

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 • Friday 10th May 2024



"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

Mother's Day

For those who will be celebrating Mother's Day this weekend, I hope you enjoy the small gift our students have made this week for mums or other special person in their family. On Sunday I am looking forward to joining the Mother's Day classic walk in Geelong with my daughter and granddaughters as our Mother's Day activity.

Prep Information Night

You may have seen our flyer around the neighbourhood inviting people to come along to our Prep 2025 Information Night on Tuesday 28th May. We are starting to accept enrolment forms from families who are in our zone and we are able to provide application forms to those who are out of our zone. If you know of any families who are interested in hearing more about Spotswood Primary School, please let them know about our Information Night coming up and encourage them to RSVP.

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PREP 2025 INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY MAY 28TH
7:00PM - 8:00PM

'Come and meet us
to hear about
our vibrant
school'

RSVP **9391 1323**
or book here

where everybody is
somebody

600 Melbourne Road Spotswood
www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au
Call to book a tour



Art Show 2024

We've set the date! One of our favourite and most looked forward to events at Spotswood Primary School is our biennial Art Show. For those who are new to our school community since our last Art Show in 2022, this event is a wonderful celebration of our students' art work and a fundraising and community event where we come together in the evening with food, drinks and music in the background, whilst our art room takes centre stage. This year we look forward to seeing the space transformed to reflect the 'Under the Sea' theme and over the coming weeks and months we will be seeking support from our community to help bring this event together.

But for now, block this one in your diaries!!













If you don't already, you may like to follow Cindy's Instagram page to get some sneak peeks of what's to come.

@spotswood.art

School Council

Our School Council meets twice a term and at our last meeting we confirmed the office bearers and membership for this current year. Thank you to the staff and parents who have volunteered to join our School Council and support the work and goals of our school.

I am pleased to introduce you to our current School Council.

 <p>Marisa Magee President Mum of Miles 5/6E & Lorelei 3/4M</p>	 <p>Nadia Albert Vice President Mum of Clem 5/6E & Jess 1/2B</p>	 <p>Titian Sigle Treasurer Mum of Tyler 5/6M & Jessica Prep V</p>	 <p>Louisa Bear Parent Member Mum of Mabel 5/6O</p>
 <p>Hannah Studley Parent Member Mum of Josh 1/2B</p>	 <p>Maddy Slatkin Parent Member Mum of Hallie 3/4M & Bodhi Prep V</p>	 <p>Melinda Roth Parent Member Mum of Molly 3/4M</p>	 <p>Matt Quinn Parent Member Dad of Margot 1/2K</p>
 <p>Bridget Sherrin DET Member Prep S Classroom Teacher</p>	 <p>Jackie Green DET Member Principal</p>	 <p>Emma Vasilevski DET Member Assistant Principal</p>	 <p>Gabrielle Mullins DET Member 5/6M Classroom Teacher & Learning Specialist</p>

Pupil Free Day

We are currently planning for our Pupil Free Day on Thursday May 30th. Staff will be spending the day engaged in professional learning and discussion about some of the key improvement teaching and learning strategies we identified in our recent school review and are looking forward to this rare opportunity to be engaged in a full day together of learning.

Families are reminded that Kelly Club will have a full day care program available to those who may require care on the day.

Before and After School Supervision

Over the past few weeks we have had a small number of students arriving at school very early, or not being picked up on time. Our Kelly Club program offers care from 7:00am in the morning and until 6:30pm in the evening.

Families are reminded that the yard is supervised from **8:45am** in the morning and until **3:45pm** after school. Please understand it is not appropriate to ask or assume that Sharon will supervise students in the office outside of these hours.

(Please be assured we do understand that the rare, unexpected emergency or traffic situation may occur and we can assist in this situation).

Jackie Green
Principal

Curriculum Update – Term 2 Week 5

Prep	
Reading	WALT: *reread if the text doesn't make sense (look right or sound right) *make text to text connections *follow the pattern in a text (repeated words, phrases)
Writing	WALT: Writing Recounts and Poetry
Spelling	This week's sentence: 'He will just have jam.' Letters / sounds: j, a and m as in jam
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Days of School • Measurement: Length
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Personal Strengths: What does being brave look like?
Grade 1 / 2	
Reading	Mentor Text: The Day The Crayons Came Home
Writing	WALT: Conventions & Craft - common nouns, proper nouns and pronouns Persuasive: - Explore persuasive devices to enhance our writing - Compose a shared persuasive piece with a partner
Spelling	Spelling Focus 'sh' As in sh ark
Maths	Data WALT: Create displays of data using lists, table and picture graphs and interpret them.
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Help Seeking: I can help my friends.
Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	Mentor Text: Little People Big Dreams. Focus: deconstruction and reconstruction of a text.
Writing	WALT: Understand the text structure of biographies.
Spelling	The prefix 'inter' meaning between
Maths	Area and Perimeter
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Help-seeking Positive relationships

Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	Literature Circles- Rotation 3 -summarise important parts of a text/information in a way that addresses specific questions or clarifies the larger meaning of the text -using strategies, for example pausing, questioning, rephrasing, repeating, summarising, reviewing and asking clarifying questions
Writing	Genre: Information text Focus: To explain or give facts and information about a topic
Spelling	Prefix 'mis' as in mis understood
Maths	Measurement & Geometry- perimeter and area -Choose appropriate units of measurement for length, area -Solve problems involving the comparison of lengths and areas using appropriate units
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	WALT: identify the ways in which gender norms can influence people as they enter early adolescence



Justin Canny
Acting Assistant Principal

What's Happening In Our Classrooms

Prep - Maths

Each year the prep students count up to their 100th day of school, which is always an exciting milestone. We make note of each day, and this gives us an opportunity to practise our Maths skills such as counting by ones, skip counting, and bundling to 10. Monday of this week saw us notch up the half-way mark, and we took extra time to note our 50th day. The students explored the concept of the number 50 being half of 100, and we did some fun learning activities to celebrate this achievement. We will continue to eagerly anticipate our 100th day, and we look forward to having a big party to celebrate the occasion!



Aaron Turner
Prep T Classroom Teacher

Year 1/2 – Wellbeing

Each week, students are embarking on a journey of introspection through our lessons in the Wellbeing Room. These sessions usually begin with some mindfulness or breathing exercises, helping students to understand how their bodies work, and how they can slow down their heart rate and thinking when they're feeling stressed or overwhelmed. This week, we also started a new module from the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program, which focuses on help-seeking and help-giving.



Morgan and Eli



Badger, Evan and Nate



Mika and Halle

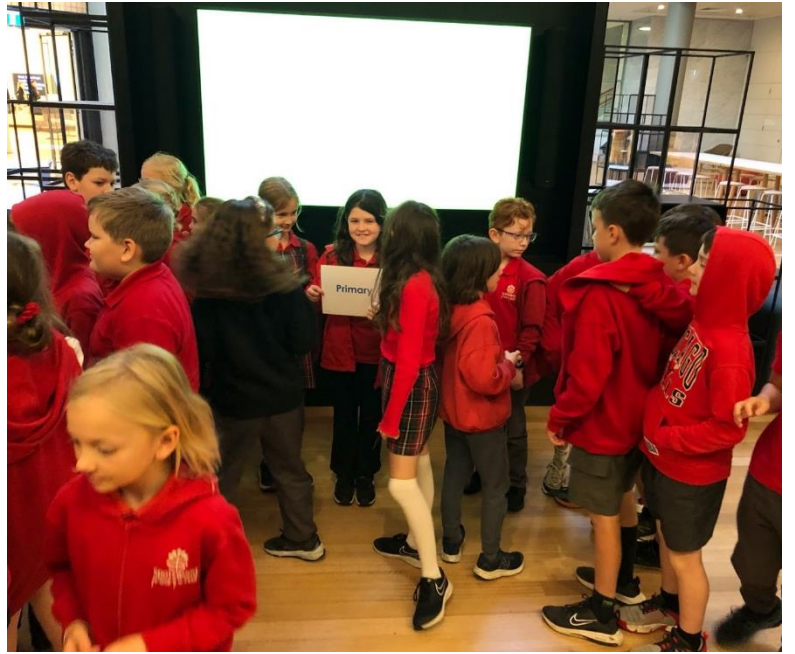


Heidi, Mala and Syila

Simon Pollard
1/2P Classroom Teacher

Year 3/4 – Inquiry Excursion

As part of our Inquiry topic: First Contact, the students in Grade 3/4 visited the State Library of Victoria this week to learn about Primary and Secondary sources as well as a little about what life was like early on after colonisation. The students explored the library walking around the 'Shuh Desk' in 'The Dome' and were enthralled by Ned Kelly's armour. Two of the classes were treated to an unexpected music event when a generous and talented didgeridoo player performed a song for them. Overall the students were extremely respectful in the State Library walking quietly through the rooms and asking relevant questions. Thank you also to our AMAZING PARENT HELPERS without whom we could not have gone on this adventure!



Tracey Kelly
(Exhausted but thrilled) 3/4K Classroom Teacher

Year 5/6 – Division

This week, the 5/6 students engaged with project-based learning as we wrapped up our unit on Division. Working in small teams, students were tasked with solving an 'Escape Room' challenge, by using their mathematical reasoning skills to problem-solve and search for clues. It was fantastic to see how well students worked together, and all contributed different skills to achieve a common goal.



Laurence, Liam, Tobie, Layla, William



Jack, Miles, Spencer, Benjamin, Harry



Winter, Georgia, Clem, Marlow

Emily Matheson
5/6E Classroom Teacher

Specialist – PE

For the last couple of weeks we have been focusing on the skill of Throwing and Catching.

Across different year levels this has seen us playing a few different games and sports.

For one of the activities our Prep-2 students have been using the soft 'gator balls' to knock down our wooden skittles in a game we like to call 'skittles', how original!

Our 3/4 students have been learning how to play the game of Tee-ball and our 5/6 students have been playing Softball, to help our preparations for our Winter Inter-School Sports competition.



Chris Lamb
PE Teacher

Book Fair – 21st to 24th May

Our annual Book Fair will be held from Tuesday 21st May until Friday 24th May.

To enable the Fair to operate every morning and afternoon for the 4 days, we will need volunteers to take payments.

If you can volunteer from 8.30am to 9.10am or 3.20pm to 4pm, please sign up using the following link

<https://volunteersignup.org/FX8EF>

We also need a team of 3 people to set up the Book Fair on Monday 20th May between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. If you can help with this, please use the link above to sign up.

Money raised at the Book Fair will go towards books for all classrooms.

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered!! We need 9 more volunteers to ensure the Fair can open every morning and afternoon for the 4 days and 2 more for set up on the Monday afternoon.

Student Awards:

Congratulations to the following students who received a Student Award at assembly today:

Prep S Una Sekesan - for writing an amazing shape poem about a sun with great word choices. Well done, Una!

Prep T Liam Tran - for always trying his hardest to concentrate on the mat, and producing the best work he can when at his desk. Fantastic work Liam!

Prep V India Berry - having a kind heart and making her peers feel included and special. Wonderful India!

1/2B Josh Studley - for reminding his peers of the importance of getting a yard duty teacher when there is a problem. Well done Josh!

1/2K Fatouma Rashid - for taking risks with her learning. Well done for always putting your hand up and having a go! You're a star, Fatouma!

1/2P Halle Boyer - for having a growth mindset during her work on fractions over the past two weeks.

3/4C Victoria Menuci Leutz - by always being kind to her fellow peers and demonstrating a ready to learn attitude. Well done Victoria.



- 3/4K**..... Emma Ward - for working industriously during Maths and being an excellent peer tutor by explaining to her partner how to successfully complete the activities.
- 3/4M**..... Mya Kelly - by being a great team player in the 3/4M classroom, you are always ready to learn and help others out.
- 3/4V** Owen Lee - for being a responsible and safe member of the class when travelling on the train to and whilst inside the State Library of Victoria. Thank you for being a wonderful representative for our school.
- 5/6E** Ava Holder - for being a risk-taker this week delivering your Inquiry speech to the class. You put in the work, and it paid off. Well done Ava!
- 5/6M**..... Ayden Barclay - for working mathematically to demonstrate your division knowledge. Your positive focus and attitude has enabled you to be challenged and supported.
- 5/6O**..... Alex Ivelja - for your hard work in inquiry this week. Your dedication to your work is inspiring and you are always an amazing team player. Well done, Alex!
- PE**..... Esme Suckling - for her fantastic attitude towards all aspects of PE. You are a great role model for your classmates.



To:

Issy N, Margot, Marius

Dates To Remember:

- Tuesday 14th May Finance meeting (5.30pm)
 School Council meeting (6.15pm)
- Wednesday 15th May Code Camp (3.45pm – 5pm)
- Friday 17th May Winter Sport Round 2 (Away vs St Martins PS, Laverton)
 Assembly (3.15pm)
- Tuesday 21st May Book Fair open before and after school today
- Wednesday 22nd May Book Fair open before and after school today
 State Schools Spectacular Mass Choir Rehearsal #1
 National Simultaneous Storytime
 Code Camp (3.45pm – 5pm)
- Thursday 23rd May Book Fair open before and after school today
- Friday 24th May Book Fair open before and after school today
 Winter Sport Round 3 (Home vs Altona College)
 Assembly (3.15pm)
- Saturday 25th May Slow Food Market (9am – 1pm)
- Tuesday 28th May Hobsons Bay Division Cross Country championships
 Prep 2025 Information Night (7pm)
- Wednesday 29th May Code Camp (3.45pm – 5pm)
- Thursday 30th May Pupil Free Day
- Friday 31st May Winter Sport Round 4 (Home vs Bayside College)
 Assembly (3.15pm)
- Thursday 24th October Art Show