of their involvement at school. Mr Jem Ruggera representing the School Board also participated in this process.

School Board Meeting
Our School Board met last week and discussed the following items;
• The early finish to the school year for Pre-primary and Kindergarten students.
• Submitting an application for funding to continue the role of Chaplain at our school in 2015. All schools in WA are required to resubmit for funding for continued involvement in this program.
• A review of school finances for 2014 and the current situation as far as 2015 is concerned.
• A review of all of the performance data collected this year and its role in the school review and planning process for 2015.

Alan Dowsett – 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.
Moving Schools or Locations in 2015?
It is crucial that you inform the school of any intention to move from Spencer Park in 2015. Our funding and the way we organise classes is dependent on an accurate understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school. From here on in, and for the remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2015 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

Future Dates

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Help Needed
We are looking for parent help with the pack up of Spencer Park Primary School’s Art Exhibition at the Albany Museum. Pack up will be Friday 14 November, any volunteers please contact the school office 9841 2488.

Music News

Mrs Wilson and Spencer Park Primary School would like to thank:

- Mr Cremasco and “Reece Plumbing” for loaning the school their truck and assisting us with the transport of all the gear to the SHOW.
- Mr Paul Nie and Ms Kerry Gadomski for the loan of their van to transport all the music gear back to school.
- Mrs Taylor, Mr Sodano, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Lee and all staff who assisted with organisation at the Show, loading and unloading Music gear.
- All the students for their wonderful performances.

What I can See from My Playground by Jacob North

Over the fence the new classroom is nearly finished. Most of the roof work is nearly finished.

In my playground this week, a new swing and climbing frame has been built. Two men have been working in the yard all week. It looks like it might be nearly finished. We also have new sand.

I want to put the swing up and swing.

Jacob North
Our new swings were completed this week. We now have a tyre swing that can be used as a swing or to spin around on. There is also a climbing net and if the climbing net is not up then two swings can be put in place.

There is also more sand around the swing so if the swings are not up then the area can be used as a sand pit. The children were all over the climbing net today.

We have in term swimming starting next week for 2 weeks. Classes are at 1:10pm and 1:50pm at ALAC. Please be sure to send your child’s bathers and towel to school each day unless we already have them here at school.

Our Centre turns 21 this year. We are planning on having a day of celebration on Tuesday, December 2. This is a chance for you to bring your family to visit and if you know of any families who would benefit from the care and schooling we could offer their child suggest they come for a look. Watch this space for further details.

Our year 6 and 7s are continuing with their transition to high school program, and will be at ASESC for at least part of most Fridays this term.

The Albany Show is over and done. Our students entered the ‘decorate a wooden spoon’ competition in the Horticultural Pavilion. William C. won Best Exhibit in the 10-12 years division. Samuel P. and Cade O. won second place in their divisions and Hamish K. won third place in his division. Hayley-jane B., Finlay B., Leilani W. and Timothy P. received Highly Commended certificates.

These are our winning entries in the Albany Show.

Teachers did not have the Show Day off. They were involved with planning for 2015, learning about MultiLit, or Creating a Sensory Aware classroom.

Also last week Lara Eyles, Leanne Grey and Warren Barrington participated in the Holyoake Drumbeat training. They are also in the process of purchasing drums for the program. All this has been made possible by Ms. Grey diligently applying for a grant from WA Healthy Schools to cover the cost of most of the training and the drums.

“DRUMBEAT promotes social understanding and connection through a team drumming experience. It is fun, safe, creative, engaging and rewarding. Participants lift their self-esteem, learn to work cooperatively and are exposed to the therapeutic and recreational benefits of music.”

Angela Young, Leonie Wills and Leanne Powell were trained in MiniLit and Shelley Redmond attended the MultiLit training with the SPPS staff on Saturday. Both these programs are designed to increase phonemic awareness and reading skills. The MinLit program also works on reading comprehension.

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

What should parents avoid telling their children to do?

Strategies not recommended for dealing with bullying include:

1. fighting back
2. bullying the person who has bullied them
3. remaining silent about the problem.

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


NO HAT, NO PLAY
Please be reminded that the school does have a No hat, No play policy throughout Term 1 and as such your child will need to have a hat at school each day to access the playground areas.
Please ensure that your child’s hat is clearly marked with their name.
**Breakfast Ideas**

Children should eat a healthy, nutritious breakfast to give them the energy they need for the school day. Ideally, breakfast should include fruit or vegetables, a dairy product (or alternative) and a wholegrain product. Here are some breakfast ideas:

- Raisin bread or fruit loaf topped with ricotta cheese and fruit.
- Porridge, made with milk and topped with berries or chopped banana.
- Fruit smoothies, made with milk, yoghurt, soft fruit and wheatgerm or psyllium.
- Wholegrain muffin (topped with cheese and tomato) and a piece of fruit.
- Yoghurt topped with cereal and chopped or pureed fruit.
- Baked beans with wholegrain toast and a small glass of diluted fruit juice.
- Poached or scrambled eggs with toast and a glass of milk.
- Toasted bagel with avocado and a glass of milk.
- Wholegrain toast, spread with a small amount of jam or honey and topped with sliced banana, and a small yoghurt tub.
- If you're in a hurry, grab a piece of fruit, a cheese stick and some low fat crackers.

Go to [www.nutritionaustralia.org](http://www.nutritionaustralia.org) for more healthy breakfast ideas.

**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.*

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2015 VARIETY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The Variety Scholarships recognise the inspirational talents of Western Australian children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs.

Applications are now open.

Please help us support deserving young people by nominating someone or promoting the Scholarships within your school or organisation.


**Communities for Children**

The November edition of the Communities for Children newsletter is now available. Some of the exciting articles featured in this month’s newsletter include:

- Children's Week Dinosaur Party
- Food Safety and School Lunches
- Fruit and Vegie Fun at Mt Lockyer Playgroup


Alternatively go to the latest news section on the home page of the Amity Health website and click the November Newsletter under Communities for Children. Please forward the newsletter on to your families and others in the community who may be interested.

**2014 Australian Commonwealth Games Regional Tour**

Commonwealth Games Athletes in Albany

**Wednesday 19 November 3.15pm – 4.30pm**

North Road recreation grounds near Little Athletics

Commonwealth athletes from the disciplines of gymnastics, athletics, swimming, and others will be in Albany. The athletes would like to host multi-games activities for Active After School participants. We will have several coaches including Commonwealth Games athletes there to take children through fun games and skills development (i.e. hurdles jumping, gymnastics body rolls, etc.).

Come see the athletes and participate in sports activities after school.

**The Albany Schools Concert Band 1 and The Albany Youth Orchestra Concert**

The Albany Schools Concert Band 1 and The Albany Youth Orchestra are combining forces to present a concert which they have named “The best of 2014”. The concert will take place on Monday 24 November, starting at 7pm in the Albany Baptist Church. Part proceeds of the concert will be used for the band to attend the Australian International Music Festival in Sydney in 2015. Students involved in this concert come from every school in Albany.

You are invited to attend this concert. Tickets are available from the Accounts Office at Albany SHS.