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Principal:
Dave Dart

School Vision:
At Spalding Primary School we aim to facilitate each student with the essential skills and knowledge to be an effective and successful member of society.

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Thursday 23/6/2016

WOW what a couple of weeks we’ve had at school! Last week was a big one, the whole school went on an excursion to Clare and Sevenhill. We visited the miniature trains at the lake and had some morning tea. Then we all had a few rides on the trains before heading off to Richardson Playground at Sevenhill. Students broke up into groups and we went off and did some geocaching, went to a historic site at the Sevenhill vineyard. Then back to the play ground for lunch. After lunch all students got to experience the playground and get ideas for their playground designs they’re doing back in the classroom. It was a great day for everyone. See the photos on page 4. A big thank you needs to go to Mrs Scott for organising the trip and driving the bus.

Last week also saw another wonderful Spalding Speaks Up. So far I have been very impressed with the quality of the items that have been on the agenda. WELL DONE! Congratulations to all the people that received awards from teachers and myself.

Upper Primary Class

In Upper Primary I (Mr Dart) have started using the rewards program called Class Dojo. Students are given points for the things they do in class. e.g. team work, helping others, sharing, being on task, participating, show persistence, there is also a focus on our school values Excellence, Respect and Safety. Students have come up with their own rewards that are individual and whole class. An example of some of the ideas the students had are: Spending time with Jemima and other students, whole class movie with popcorn, extra fitness time, a visit to Spalding Park and time on the computer during recess or lunch. Parents should have received a letter requesting them to join the Class Dojo application to keep track of their child’s progress. We have even started our class story which posts can be made of the work students have been doing in class. If you would like more information please come and talk with me.

A Reminder

A reminder to all parents about the importance of using your child’s diary to communicate with the school or their class teacher. There have been a couple of occasion where students have not had their diary at school for the teacher to communicate with the parents. Things that you can put in the diary are if your child needs to be away for an appointment or if they have been away due to illness, any concerns you have or questions you might have.
Nature Play
Throughout this year and part of last year there has been talk of, and students have been developing ideas for a nature play area within the school grounds. This has also been discussed with Governing Council who are keen to work and implement this in the school.

If parents or families have any of the following items that they would be willing to donate to contribute to our nature play environment it would be greatly appreciated. There are a lot of items we are after but some of the larger items include long tree trunks for student to use as balancing beams, large 30–40 cm diameter off cuts of trees for students to use as stepping stones, large wooden cable drums which student can use as play tables and large amounts of clean fill dirt to form smaller hills for the students to play on. Please come into the school and talk to us about what you could possibly donate. Thank you

Report Time
It is that time of year where teachers are writing student reports. These will be available for you to collect from your child’s teacher in week ten (8th July). These reports will cover subject areas taught across the last two terms.

Partnership Information
Next Thursday 29th June the Mid North Partnership will be having a review. All principals will be attending this meeting to answer question from the DECD review team. There will be a heavy focus on the partnership data which Spalding PS contributes to. The Data consists of our NAPLAN results, PAT Maths & PAT Reading results. Our results are good, they are where you would expect our students to be. We will be asked what we are doing as a school to maintain and stretch these results. The review team is interested in what we are doing to improve student achievement.

Thank you

Dave

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
We have commenced the annual nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability (‘the Collection’).

This will involve the collection of: the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; the level of adjustment provided to students; and where known, the student’s type of disability.

Under the Collection model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information about your child will be included in this year’s data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Dave Dart on 88452139. Further information about the Collection can be found at: http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

A very big THANK YOU to Suzy Boyes for her donation of recycled nature play items and wood working equipment. The children love playing with them!!!

Here are a couple of comments from the students -
I like the wood construction area because I like hammering nails into wood. - Matt
I love the tyre that Suzy donated because its really bouncy! - Sophie
I like the building area because I like to be creative and build things. - Baxter
Some comments from last week’s excursion

Yesterday I went on the train. I went on the green train and the blue train. - Sarah
What I like about the train is that I heard the train’s whistle and the birds whistling. Everyone was on the train with me and I felt happy! - Ava
I heard birds. I saw bushes. I felt happy and I liked the tunnel. - Dougie
I like seeing the tunnel and the bridges. - Albury
I saw my friends. I heard the trains. I shut my eyes in the tunnel. - Bronte
What I like about the trains was the tunnel because we all said echo and we screamed. - Taylah
The train was exciting because it went fast. - Harry
I liked the playground because it had lots of equipment and the flying fox was really cool. We went to the playground because we are researching about the Riesling Trail in class. - Jayde
I enjoyed geocaching because we got to go on the Riesling Trail. It was a great day. - Matt
I liked the playground because there was lots of climbing equipment and I love climbing!! The flying fox was awesome. - Sophie.
I liked the excursion because we got to walk along the Riesling Trail and look at old tractors and the grape vines. I liked looking at the plaques about Jesus on the way. - Baxter
Excursion to Clare last week
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