



'Where everybody is somebody'

Term 4 Week 11 • Friday 16th December 2016

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

This will be our final newsletter for this year. Every year it seems to come around so quickly!

I would like to remind families that school will finish on:

Tuesday 20th December at 1:30pm

We will be having an assembly at 1:15pm in the courtyard and all families are welcome to come and join us.

Year 6 Graduation

Tonight is a very important night for our Year 6 students as they share a special graduation ceremony with their families. We are looking forward to celebrating with our Year 6 students as they reflect on their time here at Spotswood Primary and wish them well at their new schools next year.

For me, this group of children started here in my first year as Principal so it is going to be a significant farewell for me having watched these children from Prep right through to Year 6.

Farewell - Mr Ben Anstey

You may have read in the note that came home yesterday that Mr Anstey will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a new career opportunity. Mr Anstey has been a huge part of our school for the past 5 years and I know he will be missed by our family community as a caring and dedicated teacher and also by our staff as a supportive and thoughtful professional colleague. We wish Ben all the best next year at his new school Resurrection Catholic Primary School.

Volunteers 2016

Today we had an afternoon tea to say thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped us at Spotswood throughout the year. We are so appreciative of the support of our families, running sausage sizzles, attending excursions, helping with reading, Working Bees, buying raffle tickets, attending our Art Show and many other things. Thank you, for everything you do for our community.

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To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Return sold Christmas raffle tickets and money
- Pay Term 4 Books & Resources Levy (\$62.50) and any outstanding charges from Terms 1, 2 & 3

Year 1/2 Expo

Yesterday our very clever students in year 1/2 displayed the toys and musical instruments they had made in their technology unit this term. There was some very clever use of levers, axles, pulleys and materials as their simple machines were demonstrated yesterday. It was great to see so many families here to visit the expo.



Staffing and Grades 2017

Yesterday students visited with their new grades and teachers for 2017. It was a busy day at Spotswood as we also relocated 8 classrooms to set up our teaching teams for next year. Below is our staffing and on the next page are their locations for next year.

Prep V	Ms Melanie Voigt
Prep T	Ms Maria Trantino
1/2G	Ms Gabbi Cameron-Crisp
1/2H	Miss Hanna Kiely
1/2SY	Ms Sandra Ristic-Keena (Mon-Thur) & Mrs Yolanda Andrews (Friday)
1/2T	Mrs Tracey Kelly
3/4B	Mr Brendan Howarth
3/4E	Miss Jessica Evans
3/4H	Ms Helen Hardy
5L	Mr Chris Lamb
5/6B	Ms Tianne Ball
Art	Mrs Cindy Asp
Japanese	Ms Radmila Jojic
PE	Mr Tom Smith
Integration Aide	Ms Di Chambers

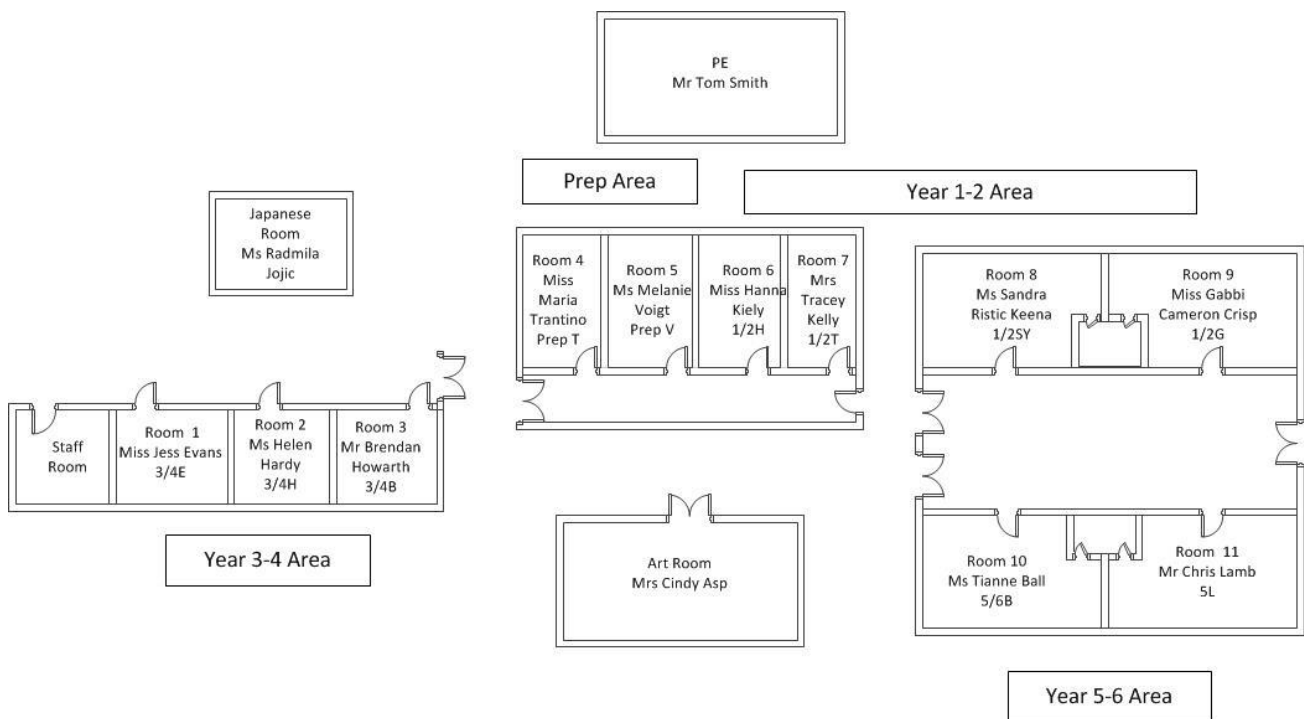
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As you will see, next year we welcome some new staff to our school.

Miss Gabbi Cameron-Crisp - Gabbi is joining our 1/2 team in 2017. Gabbi has worked at Spotswood earlier this year when Miss Ball was on leave and we are delighted that she will be joining us next year.

Mr Brendan Howarth – Brendan is joining our 3/4 team in 2017. Brendan has been working here this year as our PE teacher 2 days a week and is looking forward to his full time role with us next year.

Mrs Yolanda Andrews – Yolanda will be joining us on Fridays next year in 1/2SY working with Ms Keena. Yolanda has also worked at Spotswood over the past few years taking blocks of time in some of our classes when staff have been on leave.



Warm Wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and happy time over the Christmas and New Year period. I hope you enjoy some time away from the routine of school with your families and look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Jackie Green
Principal

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on Monday for demonstrating one or more of our values – Learning, Community and Safety:



1/2B

Jett - for his endless running to help raise money for our school, during the Walkathon!
Des - for thinking about, and improving ways to make his moving bow and arrow safe, during our design projects
Josie - for exploring and experimenting with different machines, when making her design project

1/2H	Li – by overcoming challenges and not giving up during Inquiry. Well done! Greta – by sharing and bringing in materials for the whole class to use during our Inquiry simple machines building Michael – by putting in an excellent effort during reading and using his strategies well to help decode unknown words
1/2SC	Lilly P – your great attitude towards everything we do! Fantastic!
1/2T	Arabella L – by thinking deeply and creating her own simple machine enthusiastically. Great work Bella!
3/4E	Gia – by always showing care and compassion to all members of our class
3/4H	Angelo – by always tidying up to make sure that the learning spaces are clear and safe

LIBRARY NEWS
A REMINDER:

It's time to start returning library books as they are now due back at school ready to be re-shelved in the soon to be recarpeted Library. Don't forget to look under beds and in book shelves for any missing books.

Thank you to families who have returned books already.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Regards,

Tracey Kelly



Happy Birthday!!



Happy Birthday to:

Izzy B

Zara

Ewan

Gale

Lochlan

Parker

Cath	Issy F
Mia	Sienna S
Mani	Flynn
Zoë	Iris
Lizzie	Jacob
Jack I	Charlie E Francis
Aliannah	Lilly P
Nathaniel	Emily P
Aryan	Rhys
Cai M	Jessica M
Ana G	Jayden
Bella W	Max S
Kaya	Zac
Mila V	Michael

● Spotty Calendar ●

Friday 16th December

Thank You Volunteers Afternoon Tea (3pm)
Grade 6 Graduation (6.30pm)

Monday 19th December

Grade 6 Big Day Out
Tinsel Party (6pm-8pm)

Tuesday 20th December

Last Day of Term 4 (1.30pm dismissal)

● Spotty Calendar ●

2017

Monday 30th January

Office open for Books & Resources Levy payments and uniform purchases (12noon – 4pm)

Tuesday 31st January

Office open for Books & Resources Levy payments and uniform purchases (10am – 4pm)

Wednesday 1st February

First Day of Term 1 for students in Grades 1 to 6

Thursday 2nd February

First Day of Term 1 for Prep students (9am – 12.30pm)

Tinsel Party

Monday 19th December

(6pm – 8pm)



Our annual Tinsel Party is a family event that we all really look forward to. It is a chance for families and staff to all come together and spend a few hours celebrating the end of the year over dinner. It will be held on the basketball court this year.

Here are the important details you need to know!

- BYO everything! Including food, drink and Christmas spirit. We will put out all our trestle tables and some chairs but families should bring their own chairs, if possible, or a rug if you prefer.
- The 2016 Year Book with photos and memories of our events this year will be on sale for \$25.00.
- Christmas Hamper Raffle, \$1:00 tickets will be on sale on the night, drawn at the end of the evening (raffle tickets have been sent home today). Thank you to families who have made donations to the Christmas Hampers.
- The students will be performing some musical items at approximately 7:15pm.