Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It doesn’t feel like two weeks since I typed the last newsletter. The term is certainly flying by at a rapid rate.

Last week I was fortunate enough to accompany our Year 5 and 6 students to National Young Leaders Day and Young Environmental Leaders Day. The National Young Leaders Day showcased a variety of successful leaders. We were inspired about the journey that each individual has taken to be where they are today. We all walked out of the conference with new ideas about what makes a good leader and the day gave the students food for thought for their own future.

The Young Environmental Leaders was a local forum conducted by Bonnie from Natural Resource Management. The students met other like aged students from Snowtown, Brinkworth, Blyth and Clare. They were able to share the environmental projects that are happening at Spalding while looking at photographs of the environmental projects at the other schools. The students now have to plan and implement a new environmental project at Spalding. The group will meet in Term 2 and 3 and then give a final presentation in Term 4 about their project. The students are currently in the planning phase. The students will share their plans in due course.

Front Office Hours:
I am pleased to let you know that Sonya will now be in the office 5 days a week. The office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday. If you can’t find Sonya in the office, she most likely has her other hat on and is supporting students in the JP classroom.

Facebook:
Spalding Primary School has a Facebook page. The aim of this page is to keep you informed of what is happening within the school. Please search for us and like the page.

Newsletter:
Would you prefer to receive your newsletter via E-mail or access it on Facebook or via our Website? If so, please see Sonya to arrange.

Pastoral Care Worker:
I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Dee into the Spalding Community. The staff and students are looking forward to working with Dee this year, especially in our garden. Please pop in and say hi to Dee when she is at school on Friday’s.

Regards,

Dianna
National Young Leaders Day

On Tuesday the year 5/6s went to the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) at the Adelaide Convention Centre. On the way there we played some games. When we got there Mrs. Jarman thought we were late but it started 20 minutes after we got there. Our host was a school teacher called Megan Drench. There were 1300 students in total and 5 guest speakers, Mike Martin, Andrea Boyd, Rachael Leachar, Matt Cowdrey and Victoria Cox.

Mike Martin has been to 11 of the 17 NYLDs, hosting 3 of them. He told us about why it was so important to tell stories and told us an Aboriginal Dreamtime story about when Kangaroo Island and Tasmanina were joined to the mainland.

Andrea Boyd works at the Munich Space Control Centre in Germany. She has always wanted to work in a space station. In her office she can see a sunset and a sunrise every 90 minutes. She was a South Australian of the Year finalist and is the only Australian in the Flight Control team.

Rachael Leachar is 90% blind and has guide dog named Ella. She auditioned for Australia’s Got Talent and The X Factor but was turned down both times but 6 months later came 3rd in The Voice 2012. She sang a French song called Lilliana Rose for us. She said that she felt self-conscious in high school because she used a cane but when she auditioned for The Voice she lost her self-consciousness. She can also speak Kiwi.

Matt Cowdrey is a 13x Paralympics gold medallist and has been to 3 Paralympics, the Athens, Beijing and London Paralympics. He was born without his lower part of his left arm but that didn’t stop him becoming a famous swimmer and the World Swimmer of the Year with a Disability not to mention Young South Australian of the Year 2008. Matt won a medal in every event in London 2012, 5 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze. He broke the Australian Open record at the age of 11 and the World Record at the age of 13.

Lastly Victoria Cox is a great swimmer but a really bad runner. She completed a marathon in 5 ½ hours. She swam from Perth to Rottnest Island in 7 ½ hours and she had to have her food thrown to her. Victoria also had to swim through a school of jellyfish. She got a lot of stings on her arms but she was very proud of herself when she finished swimming.

We had a great time in Adelaide that day and we learnt all sorts of different leadership phrases including “No dream is too big”, “Great people aren’t born, they are made”, “A dream starts with a dreamer” and “Nothing significant, enduring or amazing ever began that way”. We would love to go again because it was absolutely inspiring.

By Martique, Jorja, Thomas and Bailey.
Student’s comments from the excursion………………

“I saw a tiger laying between two trees” - Bronte
“I liked the pink flamingo” - Ava
“I saw a giraffe that was brown” - Lara
“I was scared of the lion when it eats its meat” - Harry
“I heard the tiger ……. rarra” - Sarah T
“I saw monkeys and I named the stupidest monkey ever “Matt the Monkey” - Matthew
“One monkey fell off one of the branches” - Sarah A
“I loved the sea lion because they waved to us just like a person” - Sophie
“We saw the guinea pigs. They were fat” - Polly
“We went to the zoo yesterday” - Xander
“Yesterday we went to the zoo. One of the monkeys fell off a branch” - Charlie
“The second animal was a guinea pig, they looked funny and very cute” - Lucy
“The panda was funny” - Luke
Hello Spalding PS community,

I am so pleased to have joined you! My name is Dianne Kenyon, however, at school I will be known as Dee; essentially I chose this to prevent confusion between Dianna and myself since our names are so similar.

I began as your Pastoral Care Worker last Friday, and, as your students may have already told you, I am replacing Mr Thompson. You may have noticed the job title has also changed; Mr Thompson was a Christian Pastoral Support Worker, but with the new round of federal funding for the National School Chaplaincy Program came a change of job title in South Australia.

So, the worker has changed, the job title has changed, but essentially, the job hasn’t. I will be participating in school life in a similar way to Mr Thompson’s participation. I will be bringing my skills, abilities and character to the role to enhance the wellbeing of the school community and will be available to everyone in three different ways: in a pastoral role, as someone to talk to about a troubling situation; in a referral role, as someone who can advise about services and organisations which may be useful in certain situations; and in a resource role, where I not only bring my own abilities to the role, but also have connections with many resources, (such as speakers, organisations, projects, etc.), which will enhance and extend the learning experiences of the students. For example, I was able to organise a visit from Shane Rubie, who teaches in an international school in Ethiopia. He came last Friday and spoke to the students about his school, Bingham Academy, as well as projects he is involved in among the very poor. The photos he showed were quite eye opening. I was very impressed with the student’s attentiveness, interest and prior research before meeting Shane.

I enjoyed my first day at school and look forward eagerly to meeting more and more of you, remembering more names and participating in the general life of the school.

Take care,

Dee

Finance matters............................

School fees are due now!!! Please make arrangements to cover this invoice as soon as possible.

If you have not yet submitted your school card application and you wish to apply for this, please attend to this as soon as possible as this process takes time.

If you need to pay by instalments please see Sonya as arrangements needs to be made to do this.

If you are unsure if you owe any money, please ask Sonya anytime ☺

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 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