Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through this term, things certainly have been extremely busy and they are looking like continuing this way for the remainder of the term. I am feeling like I am spending more time out of the school than in it at the moment. Thank you to the staff who keep things running smoothly while I am out.

Some of my out of school commitments have included:

- **Education Leaders Day**: This event was for all Principal’s and Kindy Directors in the state. At this event, we heard from the Minister and Department CEO’s about the direction of DECD in 2015 and beyond. One of the major key messages was around improvement for all students.

- **Leading Numeracy Improvement**: This session was for all leaders in the Mid North Partnership. Aside from being a great networking day where I was able to meet the other Principals in this area, it was also a day for discussing the Numeracy directions for the Partnership along with how we will implement the Literacy and Numeracy Results Plus guidelines. This will involve us working through a process to develop a Numeracy Improvement Plan for the school that will complement our Site Improvement Plan. I will keep you informed as our work on this continues.

**Rodeo**: Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Rodeo. It was a warm evening to be sitting on the gate. We appreciate the extra effort that you put into fundraising to ensure the students have top class facilities and access to great educational programs and resources. This would not be possible without your help.

**Staffing**: I am pleased to announce that Dianne Kenyon will be working with us on Friday’s as our Christian Pastoral Support Worker. Dianne is extremely keen to continue David’s great work in the garden. Staff will meet with Dianne tonight. Dianne will begin her work with us when we receive funding from the department. Hopefully this will happen by the end of next week.

**Headlice**: Thank you for your continued support in checking your child/ren’s hair regularly and treating when necessary. It is extremely important if you find lice in your child’s hair to please wash all bedding, hats, clothing, towels etc in hot water. We will continue to check student’s hair regularly until we believe that we have eradicated them completely. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Bushfire Action Plan**: Please find attached to the newsletter, an updated Bushfire Action Plan. Please spend time looking through this and discussing with your children.
The Term ahead.....

On Monday I will be attending a session in Adelaide with Ann Baker. Ann is the Mathematician in Residence for our Partnership in 2015. Sue and I will be attending sessions run by Ann throughout the year aimed at introducing ideas and strategies for effectively teaching mathematics in the classroom.

Next week proves to be action packed for our Year 5/6 students. On Tuesday 3rd March, I will take Jorja, Thomas, Bailey and Martique to Adelaide to the Young Leaders Day. This is an opportunity for the students to develop their leadership potential. The program is run annually and over 23,000 students are expected to attend. Guest speakers on the day include Matthew Cowdrey and Rachael Leahcar.

On Thursday 5th March, the Year 5/6 students will be involved in the Young Environmental Leaders Day at Blyth Primary School. The aim of this program is that students will plan an environmental project, within certain guidelines, that they will then carry out at Spalding. We are looking forward to working with the students to see what exciting projects they will come up with.

Clean up Australia Day: Students will participate in “Clean Up Spalding” on Monday 2nd March. Please ensure students are wearing suitable walking shoes as they will be cleaning the school and surrounding streets.

Bowls Practice: It is that time of year again when the students will start practicing for the Bowls Tournament. Kerren will take students to the Bowling Club on Friday 6th and Friday 13th March for practice. The tournament will be held on Friday 20th March. Please see flier in the newsletter for more information.

Ride to School Day: Friday 13th March is Ride to School Day. We will meet at the town Playground at 8:45am and Ride / Scoot / Walk to school. This also coincides with Wheels Day. Please ensure your child has a helmet if they are riding or using a scooter. Martique (SRC Publicity Officer) will be advertising this event. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Harmony Day: I mentioned in the last newsletter that we would be needing to take cars to Booborowie on Thursday 19th March. I am extremely pleased to say that we have managed to secure a bus that Sue will be able to drive. This means that we will no longer require parents to drive. Thank you to those that had offered.

Wood Chopping: a date has been set for Wood Chopping – Saturday 28th March. This is the annual school and play centre fundraiser. If you are able to help out in any way, please let Sonya or Ben Sommerville know. We are taking pre-orders - $220 a tonne, cut, split and delivered (within reasonable distance) this is a bargain. Get in quick!

JP Zoo Excursion: I have heard many excited JP students (and a couple of staff members), eagerly awaiting the 10th March to head to the Adelaide Zoo. This is a great opportunity for students to undertake learning outside of the classroom. The Zoo excursion is the day after the Adelaide Cup Public Holiday.

Camp: We will be heading Arbury Park (Stirling) for school camp, Week 2 next term (6th – 8th May). Cost of the camp will be $50 per student. Please keep your eye out for information, consent forms and an invoice that will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

If you would like to organise a payment plan for either the Zoo excursion or the Camp, please see Sonya.

I hope you manage to stay cool over the weekend,

Regards
Dianna Jarman
MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOOL AND PLAYCENTRE

Saturday March 28th 2015 will be 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.

We have also started 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

Student’s comments from Splash Afternoon…………………..

Kiri: I went in the deep end.
Martique: It conquered my fears of the deep end.
Baxter: I liked going and missing my work.
Thomas: I liked playing with my friends at the pool.
Zack: I enjoyed missing work.
Bailey: I enjoyed cooling off on a hot day.
Jorja: I thought it was really fun.
Harry: It rained. I went in the water. We played pirates. It was fun.
Ava: I played mermaids.
Lara: I played on the slippery dip and played dolphins with Sarah.
Luke: I learned a new trick - spinning very fast. It was fun.
Polly: I liked going down the slide and going around in circles in the tube.
Sarah: I swam in a tube from the steps to the side.
Deakon: It was good when it started raining.
Sophie: Matthew and I jumped in, it was awesome.
Matthew: I thought it was the best day ever.
Xander: I jumped in. Sophie and I were splashing water at each other.
SPALDING BOWLING CLUB

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FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2015

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN
START AT 4PM APPROX

THEN SAUSAGE SIZZLE TEA

HIGH SCHOOL AGE
START AT APPROX 7PM

PLEASE COME ALONG AND
ENJOY OUR TOURNAMENT

Spalding Whole of Town Garage Sale

Saturday 7th March From 8.00am

More sites welcome, sort out your trash and earn some cash!!
Registration fee is $10-00 per site.

So to be on the map, get your names and registration fees in by Saturday 28th February

Contact: Mark 08 88452158  Frances 0458 111 194  Carol 0408 857 525
Maps will be available at
Spalding Shop, Post Office & Rear of Barbed Wire Pub
BSR TIGERS NETBALL 2015
( Brinkworth, Spalding, Redhill, Yacka, Koolunga, Gulnare)

If you live near any of the above towns and would like to play a full game of netball every Saturday during the winter season come to BSR!
We are looking for players to fill our teams!

We are a great Football/Netball club with experienced coaches and warmly welcome any new players from 8yr olds right through to senior players.

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING