



Springton Primary School

Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

27/10/2017	Karate Demonstration
30/10/2017	SRC Visit Aged Care Mt P.
5-11/11/2017	Year 7 Canberra Camp
13/11/2017	Coffee & Chat
02/12/2017	Mt P Xmas Parade
13/12/2017	School Concert
14/12/2017	Splash Day

Principal's Report

I hope you have enjoyed your Week 2!

Spring Fair

Springton Fair was very enjoyable on Sunday! Our stall raised a whopping \$500! Thank you to all the parents and staff who worked hard to make it a success, working on the stall, cooking delicious cakes or preparing yummy cheese platters or making donations. Thank you!

School Photos

We had school photos yesterday so there were lots of smiling Kodak moments! If, for some reason, you decide that you would like, for example, a sibling photo, but did not order it, you can always update your order. Simply contact the photography company, MSP Photography on 8391 3951.

Welcome

I would like to welcome back one of our students, Blake Kerner, who has returned to Springton. It's wonderful to have you back, Blake!

Karate

We enjoyed a real treat today. Michael Simmons from the National Karate Academies visited us to perform a karate demonstration. The martial arts are a great way to teach children, not only self-defence but mental focus, self-control and respect for others.

Mt Pleasant Aged Care

Next Monday, our Year Seven students and the Student Representative Council will be visiting the Mount Pleasant Aged Care Facility to entertain and chat with the residents. It is great to see Springton Primary students supporting their local community.

Family Feedback Survey

We will soon be emailing families the annual feedback survey. The information we get from this survey is vital for our planning for the next year. It is important that we know what you think about a range of areas to do with the school. When you receive the survey, I urge you to complete and submit it. It only takes two to three minutes at most. If you require a paper copy, simply contact Sally. Thank you.

Kindy Transition

The transition process for our new Reception students next year has begun. You may see Leroy over the next few weeks visiting us on Thursdays. Leroy comes from Angaston Kindergarten. I would like to welcome Leroy and his family to the Springton school community.

Tierney Kennedy

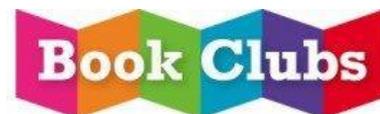
Yesterday, Mrs Hentschke, Mrs Roney and I attended a training session on Tierney Kennedy's problem solving approach to the teaching of Maths. This program has been very beneficial for the entire Torrens Valley Partnership. One of the activities we did on the day was to examine every school's PAT results. Every government school in South Australia conducts PAT testing at the end of Term 3 every year. Tierney was very impressed (as were we) with the growth in Mathematics achievement at Springton Primary over the last 12 months. Well done, Springton!

Year & Bottle/Can Drive

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that tomorrow is the Year 7 Camp can drive. Please place any cans, bottles and/or car batteries that you have outside on your footpath where they can be easily seen. It will be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Michael



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Orders Due Back Next Thursday 2nd November

RESILIENCE

PERSISTENCE

CONFIDENCE

ORGANISATION

GETTING ALONG

This is the worst day ever!

Cue kids to talk

Children of all ages have a need to talk about their day and get things off their chests. Kids Helpline's busiest part of the day is the time immediately after school when kids dial up to talk about problems with teachers and also with peers. It's healthy for kids to talk to adults to get things off their chests. 'The worst day ever' is a type of cue for children to vent. It's important to let your children know that you are always available to talk and that all they need to do is say, "Mum, I need to talk."

Allow kids to vent and be understood

There's nothing more therapeutic than knowing someone understands you. That means as a listener you need to stop what you are doing, and really tune into the feelings behind your child's venting. If your child is feeling sad, mad or rejected, think of a recent time when you felt the same way. It will allow you to get on the same wave-length as your child. This takes time and a willingness to be vulnerable, but it is probably what your child wants from you.

More about this next week!

TODAY WAS NATIONAL TEACHER'S DAY & the SRC's were able to present them with 'Special Badges' and a bag of support strategies for Times of stress!

Have a great weekend!!

Mrs T



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PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Position Vacant

Springton Primary School

Schools Ministry Group and the Torrens Valley Inter Church Council are seeking applications for this 9 hour per week position commencing Term 1. The position exists to offer a chaplaincy service to students, staff and the school community. A Job and Person Specification and details on "How to apply" is available from SMG on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au.

Closing date: November 20th, 9.00am.



for more information go to www.smg.asn.au or call Steve, SMG Regional Manager, 0408 959 807

Community News

Christmas Poster Competition



One of the many, fun things available for children for this year's Street Party will be the opportunity for them to create a drawing /collage / picture, showing:

"What Christmas means to me"

- Age groups:
- Preschool & Reception
 - Years 1 & 2 (Parents may want to help start the very young ones off!)
 - Years 3, 4 & 5
 - Years 6 & 7

Be sure to include the name 'Mount Pleasant Street Party', and the date - 2nd December. Please submit entries on A4 or A3 sized paper. Any medium, but no glitter, please - although glitter glue is OK. Print the artist's name, age group and a contact number on the back of the page. Return entries to the Mount Pleasant Primary School before 15th November.

Good luck!

