

'Where everybody is somebody'

Term 1 Week 8 • Friday 18th March 2016



Dear Families,

Bush Dance

At the time of writing this, we are still planning to go ahead with the Bush Dance, unless the weather takes a turn for the worse.

The bush dance will be held on the basketball court area and we will be putting out our trestle tables and 100 new red chairs that we were able to purchase with last year's fundraising efforts. Please remember to bring your food and drinks, and if you have your own tables and chairs that would be great! We have had RSVPs from over 200 adults and children in our Spotty families so it should be a great night!

Meet Michi Meerkat!

Throughout the term the 5/6 students have been showing great leadership, introducing our school mascots by teaching values lessons in all of the classes. It has been a big responsibility and they have done a wonderful job. Here is a reflection from Abbey and Molly in 5/6R.

On Thursday, we taught all of the grades about Michi the Meerkat and how he represents community, one of our new values. We did an activity with the grades and read a book but the 3/4s didn't read a book. The lessons went for about 30 minutes. For the activity in the preps, they traced a sentence and coloured a picture. The 1/2s coloured different words in and stuck them on a poster, and finally the 3/4s did a Q&A activity and then the kids went and coloured them in. That was our last lesson on the new school mascots and we feel happy and sad!



Sports reschedule

Unfortunately our interschool sport day for cricket and softball was cancelled today due to the weather. The back-up day for sport is next Tuesday.

Bunnings BBQ

I would like to say a big thank-you to Lucy Francis (Charlie & Molly's mum) for organising the Bunnings BBQ, and to Steve Brown (Maddie's dad) for assisting with co-ordination on the day. There were many volunteers who helped out cooking and selling sausages. Paul (Alannah's dad), Paul (Max I's dad), Syd (Edith's dad), Stacey (Luca O's mum), Ute (Liana's mum), Tim (Jack E's dad), Darlington (Cai M's dad), Sharon (Max S's mum), Chris (Finn S's dad), Lynda and Chris (Declan's parents), Lisa (Wes' mum), and our student helpers Declan, Maddie and Alannah. We raised \$1141 on the day, that's a lot of sausages!!!

To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Pay 2016 Books & Resources Levy
- Pay Term 1 Guitar fees
- Pay Term 1 Keyboard fees

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Library Books

Our wonderful library volunteers have been having a big clean up in the library and updating our collection. As a result, there are a number of books that we are no longer keeping. Families are invited to have a look and if there are any you are interested in taking home please help yourself. They will be put outside the library next week on a set of green shelves and we encourage you to come and have a look during the week.

Assembly on the last day

A reminder to parents that school will finish on Thursday at 2:30pm, being the last day of term. We will have an assembly at 2:10pm on that afternoon and families are invited to come along, we will also be drawing the Easter hampers at the assembly.

Jackie Green
Principal



eSmart Corner **Acceptable Usage Agreements**

Through the teaching of our school values and the accompanying behavior matrix our students already have an understanding of how they are expected to look after the computers and iPads. However, we think it is important for us to come up with some agreed expectations and behaviours around how we use them, what we access and how we interact with others in cyberspace.

At the beginning of next term all classes will be taking part in some lessons about cyber citizenship, cyber bullying and cyber safety. Along with this the Prep – 2 students will be creating a class user agreement to be hung in the room and the Grade 3 – 6 students will be bringing a more formal Acceptable Usage Agreement home for both students and parents to understand and sign.

Undertaking the above lessons and creating the agreements are a part of us becoming an eSmart school.

Mr Lamb

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

We are excited to announce that the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Spotswood Primary School will be participating.



The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date of the challenge – 9th September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children at Spotswood PS will be registered and User Name and Passwords will be sent home next week.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. Your child's photo will also go up on our Reading Challenge board in the office once they complete the Challenge.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

● Spotty Calendar ●

Friday 18th March

Bush Dance / Family Night (6pm-8.30pm)

Tuesday 22nd March

Summer Sport Round Robin (Grade 5/6R)

Thursday 24th March

Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)

Assembly at 2.10pm (includes Easter raffle draw)

Monday 11th April

First Day of Term 2

Monday 18th April

Spotty Families & Friends meeting (after assembly)

Monday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday (no children at school)

Monday 2nd May

School Photo Day

** more details to follow*

Assembly on Monday

Students in 3/4E & 1/2H will be performing at assembly on Monday.

Easter Raffle – Donations required



Thank you to the families who have made donations to our Easter Raffle. If you are able to donate to the raffle please bring items to the office.

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on the last day of term.

Thank you for your support.

Footy Tipping Competition 2016

Welcome to the third year of Footy Tipping, another way to support our fundraising efforts!



We know there are a lot of families at Spotswood Primary School who love their AFL football...and

even if you don't, it is hard to escape it when you live in Melbourne!

Please join our online Footy Tipping Competition and show off your tipping skills as well as supporting the school in its fundraising efforts. For how to join - see the form at the back of the newsletter.

Registration (\$20) available as an adult or family entry (children can only participate through an adult/family registration). Your extended family and friends are also welcome to join (just let them know the website link and password). All proceeds donated to the school. Exciting prizes for top tippers at the end of the season.

Round 1 starts Thursday 24th March with the Tigers taking on the Blues.

If you have any queries, please leave a message for me in the office, or you can send me a message via the footy tips website once you join.

Thanks, Lisa Catania (Mum of Wes in 3/4H)

What's New on our Community Notice Board

- Westgate Basketball Aussie Hoops program
- Westgate Pink Ball Program for Girls
- Williamstown Magic Basketball Club
- AFL Victoria Holiday Programs
- Footscray City College Open Day – Sunday 20th March

Run for the Kids

Good luck to the SPSRunners who are taking part in the Run for the Kids event this Sunday 20th March.

Herald Sun CityLink

RUN for the KiDS

It's not too late to join the team. To register go to <http://www.runforthekids.com.au/entrants/> and click on 'Enter Now', choose your distance and click 'Select', then click on 'Join a Team'. Search for 'SPSRunners' and add yourself and your family members using the password 'spotswood'.

Children are invited to enter as well as their parents and extended family. All proceeds go to the RCH.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to:

Gilbert

Darwin

Jake C

Rosina

Ella Pilakis

EASTER FUNDRAISER

On Thursday the 24th of March the grade sixes will be hosting an Easter bonnet/fancy hat day where you are welcome to make, decorate or create a fancy Easter hat.

Please bring a GOLD COIN donation for the school to donate to the Royal children's hospital for the Good Friday appeal. At the end of the day we will have a small parade.

By **Natasha** and **Mitchell**.



OSHClub News

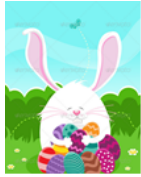
Before School / After School Care Program



Program Update

Hello everyone!
 This week's Star of the week is Edmund! Edmund has done an amazing job of settling into Oshclub and is always willing to help out friends! Congratulations!

This coming week at Oshclub is EASTER HOLIDAY WEEK :0)



Next Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Easter bunny Posters	Easter bunny cookies	Easter bunny mask	Easter cone baskets	Pom Pom Easter chickens
After Care Activities	Push pin bunnies & Jump/Spring game	Easter bunny cookies & 21 game	Easter bunny cupcakes	Easter egg Hunt!!	Paper bag Easter bunny

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0423 728 739 OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
 Coordinator: Michelle/Mary Assistants: Danielle/Ronisha/Steph/Anitha





Reminder...please join the Spotswood Primary School Footy Tipping Competition 2016 – Round 1 starts 24/3/16!

Easy to join...

1. Fill in the slip below & pay your registration (cash/card) to Sharon in the office:

Standard registration (adult entry or tip together as a family)
\$20 (children can only participate through an adult/family registration)
Fundraising bonus... 100% of registration fees goes to the school. Exciting prizes for top tippers at the end of the season!

2. Join the Competition online:

- a. Go to http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/Spotswood_Primary_School
- b. Enter competition password: spotty
 - If you are already a member of footytips, enter your login details and click "Login"
 - If you are not a member of footytips, click "Join" and follow the steps
- c. It's that easy!

Spotswood Primary School Footy Tipping 2016

Registration details:

	Name	Amount owing
1.		<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
2.		<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
3.		<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
4.		<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
5.		<input type="checkbox"/> \$20

TOTAL: \$ _____

Credit Card details:

Type Visa Mastercard Bankcard

Card no.

Expiry date: ___ / ___

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____