

# Spotswood Primary School

## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1 • Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024



"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. Wasn't it a cold break this time! I found myself spending a bit of time knitting on the couch where it was warm and cozy. It has been a cold start to the term so far, we have been fortunate to be able to still get outside for our breaks as the rain has managed to fall during class time and not play time.

### Term 3 Calendar

We have included a copy of the Term 3 calendar for families in the newsletter this week. As you will see there are many exciting things to look forward to. Our State Schools Spectacular group will be busy practising at school and attending group rehearsals with other participating schools as part of the countdown to the performance at John Cain arena on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Our Year 3/4 students will be attending camp at Phillip Island at the end of August, I can't wait to see the penguins again, it is definitely a highlight for me! We have excursions and incursions planned throughout the schools, Book Week activities, including our dress up day, and our House Sports event to look forward to. It is going to be a great term!

### Happy Birthday Spotswood Primary School!

Yesterday Spotswood Primary School turned 114 years old! I was reading up about our history this week as we approached this milestone and looking around at the landscape we see today it would seem unrecognisable to the Yalukit-willam clan of the Bunurong people who originally occupied this land and found it to be an abundant hunting ground as well as a great source of sea food in Stony Creek.

The industrial growth of the area in the late 1800s and early 1900s is what led to the drive for a school in Spotswood as many working families were walking long distances to take their children to school in Williamstown and Yarraville. Although some of that industrial footprint has declined and the residential capacity is expanding, Spotswood Primary School remains as an oasis of trees and natural landscape in the middle of all the development with the Westgate bridge in our background. As families would know, once you are in our school gates it is such a lovely and calm place to be, all of the industrial and building work fades into the background and many people say that they feel like they are in a country school.

This is part of the appeal to me each morning as I get up to come to work, I feel very privileged every day to be a part of this community. Happy Birthday Spotswood PS.

### Year 3/4 Camp

It was great to see so many families at our camp information session last night. As we are getting closer to the event, we ask families to support us by finalising permission on Compass so that we know how many students will be attending. This informs our staffing ratios and group formations so please pop on before 11:59pm this Monday and confirm attendance. If you have any further questions after the session last night, or were not able to make it, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

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## T-Ball Girls Final

During the Summer Inter-school Sport season in Term 1 our girls t-ball team made it through to the finals. After some delays in scheduling, the division final was held yesterday and we came second! Congratulations team! When they returned to school yesterday afternoon, they popped in to share the runners up pennant with me and let me know that coming second was a better outcome for us as the red pennant matched our school colours better than the blue first place pennant. I love their outlook!

Mr Lamb let me know that they were wonderful ambassadors for our school yesterday and played with great enthusiasm and a friendly outlook with the other schools. Well done team.



## Free Workshop for Parents

Families may be interested in the upcoming free workshop being held by 'Positive Partnerships'. These workshops are well resourced and have been really helpful to families who may want to learn more about autism and some of the supports available.

More information can be found by following this registration link. [Positive Partnerships | Registrations](#)

Places usually fill up quickly.

**Free workshop**

**2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers**  
Footscray, VIC

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register

This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
13 & 14 August, 2024  
9:30am - 2:30pm

**Plough Hotel**  
333 Barkly Street  
FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

**Interpreters available upon request**

**During the workshop you will learn about:**

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:  
<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>  
jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au

0477 574 746

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## Art Show Coral Reef

Our coral reef is starting to take shape, have a look at what some of our clever families have started to make!

We are hoping to make some real progress this term to build a reef that we can display at the entrance to our art show this year. Emmeline, (mum of Finley in Prep V) has done this before and is happy to teach people how to crochet and share any tips, skills and ideas at a weekly crafternoon in the wellbeing room on Wednesdays between 2:30 – 3:30pm commencing next week (24<sup>th</sup> July).

If you are interested in coming along and sharing an hour of knitting, crocheting, coffee, tea and chatting, please just come along. No prior skills necessary, some of the coral in this picture came from a youtube tutorial for a complete beginner!

We would also appreciate any wool donations that can be used to create more items for our reef, as you can see in the photo below, any colour / texture can work. There will be a basket in the foyer for wool donations.



## Year 7 Placement Offers

This week Year 7 placement offers were sent to families of our Year 6 students. Secondary School placement is a conversation families often raise with me, I thought it may be of interest to share the schools our students will be heading to next year.

- Bayside College Williamstown
- Bayside College Altona North
- Williamstown High School
- Footscray High School Barkly Campus
- Footscray High School Pilgrim campus
- St Aloysius College
- Emmanuel College
- Mount St Joseph Girls College
- Melbourne Girls College
- Altona College
- Albert Park Secondary College
- Port Melbourne College
- Diamond Valley College

As you can see there is quite a spread. We place a focus on transition for our Year 6 students in Term 4 to ensure that they are feeling confident and ready to move on and start the next exciting stage of their learning journey.

## Sushi Day

We have received great feedback from students and families about our Sushi Day at the end of last term. Whilst it is not possible for the company to do this weekly at the moment, we have booked in 3 Sushi Days for this term with the first one being next Thursday. Families were emailed this information earlier in the week and apparently there have already been many orders placed. The process is exactly the same as last time with orders being delivered to school on the day in time for lunch.



**Spotswood Primary School**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

# Sushi Day!

Enjoy fresh, healthy and delicious sushi for lunch!

**\$8.00 TWIN PACKS** (2 rolls of the same type)  
or **\$4.50 SINGLE PACKS**

**CHOOSE FROM:**

- Avocado** V VG GF DF EF
- Teriyaki Chicken** GF DF EF
- Crispy Chicken** DF EF
- Tuna** GF DF
- Vegetable** V VG GF DF EF

**- SOY SAUCE INCLUDED -**

Order online: [www.sushi.net.au](http://www.sushi.net.au).  
Orders must be placed by **10am Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**.  
Sorry no late orders accepted.

PayPal transaction fees/charges apply. NB: You do **not** require a PayPal account, most credit/debit cards accepted.  
Detailed instructions for ordering, and detailed ingredients list available from your school.



**sushi@school**

## Curriculum Update – Term 3 Week 1

Prep	
Reading	<b>WALT</b> point to the words <b>WALT</b> stretch out the sounds <b>WALT</b> build our reading stamina (what do good readers do)
Writing	<b>WALT</b> write a weekend recount <b>WALT</b> understand the structure of a letter
Spelling	The <b>vet</b> will see your pet. v, e and t as in <b>vet</b> .
Maths	100 Days of School: 91 - 95  <b>Whole Number</b> Connect number names, numerals and quantities, including zero, initially up to 10 and then beyond
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	<b>Problem Solving:</b> The Picnic Problem Solving Game
Grade 1 / 2	
Reading	<b>Mentor Text:</b> If I Ran the Zoo
Writing	<b>WALT: Conventions &amp; Craft</b> Building vocabulary <b>Holiday Recount</b>
Spelling	<b>Spelling Focus</b> <i>'ze' as in 'sneeze'</i>
Maths	<b>Number &amp; Place Value</b> - recognise, represent and order numbers
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Re-establish Wellbeing room norms and expectations
Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	<b>Poetry</b> <b>Comprehension:</b> *understand how language features, images and vocabulary choices are used for different effects.
Writing	<b>Poetry</b> <b>WALT:</b> Create free verse poetry *choose vocabulary and punctuation appropriate to the purpose and context of their writing.
Spelling	<b>Spelling Focus</b> <i>'q' as in Queen</i>
Maths	<b>Number:</b> Patterns and Algebra <b>WALT</b> identify features of a pattern. <b>WALT</b> explain how numbers are connected.
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	<b>Respectful relationships</b> <b>Activity: Gender and Identity</b> A Human Bingo
Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	<b>Mentor Text:</b> 'Fauna - Australia's Most Curious Creatures' <b>Reading Skills -</b> - search for information in texts with multiple features and very dense print <b>Behind The News</b> -listening and note taking We are learning to view current events in visual texts.
Writing	<b>Genre: Information text</b> <b>WALT-</b> Plan an information text in a poster format -use underlying structural patterns to present information in a nonfiction context
Spelling	<b>Focus:</b> phonemes, graphemes, morphemes, etymology, orthography, structured word inquiry, word sums
Maths	<b>Focus: Multiplication &amp; Division</b> *Recognise and explain the connection between multiplication and division as inverse operations and use this to develop families of number facts *find unknown values in numerical equations involving multiplication and division using the properties of numbers and operations

SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Goal setting & Portfolio set up
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Justin Canny  
Acting Assistant Principal

## Chinese School

A reminder that after school Chinese language classes will commence next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Classes will run for 2 hours every Wednesday commencing at 3.45pm for 8 weeks during the school term.

To enrol your child or make further enquiries, email Olga Piscioneri at [Olga@accschinese.com](mailto:Olga@accschinese.com) or call Olga on [0421 709 414](tel:0421709414).

## Victorian State Schools Spectacular

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the *2024 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: SPLASH!*

Students from across the state are working together to create a *SPLASH* – a fun exploration of the beach, sea and rivers.

This live show – involving amazing lighting, music, dance, circus arts and puppetry – will be performed twice to an audience of around 12,000 people at John Cain Arena on Saturday 14 September at 1pm and 6:30pm.

Talented Victorian students will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining professional experience under the mentorship of Creative Director Neill Gladwin, Musical Director Chong Lim AM and Dance Director Yvette Lee.

For a wonderful, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure tickets when they go on sale at **10am Monday 22 July** at the following link [www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular](http://www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular)

Adult: \$40  
Child Under 15: \$20  
Concession: \$30

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (the 11<sup>th</sup> ticket is free) by calling Group Bookings on 1300 364 001.

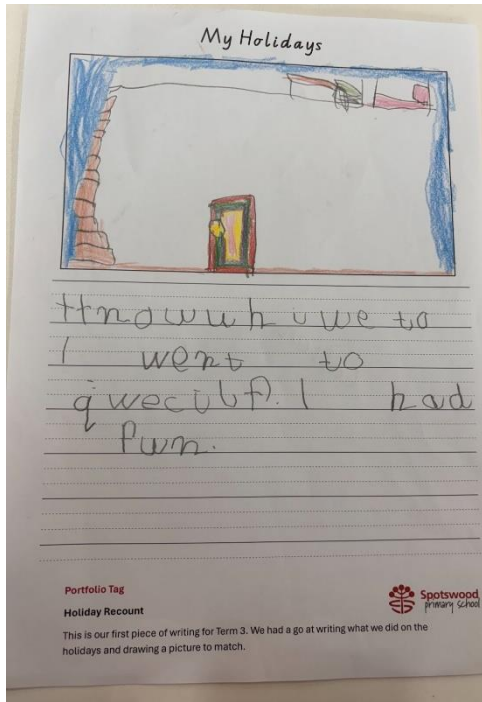
THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS  
**SPECTACULAR**

# What's Happening In Our Classrooms

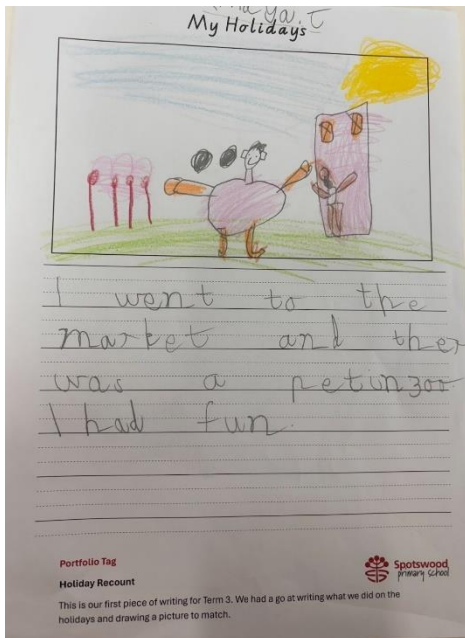
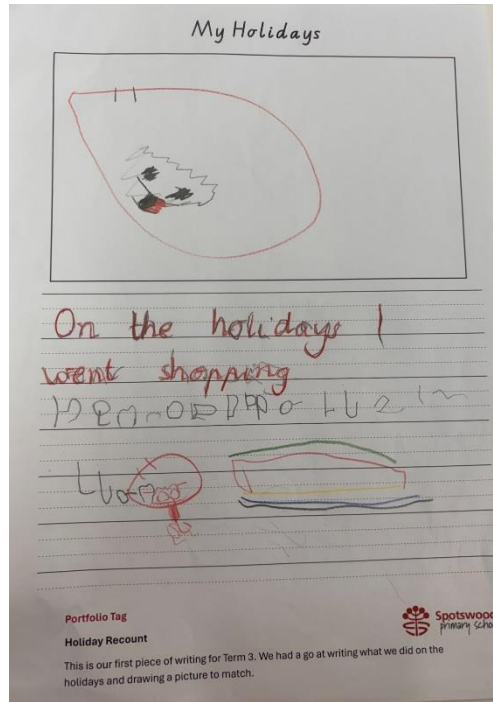
## Prep – Holiday Recount

Preps completed their first piece of writing for Term 3 by writing a holiday recount. Students brainstormed in partners about all the things they got up these holidays and then as a grade, we made a word wall of all the ideas to include in our writing. Students had a go at challenging themselves by writing a few sentences and drawing a picture to match. They did such a wonderful job, and it is amazing to see all of their learning in their writing!

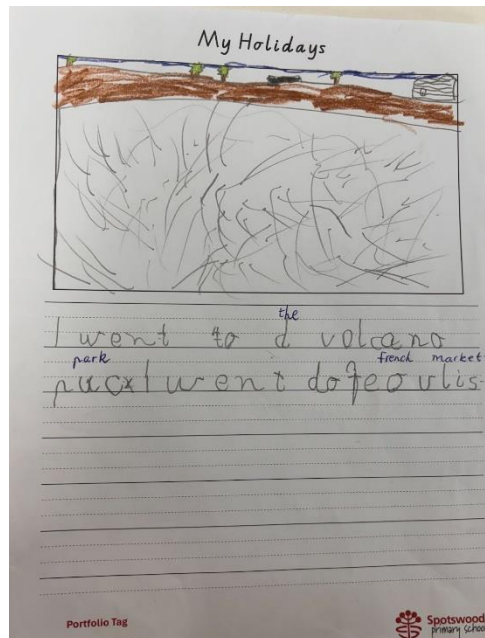
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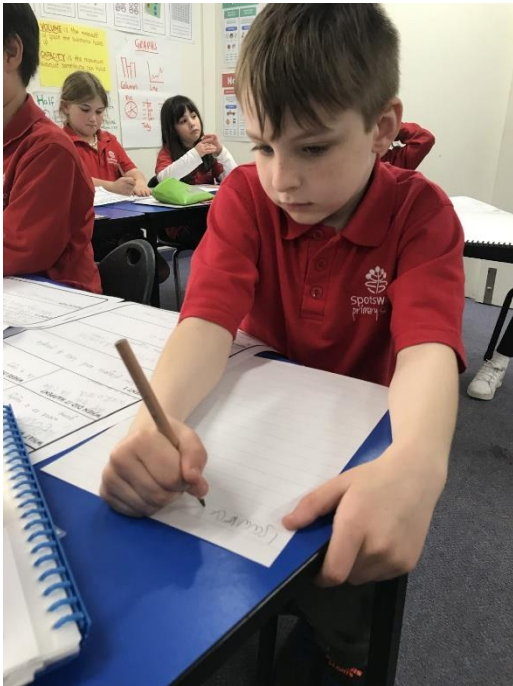


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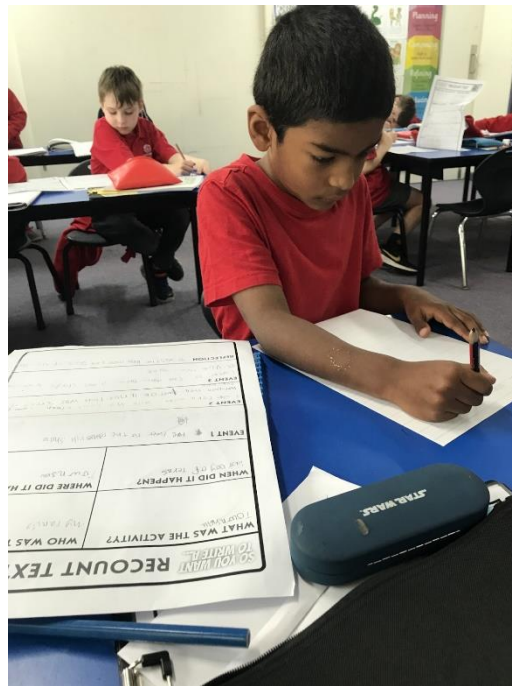
Bridget Sherrin  
Prep S Classroom Teacher

## Year 1/2 – Also a Holiday Recount!

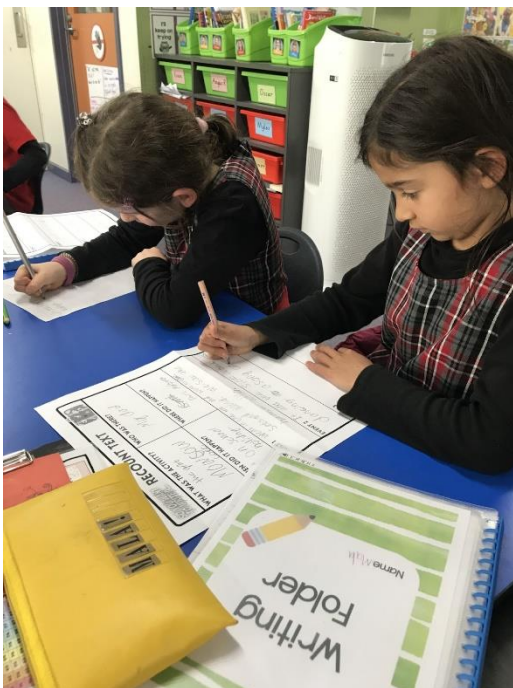
Our Grade 1/2s spent the first week of term writing a recount of a single activity from their holidays. Using their five senses as a lens, students brainstormed ideas about what they saw, heard, tasted, smelt and felt. Students then planned their text, taking note of the importance of chronology in recount writing; and drafted on lined paper, consolidating the skills they learned in last term's unit on punctuation and sentence structure. This activity also primes the students for their next unit of work, on poetry - a genre rich in writing informed by sensing and feeling.



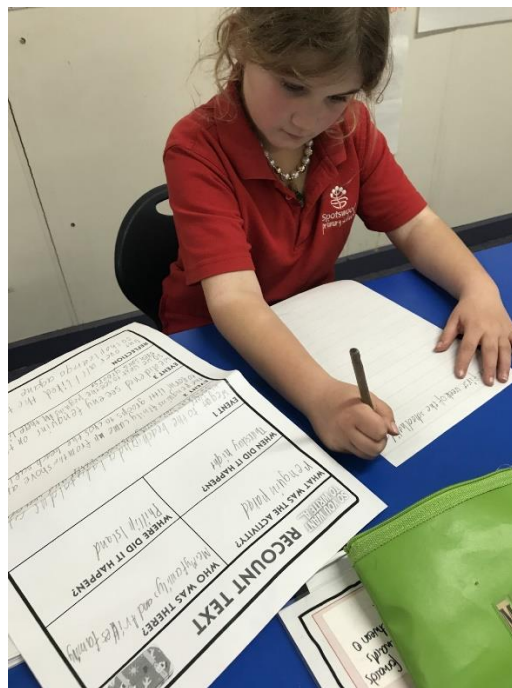
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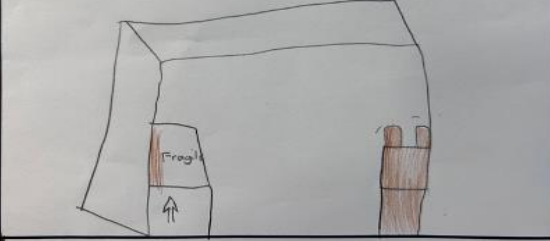
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Simon Pollard  
1/2P Classroom Teacher



## Year 3/4 – Writing

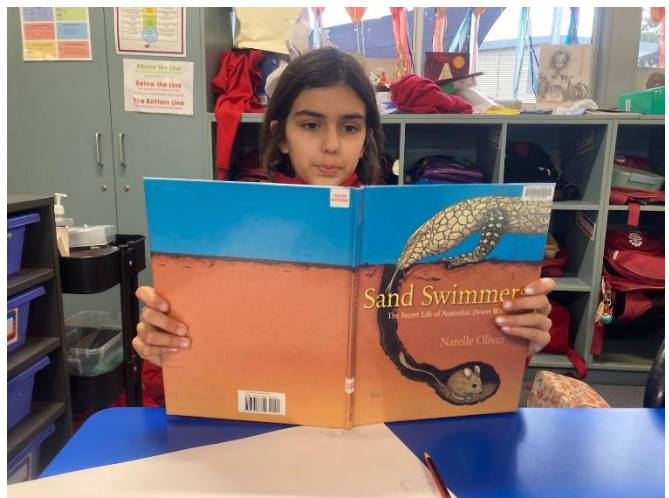
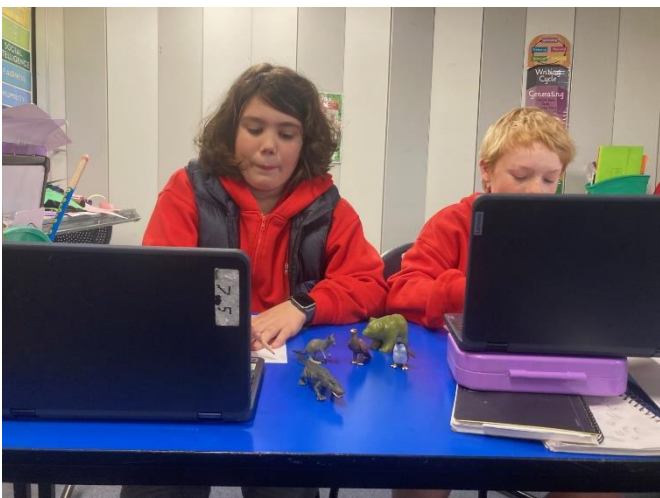
This week the 3/4s have been learning about figurative language through their writing and reading lessons. They have enjoyed reading poetry out together and identifying similes and metaphors as they read. The real test came when they had to create similes of their own. Using the words 'like' or 'as' they impressed each other with their effective use and play on words. Here are some of the similes from 3/4V:

<p>The waves were as loud as a smoke alarm.</p> 	<p>The cat is as black as night.</p> 
<p>The snowflake was as thin as paper.</p> 	<p>my bedroom as clean as a cat</p> 
<p>The classroom was as clean as an empty box.</p> 	<p>My sister is as annoying as a dying bee. Her heart was as empty as a cemetery. My bedroom is clean like clouds. My dad throws me on the bed like a gorilla. My bedroom is as dirty as a bombsite. My cubby is as wrecked as an earthquake. The snowflakes were as shiny as clear glass.</p>

Sally Vaughan  
3/4V Classroom Teacher

## Year 5/6 – Writing and Inquiry

In the Grade 5/6 cohort, students have been delving into the fascinating world of animal adaptations through a variety of engaging books. As part of this unit, each student is designing an A3 poster featuring an animal of their choice, highlighting its unique adaptations and relevant facts. This creative project not only enhances their understanding of how animals survive and thrive in different environments but also allows them to showcase their artistic and research skills. Keep it up 5/6's!



## Student Awards:



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

- Prep S** ..... Marlow Tucker - for always trying is best and working hard on mastering his number formations. Well done, Marlow!
- Prep T** ..... Aiden Fazlic - for coming back to school with a great attitude and showing excellent focus while on the mat. Great job Aiden!
- Prep V** ..... Oscar Butler - having a fantastic start to the term and for writing some lovely letters to a friend and to his buddy. Well done!
- 1/2B** ..... Annabel Hesketh - for an excellent start to term by being focused and determined in all areas of your work! Well done!
- 1/2K** ..... Lucy Bischa - for coming back to school with a positive mindset and ready to learn attitude! What a great role model Lucy!
- 1/2P** ..... Eli Grundy - for putting a big effort into spelling and sentence structure in his holiday recount.
- 3/4C** ..... Jack Lesich - always respecting his fellow classmates and bringing a 'have a go' attitude. Great work Jack
- 3/4K** ..... Kristian Kalakias - for arriving at Spotswood Primary School with a positive attitude and being friendly and kind to all members of your new class which takes courage! Fantastic attitude Kristian!
- 3/4M** ..... Lily King-Smith - for working effectively with numbers and identifying patterns when learning about the concept of part part whole.

- 3/4V** ..... Ozzie Hogan - for creating effective similes and metaphors during our Writing lessons this week. Go Ozzie!
- 5/6E** ..... Olivia Welsh - for your fantastic engagement in your learning this week. Your thoughtful contributions to our class discussions are greatly valued. Keep up the good work!
- 5/6M**..... Haena Kim - for settling into 5/6M and being a wonderful addition to our class.
- 5/6O**..... Sebastian De Lawrence - your return to school has been marked by an outstanding learning attitude and a dedication to being an amazing role model. Your positive influence and enthusiasm for learning inspire everyone around you. Well done!



**To:**

Marlow T, Flynn D

Term 3 2024	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> July	15	16	17 Year 7 placement offers advised to parents	18 Summer Sport T-Ball Girls Team Final  3/4 Camp meeting (via Webex) (7pm)	19 Assembly (3.15pm)
	<b>2</b>	22	23	24 State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal (Melbourne Town Hall)  Year 3/4 Science Incursion	25 Sushi Day	26 100 days of school celebration (Preps)  Assembly (3.15pm)  Slow Food Market tomorrow 9am – 1pm
	<b>3</b> August	29	30	31	1 Year 3/4 Virtual Reality Space Incursion	2 Assembly (3.15pm)
	<b>4</b>	5	6 Prep to 2 Mini Beast Incursion  Finance meeting (5.30pm)  School Council meeting (6.15pm)	7 Year 7 Acceptance Slips due back at school	8	9 Assembly (3.15pm)
	<b>5</b>	12	13	14	15 Sushi Day	16 School House Sports Day (Newport Athletics Track)
	<b>6</b>	19	20	21 Year 3/4 Camp	22 Year 3/4 Camp	23 Year 3/4 Camp  Assembly (3.15pm)  Slow Food Market tomorrow 9am – 1pm
	<b>7</b>	26	27	28 State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal (Melbourne Town Hall)	29	30 District Athletics Day (Newport Athletics Track)  Assembly (3.15pm)
	<b>8</b> September BOOK WEEK	2 Pupil Free Day	3	4 Book Week Performance (details TBA)	5 Book Week Dress Up Parade (9.10am)  Book Week activity rotations (11.30am)  Sushi Day	6 Assembly (3.15pm)
	<b>9</b>	9	10 Division Athletics Day  Finance meeting (5.30pm)  School Council meeting (6.15pm)	11	12 State Schools Spectacular Dress Rehearsal (John Cain Arena)	13 State Schools Spectacular Dress Rehearsal (John Cain Arena)  Assembly (3.15pm)  State Schools Spectacular Performance tomorrow (John Cain Arena)
<b>10</b>	16	17	18	19	20 National Week of Deaf People performance (2.15pm)  Last Day of Term (2.30pm dismissal)  Slow Food Market tomorrow 9am – 1pm	