Dear Parents and Friends

Faction Athletics Carnival
Unfortunately the weather wasn’t as we would have liked for the second part of our carnival last Thursday, but we managed to get through the day without too many interruptions or having to postpone a large number of events to another day. Our term planner is such that any delay to another day would be very difficult. I thought all of those students involved “soldiered on” and made the most of the day. Many thanks to our staff, who also ensured that the day flowed as smoothly as possible in, at times, difficult conditions.

Congratulations go to the winning faction Green, who after a very close tussle during the day with Gold, managed to get across the line ahead at the end of the carnival. Green have certainly been a dominant team in recent times winning 5 out of the last 6 carnivals. Let’s hope that the 2 remaining factions can begin to reverse this trend in 2015.

My congratulations also go to the medallion winners, it is always a major achievement to participate in such a competition and end up being the best or near best in your age group. This group will form the basis of our school team at the interschool carnival to be held next week – I am sure that they will also perform well at this level.

Many thanks to those parents who volunteered to help out on both days, your help is crucial to being able to stage such an event effectively. Thanks also go to those parents who managed the weather and came along to support their children throughout the carnival. This support helps motivation and enthusiasm levels and is greatly appreciated.

As always this program takes considerable preparation and organisation, once again many thanks go to Mrs Binning for her excellent work in the lead up to the carnival and on the day in ensuring that everything proceeded as planned.

Interschool Athletics Carnival
We now move quite quickly from our Faction Athletics Carnival onto the Interschool Carnival. This is to be held over 2 days in Mt Barker, Tuesday 25 November (Jumps and Throws) and Thursday 27 November (Track Events). Our school team will travel to Mt Barker by bus. Whilst this year’s carnival is out of town, parent spectators are still welcome, I hope that you can get there.

Some preparation, particularly involving those selected for team games, has already occurred and this will continue in the days remaining.

P&C AGM
Next Monday 24 November we get to that time of the year when the P&C has its AGM to determine the leadership structure for the following 12 months.

Our P&C is a crucial group at our school, not only raising important additional funds, overseeing the management of the canteen and uniform shop and coordinating our discos, but also providing important input and guidance in relation to the overall direction of the school. The school would certainly be a much poorer place without an active P&C.

We have been fortunate to have had strong and stable leadership as well as a reasonably active membership group over a long period of time. As always though, the group welcomes new members, particularly from those with younger children, people who are going to be a part of the school for some time. This ensures that there is renewal within the group over time and that there is stability into the future.

If you can spare some time to come to this meeting and commit to being part of this group you will be helping our school and your children enormously. I hope to see you there.
Booklists
You should, by now, have received your booklists for the new school year. Being able to submit your booklist through the school is a service that has been available for many years at our school. Storm Office National has been our preferred supplier for a number of years and do an excellent job in ensuring that each booklist is collated and delivered within the timelines we require. Whilst you are free to gather the booklist items from any supplier of your choice, there are a number of benefits in organising your booklist through the school:

- It is a significant fundraiser for our school’s P&C; they have returned a percentage of the total sales in commission from the supplier. Obviously the more people that get involved the bigger the amount that is received in commission. This commission is earned in that members of our P&C are required to be available at the beginning of the year to distribute orders and manage payment from parents. Keeping a portion of parent expenditure on school supplies makes an ideal fundraiser.
- It is a convenient service in that you simply submit your order and pick it up at the beginning of the school year, rather than having to gather the supplies from different places around Albany.
- We are supporting a local business.
- When you pick up your order it is a one stop shop enabling you to pay your annual voluntary contributions and also pick up any school uniforms at the same time.

I hope that you can once again support the school in submitting your booklist order through the school for next year’s supplies. It would be great to see a maximum percentage of people taking up this option when it comes to providing your child’s school supplies.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

SPENCER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
School Disco
Our next school disco will be held tonight Thursday 20 November. Times are as follows:
- Kindy to Year 3  5.00pm to 6.30pm
- Years 4 to 7    7.00pm to 8.30pm

Entry fee is $3.50 per child.

Please note that students who have been in time out this term will not be eligible to attend the disco.

Also be reminded that a responsible adult must deliver and collect all students from the hall. Children will not be released from the hall until this occurs.

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.

Faction Athletics Carnival Results

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Thank you to Mrs June Hodgson for her kind donation towards Medallions.

Well done to our Winning Faction

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HONOUR CERTIFICATES
We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly, 14 November 2014

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Remember to mark December 2 on your calendar for our 21st Birthday Celebrations. It will start at 12:00 with a sausage sizzle. There will be a bouncy castle, balloons, birthday cake and other fun activities. The activities will run until 3:00. We will continue with an open house until 5:00.

Last Friday on community access our students visited the new National ANZAC Centre with subsidy from the ESC. It is an important part of the Albany community. It also helps to give our students a sense of history and the sacrifices made in the past by the young men and women of Australia.

On Wednesday morning EIC Kindergarten children had another great life experience. Mrs. Ellery’s group lesson was making French toast. The children cracked eggs, beat the eggs in individual bowels. They then cut out special shapes with cookie cutter and dipped the bread. After it was cooked by a staff member they ate it using a knife and fork. They learned lots of great motor skills and life skills.

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

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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.

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What I can See from My Playground by Jacob North

Today I saw four men digging. I think they may be putting drains into the ground, so it doesn't flood when it rains. The water won't get over the bricks, because they are too high.

There are holes cut in the doors. I think it may be for air vents to go in. The tin roof isn't finished yet, but almost.

My sister Emily will go there when it is finished. She is excited.

Jacob North

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**SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

With Christmas approaching, I would like to invite you to be a part of our annual collection of gifts for the Salvation Army.

As has happened in previous years, we would gratefully welcome any donation, whatever the size, of non-perishable food items that might assist a needy person or family at Christmas. eg: Fruit cakes, Christmas puddings, Fruit salad, Tinned ham.

On December 2 we are having a special Christmas Assembly, where the gifts will be presented to Captain Niall Gibson from our local Salvation Army.

I thank you for the way you have supported this project in the past, and hope you may be able to be involved this year.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Hunt

School Chaplain
What should parents avoid telling their children to do?

Strategies not recommended for dealing with bullying include:

- Fighting back
- Bullying the person who has bullied them
- Remaining silent about the problem.

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

Commonwealth Games and Paralympian Athletes

On Wednesday 19 November Commonwealth Games and Paralympian athletes visited Year 2's and Year 3's at Spencer Park Primary School. The Athletes were Lyndsay Pekin a 400m Hurdler and Kat Downie a Swimmer. We were amazed at their wonderful achievements.

Both Athletes were very impressed with all the students.

Kat Downie
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.

Scholarships to help families with children in secondary school now available for 2015
The Department of Education coordinates scholarships that provide financial support to eligible children in secondary schools to help with their studies.
Applications for a number of these scholarships are now open for next year (2015) and close on Wednesday 31 December 2014.
Further details and application forms are at education.wa.edu.au. If you do not have access to the internet, please let the front office know and we can send you the details or you can pick them up.

Albany’s 4th Annual ‘White Ribbon Day’
Demonstrates your commitment to the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children.
Remembering those who lost their lives as a result of family and domestic violence.

Tuesday 25 November 2014. 12.00 noon – 1.30pm.
Silent March: From ANZAC Peace Park to the new Town Square. (Please be assembled at ANZAC Peace Park by 12 noon).

Town square rally to follow Silent March. Speakers, free sausage sizzle, information stalls.

For further information contact: Jo Fictor – 9845 6070

Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre is offering swimming lessons to children aged 3 - 5 years during the January 2015 school holidays.
- Program 1 (5 day duration) commencing on Monday, 5 January through to Friday, 9 January 2015
- Program 2 (5 day duration) commencing on Monday, 12 January through to Friday, 16 January 2015
- Program 3 (5 day duration) commencing on Monday, 19 January through to Friday, 23 January 2015

Please contact our Swim School either on telephone number 9844 2274 or by email npolaco@albany.wa.gov.au for further information and to reserve your class place.

Invitation to our 21st Birthday Celebration
Spencer Park Education Support Centre
including the Early Intervention Centre
Invites you to help us celebrate 21 years of service to the Albany Community
We invite past students, families, staff and interested families to help celebrate this milestone.

Come and enjoy free fun activities and a sausage sizzle
When Tuesday, 2nd December
Time 12:00pm to 3:00pm for Activities
3:00pm to 5pm Open House
Where Spencer Park Education Support Centre
26 Hardie Road, Albany
RSVP 9841 1537
Our Sunburnt Country Exhibition

Our magnificent exhibition is over and we have had some wonderful responses to our art from the community. Here are some of the comments from the Visitors Book.

Can I come to your school and do art. All are amazing! Robyn

Congratulations. Most amazing children’s exhibition I have ever viewed! Ben

Splendid imagination and execution. Thank you. Deborah

Great display of work from lots of talented kids. Congratulations. Rosaia, Victoria

Great artistic effort – Maintaining the Spencer Park tradition – from an inaugural student. Jim

How fantastic!!! New young artists! Ruth – Busselton Visitor

We both loved your work so much, you all should be very proud of what you and your teachers have produced. ❤ Sue & David, NSW

Keep our Australian spirit strong. What a wonderful example for our children. Keep up the good work. God bless you all. Chris

Absolutely fantastic work! Loved it! Well done all. Judy

I am very impressed by all the budding Australian artists. Well Done. Kaye, British Columbia, Canada

Excellent, thank you! Jan & Greg, Sunshine Coast

A remarkable display, with lots of talent on display. Ron Perth

Unique! Anne, England

Great artwork! Bob & Lavonne North Carolina, USA

THIS IS WICKED! Scott

A fantastic effort by mentors, teachers and students. How lucky you are to be part of such a project – keep it up! Gaye