Dear Parents and Friends

P&C AGM
It was great to be at the P&C’s final meeting of the year, the AGM and see a good attendance of parents and in the end all positions are filled for 2015. Office bearers for 2015 are as follows:

President: Carrie Beeck
Vice President: Gerry Macaulay
Treasurer: Ivane Cremasco
Secretary: Linda Taylor
Canteen Committee: Diane Edwards (Principal ESC), Ivane Cremasco, Debbie Hull (Canteen Manager), Krystal Marwick
Uniform Committee: Lorenda Quayle, Krystal Marwick

Mostly the newly elected office bearers remain unchanged from this year, this stability will ensure a smooth transition into the new year. My thanks go to all of those people who were office bearers for the P&C and those who were active in their membership this year. Your positive and supportive approach to our school is highly valued and appreciated.

As evidence of this support the group approved the donation of in excess of $4000 to go to the school for some bright new furniture for the library. This includes some new shelving and places to sit and read. This adds considerably to efforts being made over time to make this a more attractive place for our students.

I look forward to working with the group again in 2015.

Early Childhood Building Car Park
In many ways the new early childhood building will have a transformative impact on our school. If everything goes to plan the school should look considerably different when you arrive back in 2015.

- The Reidy Drive frontage of the school will lose the old K/P buildings and be replaced by a large shed to be used to house the ESC bus and the Coolangarras bus
- A significant piece of playground equipment will be in the same place that is currently occupied by the old Kindy building
- There will be a major reshuffle of where year levels are located with all of our junior primary classes located in the area closest to the new building.

I am hoping that the new car park to be located on Hardie Road on the north western corner of the school will also be complete (if not sometime soon after the start of the year). I have attached a plan of this area.

Like any parking area of this kind I ask that parents adhere to the following:
- The designated pick up and drop off zone closest to the new building is not a parking area – cars are not to be left unattended in this area at pick up and drop off times. This is reserved for those picking up and dropping off students who are capable of walking into the school on their own unescorted.
- As much as possible parents dropping off and picking up children attending the primary school should park in the new area and leave the old part of the car park for the use of parents and staff from the Education Support Centre.
- Bays that are marked and reserved for Education Support Staff and people with disabilities should be kept vacant.

Year 6/7 Orientation Days
After 2 days held earlier in the term, where all of our Year 6 and 7 students attended the Albany Senior High School to experience a secondary environment, these 2 year groups will now over the next 2 days spend an orientation day each at the public high school they are attending in 2015. All of the students across the City of Albany and beyond, moving to one of the public high schools, in 2015 will come together on this day. This is an important day in ensuring that the transition from primary school to high school is as seamless as possible.
I am pleased that our school could add 2 further days to this program – hopefully day 1 at high school will be less daunting than it may otherwise be for our students.

Alan Dowsett – Principal

P.S. Our school is preparing to be involved in the Xmas Pageant on Saturday night. I hope you can be there to support them.

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**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.

**Honour Certificates**

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly, 28 November 2014.

- Matthew Room 3
- Kaliyah Room 4
- Chad Room 5
- Owen Room 7
- Bella Room 4
- Ella Room 8
- Liam Room 9
- Thalia Room 10
- Hannah Room 11
- Cooper Room 11
- Sidorie Room 11
- Reece Room 17
- Khiarah Room 18
- Annabelle Room 18
- Room 2 Science
- Room 8 Science
- Room 19 Science
- Room 19 Health
- Every student in Room 7

**Library News**

Hi everyone.
It’s getting close to the end of term, time to return all of your library books.
You are welcome to come in and make lanterns to decorate the library for Christmas. There will be prizes for the best ones.
Look forward to seeing you soon. Mrs Keeler

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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 9, at 9.40am 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

**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.

**NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF YEAR 7 & 8 BUS STUDENTS ENTERING ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 2015.**

Bus students require a Student SmartRider card to be eligible for the cheaper fare (60c for cardholders, $1.20 for non card holders).

All new ASHS’s students will be issued with a photographic Student SmartRider which is used both as an ASHS library card as well as a bus pass. These cards are issued through the school. The first card from ASHS is free of charge, replacement cards are $5. These cards will be issued to new students sometime during Term 1 2015.

To be eligible for the cheaper bus fare from the beginning of 2015 we recommend that you apply for a Student SmartRider card while still at primary school. There is no cost for the first issue of a SmartRider for primary school students if you order using the application form, $5 for online ordering. If your child has previously been issued with a card in primary school the cost of a replacement is $5.

Our 21st Birthday Party / Open House on Tuesday was a great success. Thank you to our fantastic TEAM of teachers and education assistants who worked so diligently to make it such a success. A master plan was created and individuals contributed their bit to produce a great day for all.

Unfortunately Peter Watson was double booked and unable to attend. But there were a number of other special visitors. Mrs. Gail Giles one the first teachers, cut the cake for us. Kath Penton, WA Healthy Schools Project Officer, Christie Huggins, future school board member, DSC Local Area Coordinators and staff from the Children and Adolescent Integrated Therapy Service (CAITS) team attended.

We also had a number of past students and parents attending. Visitors after 3:00 included a number of former parents and students from the EIC.

The bouncy castle was enjoyed by all with the students from Rooms 17, 18 and 19 invited in the afternoon to join in the celebrations.

The hat parade saw some awesome hats with a number of awards being handed out. The sausage sizzle, Healthy Foods and birthday cake were very yummy. Face painting saw Spiderman, butterflies, rainbows and flowers walking around the playground with specially created badges and key rings.

Thank you to Alan Beebe, past EIC parent, for donating the cost of the bouncy castle. It is greatly appreciated. Also thank you Nikki Farmer for organizing a raffle and for selling Christmas cards to raise funds for the 2015 school camp.

Thank you everyone who contributed to making out 21st Birthday party a success!!!

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 I can See from My Playground by Jacob North

Today is a special day at my school. We are celebrating the school’s 21st Birthday. In the playground there is a blower. The blower is blowing air to keep the bouncy castle up, so it doesn’t go down. I watched the bouncy castle get blown up, it got bigger and bigger. I’ve had a turn on the bouncy castle, I jumped high.

There is some fruit to eat and a sausage sizzle. It will be lots of fun.

I wonder if the builders would like to join our party….

Jacob North

Donations Required
Donations of Bubble Wrap and Egg Cartons are required for the T&E Shed supplies. Please deliver to Room 18.

Christmas Pageant
Students preparing for the Christmas Pageant performance with Samantha Parr.
What can parents do if they are told or suspect that their child is bullying others?

Last week I didn’t put in all the information for this item so I have included the items from last week (the top two) and the bits I left out.

If a parent suspects their child has been bullying others, they can talk to their child about:
- what is the reason they have been behaving this way
- taking responsibility for their behaviour
- how to sort out differences and resolve conflicts
- how to treat others with respect
- the effect of bullying behaviour on others
- the need to repair harm they have caused to others
- the need to restore relationships.

Parents may also like to talk to their child’s school to come up with a plan to help their child learn more appropriate ways to behave.

Cheers, Diane Edwards


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.

DOWNTOWN – Summer School Holiday ArtSpace and workshops

DOWNTOWN in the Kids ArtSpace – walk into a world where towns are designed and imagined. Open from January 5-27. Donations are welcome.

Launch of the DOWN TOWN summer school holiday program at the Albany Public Library.
Tuesday 6 January 10.30 – 11.30 am. All materials provided for this free activity.

Skyscraper Scenes.
Monday 12 January 1-3pm. Age 4-7 years $30 members $35 non members

Looking - Drawing - Building
Tuesday 13 January 1-4pm. Age 8-14 years $35 members $40 non members

Local Icons
Weds 14 January and Thursday 15 January 1-4pm two afternoons. Age 8-14 years $70 members $80 non members

Roof Top Garden
Friday 15 January 1-3pm. Age 4-7 years $30 members $35 non members

Street Scenes
Monday 19 January 1-3pm. Age 4-7 years $30 members $35 non members

Stitch by Stitch
Mon 19 January 1-4pm and Tues 20 January 1-4pm two afternoon. Age 8-14 years $70 members $80 non members

You are the Architect!
Wednesday 21 January 1-3pm. Age 4-7 years $30 members $35 non members

Streetscape Lino Prints
Thurs 22 January and Fri 23 January 1-4pm two afternoons. Age 8-14 years $70 members $80 non members

For more information contact the Vancouver Arts Centre 9841 9260 email arts@albany.wa.gov.au

3 December 2014

Parents of 4 year olds - Immunisations

Children who have turned 4 years of age are scheduled to receive 2 injections, MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) and DTP – IPV (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, and Polio) vaccines. These are booster doses to ensure good levels of coverage against these life threatening diseases. These immunisations can now be given as early as 3.5 years of age.

From 1 July 2012, families will need to have their children fully immunized or have an approved exemption to receive the Family Tax Benefit Part A end-of-year supplement. The supplement, worth $726 per child each year, will now only be paid once a child is fully immunised at one, two and five years of age, or has an approved exemption. This means that over the three immunisation check points, families will have an incentive of more than $2,100.

If your child still requires his/her immunisations please see your usual immunisation provider or alternatively you are welcome to make an appointment for our Tuesday / Thursday Population Health Immunisation Clinic, in Albany. This is a free service, and appointments can be made by phoning 98427500.

If you have any questions relating to immunisation please do not hesitate to contact me on the phone number below or by email.

Anne Taylor, Public Health Nurse – Immunisations/Disease Control
Phone 98427511, Email anne.taylor@health.wa.gov.au
Junior Triathlon Program

ALBANY TRIATHLON CLUB

Where: Emu Point, Albany
When: 6 week program commencing Friday 16th January 2015.
Time: 4.30 to 6pm. 45 minute skills session followed by short triathlon event.
Ages: 7-12 year olds. Must be able to swim 50 metres in deep water or have passed Stage 4 in Department of Education swimming and water safety program.
Coaching: Accredited and experienced volunteer members from the Albany Triathlon Club.
Cost: 6-11 yr olds $60. 12 yr olds $78.50 includes membership to all Albany Triathlon Club events. Includes entry to the Kids Peaceful Bay Triathlon on Saturday the 14th February at 3pm. Full payment required at first session on 16th January.
Equipment requirements: bathers, goggles, road worthy bike, helmet, shoes, shirt and towel.
Numbers strictly limited to 30 children. Register your child by phoning Belinda on 0417 644 108 or email pljoss@bluepond.com

ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
UNIFORM SHOP
Parents of new year 7 & 8 students, the uniform shop will be open on both orientation days.
Friday 5th December for year 8 student 2:30-4:00p.m.
Monday 8th December for year 7 students 2:30-4:00p.m.
We are also open Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00-4:00 until the end of term.
Please take the opportunity to come in on these days and beat the January back to school rush.

DUE SOUTH
SURFING
ACADEMY
Calendar for Surfing & Ocean awareness Lessons

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Lessons run for 2 hours each day - all equipment supplied
Bookings recommended - phone Tony Harrison on 98444263
Mobile 042761099 or 0427415030 - Cost $125 per person,
Family discounts - Ages 6 upwards. Accredited course, certificate and notes supplied. Check us out on "albanysurfaway.com.au"

55th ALBANY SUMMER SCHOOL
5th - 16th January 2015
The Albany Summer School offers Art, Craft, Lifestyle, Environment, Young People’s and other courses in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere
BROCHURES WITH FULL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ART & CRAFT SUPPLIERS, LIBRARIES, GALLERIES, TELECENTRES & VIOCENTRES
Further Information can be obtained by contacting the Enrolment Officer on 0438 415 026 or by writing to P.O. Box 6146, Albany, 6332

www.AlbanySummerSchool.com.au

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