From the Head of Primary

Today I discovered a brilliant ‘wondering’ one of our Year 1 students had during mathematics learning time this week. He asked his teacher, ‘Who thought up numbers?’

Imagine the thinking behind a question like that. The entrepreneur in me wants our students to keep asking great questions, hard questions, so they can get to the next question we so hope of our future learners… ‘How can we make our number system (insert any concept here) even better?’

As adults in our children’s world it is sometimes challenging for us to ask the hard questions. ‘Did you have a good day?’ can quickly lead to, ‘Well what went wrong?’ then on to, ‘Whose fault was it?’

If your child has had a challenging day at school, either with friendships or classroom time, help them problem solve – ask them, how they can make it better. We have a golden opportunity to help build resilience by being focused on the positive aspects of their day. We can ask about three things that made you smile today, or three things you were proud of, the best two things about your day (other than recess or lunch). We can start by sharing the best part about our own day to help give children the language to use.

When students focus on the positive parts of their school day you should start to see them look for good things around them. You might see them wondering how they can make their day even better.

Amanda Kelly

Swimming Carnival Years 3-7

SPW’s 2016 Swimming Carnival will be held at the Swimming Centre at Westminster School, on Wednesday 6 April. All students will commence school as normal at 8.30am.

Years 3-4
8.30am Roll Call at (Braested Oval)
8.45am Coaches Depart (Pier Street)
9.30am Program begins (Westminster)
11.30am Program ends (Westminster)
11.45am Coaches Depart (Westminster)
12.30pm Approximate arrival at SPW

Years 5-7
11.00am Roll Call (Braested Oval)
11.15am Coaches Depart (Pier St)
12.00pm Program begins (Westminster)
2.45pm Program ends (Westminster)
2.55pm Coaches Depart (Westminster)
3.15pm Approximate arrival at SPW

Students are asked to wear their PE uniform with swim wear underneath. They also are to bring the following:
- Change of underwear
- Towel
- Water bottle, recess and lunch
ICAS Information and Registration
A note has been put on Skoolbag today regarding ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) which has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa for over 30 years. SPW offer the ICAS assessments on a voluntary basis for children from Year 4 to 7. The communication on Skoolbag provides more information in terms of how you are able to register, the cost of each assessment and how to pay for registration. If your technology doesn’t allow you to access Skoolbag either on your mobile device or through the school website, please obtain a hard copy of the note from the Front Office.

We are asking parents to use the Qkr! payment method, which is the School’s preferred payment method. Qkr! can be downloaded to your mobile device or accessed via the web at https://qkr.mastercard.com/store. You can also access Qkr! directly from the Skoolbag Home page. You will find the ICAS competitions within the School Payments sections in Qkr! as shown below. If you have any difficulties or queries accessing Qkr! please contact Leonie Jones who will endeavour to assist.

Payment and registration will close on Monday 4 April 2016 and no late requests will be accepted to allow for ordering of competition papers.

SRC—Calling All Bakers
The SRC are busy planning their first event of the year; a cake sale in aid of their chosen charity for 2016, Backpacks for SA Kids.

Backpacks for SA Kids is a local based organisation that provides clothes and personal supplies (all packed in backpacks) to children placed in emergency foster care, kinship and domestic violence shelters. The backpacks provided help to relieve some of the uncertainty children face when they are removed from their family, often in traumatic situations and without the opportunity to take any personal belongings along with them. The aim of the charity is to provide a backpack full of useful items that these children, from newborn babies through to young adults, can call their own, providing reassurance and comfort from their changing worlds.

The SRC have decided to hold a Cake Sale on Tuesday 5 April (Week 10) to raise money for this fantastic cause.

The SRC would love if as many people as possible could contribute some baking to this cause. All cakes should be delivered to the Shelter Shed between 8.15 and 8.45am on Tuesday 5 April (not Monday as stated in last week’s dear note!).
Cakes will be sold for $1 at recess in both the JP playground and the Shelter Shed. Please be mindful of the school's no nut policy.

**Remember also, to bring some money to buy a tasty treat or two.**

The SRC would like to thank you for your support of their work and the work of Backpacks for SA Kids. If you have any questions regarding the SRC and their work please email kramsay@spw.sa.edu.au or bsaunderson@spw.sa.edu.au.

The **Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Once again SPW will be involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004). The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) encourages students to read and enjoy more books in an endeavor to improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books by early September.

Class teachers will have record sheets for students to record 8 books from recommended reading lists and 4 free choice books. Early readers will be read to by teachers, who will help record the set number of books to be completed in the Challenge.

Students completing the Challenge will receive awards from the Premier for their achievements.

**Awards for completing the Challenge are as follows:**

- Certificate: First year
- Bronze medal: Second year
- Silver medal: Third year
- Gold medal: Fourth year
- Champion medal: Fifth year
- Legend medal: Sixth year
- Hall of Fame medal: Seventh year

Additional information can be found on the PRC website at [http://www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au) or please contact your class teacher or the library if you have any questions.

The Challenge has commenced, so let’s start reading!

**Annette Mesecke**  
On behalf of The Library Team

**The Arts**

**SPW CABARET**

Vocal Cabaret—Tuesday 5 April, 7.00pm.

**Mark DeLaine**  
The Arts Coordinator

**Maths Attack**

Pairs Game: use your addition skills to win the game
Look for the game near the Japanese room.

**Mrs Doan**

**PFA**

**MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL BARBECUES**

There are only two Mondays left this term for the Monday barbecues. $2 for a sausage in bread and $1 for a Fruitbox. Thank you again to all of the community who support this fundraiser.
MOTHER’S DAY EVENT
SPW Mums, Grandmothers and Special Women are invited to share in a light breakfast to celebrate the wonderful gift of Motherhood. The morning includes a light breakfast, tea and coffee, champagne, fashion parade, and door prizes.

This event will be held on Friday 6 May, 8.30 -10.30am in the Nutter Thomas Hall. Tickets are now available via Trybooking www.trybooking.com/191665 at an early bird price of $20.

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Chaplain’s Chat
The dedicated effort that the Year 2 teachers and pupils put into their class Chapel presentation “Rain, Rain, Rain”, made me feel very humbled. I attended some rehearsals so saw for myself how hard they worked.

Some of the qualities like this that I continue to witness throughout the school – creativity, commitment and hard work – are just some of the assets required daily of teachers and parents. Also, strange though it may seem to think of it this way, they are required of God. To love us, fallible but bursting with divine potential, constantly requires of God the kind of creativity and dedication displayed not just at Easter, which we have just celebrated, but always, since creation.

As the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams puts it: “Creation is an action that sets up a relationship between God and what is not God.” *Our very existence depends on the continued loving action and attention of God.

The Chapel service next week will be a Communion service on the theme of the disciple Peter and forgiveness as the story of Easter continues.

As the downhill run towards the holidays speeds up, a prayer for teachers:

“Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers,
Look upon our teachers with love.
Grant them the resolve to nurture eager minds
and never to give up on those who fall behind.
Bless them with gentle patience
for the path of learning is never easy.
Kindle in them a spirit of passion,
which is the flame that ignites the love of learning.
Help them see the potential in each student.
Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning
that shows their pupils not to fear new knowledge and experiences.
Inspire them to touch the future
As they influence how big a dream pupils dream for themselves.
Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers
So that they may
Build up with their words,
Love with their minds and
Share with their hearts.

Amen

*Tokens of Trust, an Introduction to Christian Belief, WJK, 2007

Mother Julia
Friday 6 May 8.30 -10.30am

Celebrating Mums

Fashion Parade
Loca Bella Boutique
Liberty Boutique

Hosted by
Lucy Cornes - She Shopped

Earlybird
Tickets $20

After 2 May
Tickets $25

SPW Mums, Grandmothers and Special Women are invited to share in a light breakfast in Nutter Thomas to celebrate the wonderful gift of Motherhood.

Light Breakfast, Tea & Coffee, Champagne, Fashion Parade, Door Prizes

Tickets available via Trybooking
(www.trybooking.com/KXNT or /www.trybooking.com/191665)

In accordance with school policy while children are present this will be an alcohol-free event. From 8.45am and when children are in class, champagne and a light breakfast will be available.
## The Week Ahead

### 2016 Term 1 Week 10

**Monday 4 to Friday 8 April**

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    - (1JP & 1MR) 8.45am
  - Cake Staff, recess

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### Extra & Co-curricular

- **Show Choir Yrs 3-7** (Music Centre) 8.15-8.55am
- **Games Club F-7**—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)
- **NSS (Yrs 3 & 4) Girls only, SSoE (Yrs 6-7 Boys only), Touch (Yr 6-7 Boys only)**
- **Trials—Lunch time**
- **MP Sport** 1.30-2.20pm
- **JP Sport** 2.25-3.05pm
- **UP Sport** 3.20-4.20pm
- **Year 7 Basketball** (Marion / Pasadena/ Ascot Park Primary)
- **Show Choir & Junior Choir, 8.15 (Chapel)**
- **SPW Band—8.15-8.55am (Music Centre)**
- **Yoga (Yrs 3-7) - 12.50-1.30pm (Baddams)**
- **Lego Club (F-7) -12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)**
- **Chapel Choir —12.50-1.30pm (Chapel)**
- **Year 5 Basketball** (Marion / Pasadena/ Ascot Park Primary)
- **Junior Musical Rehearsal, 3.15-4.30pm**
- **Run Club—8.15-8.55am (McKenzie Oval)**
- **NSS (Yr 5 only) Trials—8.15am**
- **Junior Glee F-2, 8.15-8.45am (Music Centre)**
- **Chess F-7—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)**
- **Year 3/4 Basketball** (Marion / Pasadena/ Ascot Park Primary)
- **Chapel Choir & Band—8.15-9.30am (Chapel)**
- **Flute Ensemble—12.50-1.30pm (Chapel)**
- **Junior Glee F-3, 8.15-8.45am (Music Centre)**
- **Year 6 Basketball** (Marion / Pasadena/ Ascot Park Primary)
- **Beach Run Yrs 3-7—8.15-8.55am (Meet at bottom of Pier Street)**
- **Games Club (F-7)—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)**
- **SSoE (Yrs 3-7, Girls only) Trials (Lunch time)**
- **Touch Football (Yrs 6&7 Boys) Trials (Lunch time)**
- **Year 4-7 Volleyball** (Brighton High School)
- **Cricket Yr 4 C-Grade—4.30-5.30pm (Westminster PS Oval)**

### SATURDAY

- **Cricket Yr 5 B-Grade** (various) 8.30am
- **Kanga Cricket** (various) 9.30am
- **Cricket Yr 6/7 A-Grade** (various)

### PFA

- **PFA Sports BBQ—Sausage Sizzle** after school, 3.15-4.00pm
- **Coffee Club, 8.15am-9.00am**

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