

'Where everybody is somebody'

Term 1 Week 2 • Friday 5th February 2016



Dear Families,

We are so proud of our preps (and their teachers!) for having a great first week of school. I know many of them are feeling tired, so I encourage you to enjoy a good rest on the weekend. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work our buddies have been doing to assist with transition.

They have been so supportive and patient, helping our new preps become familiar with the yard activities and helping them find new friends.

Year 6 students

Today our Year 6 students were presented with their T-shirts which will identify them as leaders in our school. I am sure they will wear them with a lot of pride.

The students have been having some very thoughtful and insightful discussion

about what is, and what isn't, leadership. Next week they will have the opportunity to nominate for our school captain positions and these will be announced at assembly on Monday 15th February.



To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Complete permission note x 2 for Sailing (5/6R)
- Return form and payment for Swimming Trials (interested students in Grades 3 to 6)
- Pay 2016 Books & Resources Levy
- Complete local excursion/photo/head lice permission forms (students new to Spotswood PS in 2016)
- Complete application for Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (if eligible) by 22nd February
- Download our Skoolbag App – search 'Spotswood Primary School'

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Hoax Threats to Schools

Over the past week there have been hoax calls made to a number of schools throughout Australia. All schools have been instructed to take these calls as serious calls and to implement their emergency management plans if required. Although Spotswood Primary School has not received any of these calls we have ensured that our emergency plans are up to date for any emergency that may occur at our school.

Practice drills in 'evacuation' (both on and off-site) and 'lock downs' are conducted regularly throughout the year and we will be having a practice drill next week to ensure that all of our new staff and students are fully prepared.

Family and Friends meeting

Last year our Families and Friends group held a very successful calendar of social and fundraising events. If you are interested in contributing to the plans for 2016, we would like to invite parents to a meeting on Monday 15th February after assembly. Faith Symons is stepping down from the coordinator role, having overseen the group over the past two years so we will be looking for a new volunteer to coordinate the calendar of events this year. Thank you again Faith for all of your support.

At the meeting we hope to:

- Welcome new families and reflect on last year
- Determine the calendar of events for 2016
- Assign coordinators to each event
- Plan our first event, a Bunnings sausage sizzle coming up on Saturday 12th March.

If you can't make it to this first meeting, there will still be opportunities to come on board and help out throughout the year.

School Mornings

Our school day is from 9:00am – 3:30pm. Whilst teachers often arrive much earlier, their morning is very busy with class preparation, resource set up and sometimes, attending teacher meetings. You will notice that we have signs on all entrance doors indicating that the classrooms are open from 8.45am to enable teachers to get ready for the day.

The yard is supervised in the morning from 8:45am. Remember that OSHClub is available from 7:00am each day.



Blue note folders

This year we have provided all students with a **blue notes folder**. Notes will be sent home on Wednesdays each week and the newsletter will go home on Friday. Please leave the **blue notes folder** in your child's bag to help us manage clear communication.

Parent teacher meetings

By now you should all have received a note about parent teacher 'Getting to Know You' sessions next week. I encourage all parents to try and come along, teachers find it really helpful to meet you and find out a bit more about their students.

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Swimming Trials

The District Swimming Carnival is coming up on February 26th. Trials and training for students between the age of 9-12 years old, (or those turning 9 by 31st December) will be held over the next few weeks to prepare. Further information was provided in a note earlier this week to year 3-6 students.



Calendar

Our school calendar is included on the next page with some of the upcoming dates to remember. Please pop any dates relevant to your families into your diaries.

Community Notices and Advertising

Each week we have many requests from local groups and businesses to include items in our newsletter. This year we have established a Community Notice Board in the courtyard as a place to put these for families to read. A summary of what is new to the board will be included each week in the newsletter.

Assembly

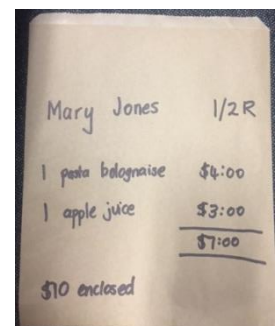
On Monday our preps will be joining us for their first assembly. We have had a little practise today and they did an excellent job. On Monday, preps will still come to their classroom as usual and the teachers will bring them out to line up. 5/6R will be presenting at assembly next week.

Sunscreen

During our SunSmart period, we encourage families to apply sunscreen before school. All classes have been provided with a bottle of sunscreen for student use. Staff will remind students to top up before going out at lunchtime.

Lunch orders

Lunch orders will start next week on Thursday. Lunch orders do not need to be delivered to the office, all classrooms will have a basket to collect lunch orders in the morning. Please supply your own brown paper bags, available at the supermarket.



Guitar & Keyboard

Our Guitar and Keyboard lesson programs will start next week. Guitar lessons with Rob will be held on Monday. Keyboard lessons with Kerry will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Sharon at the office if you need any more information.

Jackie Green
Principal

What's New on our Community Notice Board

- Arts Centre Melbourne presents 'Dominoes'
- Twins Martial Arts Open Day
- Victorian Youth Theatre
- Pink Ball 'Shoot for the Stars' Basketball program for girls
- Little Lotus Creative Dance and Yoga for Children
- Barnstoneworth United Junior Football Club
- EBM Student Cover Accident Insurance (forms available at the school office if required)
- Yarraville-Footscray Bowling Club Inc Womens 'Try Bowls' Events

● Spotty Calendar ●

Tuesday 9th February

Swimming Trials at BayFit Altona Pool
'Get-To-Know-You' meetings (Prep to Grade 2)
Homestay Information Night for Japanese visit (7pm in the Japanese room)

Wednesday 10th February

'Get-To-Know-You' meetings (Grade 3 to 6)

Thursday 11th February

Swimming Trials at BayFit Altona Pool

Monday 15th February

Spotty Families & Friends meeting (after assembly)

Tuesday 16th February

Swimming Trials at BayFit Altona Pool

Wednesday 17th February

Tackers Active Schools Sailing Program Week 1 (5/6R)

Monday 22nd February

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund applications due at the office

Friday 26th February

District Swimming Carnival *

** more details to follow*

Skoolbag App

Each week our newsletter is uploaded to the Spotswood Primary School Skoolbag App. We also include important reminders throughout the year. Our App can be downloaded via the App Store or the android alternative. Search for Spotswood Primary School.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Concession cards must be valid as at 27th January 2016. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

Please see Sharon in the office for an application form. Applications close on 22nd February 2016.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to:

Edith

Archie F

Phoenix

Library News

Dear Parents,

Please watch this space for our first library meeting for 2016.

All parents are welcome to come along and learn about what is involved in being a library volunteer, whether you can volunteer once a term, once a week or can take books home to cover, all help is greatly appreciated.

A reminder: To help look after our books it is important for the children to have a library bag to keep their books in. This can be a \$1.00 reusable bag from the supermarket with their name written on it.

Regards,



Tracey Kelly

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BOOK COVERING VOLUNTEERS!

Dear Parents,

Due to the volume of amazing new and donated books we have received, we are looking for new or previous volunteers to assist in covering the books in contact so that they can be placed on the shelves for borrowing. If you are able to spare some time to cover books at home during the year, please fill in the tear off slip below and send it back to your child's teacher. A bag of up to 5 books with contact will then be sent home with your child to be covered. Bags of books will be sent home approximately two or three times a term to be covered. Contact will be provided.



Kind regards,

Tracey Kelly

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Contact Number: _____

OSHClub News

Before School / After School Care Program



Program Update

Hello everyone!

Welcome back to school. Wow what a great week we have had at Oshclub, it's been amazing to see all of your Wonderful smiles again.

The best part about a new school year is getting to meet our newest Oshclub members ☺

welcome

Evie, Ned, Archie, Rhys, Jack, Edmund, Harrison, Sienna, Zillah, Esther, Skye, Rory, Mason, Gilbert, Liana

Our theme has been “All about me”, we have been finding out many interesting facts about our Oshclub team.

This week’s Oshclub super-star award goes to *Max Ivey*, for being a great role model to his Oshclub Prep buddy. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

***Next week’s theme is all about the Lunar new year,
The year of the Monkey....***

Next Week’s Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Chinese lucky money envelope	Chinese paper plate dragon puppet	Chinese tissue paper monkey	Fireworks streamers	Dragon fortune teller
After Care Activities	Chinese lanterns & Around the world game	COOKING: Dumpling making & Basketball	SCIENCE: Fireworks in a jar & Badminton	COOKING: Rice paper rolls & cricket	Dragon mask & Four square

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0423 728 739 Coordinator: Michelle Antoniou

