



'Where everybody is somebody'

Term 3 Week 9 • Friday 9th September 2016

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

LAST DAY OF TERM - School will finish at 2:30pm on Friday 16th September.

Casual Day for House Winners

Congratulations to **Blue** and **Green** House who were joint winners with the most House points for the term. Students in **Blue** and **Green** Houses can wear casual clothes in their House colours to school on Monday 12th September.



Year 2 Sleepover

Our Year 2 students participated in the annual Year 2 Sleepover last night. We had a lot of fun and even some sleep! The sleepover is an important element in our camp program and gives our Year 2 students a 'mini camp' experience before they are in Year 3.

Children had the chance to practise some of the duties of camp such as; making and packing up their beds, preparing breakfast and lunch, helping with cleaning up, working in groups and going to bed in a different place. Waking up and heading off for a day of activity today is also part of the experience. They will be tired tonight!

Congratulations to all of our Year 2 students for doing such a great job at the sleepover this week. We are very proud of you!



Camp

Next week our Year 3-6 students will be heading off to Adekate Lodge in Creswick to enjoy their camp experience this year. We are very excited to be spending a day at Sovereign Hill and I know many of the students are planning to find gold and become millionaires!

We will be returning from camp at 2:30pm for the end of term.

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To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Return Division Athletics permission note and \$15 (14 students in Division Athletics team)
- Pay Term 3 Books & Resources Levy (\$62.50) and any outstanding charges from Terms 1 & 2
- Pay Term 3 Keyboard fees – Urgent!
- Pay Term 3 Guitar fees – Urgent!

Grandparents and Special Friends Morning

On Monday the school was filled with lots of very special people. Having just become a grandparent myself, I was especially looking forward to the day. Our children enjoyed having some of their favourite people in the classrooms with them and it was great to show some of the work we have been doing this term.

This is a special picture from the day. Lorice (Wilhemina and Gilbert's grandmother) and Barbara (Anais and Greta's grandmother) are lifelong friends having met over 50 years ago at teachers college. Lorice and Barbara got the loveliest of surprises when they saw each other at Grandparents morning. Their friendship is something they both treasure and proof that sometimes those who learn together stay together.



Thank you to all the grandparents and special friends who made the time to come along and be a part of this lovely event at our school.

Division Athletics

Good luck to our team participating in the Hobsons Bay Division Athletics event next week – Dash, Izzy B, Angelo, Jamie, Zeke, Kei W, Nathan, Sam M, Aimee, Luka T-B, Charlie B, Jessica B, Natasha F and Johnny.

Jackie Green
Principal

Cricket Clinics

Today our Prep to Grade 6 students participated in Cricket Clinics ahead of the start of the cricket season next month. All students participated and enjoyed the clinics very much. We have a few budding cricketers at our school as well as some veterans who already play for local teams.

A very special thank you to Leonard Robbins (Johnny and Lizzie's Dad) and Jason Dunham (Sid's Dad) for coming along today and running the clinics. Our children had fun and learnt a lot on the way – thank you Leonard and Jason.



Leonard (left) and Jason running our Cricket Clinics.

Children in Prep to Grade 4 will be bringing home a flyer about the upcoming Spotswood Cricket Club In2Cricket (5-7 years) and T20 Blast (8-10 years) programs.

Registration day for the Spotswood Cricket Club season will be held on Saturday 3rd October between 11am and 12 noon at the Donald MacLean Reserve, Spotswood.

Premiers Reading Challenge

'Let Your Reading Adventures Begin'

Congratulations to the following 2 students who completed the Challenge this week – Greta McColl (1/2H) and Wes Catania (3/4H).

Greta read 32 books including 'The Doldrums' by Nicholas Gannon and 'I'm Too Fond of My Fur' by Geronimo Stilton. Greta's favourite book was 'Even Weirder!' by Anh Do.

Wes read 18 books including 'The Deep End' by Sally Rippin and 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' by Jeannie Baker. Wes' favourite book was 'Mr Huff' by Anna Walker.

The Reading Challenge has closed for the 2016 school year and will reopen again in Term 1. Congratulations to the 65 students who completed the Challenge this year – Brynn, Emily P, Luca O, Oliver, Patrick C and Patrick F (Prep B), Liana, Max I, Megan and Skye (Prep T), Emily F, Ewan, Georgie G, Imogen, Charlie F, Desi, Jessica and Kaya (1/2B), Alannah, Caterina, Greta and Liam (1/2H), Archie F, Evelyn, Kael, Marcus, Mila V, Pearl and Charlie F (1/2SC), Josh H, Molly F, Arabella M, Harper, Jaxon and Lucette (1/2T), Cath, Lizzie, Konoka, Maddie, Mani, Siena G, Will, Charlotte, Excelsior and Jordan (3/4E), Amelie M, Anais, Declan, Ella T, Tom S, Wes, Zoe B and Tom H (3/4H), Issy F, Luka J, Sava, Sophie, Ava, Kei W and Taj (3/4L), Lily F, Bella W, Johnny, Natasha F and Zoë E (5/6S).

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you all!

Final Reading Challenge update:

65 students completed
2,261 books finished

Photos of all students who have completed the Challenge are displayed on the Challenge noticeboard in the office. If you do not wish your child's name to be published in The Age in November in the Premiers Reading Challenge special edition, please let Sharon in the office know by 4.30pm today.



Keyboard & Guitar Fees – URGENT REMINDER!

There are a number of families who haven't yet paid their Term 3 fees for Keyboard and Guitar. Please ensure the fees are paid by Monday 12th September. If you need a copy of your invoice, please see Sharon in the office.

Both Kerry (keyboard) and Rob (guitar) run their own businesses and are reliant on parent payments as their primary income. These outstanding fees **must** be paid as a priority.

THANK YOU FROM OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL!

Hi Everyone,

Thank you for all of the amazing donations that so many families made. The collection has now finished and has been dropped off where it can be used to help the homeless and less fortunate members of our community.



Kind regards,
Spotswood Primary School Junior School Council

Congratulations to the winners of the 'Illustrate Your Favourite Australian Book Character Competition.' The winners were: Lily Adcock in Prep B, Oscar Fantini 1/2 H, Phoenix Quinsee McIntosh 3/4 L and Darby Meager 5/6 S.



Library News

REMINDER!

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder as the end of Term 3 approaches it is time to return all library books borrowed to school so that they can be re-shelved ready for use in Term 4. A note with overdue books will be sent home with your child shortly.

Regards,

Tracey Kelly



Spotty Footy Tipping Competition 2016

Thank you to all those who participated in the Spotty Footy Tipping Competition this year. The official tipping part of our competition has now finished, but please feel free to keep tipping throughout the finals. Did your team make it to the Top 8?

Congratulations to our top tippers! I will organise a full list of tippers in the last newsletter for Term 3 next week. If you were in the top three, stay tuned for your prizes.

Just a reminder if you haven't paid your \$20 entrance fee (fundraising for the school), please drop by and see Sharon in the office. I'll follow up with an email if you haven't been ticked off as paid.

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

Happy Birthday!!



Happy Birthday to:

Remy

Charlie J Francis

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Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on Monday for demonstrating one or more of our school values – learning, community and safety.



Prep B	Ella R-B – by using interesting words in her writing and working hard to spell difficult words
Prep T	Edith – by being considerate of her classmates and sharing our equipment
1/2H	Oscar – by putting in a great effort during Functional writing. Oscar your handwriting was neat and the ideas well thought out! Well done Greta – by showing focus and commitment during independent reading. Keep it up!
1/2SC	Mila – for good listening and taking risks when learning about clocks. Well done!
1/2T	Finn S – by putting effort into his writing and making his writing more detailed. Great work Finn! Natasha H – by always putting in effort into all of her work. Great job Natasha!
3/4H	Tom H – by playing beautifully with others and being great with his classmates Amelie M – by always doing her very best in every aspect of school life

● Spotty Calendar ●

Monday 12th September

Casual clothes day for Blue & Green Houses (wear House colours)

Fete 2017 committee meeting (7.30pm)

Tuesday 13th September

Hobsons Bay Division Athletics (14 students in team)

Wednesday 14th September – Friday 16th September

Grade 3 to 6 Camp

Friday 16th September

Last Day of Term 3 (2.30pm dismissal)

Monday 3rd October

First Day of Term 4

Thursday 6th October

Hobsons Bay Division Softball Tournament (Students in boys Softball team)

Thursday 20th October

Art Show (5.30pm – 8pm) *

* more details to follow

What's New on our Community Noticeboard

- Musical Adventures
- Gellibrand Cricket Club

PE Lesson Reminder

With the unsettled Spring weather, please remember to send your child to school with layers that they can take off during sport. Some children have been participating in their PE lesson with a skivvy, long sleeve shirt and leggings and have nothing to take off. Please pack shorts or a skort for your child's PE lesson if the weather is cool in the morning.

Art Show fundraiser – save the date!

