

THE WEEKLY

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From the Head of Early Learning

Last weekend I was fortunate to attend an IB PYP Conference in Singapore.

It was a wonderful opportunity to engage in conversations with school leaders from different parts of the world, who like us are striving to be as effective as possible in educating children.

It is a very inspiring time to be a teacher. The 21st Century is constantly evolving at an unprecedented rate, which means that more than ever we need to be clear about how we support children in their learning.

With that understanding comes the realisation that learning might not look like it did 20, 30 or 40 years ago, and that's exciting because it means that we are really focusing upon what the children need to be successful in the world in which they are growing up.

More so than ever before education needs to ENABLE children:

- * Enable them to develop their emotional intelligence (EQ), in the 21st Century EQ is more important than IQ.
- * Enable them to think for themselves and learn how to be problem solvers
- * Enable them to engage in learning which is developmentally appropriate and relevant; as stress is counterproductive to learning progress.
- * Enable them to have opportunities in life to determine their strengths and interests and the time needed to build on these, practice and accomplishment is important – as these things build healthy self-esteem, good mental health and a clear sense of purpose.
- * Enable them to have time to pursue their own interests, rest or 'be' – stillness and quiet are important.

At SPW we are very committed to building effective relationships with families. Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us for the benefit of your wonderful children.

"A man found an eagle's egg and put it in a nest of a barnyard hen. The eaglet hatched with the brood of chicks and grew up with them. All his life the eagle did what the barnyard chicks did, thinking he was a barnyard chicken. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He clucked and cackled. And he would thrash his wings and fly a few feet into the air.

Years passed and the eagle grew very old. One day he saw a magnificent bird above him in the cloudless sky. It glided in graceful majesty among the powerful wind currents, with scarcely a beat on his strong golden wings. The old eagle looked up in awe. "Who's that?" he asked. "That's the eagle, the king of the birds," said his neighbour. "He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth - we're chickens." So the eagle lived and died a chicken, for that's what he thought he was." Anthony de Mello

Wishing all SPW families a wonderful weekend

Gemma D'Angelo



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Secondary School Parent Information Evening

An information evening will be held on Monday 27 February from 7.00pm to 8.00pm to help parents navigate options for secondary schooling. The evening will cover the application process, scholarship opportunities, decision making, timelines and supporting the transition process. To RSVP please email Jo Gray jgray@spw.sa.edu.au by Friday 24 February.

Volunteering at SPW and working with children (this includes coaches and team managers)

Many thanks to the numerous numbers of volunteers that work with children at SPW in a variety of roles at SPW.

If you are a current volunteer who has registered at SPW via the Volunteer Agreement Form, your status as a volunteer remains current for 3 years from the signing of your Agreement Form. SPW maintains a database that has the details of all currently registered volunteers, so please check with the Front Office should you have any questions about your current status.

If you have not previously completed a Volunteer Declaration Form, or your 3 year term has concluded, you must apply using the SPW Volunteer Agreement Form. This is available from the Front Office and the processes are clearly explained on the document.

Please be aware that from Term 2 2017 there will be some significant changes to this process. The changes are listed below.

- * The police check is now a DCSI (Department for Communities and Social Inclusion) Screening that is more comprehensive. The cost of this will be covered by SPW.
- * All volunteers registering after the commencement of Term 2 will be required to complete an online Responding to Abuse and Neglect course. This is free and SPW will provide some opportunities for joint trainings.

In the meantime, if you have any questions relating to volunteering at SPW and the screening processes that are relevant, please talk to Simon Theel or Chris Prance.

PE & Sport

Another perfect weathered week for PE lessons and after school sports. Children from Foundation to Year 7 have been active and enthusiastic. Primary aged children need physical activity everyday so keep modelling regular patterns of exercise. It is a fantastic way to spend quality time together.

Here are our 'Sport Shorts' for this week:

- * Good luck to our SAPSASA knockout tennis and cricket teams next week
- * Congratulations to our SAPSASA swimmers on representing our school today with pride. Our swimming skills were of a high quality but just as important was our sportsmanship
- * It is great to have the sausage sizzle back in the shelter shed on Mondays after school but please remember it makes it very difficult for the coaches to run their session while children are eating. A sausage at the end would be brilliant
- * Any children with long hair involved in gymnastics need to remember to have it tied back for safety reasons
- * Coming soon.....Netball and Soccer Schools of Excellence trials, further details coming next week

Have a great weekend.

Stay calm and keep active.

Alastair Dow
Head of PE and Sport

SPW Communication

SPW uses Skoolbag, a comprehensive communications app, to keep families updated with information about the school. In 2017, all parents/caregivers are asked to access Skoolbag to ensure they are aware of all relevant information for their child/children. This has proven to be a most effective tool and we are continuing this rollout in 2017 as we move to more digital and less paper-based communication with families.

In most cases, we hope families install this app on their mobile device, as this has proven to be the most effective way for families to use Skoolbag. If this is not possible for you, Skoolbag is also accessible through the SPW website.

In the same way parents/caregivers check the child's physical schoolbag daily, we ask families to check Skoolbag on a daily basis. New information will appear as a red dot in the particular category, once you open the app. In response to parent feedback, we are reducing the number of "push notifications" we use, so these will now only occur for urgent/very important notices. In most cases, Skoolbag will be the only way information is distributed.

We will also be using Skoolbag to process excursion permissions, rather than paper-based notes. By using this e-form system, parents can submit their permission easily and teachers can collate responses quickly. Year 4 families are already using this system, with great success this week.

Skoolbag is available on both Apple and Android platforms and can be found by searching "St Peter's Woodlands" in the App Store or Google Play. Should you require assistance in using Skoolbag, please speak to your class teacher, or email kanolak@spw.sa.edu.au with your query. We acknowledge this is a shift in the way communication happens, and for some this may be challenging. Please be aware we offer support to those who need it as we continue to move away from paper notes and towards electronic means.

The Weekly is available on Skoolbag and on the SPW website, and will continue to be emailed to those who have requested it for the current time. As always, we encourage all families to read The Weekly regularly to remain connected with the many happenings at SPW.

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment. Your clinic in this area is Marion GP Plus Dental Clinic. Phone 7425 8400.



PFA News

PFA AFTER SCHOOL BBQ—SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our first BBQ for 2017 was a success, we SOLD OUT. A huge thanks to Lucy Cornes who joined the PFA President in handing out sausages, juices and ice blocks at great speed. We still need your HELP however, to keep up the momentum. Even if you can only spare 15-30 minutes, it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your name on the roster in the Shelter Shed or send an email to pfa@spw.sa.edu.au. In line with the school's inclement weather policy, where the forecast temperature as published in the Advertiser newspaper is 35°C or more, the BBQ will be cancelled.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Delicious pancakes will be lovingly prepared on Tuesday morning for the children. Any assistance on Tuesday morning, from 8.00am onwards, would be greatly appreciated. Please email pfa@spw.sa.edu.au if you are able to provide help. Please discuss any dietary concerns with your child's classroom teacher. **Volunteers: Please check your volunteer status with the Front Office staff.**



EARLY LEARNING PICNIC

A picnic will be held on **Sunday 29 March** at The Old Gum Tree Reserve for all Early Learning and Foundation families. It will be a BYO picnic, with free children's entertainment provided. Further details soon to be advised.

FINAL CALL OUT FOR INTEREST IN BRAINSTORMING A SCHOOL FAIR IN 2018?

The PFA is investigating the feasibility and options around holding a school Fair in 2018. We need a small group of enthusiastic people to brainstorm and work through how a fair might work and present back to the PFA Committee in Term 2 when a decision will be made to proceed or not.

To hold a Fair will be a large commitment for our band of volunteers, so we will need to get all the planning up and running this year, to ensure that if we do go ahead, it will be a success. If you're interested in being involved in the brainstorming/research side of the Fair, please email pfa@spw.sa.edu.au by **Tuesday 28 February** so we can get started in March.

Chaplain's Chat

Next week marks the start of Lent, so this will be the theme of our Thursday morning Chapel service for Years 3 to 7, with a chance to be marked with ash from Ash Wednesday. Everyone welcome.

Junior Primary students will participate in Class Worship.

We will also hand out **ABM Lent collection boxes** for families who would like to support the Lent appeal. More information on this next week.

Our intrepid staff, Mr Dow and Mrs Ramsay, who will **Abseil for AnglicareSA** to raise funds for AnglicareSA's work with homeless and Aboriginal young people, have online donation pages to make donating easier:

<https://anglicaresa2017.everydayhero.com/au/kerry-1>
<https://anglicaresa2017.everydayhero.com/au/alastair>

Any and all donations are welcome.

Mother Julia

Abseil for AnglicareSA



Mr Dow and Mrs Ramsay will be abseiling 25 storeys down the InterContinental Adelaide hotel on 18 March as part of **Abseil for AnglicareSA**.

We aim to raise \$1 000 to help AnglicareSA support homeless people and Aboriginal young people.

All donations will be welcome.

SPW Welcome Promotional Video

Fuller Brand and Communication Agency are filming our 'SPW Welcome Video' on Thursday 2 March and Friday 3 March.

Children will be filmed in their classroom and other learning environments. Only children who have social media permissions will be included in the filming. If your child's class is involved you will receive further communication.

Please contact Karen or Jo in the Development Office on 8295 4317 if you have any questions.

Vacancy: PFA Appointed Member to School Council

There is a current vacancy on the SPW School Council as a result of the resignation of PFA Appointed Member, Mrs Deb Disbury. The vacancy is until the end of the 2017 school year. The successful nominee can seek a further 3 year term at the end of 2017. The PFA Nominee to School Council must be a current parent of a student enrolled at SPW.

Public notice of intention to elect a PFA nominee to School Council is 28 days. Therefore, current parents who wish to nominate will be required to put their vitae forward to School Council **by Monday 27 March 2017** for vetting by School Council prior to name/names being forwarded to the PFA. The vitae, addressed to Cathy Mayfield, Chairman of School Council, can be handed to Helen Lindquist, marked CONFIDENTIAL, or emailed to hlindquist@spw.sa.edu.au.

Suitable candidates as decided by School Council will need to present to a Committee meeting or special general meeting of the PFA, at which time a secret ballot will be held if there is more than one nomination. The person receiving the highest number of votes will be the nominee of the PFA. If there is only one nominee that has been approved by the School Council, the PFA are still required to approve that nomination at a Committee meeting or a specially convened PFA meeting. As School Council only meets twice per term, it is most likely that the election process will take place on Wednesday 7 June.

If any prospective nominees want to know more about the role of School Council, please feel free to talk to Chris Prance or the Chairman of School Council, Cathy Mayfield.

The Week Ahead



2017 Term 1 Week 5

Monday 27 February to Friday 3 March

Contact Us

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Canteen	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	LEE MAY
School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm * ELC Photos: Individual, Family (ELC Only) * Secondary School Parent Information Evening 7-8pm (Chapel) 	<p>SHROVE TUESDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ELC Photos: Individual, Family (ELC Only) * Visiting students from Hiroshima University (Japanese Room) * SAPSASA Boys Knockout Tennis on Maturin Road Courts, 9.30-11.00am * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm * Assembly Whole School, 2.30pm (Chapel) 	<p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ELC Photos: Individual, Family (ELC Only) * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 8.00am-9.30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ELC Photos: Individual, Family (ELC Only) * Fuller Welcome Promotional Video * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 8.00am - 9.00am ◇ 1.30pm - 4.00pm * SAPSASA Girls Knockout Tennis (Nazareth) on Maturin Road Courts, 9.45-11am * Ash Wednesday Chapel Service, Years 3-7— 8.40am (Chapel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fuller Welcome Promotional Video * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm * SPW Coffee Club, 8.15am * SAPSASA Cricket Knockout Edwardstown PS, 9am-1pm * School/House Captains, 2.30pm
Extra & Co Curricular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Show Choir (3-7) - 8.00-8.40am (Music Centre) * Yoga Yrs 3-7 (Baddams), 12.50pm * Middle Primary Sport—3.20-4.20pm * Year 6/7 Basketball (Marion Basketball Stadium or Pasadena High School) after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SPW Band—8.00-8.40am (Music Centre) * Junior Primary Sport—3.20-4.20pm * Year 5 Basketball (Marion Basketball Stadium or Pasadena High School) after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Junior Glee (F-2) - 8.00-8.30am (Music Centre) * Run Club—8.00-8.40am * Year 3/4 Basketball (Marion Basketball Stadium or Pasadena High School) after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chapel Choir - 8.00-8.30am (Chapel) * Upper Primary Sport—3.20-4.20pm * Year 4/5 Cricket, after school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Beach Run (8.00-8.40am) * Volleyball Games— between 4 and 6pm at Brighton Secondary School after school <hr/> <p>SATURDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cricket Year 6/7 * Kanga Cricket Year 3
PFA	PFA BBQ/Sausage Sizzle, after school	PFA Shrove Tuesday Pancakes			

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