

'Where everybody is somebody'

Term 1 Week 9 • Wednesday 23rd March 2016



Dear Families,

END OF TERM - **2:30**pm FINISH

It is amazing to think we are at the end of Term 1 already! I hope that families have the opportunity to enjoy some time together over the break and relax away from the routine of school bells and school lunch preparations!

Families are reminded that school will finish at 2:30pm tomorrow (Thursday 24th March). Friday is a public holiday, Good Friday. We will have an assembly at 2:10pm in the courtyard tomorrow to parade our Easter Bonnets and draw our Easter Hamper raffle.

Lunch Orders

There will still be lunch orders tomorrow.

Bush Dance

Thank you to everyone who came along and made our Bush Dance such a fun night. Despite the day of rain leading up to it, we moved into the sheltered courtyard area and the rain held off for the duration of the event. The workshops held with students leading up to Friday taught students the dance moves and they did a great job recruiting their parents up to dances. We all joined in with the 'heel and toe polka', the 'Mexican hat dance' and even a bit of 'Macarena' at the end of the night. We are sure this will be a highlight on the calendar in the future!



Thank you Kylie (Ella T's mum) for connecting us up with Terry Cole who did an outstanding job playing and calling all the dances. Kylie also gave a powerful rendition of the 'Hokey Pokey' at the end of the night which had everyone up showing off their moves!

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To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Return Life Education permission note and \$9 per child
- Return Life Education parent information session RSVP (if attending)
- Pay 2016 Books & Resources Levy and any outstanding charges for Term 1
- Pay Term 1 Keyboard fees

Pancake Day

Thank you to Robyn (Syd W's mum) for organising a fantastic Pancake Day yesterday and thank you to all of the parents who came along and helped to cook hundreds of pancakes. It was greatly appreciated by the students who look forward to pancake day each year. We raised \$746.90!

Staffing

Next term, Ms Hardy will be taking Long Service Leave. During this time, we are delighted to welcome Ms Jessica Kent to our team to teach 3/4H. Ms Kent was here today to meet the students and participate in the 3/4 planning day. She is looking forward to being here next term. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Ms Hardy a well-earned break next term.

Jackie Green
Principal

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 'Let Your Reading Adventures Begin'



Today all students were given their user name and password for the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Any books that they have read or have had read to them so far this year can be included in the Challenge so many families are able to start straight away.

To meet the Challenge children in Prep to Year 2 must read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books. Please check when adding books to your child's Challenge list that they meet the minimum number of Challenge books – a tally is provided to assist you when you log in.

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.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit:
www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Student Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received an award at assembly on Monday for showing the Value of Community:

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| Prep B | Zara – by being a supportive and encouraging member of Prep B who always has a positive attitude |
| Prep T | Max Ilett – by being a positive member of the classroom and encouraging his classmates |
| 1/2B | Georgie G – by being a caring and thoughtful friend when helping others learn, in our class |
| 1/2H | Li – by being a very caring and compassionate classmate. Li always helps others, especially during E-learning |
| 1/2SC | Mila – you are a friendly, caring friend in 1/2SC. We are lucky to have you in our grade |



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| 1/2T | Ella Parnaby – by looking after her friends and caring for everyone at school |
| 3/4E | Mani – by always encouraging and supporting his classmates. Well Done! |
| 3/4H | Ella T – by always being really nice to everyone and caring for those around her. A terrific effort Ella! |
| 3/4L | Molly T – by always looking after anyone who needs help, inside or outside our classroom |
| 5/6R | Luka T – by being patient, supportive and encouraging when delivering lessons to 1/2A |

Easter Raffle

Thank you to the families who have made donations to our Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at assembly tomorrow.



● Spotty Calendar ●

Thursday 24th March

Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)
Assembly at 2.10pm (includes Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Raffle draw)

Monday 11th April

First Day of Term 2

Friday 15th April

Summer Sport Round Robin (Grade 5/6R)

Monday 18th April

Spotty Families & Friends meeting (after assembly)

Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd April

Life Education program (Prep to Grade 6)

Monday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday (no children at school)

Monday 2nd May

School Photo Day *

Friday 24th June

Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

* more details to follow

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 tomorrow 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)

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to:



Antonio Lily A Molly Harrison

Josh H Wilhemina Finn S
Sam R Ella R-B Elijah
Shinji Nevadah Patrick F
Ava Caterina Karri
Luca O

EASTER FUNDRAISER

On Thursday the 24th of March the grade sixes will be hosting an Easter bonnet/fancy hat day were 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**.





2016 Bush Dance





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:

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| 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 |
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| 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: _____