

'Where everybody is somebody'

Term 2 Week 3 • Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016



Dear Families,

## **PUPIL FREE DAY - MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

This week at School Council, our 3<sup>rd</sup> pupil free day was approved. This will be a day dedicated to professional learning for staff and we are looking forward to working with a curriculum consultant. The current focus of the Department of Education is promoting 'The Education State' and we are going to look at the newly released Victorian Curriculum Framework. Part of the day will also be allocated to spending time preparing for mid-year reports.

OSHClub will be running a full day care program on this day and bookings will be available online.

## **PARKING DISRUPTION - McLister Street Footpath**



Next week, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, the Hobsons Bay Council are removing and reinstalling the footpath along the McLister St side of the school. This is a very welcome repair project as the ground has subsided substantially in many areas making it a challenge for pedestrians, especially those pushing a pram or wheelchair!

Unfortunately during the work, no parking will be available along McLister St. The work is expected to be completed in a week.



## **Landscaping Plan**

If you haven't had a chance to have a look at our Landscaping Plan, here's a reminder that it is up on display in the courtyard notice boards for you to see.

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### **To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders**

- Download Qkr by Mastercard
- Download Skoolbag (search for Spotswood Primary School)
- Return permission note and \$30 for Werribee Zoo excursion (Grade 5/6R)
- Return permission note and \$10 for Cross Country (Students in Cross Country team)
- Pay Term 2 Books & Resources Levy (\$62.50)

## Working Bee Weekend

**Tonight**                      **3:30pm – 6:30pm**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**            **9:00am – 12:00pm**

*Why does it always rain when we have a working bee!*

Don't worry! It's never stopped us before and the ground will be nice and soft for planting! We would love to have you come along and help if you can!

We are going to be working on several sections of our landscaping plan.

1. Weed and mulch – A (Collect mulch from F&J mounds)
2. Succulent garden - plant, weed and mulch. Create beds around fence.
3. Dig trench Area C and between D & F - from tap to senior building.
4. Progress sound garden
5. Plant Area J - Fri
6. Plant Area H - Fri
7. Clean up Area M - remove timber
8. Plant Area C - Sun



### Other jobs

9. Clean up timber near shed
10. Sweep courtyard
11. Pick up random concrete bits
12. Rocks back in creek bed
13. Move garden bed back – near rosemary bush
15. Move rocks - around triangle garden (next to Area N)

## School Photos

There will be **NO ASSEMBLY** on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May as we have school photos starting from 8:45am (staff)

The preps will be first for school photos at 9:00am so please be on time!



## Life Education

We all enjoyed catching up with Harold the Giraffe, the Life Education Mascot, last week. Harold is very popular with the students and helps us learn about how we can stay healthy.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the parent information session. Gareth the presenter was thrilled to have such a big turnout, we even had to move from the van to the library!



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## 2017 Prep Information Night

Next Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May we are holding our Parent Information Night for prospective families. If you know of anyone interested in finding out about our school and has a future prep student, please encourage them to come along and hear about our school. It starts at 7:00pm in the Senior School building.



### ANZAC Biscuits

Thank you for supporting our ANZAC biscuit fundraiser last Friday. The Junior School Councillors made the delicious biscuits and sold them for \$1 each. \$170 was raised and this money was donated today to the ANZAC Day Appeal, a very worthy charity that supports past and present servicemen and women.

### Art Show

The first Art Show meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May after assembly in the staff room for anyone interested in helping. Mrs Asp is organising the Art Show which will be held in Term 3 and will provide an overview of her plans and how parents can assist with this special event.

### Mother's Day Stall

Our annual Mother's Day stall will be held next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 9.15am. Children will be taken to the stall by their class teacher and will be able to purchase 2 or 3 items each. Gifts will range in price from \$1 to \$6.

Our thanks to Katherine Blakemore who is preparing a beautiful stall with over 500 gifts to choose from. This is a fantastic effort Katherine and on behalf of all of the Mums and children we thank you!

Please send money along with your child next Friday.



### Cross Country

The Spotswood District Cross Country event will be held next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Footscray Park (next to Victoria University). Trials were held earlier in the week for children in Grades 3 to 6 and 26 students were selected for the team.



Congratulations to Shauna, Ella S, Izzy B, Ella T, Georgie M, Luka J, Dash, Thomas T, Will, Angelo, Jessica B, Bella W, Aimee, Molly H, Jessie G, Luka T, Mitchell, Flynn, Sam M, Sid D, Zoë E, Natasha F, Charlie B, Johnny, Jayden and Max S and good luck for next week.

Students in the Cross Country team will be able to purchase gifts from the Mother's Day stall once they return to school.

## Communication at Spotswood Primary School

We are always trying to improve our communication between school and home and we now have a few different ways to help busy parents keep up with notes and events happening here.

<h3>Newsletter</h3>  <p>The first point of call is our newsletter which, as you know, is produced weekly. At the moment a hard copy of the newsletter is sent home to all families. It is also available to view on our website and is sent via the Skoolbag App at approximately 4pm on a Friday.</p> <p>If you would like to receive the newsletter as an email you can subscribe on our website at <a href="http://www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au">www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au</a> and click on 'Contact Us'. You will then receive an email once the newsletter is available to view on our website.</p> <p>From Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May the newsletter will mainly be available electronically. This will assist us to reduce printing costs at the school. If you would still like to receive a hard copy of your newsletter please complete the slip on the next page and return it to school by the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.</p>	<h3>Skoolbag App</h3>  <p>We currently have 298 subscribers to our Skoolbag App and this is a great way to keep in touch with activities and events at our school. Once you download the App via the App Store (or Android equivalent) – search for 'Spotswood Primary School' you will receive the newsletter each Friday as well as important reminders about upcoming events or deadlines for notes due back at school. You can also advise us of your child's absence via Skoolbag as well as any change of address or contact number for emergency contacts.</p>
<h3>Qkr</h3>  <p>On Wednesday of this week we launched our new App – Qkr. Qkr is a financial App designed to assist families to pay for their child's school fees and excursions costs quickly and easily at home or work and any time of the day (or night!).</p> <p>Congratulations to the Robbins family who were the first to download and use our new Qkr App. Jennifer, Johnny and Lizzie Robbins said the App was "easy to use, helpful and handy. It took the worry out of paying for excursions and also helps Miss Sharon in the office".</p> <p>The Thornton family used the App on Thursday and said "Qkr will be good to help parents where the notes don't make it home".</p> <p>Since we launched the App on Wednesday 17 families have downloaded Qkr. We encourage all families to download Qkr as all excursions and other school payments will be added to Qkr as excursions etc are planned.</p> <p>The App can be downloaded from the App Store (or android equivalent) – look for 'Qkr by Mastercard' - and follow the instructions on the sheet sent home with your child on Wednesday.</p> <p>For assistance or to provide feedback please email Sharon at <a href="mailto:spotswood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au">spotswood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<h3>Website</h3>  <p>Our school website can be found at <a href="http://www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au">www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au</a>.</p> <p>Although we largely use our app for communication now, an archive of information can be found on our website.</p> <p>If you would like to receive the newsletter as an email you can subscribe on our website at <a href="http://www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au">www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au</a> and click on 'Contact Us'. You will then receive an email once the newsletter is available to view on our website.</p>
<h3>Blue notes folder</h3>  <p>On Wednesday, notes are sent home with students in a blue notes pocket. They can be returned to teachers via the notes pocket on any day.</p>	<h3>Blue notes folder</h3>  <p>On Wednesday, notes are sent home with students in a blue notes pocket. They can be returned to teachers via the notes pocket on any day.</p>

## Our School's use of Social Media

The school does not have an official Facebook page. All school information is communicated via our App, website, Qkr and newsletter.

<h3>Instagram</h3>  <p>Communications to families about what is happening in the Art Room is done via the Art Room's Instagram account. If you are interested in a glimpse into our Art Room you can follow along at <a href="https://www.instagram.com/spotswood.art">spotswood.art</a> and see some of the things happening.</p>	<h3>Twitter</h3>  <p>We also have a school Twitter account @spottypstweets for families to view our tweets. Children are not identified or named on our social media accounts.</p>
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Parents are always welcome to call us on 9391 1323 or contact us via email at [spotswood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:spotswood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) – even though a lot of our communication is now done electronically, it is always nice to see your faces and speak with you on the phone!

Return the following slip to school if you would still like to receive a hard copy of the weekly newsletter.

**Family Name:** .....

**Name of Children:** .....

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**Jackie Green**  
**Principal**

## **Premiers Reading Challenge** **'Let Your Reading Adventures Begin'**



Congratulations to the following 12 students who have already completed the 2016 Reading Challenge – Megan & Liana (Prep T), Emily F & Imogen (1/2B), Marcus (1/2SC), Excelsior, Lizzie and Konoka (3/4E), Luka J & Sava (3/4L) and Johnny and Bella W (5/6R).

Megan read 35 books including 'Hunwick's Egg' by Mem Fox and 'Mog in the Fog' by Helen Nicoll.

Liana read 42 books including 'Paddington at the Zoo' by Michael Bond and 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson.

Emily read 33 books including 'The Spotty Holiday' by Sally Rippin and 'The 65-Storey Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths.

Imogen read 43 books including 'Clementine Rose and the Treasure Box' by Jacqueline Harvey and 'Tim and Lucy Go To Sea' by Edward Ardizzone.

Marcus read 36 books including 'Green Eggs and Ham' by Dr Seuss and 'Matilda's Cat' by Emily Gravett.

Excelsior read 15 books including 'Courtney the Clownfish Fairy' and 'Elizabeth the Jubilee Fairy' by Daisy Meadows.

Lizzie read 16 books including 'Cool Kitties' by Yvette Poshoglian and 'The Other Ark' by Lynley Dodd.

Konoka read 24 books including 'The Best Project' by Sally Rippin and 'Pixie Power' by Christine Peymani.

Luka read 23 books including 'The Big Switch' by David Warner and 'I'm Too Fond of My Fur' by Geronimo Stilton. Luka's favourite book was 'The Royal Ranger' by John Flanagan.

Sava read 'The Bad Guys' by Aaron Blabey and 'The Big Big Big Book of Tashi' by Anna & Barbara Fienberg.

Johnny read 15 books including 'The Hunger Games' trilogy by Suzanne Collins and 'September' by Gabrielle Lord.

Bella read 18 books including 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' and 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' by J.K. Rowling. Bella's favourite book was 'Girl Online' by Zoe Sugg.

Students who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier as well as have their names printed in The Age Honour Roll in November. If you do not wish to have your child's name printed in The Age please let us know.

Photos of students who complete the Challenge will go up on the Challenge board in the office after the 2016 photos are taken on Monday.

## Arts@Spotty Parents Collective

Hello to all parents who have skills in a creative field of any ilk or art lovers. I am initiating a parent's creative collective to support the arts in our school.

There are many wonderful creative parents at our school and together we can help to continue the students' current experiences in the Arts with dance, music or other workshops.

If you feel the same and have any skills in any creative field or in fact you think you have no skills but have a passion to be involved and some ideas, then let's meet and create opportunities that are small and doable.

Let's meet and start dreaming! Send me a text, an email or talk to me at school and I will coordinate a get together.

Cheers,

Penny Baron (Flynn Baron Murphy's Mum 3/4 H)

Email: [pennybaron@hotmail.com](mailto:pennybaron@hotmail.com) Mobile: 0409 308 228

## What's New on our Community Notice Board

- Maribyrnong Proms Concert on the River
- 'Say It Sister' – Treat Mum this Mother's Day
- ARTea Art School
- The Little Massage Place
- Presentation College Open Morning
- Barnstoneworth United Junior Football Club
- Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day
- Westgate Pink Ball Program for Girls
- Aussie Hoops
- Saltwater Yoga Studios

## Request from the Art Room

Mrs Asp would like donations of ribbons and trimmings for the Art room. If you have any ribbons and/or trimmings that you can donate, please leave them with Mrs Asp or in the office. Thank you.

### ● Spotty Calendar ●

#### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Working Bee (3.30pm - 6.30pm)

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Working Bee (9am – 12noon)

#### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

School Photo Day

Library Volunteers meeting (after assembly)

Art Show meeting (after assembly)

#### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Prospective Parents Information Night (7pm)

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Badminton Program Week 2 (Grades 3-6)

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Mother's Day Stall

Spotswood District Cross Country event

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Badminton Program Week 3 (Grades 3-6)

### ● Spotty Calendar ●

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Excursion to Werribee Zoo (Grade 5/6R)

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Badminton Program Week 4 (Grades 3-6)

#### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Pupil Free Day (no children at school)

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Open Morning for prospective families (9am-11am)

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Trivia Night \*

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Movie Night \*

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

*\* more details to follow*

## Library News

REMINDER!

Dear Parents,

Our next library meeting will be held in the library after assembly Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. I am looking forward to meeting with everyone again and new volunteers are always welcome.

Regards,

Tracey Kelly



### Do you have any loose tiles or spray paint left over from a renovation project?

The garden club have a plan to create some mosaic art for the red wall - aka "music garden" & would love a few tiles - in WHITE, BLACK & RED. Whole or broken would work equally well. We'd also like to relieve you of any spray paint in RAINBOW colours, if you have partial cans left. Or any blue board left from renovation for use as base-boards. Please contact [emma.peel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:emma.peel@optusnet.com.au) or leave in the office.

Thank you to the families who have left tiles at the office this week.

### Footy Tipping Competition 2016

#### Leaderboard after Round 5:

Rank	Tipper	Total score (margin*)
1 <sup>st</sup>	excelsior	36 (136)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	GoDogsGo	34 (144)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Syd & Edith	33 (156)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Beck Aimee Thomas	33 (171)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanius	32 (68)
6 <sup>th</sup>	TomS	32 (95)



\* For the first match of each round, you must predict the winning margin. Your margin gets added up throughout the season and is used to separate tipsters who have the same score.

It's not too late to join. Tip as an individual, or tip as a family. For the rounds you miss, you get the away team wins. Round 6 starts tonight at Etihad Stadium with the Kangaroos taking on the Bulldogs.

- 100% of entry fees go to the school!
- \$20 per family/adult entry (children can only participate through an adult/family registration)

Go to [http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/Spotswood\\_Primary\\_School](http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/Spotswood_Primary_School) (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

Please complete the entry form (available from Sharon) and hand in to the office with your payment. For more information, see Sharon in the office or contact Lisa Catania (mum of Wes in 3/4H) via the website/leave a message. Thanks! Lisa Catania

**Happy Birthday!!**



Happy Birthday to:

Imogen

Natasha H



## **Prep 2017 Information Night**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May - 7:00pm**

## **& Open Morning**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9:00-11:00am**

- *Meet our staff and parents*
- *Hear about our curriculum & programs*
- *Experience our community*



**600 Melbourne Road, Spotswood**

RSVP **9391 1323**

**.....or call to book a tour anytime**