



'Where everybody is somebody'

Term 4 Week 6 • Friday 11th November 2016

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,



Transition

We welcomed our 2017 Preps this week at their first Transition Session on Wednesday. It was a very successful morning and great to meet the new families who will be joining our community next year. Next week at our second session, the Preps will meet their buddies!

Classes 2017

Over the coming weeks, staff will be developing class groups. A number of factors are considered during this process and staff spend a lot of time factoring in the needs of all students. Our aim is to create classes that have a balance of social, academic and behavioural considerations so that each class is an optimal learning environment. During this process students also have some input and we ask them to name some students that they consider to be good learning partners in class.

I would like to remind parents that if there are any considerations you would like us to be aware of, please see me or send your thoughts to me in writing and every effort will be made to factor this in. Please be aware that requests for specific teachers are not possible, but any information regarding your child's social or learning needs is appropriate. If you do have any information you would like me to consider, please ensure you pass this on before Friday 18th November as we will be starting to work on class groupings. Children will visit their new classes in the second last week of term and meet their 2017 teacher at this visit.

Japanese Visit

Thank you to all the families who have offered to host a Japanese student next year when we welcome the Nagoya Women's University to our school. We have enough families now so no longer require any more offers.

Music Night

We have had many expressions of interest for the Music Night and Sharon is currently planning the rehearsal schedule. Students are reminded that no more applications will be taken as the program is now full based on the notes returned by the due date.

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To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Pay \$70 for Swimming Program - URGENT
- Pay Term 4 Guitar fees
- Pay Term 4 Keyboard fees
- Pay Term 4 Books & Resources Levy (\$62.50) and any outstanding charges from Terms 1, 2 & 3
- Return permission form for Hobsons Bay Art & Industry Festival (Students available in 5/6S)

Cybersafety

We are looking forward to hosting our Cybersafety evening next week. It will be held in our eLearning room on Wednesday 16th November. If you would still like to attend, please RSVP to the office on Monday. Parents may like to bring along your own device, (either iPad or laptop) on the night. Families are reminded that the evening is not suitable for children.

Art Show

There are a number of collaborative pieces that were purchased at the Art Show still in the office. Please come and pick these up at your earliest convenience.

Swimming

Today is our final day of this year's swimming program. We have seen great improvement in many of our students over the 8 day program. There are currently 37 families still to pay their swimming fees, please do this asap.



Working Bee

Our Working Bee is coming up on Saturday 19th November. We are hoping for a good turnout, remember every little bit of help counts. Even if you can only come along for a short time, your contribution would be very welcome.

We have a few jobs to be completed at the Working Bee:

Amphitheatre Area - Calling all builders – can you come and help Steve Brown build steps beside the deck to create our Amphitheatre Area. BYO tools if possible.

Deck - We will be re-staining the deck.

Gardens - General gardening – weeding, tidying up etc.

Planting - We have some more plants to go in and the current plants need to be watered.

Mowing - If you are able to bring your lawn mower or whipper snipper we would love to tame the grass!

Please let us know if you are able to come along by returning the slip sent home last week or by emailing Sharon at spotswood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Jackie Green
Principal

Food Bank

Donations for our Food Bank Drive can be left at the office in the special Food Bank tubs. Canned or packet foods are great and will be donated to the homeless and others families in financial difficulty.



Your donations, especially leading up to Christmas, will be gratefully received.

Food Bank is an organisation all over the world that helps people in need. For example: farmers that don't make a profit, people who find themselves homeless or families in need during financial difficulty. Food Bank collects food of all types to provide help for these people.

Thank you for your help.

Sid, Nathan and Mitchell 5/6S

Library News

Dear Parents,

Our next library meeting will be on Monday the 14th of November straight after assembly in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Tracey Kelly



Lost Property

We have some lost property at school from the swimming program as well as last term's Camp (see photo). If your child has lost something at the pool or at camp please check the lost property in the office.



Happy Birthday!!



Happy Birthday to:

Zeke

Kael

Sophie A

Shauna

Desi

● Spotty Calendar ●

Wednesday 16th November

Prep Orientation Session 2 (9.15am – 10.45am)
Internet Safety & Security Parent Information Session (7pm-8pm)

Saturday 19th November

Working Bee (9am – 12noon)

Tuesday 22nd November

Policy & Curriculum meeting (5.30pm)
Buildings & Grounds meeting (6pm)
Marketing meeting (6.30pm)

Wednesday 23rd November

Prep Orientation Session 3 (9.15am – 10.45am)

Thursday 24th November

Dress Rehearsal – Hobsons Bay Art & Industry Festival (available students in 5/6S)

● Spotty Calendar ●

Friday 25th November

Hobsons Bay Art & Industry Festival (available students in 5/6S)

Tuesday 29th November

Finance meeting (5.45pm)
School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Tuesday 6th December

Year 7 Orientation Day

Thursday 8th December

Music Night (6.30pm)

Tuesday 13th December

School Council meeting (6pm)

Wednesday 14th December

Cherry Lake Picnic (Grades Prep to 6) *

* more details to follow

Spotswood Primary - Fundraiser





MUMS & DADS

black & white night

Join the DONS in taking a stand to end violence against women.



All event profits and proceeds to go to White Ribbon & Women's Health West



Date: Friday 2nd Dec 2016. 7.30 pm - 1am. **Venue:** The Substation.1 Market St Newport

Dress: in black & white attire: fun, fancy or casual

Ticket includes: Entry / Band / Photobooth / Drinks at Bar Prices

\$25 per ticket | \$5 from every ticket sale goes to our school!

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TICKET ORDER FORM:
please return this slip & payment in an envelope to RECEPTION. CASH ONLY - No CHEQUES

Parent's Name(s)/ Class: _____

How many ticket(s) you would like: Qty: \$25 per ticket (per person). Total: \$ _____

Tickets are non refundable. Official White Ribbon event: Reg No: 23958



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