Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 3. It is hard to believe that we have passed the halfway mark of the school year. I hope everyone enjoyed the school break. As mentioned in the last edition of the Spalding Primary Newsletter, we welcome Kerren Abbot to our staff for terms 3 and 4. Kerren is a very experienced and highly skilled teacher, she will be in the upper primary classroom on Thursdays and Fridays and will take the whole school on a Friday afternoon. Welcome Kerren.

We would also like to make a special welcome to Abbey Gerritsen who is starting Reception this term.

Reading

As you would be aware one of our key priorities on our Site Improvement Plan is to improve our students skill development and achievement levels in Literacy with a specific focus in Reading. Reading mileage is a key ingredient for improvement. Improving as a reader is just like learning anything else in life, the more we practice, the better we get. To improve at a sport like footy, netball or hockey you need time practicing skills then playing matches. To get better at cooking, driving or bike riding you need to do these things again and again and again. Practicing frequently until automaticity builds success. Reading is the same, the more you read, the better you get at it!

At school students have time to borrow, read and talk about books. The more this can also happen at home the greater reading improvement and success at school and in life. There are a whole variety of strategies we use at school to assess where our students are at in terms of their reading to help them on their reading journey. We have included a ‘Reading’ page on the back of this weeks newsletter.

Pupil Free Day

As a part of the ongoing improvement process and teacher training and development we will be having a pupil free day on Friday Wk3 (3/8/12). We have a combined day with other schools where the Australian Curriculum Implementation officer will be running a session for staff on the Australian Curriculum and the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework.

Responding to Abuse and Neglect

As mentioned in our last newsletter, 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. As an expression of interest we would like to gage how many people are interested in taking up some training. If we had enough interest I would be more than happy to run the session here at Spalding Primary. The session would be held one evening and would most likely take approximately one to one and a half hours. If you are interested could you please return the slip on the last page of the newsletter or ring the school to let us know so we can get an idea of numbers. Likewise, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to come in and see me.

Yours Faithfully,
Ilia Tsoutouras

"Set Your Sights High"
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, 100, 125 and 150 nights:

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Martique D’Vouw and Jorja Williams - 25 nights.
Amy Shapley - 50 nights.
Sarah Andrews and Nick Longmire - 100 nights.
Kartia Czapla - 125 nights.
Jessica Longbottom - 150 nights.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
There are only about four weeks left on this promotion, in which you can assist the school to gain valuable resources for our students. From Wednesday 18th-24th July you will receive double the amount of stickers by purchasing Kellogs, Dairy Farmers, Be Natural, Pura or Berri products.

Jars with lids
We are looking for Jars with lids to go into one of our science kits. If you have any at home that you can donate to the school please drop them into the office.

Canteen News
Milo Ice blocks are temporarily unavailable. Chocolate Billabong and Lemonade Icy Poles are available for purchase.

- Billabong $1.25
- Icy Pole $1.00

Fathers Day Raffle Donations
The fundraising committee would like to thank all who have made donations or collected items for this raffle. If you would like to make a donation towards this please drop it into the school by Friday 27th July.

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

DECD Smoke Free Policy
The Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) Smoke-free Policy has been endorsed. Under the policy smoking will be prohibited at all DECD facilities and property, including land, buildings, structures, outside areas whether owned, rented, or leased by DECD, and all vehicles owned, leased, rented, contracted for, or controlled by DECD used for transporting students, staff, or visitors. The policy applies to all persons entering or using DECD premises, including all DECD staff, clients, volunteers, students and researchers, as well as contractors and visitors. For details see


Book Club Orders
Please return all book club orders and money by Wednesday 1st August.

“Set Your Sights High”
At Spalding Primary School we value:

*RESPECT
*EXCELLENCE
*SAFETY

Reading

“Learning to read is the most important educational outcome of primary education. Reading is a complex process that builds on oral language facility, and encompasses both specific skill development (phonemic and decoding strategies) and the use of comprehension strategies. (Deslea Kona, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education and Arts, Edith Cowen University, Western Australia)

What do good readers do? The cognitive process involved in reading is complex. It involves students working with ‘in the head’ processing which starts early and develops in complexity over time as students become more proficient readers.

Good readers always read for meaning. They:
- actively engage with the text
- constantly check on themselves to make sure the story makes sense
- check on their reading to make sure the three sources of information they have used interact, by asking themselves:
  – did that make sense?
  – did that sound right?
  – did that look right?
- make predictions about the text
- check their predictions
- self-correct if their predictions are not confirmed
- solve tricky words as they meet them in the text
- re-read to search, to confirm, to self-correct and to regain fluency.

Reading @ SPS

All the research and evidence tells us that reading is the most fundamentally important skill for students to learn. Not only does this help with their education, but also later in life.

Reading is also the major focus on our Site Improvement Plan. There are many different strategies we use at Spalding Primary to improve our students reading abilities. Some of which are:
- Running Records
- Sustained Silent Reading
- Literature Circles
- Guided Reading
- Jolly Phonics
- Reading Journals
- PAT-R Reading assessments
- Listening to students read
- Rainbow Reading

Our region (Yorke Mid North) has set targets as to what levels we want our children to be reading at. As a school and staff we have set targets in our R-2 running records reading levels. Below are the targets we have on our Site Improvement Plan that were passed by our Governing Council in our last meeting.

100% of Reception students to achieve Running Records level (6-10) after 4 terms
100% of Yr1 students to achieve Running Records level (15-20) after 8 terms
100% of Yr2 students to achieve Running Records level (22-26) after 12 terms

We also use PAT-R reading tests to assess our Yr3-7 students and have a target on our SIP that states;
Computer Clearance

We have the following computers for sale:

- Leader desktop computers complete with monitor, mouse and keyboard. $100.00 ea
  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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nat, Dane and Jess Sommerville and Jess, Tim and Chloe Hammat on the safe arrival of the newest additions to your families.

Term three meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th July at 7.30pm, at the Play Centre building. We will be looking for some new fundraising ideas for this term, and a cleanup of the toy cupboards and washing of toys is planned for after the meeting. If you are unable to attend and have some ideas for fundraising please let Paula or Hayley know before the meeting.

Learning Movement Skills Through Play
Birth to 18 Months

Making Music— using a rattle, shaker, wooden spoons or any object that makes a sound, show your baby how to shake, rattle or bang—This will assist your baby to develop listening skills and hand/eye coordination.

What's in the Box? Decorate a shoe box with coloured paper, stickers or paint, then cut a hole in the lid. Place different items inside the box such as small balls, toys, blocks, and encourage your baby to sit and reach into the box to pull the items out—This will assist your baby to develop stability and balance

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST—RESPONDING TO ABUSE & NEGLECT

I ______________________ am interested in undertaking a Responding to Abuse and Neglect volunteers training session.