Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the new school term. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Easter and school holiday break. We are very excited to be back for what promises to be another very exciting and rewarding term. I spent Easter in Clare with family visiting the local wineries and 5 days on the Yorke Peninsula fishing and relaxing on the beach.

We have had a fantastic start to the term and the students seem settled and keen to learn. We would like to welcome Deakon to our school as a new reception. He would be familiar to many of you already being a local in the town and from his time in the Spalding Playcentre. Welcome Deakon!

As you would all be aware school camp is next week. As mentioned in earlier newsletters and notices, it promises to be an exciting and highly rewarding experience for our children. Much time and thought has been put in to designing a program that will be both educational and fun.

I’d also like to take the chance to rewind. In the last week of term our Yr 4-7 students all participated in the SAPSASA District Athletics day at Riverton. I was fortunate enough to have attended with the students. We had a fantastic day and our students represented our school with pride. It was particularly pleasing to have two officials seek me out and comment on the good manners and sportsmanship used by our students. Well done to those who competed.

We also had a very exciting last day of term. There was cooking, making, searching and an excessive amount of eating. A very special visitor also made an appearance, leaving footprints and half eaten carrots in their wake. There were many mum helpers who did a fantastic job in making it a truly memorable day for the children. The students had reached their goal target in key collecting from program achieve and in turn had earned their reward (movie and milkshake) which they had negotiated at the beginning of the year.

A big thank you to the parents and family members who were able to attend and help out on both days. It was fantastic to have you working with the students and your support is greatly appreciated.

Once again I’d like to reiterate that if at anytime you would like to discuss any issues or concerns about your child’s education/learning please don’t hesitate to come in or arrange a time to meet. We are here to support both you and your child with any educational concerns you may have.

Faithfully,
Ilia Tsoutouras
Principal
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 50 and 75 nights:

Sarah Andrews
Jessiac Gerritsen
Zack Sommerville
Jayde Williams
Jessica Longbottom

Camp
Our school camp program has now been finalised and is almost upon us. We have attached the program for you and a “What to Bring” list.

Sue Scott, Sarah Ramsdall and myself will be the staff attending camp this year. We are staying at the Warradale Urban camp school and we can be contacted on the school mobile – Phone 0417837076

Children will need to take their own pillow and sleeping bag or sheets and blankets. Please take some time to label your child/rens’ clothes. We will be leaving the school at 9 am but children need to be here between 8:30- 8.45 am so that we have time to pack the bus. Lower North Coaches will be transporting us.

For the first day the children will need a packed recess, lunch and drinks. Please send their lunch in a lunch box and at least one drink in a plastic bottle that they can refill each day.

We understand for many of our children this is their first camp experience and therefore they may be slightly hesitant. We want the children to have the best possible first experience, and are sure they will. Some parents of younger children have indicated they may visit for one of the days or be in Adelaide which we very much support. If you/ your child has any concerns please don’t hesitate to let us know so we can accommodate in the best way we can.

“The Klub” has once again very kindly supported the school and matched the parent contribution of $70 to camp.

As a staff and school community I’m sure you will agree this is a very kind gesture and their support is very much appreciated. Thankyou “Klub”, we look forward to being able to share with you what happens on camp.

Mathletics
After completing our trial 2 weeks of Mathletics staff and students have decided to continue with Mathletics for an extended 1 year trial. We have had some positive feedback about the program which is fantastic and are keen to continue to hear about peoples thoughts about the program as the year progresses.

NAB AFL AUSKICK
NAB AFL Auskick is an introductory program to the game of Australian Rules Football for primary school boys & girls. The program aims at teaching participants the basic skills of Australian Football with an emphasis on fun activities conducted in a safe and friendly environment.

All boys & girls are welcome. Parents are most welcome to attend and join in and have some fun with the kids.

To find out more details about your closest centre and to register log onto www.aflauskick.com.au

Registration forms are also available from school reception.

Car Wash
As a fundraiser for the year seven Canberra Camp, Kartia Czapla will be giving up some of her recess and lunch time to wash cars. Please see the front office for a booking sheet if you are in need of washing your car!

“Set Your Sights High”
ANZAC Day Information

As a class we were given questions to research and share with the rest of the class. As you would already know ANZAC day is the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Here are some of the facts/information we learnt/ found out about:

Gallipoli is a peninsula of land in western Turkey separating the Aegean Sea and the Dardanelles: the site of the costly but unsuccessful campaign by the Allies in the First World War.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The reason ANZAC is always written in capital letters is organisations like the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee of Queensland and the Returned & Services League of Australia believing that if Australia is entitled to a capital A then surely New Zealand should be written NZ. The two countries share the ANZAC legend so should be acknowledged equally.

By Jessica Longbottom

ANZAC Biscuits

On Tuesday the JP class amongst other things were busy making ANZAC biscuits which they shared with the whole school. They were delicious. Thomas Wohlfell as written a procedure piece of writing on how to make ANZAC biscuits.

Ingredients:
1 cup of traditional rolled oats
1 cup of sifted plain flour
1 cup of caster sugar
3/4 cup of desiccated coconut
125 grams of butter
1 tablespoon of golden syrup
2 tablespoons of boiling water
1 teaspoon of bicarbonate soda

Method:
Mix oats, flour, sugar and coconut in a bowl.
Melt butter and golden syrup.
Mix boiling water and bi-carb soda, add to butter mixture.
Stir into dry ingredients
Shape mixture into small balls
Put on tray then squash flat
Put in oven (150 degrees Celsius) cook for 20 min until golden brown

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They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

“Set Your Sights High”
The Spalding Sports Association has been offered the opportunity again to raise money for the club by chopping wood at Old Bungaree.

We are looking for helpers with chainsaws, tailers and people to pickup wood. The Club gets paid by the number of people who turn up and help.

The Spalding Sports Association pays for the expenses at the courts, including basketball and BSR Netball, as well as Friday night Football.

If you can help, please contact Darren Longbottom on 88452108 or 0417883429.

We will be meeting at Old Bungaree sheds at 9am near entrance of main gate. We are chopping wood from 9am to 12pm. This is the major fund raiser for the Spalding Sports Association.

Thank you for you help. Please contact Darren if you are able to help.

Friday Night Football will commence on Friday 11th May 2012 7pm Spalding Oval

Firey Woman

After the Pt Lincoln bushfires, concerns were raised for the women who were left to protect their homes and families. As a result the CFS have developed a very worthwhile and practical course for rural women to help develop knowledge, skills and useful emergency networks.

The Firey Woman course will be run in our district over 2 sessions on the 7th and 14th May at the St Johns Centre in Clare, 342 Main North Road Clare from 9.00 am to 3.15pm. Preference is to attend both sessions but if unable to, one session is better than none! Placements are limited! For more information or to register please contact Cindy Growden 88422926 or Sarah Wood 88421123. Morning tea is provided by Clare Red Cross but please provide own lunch.

“Set Your Sights High”