



Springton Primary School

Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

13/12/2017	School Concert
14/12/2017	Splash Day
15/12/2017	End of Year 2:10 dismissal
29/1/2018	Term1 2018 Begins!

Mt Pleasant Christmas Parade



Vegetable Garden

We will be needing some help though over the holidays to ensure it all flourishes. So, if you're able to help with watering at this time, please see Lynn or myself or return the slip below.

Thanks & Happy Holidays, from Leonie

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I _____ am able to help with watering

the school vegetable garden during the holidays. I am available

from _____ to _____ (dates)

I prefer _____ (days)

Signed _____

Principal's Report

I hope you are enjoying Week 8!

End of Year Concert

There are not many sleeps to go till the end of the year now! Next week will be a fun-packed week. Our End of Year Concert will take place on Wednesday evening in the Springton SA Community Hall. We ask if children could arrive at 6:00 for a 6:15 start. The evening will conclude at 7:45pm. Students are asked to wear a light coloured top with darker coloured bottoms.

Splash Day

The following day is Splash Day. This will take place at Williamstown Pool from 9:00 to 12:00. There will be no cost although students may wish to take some spending money as there is a canteen available at the pool. Consent forms will go home for this shortly.

Last Day

On Friday, we will have a short end of term Assembly starting at 1:30. **Please note that students will be dismissed early at 2:10.** I've heard rumours that Father Christmas will be in town on that day. I wonder whether he will have time to stop in and see us!

Volunteers' Morning Tea

Thank you to all those who attended our Volunteers' Morning Tea on Monday. It was great to see you there. We very much appreciate the hard work that so many of you do to support our school. It was tremendous to see, in attendance, members of the wider Springton community and beyond. It seems there are a lot of people who are happy to help out Springton Primary!

Interactive Whiteboards

Speaking of which, I would like to give a big thankyou to Birdwood Primary School who have donated not one, but three interactive whiteboards to our school! These have become an indispensable learning tool for most classrooms these days and as a teacher, you really notice when you don't have one! Unfortunately, they are very expensive to purchase. We already have one each in Classrooms One and Two. We will now be putting interactive whiteboards in the MP Room, Classroom 3 and the Kitchen Building.

Pastoral Care Worker

I would like to announce that Skye Keller has won the position for Pastoral Care Worker from the beginning of next year. Skye has a great deal of experience in this role and is very excited about working here. Skye loves the community feel of working in a small country school and is very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know our students, families and staff. Welcome to the Springton Team, Skye!

Kind regards,

Michael

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GETTING ALONG





Christmas is almost here!
How exciting! I love this time of
Year as it is the opportunity of celebrating
And focusing on the good things in life!
Below are some great stories. Enjoy!
Mrs. T



The Cabbage Patch Kid

I was 6 years old, my parents were getting a divorce, and my mom was pregnant with my little brother, so things were really rocky for us. **On Christmas Eve my mom got a phone call, and the woman on the phone said they had heard we were having a tough time and asked if it would be OK if Santa came to visit.** We lived in a tiny town so my mom wasn't too surprised that people knew what was going on. A little later we heard bells and down the road came a horse-drawn carriage with a real-life Santa! He came in and gave me a Cabbage Patch Kid doll — it was the '80s. To this day we still don't know who Santa was or who called my mom. Every year I send a little thank-you by trying to do something special for someone else who needs it. **They taught me what Christmas is really all about** and I never get tired of seeing other people's faces light up when I have been able to be their Santa.
Unknown writer



The Orange

When I was 6 years old or so I received an orange from my great-grandmother. I didn't understand why someone had given me fruit for Christmas, until I learned many years later that this was my great-grandma's favorite gift when she was a kid in the 1910s... **It was her tradition and her way to remind us that small things could make us happy.** 🍊

Christmas Carols

When I was little, my grandpa had cancer, and he and my grandma were too exhausted from all the treatments and emotions from the previous months to make the two-hour drive to Christmas with the rest of the family. So my mom arranged for us all to go over to their house instead, and we stood outside in their yard singing Christmas carols. **I'll never forget the look on my grandma's face when she drew the curtains to see what was going on outside — it makes me tear up just to think about how excited she was.** My grandpa died a month later, but my grandma has always said how grateful she was that we didn't forget about him on what ended up being his last Christmas.



Christmas Trees

A number of live Christmas Trees have been made available by the Hentschke Family to the school community.
In exchange for a donation to the Digital Tech program (wonder whose idea this was?????), John will cut and deliver a fresh young pine from Eden Valley to your door.
Please ring the school or speak with Petrina if you are interested in this opportunity.



Community News



VACSWIM at The Rex - Barossa Aquatic Fitness will run from 2nd - 10th January 2018.

Onsite Enrolment day will be held at The Rex on Friday 22nd December, 2017 from 3pm - 5pm.

VACSWIM at Williamstown Swimming Pool will run from the 18th - 22nd December 2017.

Onsite enrolment day will be held at Williamstown Swimming Pool on Sunday 17th December from 12pm - 2pm.

If you would like to get into a preferred time slot earlier, you can enrol online at www.vacswimsa.com.au/vacswim-locations/

Regards,
Carly Monaghan
Instructor in Charge VACSWIM 2017/18