Dear Parents and Caregivers

I have certainly enjoyed being at Spalding and have very much appreciated the warm welcome. As I write this report, Dianne Tilley is hoping to be back with everyone on Monday.

It has been a very busy couple of weeks and I must congratulate all at the school on their great efforts. The students have been fantastic. All working and playing cooperatively, happily and safely. To see them really engaging with all the school offers has been very rewarding.

This is made possible by the enormous commitment and dedication of all the staff of the school. The quality of the programmes your children enjoy is outstanding. From the environmental studies to art, the literacy and numeracy programs, the fitness/PE to science and geography, everything is covered to such a high standard. The children and the community are so lucky to have such high quality people staffing this school.

The resources of the school are also amazing. From the technological to the physical side, the school is very well equipped. Further the care the children take along with their responsibilities such as the chickens, the budgies, the garden, the sports gear etc. shows they appreciate what is provided.

To the school community you can be very proud of what you have achieved with your school. The facilities, the grounds, the equipment and the support you give certainly shows.

There is a great atmosphere of caring, learning, sharing, respect and having fun at this school. It has a wonderful feel about it. I have been delighted to have had the opportunity to be your “fill-in” principal.

Spalding Primary is all a school should be and many in Adelaide could take a leaf out of your book! Congratulations to all!

*** REMINDER ***
ALL FOOD MUST BE NUT FREE ON MONDAY FOR HARMONY DAY
Reminders:

No ‘Spalding Speaks Up’ on Monday due to Harmony Day celebrations.

Nature Play Parent Seminar – Clare Primary 7pm Monday

Monday is last day for Hot Cross bun orders.

Friday is Good Friday – Happy and Safe Easter to all families.

Did you see the article in the Northern Argus? If not call in to our Office to have a read.

Welcome – New staff member Paula Fuller. Paula is joining the staff to provide SSO classroom support for the rest of the term. We hope Paula enjoys her time with us.

Spalding Speaks Up

What a wonderful ‘Spalding Speaks Up’ we had last week. The items from the children were fantastic. Seeing all the excellent work was enjoyed by a number of parents and caregivers. You are always welcome to attend. Last week ‘Spalding Speaks Up’ was very special as our YELP leaders were very excited to receive a $1000 cheque from Mrs Judith Sommerville representing the Yackamoorundie Landcare Group, to support our schools environmental, garden program “Get into Nature”.

The program was developed in partnership with YLG. Our tree propagation area and program will benefit greatly. Many thanks to the Yackamoorundie Landcare Group for their wonderful donation and ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Colin Davidson

MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOOL AND PLAYCENTRE

Saturday April 2nd 2016 is our wood cutting fundraiser.

We need your help!!!!!!

Please let either the school or Ben Sommerville know if you are able to help on the day. Meet at 8.30am sharp at Barnett Brae turn off (corner Reinke Rd & RM Williams Way)

We are now taking orders for the wood. $220 a tonne, cut, split and delivered (within reasonable local distance).

Don’t miss out!!

ALL ORDERS TO BEN SOMMERVILLE – Ph 0408974603
Hello there,

How are you? How was the long weekend? This week is quite mixed up for me; a holiday Monday and at school on Wednesday not Friday. Please note the change of date for Triple C below. Next week is muddled too, I’ll be here on Monday for Harmony Day then Friday is the start of the Easter break.

I was at school on Wednesday because I underwent a review as the school’s Pastoral Care Worker. Thank you to those who responded through the survey. Your responses will help tweak my involvement at school. Just quietly, I like the idea of Triple C more often, too. I am most grateful for and humbled by the kind encouragement I received from you and your children. I consider myself blessed to be at Spalding PS among so many kind and caring people.

I have my orange outfit ready for Monday, I am excited to be able to join you and our guests from Booborowie PS as we learn a bit more about living in harmony with each other.

Earlier this month I attended a conference for people working with children and youth. I gained some tips about how to help kids support kids, particularly from different age groups. I also learned about blended experiences solidifying a change in a person’s behaviour or development. A child may have a physical experience supported by an academic experience which results in learning a new concept. Learning is lifelong, I like the idea of learning a new thing every day.

Until next time,
Take care,
Dee

This week’s catch-up at the park has been postponed until week 9, that is, Friday 1st April, (no I am not April fooling you).
Meet at the park at around 9.20

You are welcome to bring your pre-school children.
Why reading at home is so important. (Applies in general)

Parents and caregivers probably often think ‘not reading again tonight’.

Why do teachers insist on reading at home? Can’t we have a night off?

Let’s consider the following:

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- Imagine this year after year while at Primary School.
- Who will have a better vocabulary? Who will know more?
- Who will read better? Who is likely to be more successful at school?

Also before your youngsters get to school reading to them is so important.

If you read to your child daily for the first 5 years of their life for 15 minutes a day by the time they start school you’ve given them 450 hours of brain food. If you reduce that to 15 minutes a week it drops to just 65 hours of brain food before they get to school.

Make reading part of your family’s routine. Read to your children and get them to read to you.
Nature Play Workshop

with Simon Hutchinson from Climbing Tree Nature Play Consultancy

Monday 21st March
Clare Primary School Hall
7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m

**The Treasures of Childhood**

We all know childhood is changing and children are not spending time outdoors like they used to. Obesity, mental health issues and many other detrimental side effects are on the rise in children. One way to counteract this is to open up more play opportunities and naturalize educational settings.

Simon will explore the current trend of outdoor play spaces and delve into the barriers and challenges in facilitating engaging outdoor learning experiences. He will outline key elements to enhance your outdoor learning space, focusing on risk, loose parts and the adult’s role in children’s development.

Simon is a qualified primary school teacher with over 10 years experience in education. His passion for providing opportunities for children to explore, create and reconnect with nature has led him to develop Climbing Tree. Through Climbing Tree he is able to share his passion for all things outdoors hosting workshops, facilitating interactive play days and working with schools and learning centers to enrich their students learning experiences through nature play.

RSVP: Clare Primary School 08422433 (inc crèche booking if required)

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The **Brinkworth Spalding Redhill Football Club** are calling out for interested players for the 2016 season.

Our club is friendly and works to promote fitness and fun. We fill football teams in the U17, U14, mini coits and subminis competition. We have a small group of current players, meaning there is a huge potential to develop children’s football skills. We have qualified coaches that are willing to support your child’s football interest.

We would really like your child to come to training and see if BSR is for them. Bring a friend too! If our club doesn’t seem quite right, we will happily support the return to a previous club. If you would like more information, please contact: Shane Weckert 0439 812 556

Senior & Junior Colts Training Starts: 23rd March at Spalding, 5:15pm. BBQ to follow.
Minis & subminis start in April.
Junior Netball & NetsetGo

Junior Netballers – all welcome, must have turned 8 or turning 8 in 2016
Training starts Wednesday 23rd March, 5.15pm Spalding Netball courts

NetSetGo - all welcome, must have started school to participate
Training starts 5th May, 5.15pm, Venue to be announced

For Further details
Toni Ashby – Junior Coordinator
0409 726 277
Caroline Reichstein – Club President
0428 828 944

We look forward to seeing you there!!!