Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone! What a cold week it has been to start back at school. We welcome back Ms Hardy to 3/4H after her term of leave. This term we also welcome Mrs Zmara Palatsides who is here teaching 1/2B while Mr Anstey is on leave. Mr Brendan Howarth will be with us for the rest of the year teaching PE whilst Mr Smith is teaching 5/6. Brendan was here for a number of days last semester as a relieving teacher and is already feeling at home at Spotswood Primary.

Term 3 Calendar

We have included a copy of our calendar of events for Term 3. As you can see there is a lot happening! I encourage families to put a copy on your fridge, noticeboard or wherever you normally put things like this. Many of these events will have further information coming home as the term goes on.

Pupil Free Day

Schools are allocated four Pupil Free days throughout the year to enable staff to undertake professional development together, to plan curriculum etc. On Monday 8th August we have our final Pupil Free Day for this year. Staff will all be attending a professional learning day off site together focused on developing our own Professional Learning Community. We will be sharing our learning with another local school, Altona P-9 College and look forward to this rare opportunity where we get to be a class of students together for a day.

OSHClub will be running a full day care program for those who require supervision, bookings are available online.

HOUSE SPORTS

Next Friday we are looking forward to our annual House Sports Day at the Newport Athletics Track. On Wednesday we sent home all the information about House Sports for families and encourage you to refer to this with any questions you might have about the day. There are still a number of students who have yet to return their note. Please return them by Tuesday 19th July to enable us to be prepared for the day. All families are very welcome to come along and be a part of this fun day.

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To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Return Hobsons Bay Division T-Ball Tournament permission note and $15.00 (Girls & Boys T-Ball teams – Grade 5/6)
- Return House Sports permission note and $15.00 (Prep to 6)
- Return Camp permission note, medical form and $50.00 deposit (Grade 3 to 6)
- Pay Term 3 Books & Resources Levy ($62.50) and any outstanding charges from Terms 1 & 2
Message from the Principal continued…

T-Ball
On Wednesday 20th July, both our boys and girls T-ball teams will be competing at the divisional event. They will be playing at the Werribee Softball Club, McGrath Road, Wyndham Vale. Congratulations to both teams for getting through to this level and good luck on Wednesday!

Movie Night
At the end of last term we hosted our annual movie night for families, despite an unbelievably poor timed downpour, there were many families here. It seems to get bigger each year! Thank you so much to the parents from our Spotty Family and Friends group who coordinated the night, ensuring there were plenty of yummy movie snacks available and that the rooms were clean and tidy ready for students again the following morning. It was a successful fundraiser too with $2,381.65 being raised. Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event.

Election Day BBQ
Those who voted here on Election Day this year were treated to a smorgasbord of tasty treats at our election day BBQ and Cake Stall. This was made possible by a great team of volunteers, with special thanks to Lucy Francis (Charlie and Molly’s mum) and Rachel Fenn (Lily, Taj and Archie’s Mum). Thanks to everyone who was able to help out on this day, especially falling in the middle of the school holidays. Over $2,300.00 was raised. A great result!

Choir – Hobsons Voice
Our new choir has been rehearsing their repertoire for our upcoming performance on Sunday 7th April at the local event ‘Hobsons Voice’. All students in the choir have been given a CD with the songs and a lyric book to practise at home. Thank you so much to the families who are supporting and encouraging this, we have a lot to learn in a short time and it makes a huge difference having students ready to sing along already. After the performance, we plan to keep developing our choir with new songs and will rehearse once a week.

Students who have shown interest in the choir this week will be able to join in for the weekly rehearsals after Hobsons Voice.

Jackie Green
Principal

Premiers Reading Challenge
‘Let Your Reading Adventures Begin’
Congratulations to the following 13 students who completed the Reading Challenge during the school holidays and this week – Emily Peterson and Oliver Gale (Prep B), Alannah Mom, Caterina Miller and Liam Peterson (1/2H), Harper Weldhagen (1/2T), Catherine Forrest, Will Austin and Jordan Morris (3/4E), Anais McColl and Declan Smith (3/4H) and Sophie Gray and Ava Gardner (3/4L).

Emily read 30 books including ‘A Proper Little Lady’ by Nette Hilton and ‘Tell Me About Your Day Today’ by Mem Fox. Emily’s favourite book was ‘Hop on Pop’ by Dr Seuss.

Oliver read 38 books including ‘Avocado Baby’ by John Burningham and ‘The Snail and the Whale’ by Julia Donaldson.

Alannah read 32 books including ‘The Magic Faraway Tree’ by Enid Blyton and ‘Judy Moody Saves the World’ by Megan McDonald.
Caterina read 33 books including ‘Pig the Winner’ by Aaron Blabey and ‘Totally Weird!’ by Anh Do. Caterina’s favourite book was ‘Just Another Ordinary Day’ by Rod Clement.

Liam read 30 books including ‘That’s the Sound the Street Makes’ by Danny Katz and ‘My Daddy Ate an Apple’ by Craig Smith. Liam’s favourite book was ‘Spider School’ by Francesca Simon.

Harper read 30 books including ‘The 65-Storey Treehouse’ by Andy Griffiths and ‘Save the White Whale’ by Geronimo Stilton.

Catherine read 15 books including 6 of the ‘Harry Potter’ books by J.K. Rowling and ‘The Witches’ by Roald Dahl.

Will read 26 books including ‘Just Macbeth!’ by Andy Griffiths and ‘Captain Underpants and the Invasion of the Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies from Outer Space’ by Dav Pilkey.

Jordan read 15 books including ‘Once Upon a Crime’ by Michael Buckley and ‘Team Troubles’ by Chrissie Perry.


Declan read 17 books including ‘Crawf’s Kick it to Nick: Forward Line Freak’ by Shane Crawford and ‘The Brilliant World of Tom Gates’ by Liz Pichon.

Sophie read 20 books including ‘Alice-Miranda In New York’ by Jacqueline Harvey and ‘Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life’ by Rachel Renee Russell.

Ava read 15 books including ‘Karen’s Wish’ by Ann M. Martin and ‘Awful Auntie’ by David Walliams. Ava’s favourite book was ‘Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone’ by J.K. Rowling.

Reading Challenge update:
45 students completed
1,774 books finished

Photos of the students who have completed the Challenge are displayed on the Challenge noticeboard in the office. If you do not wish your child’s name to be published in The Age in November in the Premiers Reading Challenge special edition, please let Sharon in the office know.

Book Fair
Our Book Fair will be held from Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd September. This is an exciting week for children as they will visit the Book Fair during class time and have the opportunity to purchase books before and after school.

Emma Peel (Charlie & Skye’s Mum) is starting to put together a roster of helpers for the Fair. If you can help during that week from 8.30am – 9.15am or from 3.15pm – 4.00pm please let Emma know (or Sharon in the office). The Fair won’t need helpers on the Monday morning as it won’t be open for sales until the afternoon.

Newspapers Wanted
If you have any old newspapers at home that you no longer need, could you please send them along to Ms Hardy in 3/4H.

Thank you!
Spotty Footy Tipping Competition 2016
Leaderboard after Round 16:

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Hope you had a nice holiday break. How did your tipping go? We are now getting to the pointy end of the season. Our leaderboard remains very close. Will you take some tipping risks this round? Round 17 started last night with the Swans taking on the Hawks at the SCG. Thanks, Lisa Catania (mum of Wes in 3/4H)

Library News

Dear Parents,

Our next library meeting will be on Monday the 25th of July straight after assembly in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come and find out how to be a library volunteer!

Regards,

Tracey Kelly

What’s New on our Community Noticeboard

- Pink Ball Basketball – Westgate Pink Ball program for girls
- Presentation College enrolments for Year 7 2018
- Aussie Hoops Basketball for kids 5-10

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to:

- Terrence
- Excelsior
- Liana
- Ilias
- Charlie B
- Li

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OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Hello! We have had a great first week back and into the second half of the year. This term OSHClub has some exciting events happening so stay tuned and look for our part in the newsletter! Next week we are celebrating individual expression. We have lots of creative activities planned throughout the week.

We are also starting up The Lily’s Cooking Club, run by Lily Fenn and Lilyana Folloso. Each week on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s the girls pick a recipe, help to order the ingredients and then teach their friends and everyone who attends how to make it. Last week it was a huge success with all children having a blast! Come and check out what they are making this week!

We can’t wait to see all our friends again at OSHClub and welcome our new ones!

Expression Week!
18/07/2016

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Parent Information

We welcome back all our families into Term 3 of 2016! It has been an absolute pleasure meeting and getting to know everyone last Term.
If you haven’t already done so we would love to hear from you, please bring in the suggestion note that was sent home this week. We would love to add parent input into our activities for this Term.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM LOST PROPERTY -
We have lots of clothes left behind from Holiday Program, please come and claim yours.
OSH program phone: 0423 728 739
Coordinator: Angela  Assistant: Mary
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000  www.oshclub.com.au
NEWS FROM OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL!

Hi Everyone,

This term the Junior School Council has decided to collect canned and packaged foods as well as blankets and sleeping bags to donate to the homeless people in Melbourne.

We think this is important because there are many people out there who don’t have a home and don’t have any money for food. The homeless need blankets and sleeping bags because it is the middle of winter and it is really cold and not good for their health. Please help us by donating any of the below items for us to take to our local homeless shelter:

**Our ‘wish list’ for purchased Groceries:**

- Sun screen
- Wet wipes
- Antiseptic cream
- Band-Aids
- Lip balm
- Insect repellent
- Paw Paw Cream
- Hand sanitizer
- Disposable cutlery
- Paper/Plastic bowls
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Heel Balm
- Instant coffee
- Baked Beans
- Tinned tuna
- Chocolate
- Bottled water
- UHT Milk
- Hair ties
- Paper plates
- Towels
- Packaged & sachet soups
- Cup of Noodles
- Dry biscuits
- Healthy snack foods
- Men’s undies
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Men’s socks
- Muesli bars
- Body wash
- UHT Breakfast drink

**Donated goods:**

- Men’s warm clothing
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets

These donations can be given to your classroom teacher for us to collect. Other important information on how children can help the homeless can be found at: [http://www.hangoutforthehomeless.org.au/](http://www.hangoutforthehomeless.org.au/)

Thank you from,
Spotswood Primary School Junior School Council
SPOTTY KIDS

We’re learning we’re growing
Osamu Owl shows us how
You and me make our community
Michi Meerkat reminds us that
We take care of each other
Sora Snail leads our safety trail
We love to be our best
We’re not afraid to take risks
We make mistakes, we learn from them
We get up and begin again
Cos we are Spotty Kids
We value difference
We have resilience
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