Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

It's week three and the term is back in full swing. There are some exciting things up and coming at SPS. Tree planting in week 5, Book week in week 6 and of course Sports Day in Week 9 at Booborowie. The program for Book-week looks especially exciting. This year's theme is 'Champions'. We have some exciting visitors coming to see and do some activities with the students, well known children’s authors Christine and David Harris and Olympian, Deserie Baynes - 2006 Commonwealth Games gold medal winner at Melbourne and bronze medal winner at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics in the women’s shooting. It is shaping up to be an memorable day. Special thanks to April Matters for her coordination of the day. More information to come!!!!

Reading
As I have mentioned in a past newsletter, I believe Spalding Primary has a very proud and rich history of providing quality education for its students. As outline in our Site Improvement Plan, over the next two years reading will be a major focus. Over the past decade there has been much research into providing a definitive and evidence based guideline to the teaching of reading. Although the skill and development of reading is a highly complex, a framework of 6 major components of reading was put together to give the art of reading some structure. This is widely known in education circles as The Big Six. The six different components are as follows: (Adapted from: Understanding the reading process, Deslea Konza)

**THE BIG SIX**
1.1 Oral language
1.2 Phonological awareness
1.3 Phonics
1.4 Vocabulary
1.5 Fluency
1.6 Comprehension

Over the next term and a half we will be using our newsletter to give you some more information about the Big 6, some of what we do in each area at SPS and some practical ideas/ strategies. Thank you to Mrs Scott who has put together a highly informative ORAL LANGUAGE page. Oral Language being the foundation of the reading process.

Responding to Abuse and Neglect
As mentioned in our last newsletter, at Governing Council meeting we have discussed 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. We have had enough interest in that we will be holding a session one evening which will most likely take approximately one hour. If you are interested and haven’t already indicated so, could you please return the slip on the last page of the newsletter or alternatively 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
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 their reading achievements:

CONGRATULATIONS
Zack Longbottom  
125 nights
Jessica Longbottom  
175 nights

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.

THINK FEET FIRST
As you would know, yesterday we attended the OPAL ‘think feet first’ performance in Jamestown. Principal of ‘Think Feet First’ Primary School and sleepy Sid performed for us. They highlighted the importance and gave us some tips on keeping fit and healthy. It is recommended that children receive at least 1 hr of physical activity per day. One of the tips was to walk, scoot or ride to school. The Principal of ‘Think Feet First’ mentioned that he knew that some families weren’t able to do so, but part way is ok. He explained that driving most the way then walking, scooting or riding the rest of the way is a fantastic way to work toward getting that hour of physical activity. It was also a great way to spend time with family having a chat. The performance was funny and included some magic tricks. Students received a think feet first foot and bike/ scooter bell.

Fathers Day Fundraiser
On behalf of the Fundraising Community and Spalding Primary we would like to thank the following people for their very kind donations for the Fathers Day Raffle. We very much appreciate the support, no doubt this will make a huge contribution toward continuing to provide the high quality teaching and learning programs taking place at SPS. In no particular order...

Mid North Fabrications  
T.A Boulton  
Redden Bros  
Ben & Hayley Sommerville  
Crouch Rural  
Spalding Post Office  
Hunts crash Repairs  
Kelly Toyota Jamestown  
Spalding Hotel  
WSB Distributors  
Benton General Builders  
Jamestown Bakery  
Allstate Pest Control  
Clare Discount Tyres  
Spalding IGA  
Pinks Mitre 10  
Agfert Balaklava

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At Spalding Primary School we value:
*RESPECT  *EXCELLENCE  *SAFETY

ORAL LANGUAGE

What is Oral Language? Why is it important?

Oral language is important for both reading and writing. To understand language at the printed level oral language competency is a necessity. Children need strong vocabularies to understand the broad range of words in texts; they require strong grammatical skills to understand the complex sentences present in many texts; and they require the ability to reason and infer so that the necessary links between information in texts can be made. Desla Konza

At Spalding students communicate with each other throughout the day both formally and informally. Below are just a few examples of students developing their Oral Language skills.

Kartia, Tony Jess and Nick all gave a speech applying for the Chairperson position.

Whole school Student Representative Council meetings are held fortnightly and provide students with the opportunity to have a say.

Junior Primary students have learnt to describe mystery items using the scaffold of SCUMPS.

Size  Colour  Use  Materials  Parts  Shape

Jayde described her mystery item (a potato peeler) as:

S - i ze  being the size of a pencil,
C - o lo ur  orange (but can be any colour)
U - s e  used to take the peel of food
M - a terials  made of plastic and metal
P - arts  has a handle and a blade
S - h ape  is like a rectangle

While playing a barrier game partners sit back to back. One student builds up a picture using blocks and describes what they are doing so their partner can reproduce the same picture just through listening. At the end they each turn around to see the others picture and see if they match. Great for giving instructions and listening!

“Set Your Sights High”
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.

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**Play Centre News**

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