Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through term 1. Being a small school allows me to be able to visit both classrooms regularly and see the impressive learning and development that happens daily.

Reflecting over the last week brings me to two memorable events. The first one was being involved in a spelling lesson in the junior primary classroom with our new receptions. The progress and excitement that these students were showing about learning new letters and sounds each day is very encouraging and inspiring to see.

The second event was observing the students in the upper class impressive development with their writing. Being lucky enough to have the same students over a few years is beneficial on so many levels. From the start of the year, teachers already have a sound understanding of where each individual student’s knowledge lies and how they need to be further developed and challenged. It has given both Kerren and I great pleasure to start to see the student’s writing becoming more detailed and advanced. The students are taking the time to write and produce texts that are entertaining and well advanced.

Please take the time to talk to your child about what it is they are learning or ask them to bring books home to share with you.

This is also a good time to thank all the parents across the junior and primary classrooms that help their child/ren with homework. I know that it can sometimes be a hassle and can easily get lost in the hectic night routine, but this is a task that should not take long and is beneficial for their revision and development as a learner. Having this strong partnership between school and home is a recipe for success.

‘Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.’
Mattie Stepanek

Pasta Day is Tomorrow!!!
The canteen will only be open for ice-creams tomorrow as the children will be making pasta dishes using vegetables from our garden.
Please do not send lunch for your children
**FUNDRAISER**
Calling all Chainsaw operators, wood carriers, wood stackers and everyone else.....**Saturday April 12th** has been set for the school and play centre wood cutting fundraiser. Please let either the school or Ben Sommerville know if you are able to help on the day. We have also started taking pre orders for the wood. $200 a tonne, cut, split and delivered (within reasonable local distance), so don’t miss out!!

**EDUCATION AWARDS**
Nominations are now open for the 2014 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards. For the first time, 2014 will see nominations opened up to all DECD employees, recognising and rewarding the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders, support staff and also corporate and services staff from across the state. Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional, care or child protection worker within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians. To nominate an employee at your school, preschool or corporate office go to: [www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards). Like us on Facebook and follow the progress of the Awards: [www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards](http://www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards). Nominations close 5pm Thursday 10 April 2014. For further information contact the Awards team on 08 8226 3079 or email DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au

**Great Start website :** [www.greatstart.sa.edu.au](http://www.greatstart.sa.edu.au)
The department has developed the Great Start website as part of the numeracy and literacy strategy to provide ideas and activities for parents to develop their children’s early numeracy and literacy skills. Please take the time to have a look for ideas on literacy and numeracy centred around everyday events.

**3- Way interview times**
Parent Interviews will be coming up in 2 weeks, can you please have a think about a goal that you would like to set for child / ren or something you would like to see improvement in.

Thank you
Best Wishes

Jess Abraham
Spalding Principal

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Spalding Playcentre Hot Cross Bun Drive

* Burra Bakery Hot Cross Buns - $6 a half dozen, fruitless also available.

* Baked fresh on Wednesday 9th April and delivered to Spalding.

* Please have you orders and payments to Spalding Playcentre by Wednesday 2nd April.

Order forms available at Spalding Primary School front desk

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Feedback or concerns? - Please feel free to add comments here and return to the school. We value your input!
Basketball Windup

Friday 14th March 2014
at 7:30pm
at the Basketball courts

BBQ tea will be available

Wood Chopping

The Spalding Sports Association, which includes Spalding Gym, Spalding Canteen & Spalding Football is again doing wood chopping as a fundraiser at Bungaree.

The date Sunday 6th April has been booked in with Bungaree, we need to find enough chainsaw operators, trailers and collectors for this day.

We will meet at 8:45am at the Bungaree workshop and be finished around 12-1pm, unless the shed is filled before this.

Round up your committee members or group members to come and help, AS WE ARE PAID PER PERSON PER HOUR not per tonne

Darren Longbottom
President

Melissa Longmire
Secretary

Spalding Sports Association AGM

Includes Spalding Football
Spalding Canteen
Spalding Gym

Wednesday 9th April 8:00pm

At the CFS/SES Shed
BSR TIGERS NETBALL 2014
(Brinkworth, Spalding, Redhill, Yacka, Koolunga, Gulnare)

NETBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

If you live near any of the above towns and would like to play a full game of netball every Saturday during the winter season come to BSR! We are looking for players to fill our teams!

We are a great Football/Netball club with experienced coaches and warmly welcome any new players from 8yr olds right through to senior players.

CONTACT TONI ASHBY 86626 277 / 0409 726277 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING OR
SONYA WILSDON 86626 205

UNIFORM PRESENTATION, PARENT INFO & FIRST TRAINING SPALDING 5PM WEDNESDAY
MARCH 26TH SEE YOU ALL THEN

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Find Your Hidden Treasure
Follow The Balloons !!

Spalding Town Garage Sale
Saturday 8th March 8.00am

22 sites... maps available at
Post Office, Shop or Rear Barbed Wire Pub

“Sale Day Special” at the Pub and the Shop

Enquiries Carol 0408 857 525