From the Head of Early Learning

With the blink of an eye we are already about to embark upon the final stage of this first term and for our children, parents and staff in the Early Learning Centre this first term has been a time of transition. For some children in our 3 year old Program, their weekly session is the first time they have been away from their parent/s. Other children have found the transition to a new room challenging. As parents we may wish that these occasions didn't happen, because it would be easier if children could manage change without being upset, the truth is children need these challenges so that they can learn what it means to be a human being.

Essentially, these situations occur as an opportunity for them to grow in their understanding. Perhaps they are learning that when Mummy says that she will come back, that they learn to trust that Mummy will come back and that in the meantime they can enjoy other opportunities. Or perhaps what they learn is that they can trust other people, or that there are other people who care about them and that the world is a safe place. Whatever the learning that is occurring for these little treasures, it is worth it. Or it may be that they are responding to our emotion in a given situation, in which case it may be feedback for us in relation to our parenting.

As I have seen at different times throughout my 23 years of teaching and in my own 5½ years as a parent, whatever it is that causes children to be upset, it could be related to change or something else that is difficult for them, the clear and consistent messages they receive from home and school make the learning possible. The important thing is the tears do stop. Appropriately handled, each of these life situations are temporary, until of course, the next learning opportunity presents itself.

As adults we understand that times of growth can be challenging as they take us outside of our comfort zone. Yet importantly this journey of determination enables us to realise something more about our own capabilities, who we are as human beings and what is important to us. With children these opportunities for learning are presented at a very early age, the process of them learning to walk is an obvious one. As we know it is these early learning experiences that shape how children feel about themselves, their ability to problem solve and how they interact with others. Which is why the relationship between staff and parents is so important in supporting children as they have these opportunities to thrive in their learning development.

At SPW early learning is seen as a significant stage, both for the child and their family. Hence this year at SPW the school has created a new leadership position—Head of Early Learning—and I am in the privileged position of enacting the responsibilities of this role.

This role has been purposefully created to reflect the strategic direction of our school, which is to continue to provide a best practice learning environment for children at this early, yet critical stage of development. With this comes an authentic commitment to supporting families with the demands of daily life.
Given this context, we are currently facilitating a feasibility study in relation to long day care. Last week we posted surveys to all families who have children in the Early Learning Centre and Reception. The aim of this survey is to ascertain whether families would be interested in a model of early learning which offered a program from 7.30am-6.00pm for 48 weeks of the school year. The survey also offers families an opportunity to comment on the existing program structure and indicate their preferences for the future. Details from the survey will be analysed and collated by an external agency. I encourage all families from the ELC and Reception to complete and return the survey, as your feedback will be instrumental in shaping future possibilities in 2016 and beyond.

On reflecting upon my time at SPW thus far, I am delighted to be part of a school community which specialises in Early Learning through to Year 7 and where the needs and wellbeing of students is our first priority.

I look forward to meeting many more SPW families in the future and extend an invitation to you to come and discuss the exciting developments in the Early Learning Centre or to share with me what is important to your family and what you value about the SPW community.

Gemma D’Angelo

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences
Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held for Preschool to Year 7 families from Monday 23 March to Thursday 26 March. Letters detailing these conferences were sent home on Friday 6 March, including personal login details for each family.

The online booking system opened today, Friday 13 March, and closes on Thursday 19 March at 5.00pm. To access the system, either click on the link below, or type the address into your browser: https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au/Logon2.aspx?school=53435

Sports News
SPORTS RESULTS
BASKETBALL
Immanuel Gold 16 pts  SPW Gold Year 3/4 Girls 4 pts
SPW Blue Year 5 Boys 19 pts  Flagstaff 2 pts

VOLLEYBALL
Seacliff PS 60 pts  SPW Jade Year 4/5 Girls 38 pts
SPW Magenta Year 6/7 Girls 44 pts  SPW Orange 42 pts
SPW Servers Year 6/7 Combined 49 pts  Brighton Power Station 47 pts

CRICKET
SPW C Grade Yr 4 Boys 5 for 90  Our Lady of Grace 7 for 88

WINTER SPORT/Term 2 ACTIVITIES
All changes to Winter Sport and Activities for Term 2 will close on Monday 16 March. From this point all teams and players will be registered with their respective associations and outside providers will have numbers confirmed. Please note that any cancellations beyond this point will still incur the sports fee.

Limited spaces are still available in the following teams:

• Soccer Year 4
• Netball Years 3 to 7
• Football Years 6 and 7

Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to be added to a team.

Karen Whelan
Sports Administrator
SOCCER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE / TRIALS WEEKS 8 – 10

Week 8: Monday and Friday Year 5 to 7 Boys Lunchtime
Weeks 9 & 10: To be confirmed

TOUCH RUGBY

Girls Touch Rugby practices for Years 6 and 7 will be held at lunch times on Monday and Friday for the rest of the term, and continuing in Term 2.

RUN CLUB

Focus is on preparation for our House Cross Country event in Term 2 and those who wish to be considered for selection for the school team to compete in the SAPSASA District Cross Country Championships and then the SAPSASA State Championships.

Students wishing to be considered for selection to the school team must attend Run Club as part of the selection process and criteria.

Huw Bowen
PE & Sports Coordinator

Canteen

It’s great to see so many using our new canteen app, Qkr. Please remember the cut off time for ordering is exactly 8.30am; orders completed after this time will not come through to me. For those who wish to plan ahead, you have up to 2 weeks prior to submit your orders.

There have been a number of children who have come to the Canteen at lunch time without their order being received, and with lunch being supplied by us. At times such as these, notes have been sent home with regards to payment. It would be much appreciated if these payments could be finalised directly with the Canteen. Thank you.

Rosy Elphick
Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

I would like to advise that due to unforeseen manufacturing delays, the Year 7 tops will be delayed another 2½ weeks. Apologies for any disappointments.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Monday to Thursday 8.15am to 9.00am
Monday to Thursday 2.30pm to 4.00pm

Tiona Ryan
Uniform Shop Manager

The Arts

SENIOR MUSICAL INFORMATION EVENING

The Senior Musical 2015 Information Evening will be held next week on Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 6.30pm in St Margaret’s Chapel. This evening is the chance to find out about our 2015 Musical and the details you need to know in order to commit to this major school event. Students are welcome to attend as well.

Auditions for the lead roles will be held in Week 9 on Tuesday 24 March from 3.15pm to 5.00pm for all interested students in Years 6 and 7. This will be explained in full at the information evening where materials for the auditions will also be available.

The Senior Musical will be held in Term 3, Week 5, 20 and 21 August, with rehearsals on 18 and 19 August. Performances will be held at Walford Anglican Girls School, further details will be explained at the information evening.

If you can not attend the information night, all materials will be available from the Music Centre the next day.
SPW VOCAL CABARET
The annual SPW Vocal Cabaret is coming up in Week 10 Tuesday March 31 at 6.30pm in St Margaret’s Chapel. The Year 4 to 7 Show Choir will be performing as well as students undertaking singing lessons. This is a great night of song.

COMMITMENT TO CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC
Just a reminder, if you have signed up for a co-curricular music activity it is a commitment you have made to attend rehearsals. Please remember to come along to all rehearsals.

Mark DeLaine
Arts Coordinator

Chaplain’s Chat
Well done to the Year 3 classes on their Chapel Service about “In the Beginning - Stories of Creation”, sharing some of their Unit of Inquiry learning on Indigenous Culture.

Next week’s Service will be a Communion Service on the theme “Say No to Bullying”. 8.45am 19 March. The day afterwards, Friday 20 March, is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Parents might like to be aware of an excellent website www.bullyingnoway.gov.au. This has sections for parents, teachers, students, and young children and is an excellent resource for all ages.

Fr Andrew Mintern
School Chaplain

Prayer for the Week
Dear God,
We pray for Australia,
Our big, beautiful, fragile land.
We pray that we can learn from Aboriginal culture
How to respect this land.
And we pray for the local Kaurna people,
The traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains region.
Amen.

PFA
SOCIAL UPDATE
Thanks to all those who attended Wednesday night’s PFA meeting. It was great to be able to have some help in deciding where to allocate the fundraising dollars to best benefit the children. It was great to see many new faces join us.

EASTER RAFFLE
This year’s Easter Raffle is upon us. Every child should today have received a flyer with instructions, plus one $5 Easter Raffle ticket. In order to activate the ticket and have a chance in the draw, all you need to do is bring the ticket and $5 to school on Friday 20 March and have your child’s name checked off the class list. There will be a PFA representative or helper located in every classroom on this morning. A winner from each class will be drawn by a member of the PFA and a school representative using the app “Winning Ticket”. Winners will be announced at Assembly on Tuesday 31 March. Thank you for your support, and good luck.

MONDAY NIGHT BBQs
Thank you for your continued support. We encourage everyone to stop by the shelter shed for a $2 sausage after school on Mondays and grab a fruit box for $1 to go with it. If you are able to assist with the barbecues, please email pfa@spw.sa.edu.au.
2015 SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA 12 & UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

INFORMATION & SELECTION PROCESS FOR TEAM SPORTS

School Sport Australia age eligibility for primary school aged championships is 12 years and under in the year of competition and a minimum of 10 years of age in the year of competition. The one exception is the current age dispensation for girls’ cricket. (Refer to the details in the table below)

To be eligible for selection students must attend a school affiliated with SAPSASA, both State and Independent Primary Schools. All students who wish to be considered for selection in a SAPSASA 12 and Under State Team must nominate on-line. The nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date by accessing the following web address www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport then click on SAPSASA, go to List of Sports and drop down to the relevant sport and locate the nomination form in the interstate section of that sport. If you have any problems please contact the unit on 8416 5900. A confirmation email will be generated within 2 working days of nominating.

Nominations for state trials will be taken as acceptance of attendance at trials. Please note that SAPSASA will not send reminders however prior to trials commencing some specific details for each trial may be emailed to each nominated student. Students are expected to attend all selection trials probably in Adelaide, and if chosen in a team must attend all practices at their own expense.

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Touch Boys and Girls shall have an age dispensation for up to three (3) players who turn 13 years of age in the year of the competition.
# The Week Ahead

## 2015 Term 1 Week 8

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| **School** | * Principal’s Tour 9.00am  
   * Assembly (Chapel)— 2.30pm  
   * Senior (Yrs 4-7) Musical Information Evening (Chapel)— 6.30pm | * Year 3 Excursion  
   (Warraparinga Cultural Centre)— 9.30am | * Chapel (St Margaret’s Chapel)— 8.45am | **Principal’s Tour** 9.00am  
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| * Games Club R-7— 12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)  
* Sports Practices—12.50-1.30pm (Mackenzie, Courts, Baddams Hall)  
* Soccer School of Excellence—Trials (Yrs 5-7 Boys) - 12.50-1.30pm  
* Yr 6-7 Girls Touch Rugby, 12.50-1.30pm (various locations)  
* MP Sport—1.30-2.15pm (various locations)  
* JP Sport—2.20-3.05pm (various locations)  
* UP Sport—3.30-4.30pm (Chapel, Baddams Hall, Brasted, Mackenzie, Courts)  
* Year 7 Basketball Matches—3.45-6.00pm (Marion/Pasadena) | * Run Club—8.15-8.55am (Mackenzie)  
* Netball Specialist Senior Squad —Maturin Courts (8.15-8.55am)  
* Junior Choir—12.50-1.30pm (Chapel)  
* Lego Technic/Construction Club (Yrs 4-7)—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)  
* Knitting Club—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)  
* Yoga Yrs 3-7—12.50-1.30pm (Baddams Hall)  
* Year 5 Basketball Matches—3.45-6.00pm (Marion/Pasadena) | * Chapel Choir & Band—8.15-8.45am (Chapel)  
* Comic Writing Club - 12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)  
* Lego Construction Club (Yrs 1-7)—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)  
* Chess Club—12.50-1.30pm (Music Suite)  
* Flute Ensemble—12.50-1.30pm (Chapel)  
* Percussion Ensemble—12.50-1.30pm (Music Suite)  
* Year 3-4 Basketball Matches—3.45-6.00pm (Marion/Pasadena)  
* Year 6 Basketball Matches—3.45-6.00pm (Marion/Pasadena)  
* Year 4C Cricket Matches—4.00-5.45pm (various) | * Year 6-7 Co-curricular Activities—8.15-8.55am (Various)  
* Games Club—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)  
* Soccer School of Excellence—Trials (Yrs 5-7 Boys) - 12.50-1.30pm  
* Yr 6-7 Girls Touch Rugby, 12.50-1.30pm  
* Sports Practices—12.40-1.30pm (Mackenzie, Baddams Hall, Courts)  
| * Year 4-7 Volleyball Matches—4.00-6.00pm (Brighton Secondary) | |

### Extras & Co Curricular

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