Dear Parents, Caregivers and Spalding Primary Community,

Welcome back to school for 2016. I hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday season and created some happy memories with family and friends.

I am feeling warmly welcomed into my role as Principal of Spalding Primary School and sincerely thank those who have taken the opportunity to introduce themselves and their family. I look forward to meeting everyone and gaining confidence in putting names, faces and matching children and parents together. While I have more recently been working as Principal at Auburn PS, my experience in leadership is wide and varied and includes schools, preschools, Manager of the Learning Together program in Pirie and state and regional positions. Although my home is in Auburn, my family has strong family and friendship connections in this area and I do know a little of this community. I look forward to strengthening these connections and growing further knowledge over the coming weeks.

At the beginning of the year I asked both staff and students to describe their school in three words. There is a wonderful community feel to the school and their responses reflected this. They included: family, respect, supportive, welcoming, friendly, happy, fun, successful and professional. It is certainly a privilege to experience this school culture.

Unfortunately I will be on LSL in week 3 and part of week 4 when I travel to Singapore to visit my brother, plans that were finalised prior to accepting this position. In my absence Sue Scott has kindly agreed to be Acting Principal and Kerren Abbot will cover my teaching days. I am hopeful that this will minimise disruption to the school and will provide important continuity for the students.
We extend a warm Spalding welcome to our 4 new Reception students Max Sommerville, Tyson Cook, Jack Warren and William Newbury. We also welcome Kaylee Jones and her family. We hope that your association with Spalding Primary School is rewarding and reflects those values that we identified earlier in the newsletter.

We have had a busy start to the school year and both classes have been working on setting routines for the year. This is an important learning time, as structures and routines developed early on can ensure a successful year. We extend an invitation to families to attend our Classroom meetings and BBQ next Thursday evening to discuss routines, expectations and have questions answered. Please see the notice in this newsletter.

Another opportunity for parents and the Spalding community to show their support of our students is by attending our newly established Spalding Speaks Up sessions on every second Monday afternoon beginning next Monday 8th February at 3 pm. Please join us to hear the children share about their learning, report on important events and to recognise and celebrate their achievements.

When families join in school activities, they are sending a very strong and important message to their children that the school and their education is important! This belief in the importance of their child’s education is also demonstrated to your children when you ensure they attend school each day unless there is illness or special circumstances. Encouraging children to do their homework and read each and every day is another way to convey this message.

I look forward to meeting you over the coming week. However please feel free to seek me out at other times if you need clarification, answers or wish to give feedback.

Best wishes

Dianne

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**Spalding Primary Staff for 2016**

Principal/ Upper Primary Teacher (Tues and Wed): Dianne Tilley
Upper Primary Teacher (Mon, Thurs and Fri): Kerren Abbot
Junior Primary Teacher (Mon-Thurs): Sue Scott
Junior Primary / German/ Arts (Tues and Fri): April Matters
Administration/ Finance/ Student Support Officer (SSO): Sonya Wohlfeil
SSO and Library coordinator: Sharon Middleton
SSO Classroom Support: Aimee Goode
Grounds Keeper: Peter Shane
CPC: Christian Pastoral Support Worker: Dee
Play Centre Leader: Paula Gill
Cleaner: Jane Owens
Parent Night
Thursday 11th February 2016
6pm start

Come and see what your child/children will be learning this year!

BBQ Tea to follow
Please bring a salad or a sweet

$10 per family to help cover costs of meat, bread etc.

DONT FORGET
Basketball resumes this Friday night at 7.30pm.

Spalding Town Garage Sale & Market in the Park
Saturday 12th March 2016

More sites welcome, sort out your trash and earn some cash!!

$10-00 Site Fee on Booking

DON’T MISS OUT .... BE QUICK !!

Get your Names and Site Fees in by Friday 26th February to be on the map.

Contact: Mark 88452158  Nick 0447 501 489  Frances 0458 111 194  Carol 0408 857 525
Hello there,

How are you? Is anyone else asking where January went in such a hurry? Or is that just me? Hmmm...

Welcome to Term 1, 2016; I am glad to be back with my Spalding friends. There are a few new faces, and I hope we become friends soon, too.

After speaking with Dianne, the decision has been made for me to be at school regularly on Fridays, as well as an extra day at school every so often, such as Harmony Day in week 8.

I am excited about getting back into the garden, offering activities at lunchtime, Triple C and so much more.

Please ensure the Pastoral Care Worker permission form is returned to school so I can know how you would like me to interact with your child/ren.

In the past, little troubles have bothered me more than they really needed to. This year I strive to wake up every morning with the thought that the day will be amazing. A positive attitude contributes greatly toward putting little troubles into perspective.

I trust there are amazing things in store for you and your family as we travel through 2016 together.

Take care,
Dee

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You're invited...

You are welcome to bring your pre-school children.

**Term One**

**You're invited...**

_to TRIPLE C WITH DEE_  
_(CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT)_

*Friday 19th February, (week 3)*  
at the general store cafe.

*Friday 18th March, (week 7)*  
at the park.

You can meet at the school at 9am to _Chalk (chat and Walk)_  
with me or meet at the venue at 9.20am.