Diary Dates

**Fri 9/5**  Mother’s day Afternoon 2.00pm
**Tues 13/5 - Thurs 15/5** NAPLAN
**Tues 20/5** Governing Council 7.30pm
**Wed 21/5** Mobile Library
**Fri 23/5** Walk safely to school day

Canteen Roster

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Principal:
Jess Abraham

School Vision:
At Spalding Primary School we aim to facilitate each student with the essential skills and knowledge to be an effective and successful member of society.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2!!

Firstly, a HUGE thank you to the following people for their time and effort for the School and Play centre wood chopping fundraiser on Saturday 12th of April.

Ben and Hayley Sommerville
Claire Longbottom
Trevor Kriesl, Darcy and Paula Gill
Dan Hammat
Colin and Aimee Goode
David White
Nick and Sonya Wohlfeil
Sam Trengove
Tom Trengove
Barry and Kerry Pope
Dane Sommerville
Damien Sommerville

Your time, effort and dedication is truly appreciated!!!!

**NAPLAN 13th, 14th, 15th May**

NAPLAN: National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy. Students in year 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in an annual testing of essential educational skills such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. Results of NAPLAN tests are used at a State and National level to assist and inform our policy makers on the standard education levels in our Schools. On a school level, the tests together with other forms of assessment are used to monitor and identify strengths and trends for student improvement.

Here at Spalding, we also re-examine these tests results to look for patterns of strengths and development areas, and subsequently use these results to create our whole school priorities.

We wish all of our students participating in the NAPLAN testing next week, all the very best.

“Set Your Sights High”
**Mother’s Day pampering session**

All Mothers and other ‘special persons’ are by now very aware and very excited about their pampering session tomorrow! I know the students are excited and looking forward to having you all at the school and treating you to a relaxing and beautifying hour!!!

**Writing, Writing, Writing**

As previously mentioned, writing is one of our two whole school priorities for this year. Across all year levels we are taking every opportunity to encourage students to write for a variety of purposes and audiences. You too at home can help encourage this by allowing your child/ren to involve writing in their everyday lives.

Encourage children to write by

- Writing your shopping lists for you
- Birthday cards
- Writing a letter or an email to a friend
- Writing competitions
- Writing stories for fun or to cure the “I’m bored!!!!”
- Keeping a diary
- Writing football scores
- Many games also involve writing

Allowing children to feel comfortable and confident with writing at an early age is a huge stepping stone for their future schooling and adult life.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Last term in the upper primary class, all students were encouraged to enter the ‘Write4Fun’ competition. Some great stories were entered - Jorja Williams, year 5 students submitted a short story called *Millie McKenzie at Gum Creek*. Although winners are not announced till May 14th, Jorja has been contacted to have her story included in a published novel called ‘Write as Rain’. This is an EXCELLENT achievement for Jorja, Spalding Primary School is very proud – Well done Jorja!

This is recognition of the fantastic teaching and learning that is undertaken at the Spalding Primary School by Students and Teachers alike!

**To all the Mothers out there….**

**Happy Mother’s Day for Sunday**

Best Wishes

Jess Abraham
Spalding Primary Principal

“Set Your Sights High”
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

We will meet at the park at 8.45am and all walk safely together to School.

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
STARTS TOMORROW NIGHT AT 7.00PM
OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

NET-SET-GO BSR NETBALL CLUB
If you are aged 5-8 and are interested in playing netball, BSR are running a NET-SET-GO program this season!
Our program will follow the BSR netball and football trainings each Thursday afternoon starting at 5pm.
Aimee Goode is running the program – CONTACT AIMEE GOODE 0407 712 016 OR TONI ASHBY 0409 726277 TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.