Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

As the first half of the year quickly draws to a close I’d like to thank everyone for their support of the school. There has been some fantastic teaching and learning taking place and it has been extremely rewarding to have seen the growth in our students learning and personal development.

In other exciting news our school has been successful in securing funding for a CPS worker to be in the school for approximately 3-3.5 hrs a week. The role of a CPS worker is to:

- To support the school in its aim to be a safe and supportive learning environment.
- To link families to community resources and services.

Farewell

I’d like to take this opportunity to make special mention and thank Sarah Ramsdall whom you would already know is pregnant and will be finishing up at SPS at the end of this term. Sarah has had several contracts in the last few years at SPS and has worked with all of the children currently at SPS at some stage or another. Although I have only worked with Sarah for two terms, it’s clearly evident to see the high quality teaching and learning that takes place in her classroom and with . I’m sure you will join me in thanking Sarah and wishing her and Nathan all the best with the birth of their baby and well into the future.

I’d also like to make a special mention of one of our families who will also sadly be leaving us. The Shapley family will be moving back to Birdwood. On behalf of Spalding Primary I’d like to wish them all the best in their move and thank them for their contribution to SPS. Birdwood’s gain is our loss.

Welcome

Next term we welcome Kerren Abbot to SPS. I’m sure many of you will know Kerren and have probably had her teach your children at some point in time. Kerren is a highly experienced teacher and brings with her many expertise. She will be teaching the UP class on Thursdays and Fridays. Welcome Kerren.

Lastly, as this is our last newsletter for the term I’d like to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone back recharged and ready for the second half of the year.

Faithfully,

Ilia Tsoutouras

“I define reading as a message-getting, problem-solving activity which increases in power and flexibility the more it is practised.” Marie Clay (2001)

SRC report

Earlier this term we decided to support the deafness foundation by selling butterfly badges. We still have some left but not a lot. If you would like one please come to the front office before the end of this term.

Last Friday we held a Subway lunch for everyone. Some parents and friends ordered some as well. Everyone enjoyed the taste of Subway at school.
Home Reading

As you would all know reading is a crucial part of a child’s education. It is fantastic to see our students reading at home. Congratulations to the following students for reading for 25, 50, 75 and 100 nights:

CONGRATULATIONS
Martique D'Vouw – 25 nights.
Baxter Goode – 75 nights.
Zack Sommerville, Zack Longbottom and Kartia Czapla – 100 nights.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Don’t forget to ask for your Earn and Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. You can drop your completed sticker sheet into the box in the front Office, or in the Spalding Primary box located at Clare Woolworths.

SA Public Teaching Awards
Celebrating inspiring teaching

Nominations are still open for the SA Public Teaching Awards. Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional of the South Australian public education system. The SA Public Teaching Awards aim to recognise and reward dedicated teachers, education leaders and support staff who have made an inspirational contribution to young South Australians. To nominate a member of our school go to:


Butterfly Badges

There are still some butterfly badges available, the SRC is selling butterfly badges for $2. The money will go to the deafness foundation. There is a variety of butterfly badges which come in six different colours. If you would like one, please go to the front office.

Jessica Longbottom
SRC Secretary

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER
(Previously known as “School Chaplain”)

SPALDING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Schools Ministry Group along with Clare Valley Christian Outreach are seeking applications for this 3 – 3.5 hour per week (or 6-7 hours per fortnight) position, commencing late Term 3, 2012.
The position exists to offer support to students, staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on “How to Apply”, is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au.

Closing date: Friday 27th July, 4pm

www.smg.asn.au

Same First Day—Starting Pre-school and School

Preschool is an important early step on your child’s journey through education, giving them the chance to play, learn, grow and develop as part of an organised educational program.

There will soon be a change to the way children start preschool and school. From 2014, there will be a new start date for preschool and school children. This will be the first day of Term 1.

Birthday                  Start Preschool          Start School
Before 29th Jan 2009      Term 1, 2013            Term 1, 2014
29th Jan 2009 - 30th Apr 2009  Term 2, 2013    Term 1, 2014
1st May 2009 - 31st Dec 2009  Term 1, 2014    Term 1, 2015

More information and a same first day calculator can be found on the Early Years website.

http://www.earlyyears.sa.edu.au/pages/HOME/samefirstday/?reFlag=1

Responding to Abuse and Neglect for Volunteers

At our last Governing Council meeting we briefly spoke about the DECD guidelines in regards to training and requirements for regular volunteers. One of these requirements is volunteer training in Responding to Abuse and Neglect. Early next term we will offer as an expression of interest training at Spalding Primary for volunteers in Responding to Abuse and Neglect. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to come in and see me.
In the UP class we have been focusing on narratives. A narrative is a story written for the purpose of entertaining someone. We looked at how changing just a few elements of a narrative can change the whole story. We experimented by changing Goldilocks and the three bears. We have included some of our stories for you to read and hopefully get as much enjoyment out of it as we did.

Kate and the good Rabbits

Once upon a time there was a father rabbit, mother rabbit and a baby rabbit. They lived in a school. One morning the mother rabbit made noodles for breakfast. When the three rabbits sat down to eat, they found that the noodles were too hot. “Let’s go for a skip to Bethlehem,” said the mother rabbit. “The noodles will be cool enough to eat when we return.” So off they went.

Nearby, Kate was skipping in the school yard. “I’ve been skipping for a long time, and I’m hungry.” Kate said. Just then Kate saw the three rabbits’ school. “Maybe there is something to eat in there,” Kate said, and went inside.

Kate saw the food on the table, and decided to try it. First Kate tried the father’s noodles, but they were too hot. Then Kate tried the mother’s noodles, but they were too cold. But the baby rabbit’s noodles were just right, and Kate ate them all up.

“My goodness, I’m sleepy,” Kate said, entering the bedroom. Kate sat on the father rabbit’s bed, but it was too hard. Kate then sat on the mother rabbit’s bed, but it was too soft. The baby rabbit’s bed was just right, and Kate fell asleep there.

In a short while the three rabbit’s returned from Bethlehem.

“Someone has been eating my noodles,” said the father rabbit. “Someone has been eating my noodles too,” said the mother rabbit. “Someone been eating my noodles and they ate it all up,” said the baby rabbit. They looked around to find who had done this. When they looked in the bedroom they saw Kate asleep on baby rabbit’s bed.

Just then Kate woke up and saw the three rabbits and said hello. The good rabbits forgave Kate and they all went to Bethlehem.

By Kartia Czapla

Jovan and the three Zooplankton

Once upon a time there were three Zooplankton. Mother Zooplankton, father Zooplankton and baby Zooplankton. They lived in the sea in New York. One morning the mother Zooplankton made Delta Creams for breakfast.

When the three Zooplankton sat at the table to eat them they found that the Delta Creams were too hot. “Let’s go for a swim to a rubbish dump,” the mother Zooplankton said. “The Delta Creams will be cool enough to eat when we return.” So off they went.

Nearby, Jovan was swimming in New York. “I’ve been swimming for such a long time, and I’m tired and hungry,” Jovan said. Just then Jovan saw the three Zooplanktons coral cove (home) “Maybe there’s something to eat in there,” Jovan said, and went inside.

Jovan saw the food on the coral reef and decided to try it. First Jovan tried the father Zooplankton’s Delta Creams, but they were too hot. Then Jovan tried the mother Zooplankton’s Delta Creams, but they were too cold. The baby Zooplankton’s Delta Creams were just right, and Jovan ate them all up.

“My goodness I’m sleepy,” Jovan said, entering the coral reef room. Jovan sat on the father Zooplankton’s piece of coral, but it was too hard. Jovan then sat on the mother Zooplankton’s piece of coral, but it was too soft. The baby Zooplankton’s coral was just right, and Jovan fell asleep there.

In a short while, the three Zooplankton returned from a rubbish dump. “Someone’s been eating my Delta Creams!” said the father Zooplankton.

“Someone’s been eating my Delta Creams too!” said the mother Zooplankton. “Someone’s been eating my Delta Creams, and they ate them all up!” said the baby Zooplankton. They looked in the house to find who had done this. To their surprise they looked in the bedroom and saw Jovan asleep on baby Zooplankton’s bed. Just then Jovan woke up, saw the three Zooplankton and screamed. The Zooplankton family tried to catch Jovan, but Jovan swam out of the sea and all the way home.

By Nick Longmire
Computers for sale

Computer Clearance

We have the following computers for sale:

- 10 Leader desktop computers complete with monitor, mouse and keyboard. $100.00 ea
- 2 Compaq laptops $150.00

All computers are in good working order and are running either Windows XP or Windows Vista. Computers have Microsoft Office 07. These would be ideal as student computers.

Farewell

It is with much sadness that we will be saying farewell to Sarah Ramsdall at the end of this term. Sarah has been a huge asset to our school. Students and staff will certainly miss her bubbly smiling face around the school. We have also been informed that the Shapley family will be returning to Birdwood early in term 3. During their time at Spalding Primary School, Judy and Tony have contributed to working bees, Governing Council, canteen and general volunteer work around the school. We would like to invite you to help us farewell Sarah, and the Shapley family by joining us for a pooled lunch on Friday June, 29th. We would appreciate it if you could provide a plate of food for the day, if you are unable to attend please send your plate with your child/ren in the morning. Could you please indicate if you will be attending by returning this form to school by Tuesday June, 26th.

Name...........................................

I am able/ unable to attend the luncheon and will supply a sweet/savory plate.