Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What an eventful and exciting start to Term 4 with plenty more to come!!

A big thank you must go out to all the parents and support crew for the Billy Cart event last Friday afternoon. A special thank you to the Dads and Grandparents that picked up and collected all the tyres that helped line the track making it much ‘safer’ for all the riders. Your continued support and commitment to the School makes events like this run so smoothly. The continued excitement and discussions about the event from the kids has confirmed that this event is definitely a ‘favourite’, thankfully there were no broken bones or major injuries; so a successful day all round. WELL DONE!

NAPLAN Results
I have received our NAPLAN results and am delighted to announce that every student that has previous sat the testing has shown great improvements and impressive growth rates. As we are a smaller School I am prevented from going into specific details of our results. I can say, however that for all students, teachers and as a school this is a positive result attributed to the hard work and learning that happens here on a day to day basis! - Again, one that we should all be proud of!!!! It is always great to see results like this that again reaffirm the knowledge that ALL students at Spalding Primary are being equipped with the highest quality of education that they deserve. Well done all students, parents and staff!!!

Community concert
Through consultation with community, staff and other significant ‘dates’, we have decided that the community concert will be Thursday the 12th December (Thursday of last week of Term 4). Preparations have begun for classroom items.

Staff/ Parent/ Student Opinion Surveys
One aspect of gauging where we are at as a school is through the Department of Education (DECD) opinion surveys. The Department has changed their method of distributing their surveys. 2013 was meant to be the year where parents would be randomly selected (by the department officers) to fill in the surveys online. Unfortunately our School along with many others are still waiting to be given access to this program. Therefore we have decided to print the surveys and give them to the randomly selected families in hard copy form. I am happy for anyone that is not in the random selections to see me and get a survey to complete. We will then collate and use this information to continue to improve our operations and procedures here at Spalding Primary School.

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SIP: Site Improvement Plan
In our last newsletter I attached our current SIP, as previously mentioned we have started to focus on developing our new SIP which will be our focus for the next 3 years. Discussions are continuing about what the two main priorities should be. Any suggestions or feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Brighter Futures:
Commencing in 2014, existing DECD educational regions and offices will cease to exist. Regions will be replaced by a new system of partnerships. Local Educational Partnerships will be constructed of local schools in surrounding areas. Spalding will be part of the Mid North Partnership which consist of 14 other Schools, Preschools and Play Centres. Within this partnership leaders and schools will work together to ensure that the educational and wellbeing needs and demands are met for each child across all of our Schools. The Brighter Futures Strategy will continue to evolve over the next few years as information comes more to alight I assure you will all be kept informed.

Camp
Now I’m sure that majority of you don’t need reminding that next week Monday to Wednesday is camp. Thank you to all that have paid the camp fees and returned the Student information sheets. Between all the staff we have been on many, many, many camps and am aware of the little accidents, fears and worries that the children may have. Please come and see any of us with ‘any concerns’ that you or your child may have. I will have the school mobile telephone with me if there are any emergencies or contact is required. Please be at School packed up and ready before 7.45am as the bus WILL leave at 8am sharp. Thank you

School mobile: 0402144588

Sandra’s Farewell
Thank you to all that came to Sandra’s farewell last week, the night was enjoyed by all and even by Sandra eventually…..!! It was great to see you all there and it allowed us to show Sandra our appreciation and gratitude for all her hard work and commitment to Spalding Primary School over the last 14 years.

Jess Abraham
Spalding Principal

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Wheels day is tomorrow!!!
Bring a gold coin along with your bike, scooter, ripstick or other form of wheels.
Billy Cart Races 2013

Most Innovative—Baxter & Sophie Goode

Fastest Girl—Jessica Gerritsen

Fastest Boy—Charlie Gill & Bailey Wohlfeil
Well done to All competitors!

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Expression of interest: Play Centre Leader

Spalding Play Centre is looking for a temporary Term 1 Play Centre leader starting the 28\textsuperscript{th} of January 2014 till the 9\textsuperscript{th} of April 2014. The position is for 7 and half hours per week with the Play Centre opening from 9am till 12.00pm, Monday and Wednesday each School Week. Your role would include setting up activities and equipment for the session, packing up, monitoring kids and cleaning the centre once a week. Applicants require a criminal history check, first aid certificate and their mandatory notification training (or a booking intention date for these). Please forward a letter of expression of interest to Jessica Abraham at Spalding Primary School by 15\textsuperscript{th} of November.

Please contact Jess at the School with any queries or questions at all.
STARCLUB Field Officer program is presenting the Essentials for Coaching Children course.

The course aims to give new or aspiring coaches of any age the basic skills, knowledge and tips needed to provide an effective, enjoyable sporting experience for the children they coach. This course is offered FREE of charge.

**WHERE:** Southern Flinders Regional Sports Complex, Gladstone  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, 30 October 2013  
**TIME:** 6pm – 9pm (a light meal will be provided)

Registrations are essential and must be received by Friday, 25 October 2013.

Please contact MT Smith, STARCLUB Field Officer on 0488 101 783 or at starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au for more information and to register.

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**The Spalding Play Centre invites you to a High Tea in the Garden**

**On Sunday 27th October 2013**

**At 2-4pm**

At Glen and Lindley Trengove's garden, Spalding

$15 Cost includes:
- Afternoon tea
- Champagne/wine, tea & coffee
- A wander around the open garden

Tickets available from: Spalding Play Centre or Spalding Post Office

The garden is not Child Friendly

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*** WANTED ***  
We are in short supply of second hand uniforms for our spare clothing box!! If anyone has any items that they would be willing to donate to the school we would love to take them off your hands!

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