

# Spotswood Primary School

## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9 • Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024



"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

We have a busy week ahead as we finish out Term 3 with a number of events, activities and reminders for families. We hope this summary will assist families preparing for everything coming up! Please read through and reach out if you have any questions.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

**Prep to Year 2 Swimming Program & Year 3 to 6 Swimming Program** permission and payment to be completed by 11:59pm

**Prep to Year 6 Auslan Incursion** permission and payment to be completed by 11:59pm

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Prep to Year 2 Swimming Program** medical forms to be returned to school by today

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Auslan badges and stickers** on sale at recess for students (cash in the courtyard) and families after school (cash or Eftpos in the office)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

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**Prep to Year 6 Auslan Incursion**

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Footy Day Tomorrow (Lunch Orders close at 12noon today)**

**Year 5/6 Book Launch** from 2:30pm – 3:30pm for **families of students in Year 5/6**

**Year 5/6 Book Launch** open to the **school community** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the courtyard. Books are \$20.00 each – cash and Eftpos payments to be made at the office

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Footy Day** – children to come to school in their favourite footy or soccer team's colours

**National Week of Deaf People School Signing Performances** at assembly at 2:10pm

**Last day of term** dismissal at 2:30pm

### Additional Reminders

#### Art Show

To purchase tickets:

Go to <https://compasstix.com/e/1to6yzwjuk> or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of this newsletter or on any of the posters displayed around the school.

To volunteer to help on the food or drink stalls:

Go to <https://volunteersignup.org/LRQLE>

To help with supplies including trestles, marquees etc and/or Cupcakes & Cookies:

Go to <https://forms.gle/kjtB1pUm91RFn1Wx9>

**Smile Squad** – go to <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> to provide permission for your child's free dental examination next term or scan the QR code in our email from last Tuesday

**2024 Parent Payments** – please ensure all payments due to date have been paid using the Compass portal or via cash or Eftpos at the office. Payments include:

Curriculum contributions - \$300.00 per student

Communication Portal - \$25.00 per student

Building Fund - \$50.00 per family

Grounds Maintenance - \$30.00 per family

## Early Finish – Friday 20th September

Families are reminded that school will finish at 2:30pm on this day with an assembly at 2:10pm where we will have Prep-6 signing performances for the National Week of Deaf People.

## State Schools Spectacular

Tomorrow our State Schools Spectacular choir will be performing 2 shows at John Cain Arena to an excited audience of family and friends. They have worked really hard this year and shown great stamina through two long days of rehearsal, and it will be wonderful to see everything come together tomorrow. Mrs Papafotiou and Ms O'Shea have been supporting our group and have been so proud of our students over these past few days as they have followed directions from the SSS team, managed being part of a cast of thousands of students and looked after each other. I have a ticket to the afternoon show and I can't wait! It will be televised at a date later in the year. We will let families know when to tune in!

## Division Athletics

On Tuesday our athletics team of 21 students competed at the Hobsons Bay Division event at the Newport Athletics Track. I headed down to cheer them on and was immediately swept up with the Spotty support team who were cheering each other on in their various events. It was lovely to see such school pride and support in action.

Congratulations to Olivia Rotteveel [pictured below] who will go on to represent our school at the Western Metropolitan Regional Track & Field Competition next term in the 200 metre event.



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## Year 5/6 Book Launch

In today's newsletter you will see a flyer inviting all families to attend our Year 5/6 book launch next Wednesday. Our 5/6 students have been writing and illustrating picture story books as part of their inquiry unit into animal adaptations. Two years ago this was a very popular and successful event with many families purchasing copies of the books. I encourage you to come along!

## National Week of Deaf People

Next week we will celebrate this national event that recognises deaf individuals and the Australian Deaf community. Students will take part in activities to deepen their understanding of Auslan and we will present a whole school signing performance at assembly on Friday 20th September.

## Correction - Pupil Free Day Information

Last week I mentioned in the newsletter that there were no more Pupil Free Days scheduled this year. I overlooked a date in Term 4 where we will have our combined **Professional Practice Day on Monday 18th November**. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused. Kelly Club will be available for bookings on this day.

## Lunch orders – Mondays & Fridays in Term 4

Due to the success of our Monday lunch order program with KingWill Catering, we have been able to add a second day for lunch orders from Term 4 making lunch orders available on Mondays and Fridays. If the response to the extra day goes well next term, we will be able to offer lunch orders twice a week in 2025 as well.

Our Sushi Days have also been very successful so we will have 3 more Sushi Days next term.

Jackie Green  
Principal

## Curriculum Update – Term 3 Week 10

Prep	
Reading	<b>WALT</b> to revise our reading strategies <b>WALT</b> to reread when it doesn't make sense
Writing	<b>WALT</b> write a weekend recount <b>WALT</b> use capital letters and full stops in our writing.
Spelling	Which <b>teacher</b> likes to read to them? t as in <b>teacher</b> digraphs <b>ea</b> , <b>ch</b> and <b>er</b> as in teacher
Maths	100+ Days of School <b>Whole Number</b> Revision of Term 3 Concepts
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	<b>Help Seeking</b> : How to ask for help.
Grade 1 / 2	
Reading	<b>WALT</b> : use our reading journal books to record and reflect on our reading. <b>WALT</b> : read fluently and change our voice to match punctuation.
Writing	<b>WALT</b> : begin to incorporate illustrations and organisational tools in non-fiction texts <b>WALT</b> : understand that a writer may use interesting words, description, photos, graphics, drawings with labels
Spelling	Revision
Maths	<b>Revision</b> Whole Number, Place Value, Skip Counting
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Personal and social capabilities

Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	<b>Literature Circle Practise</b> Artist Artist Identify implied meaning connecting ideas in different parts of a text.
Writing	<b>WALT</b> – Work through the publishing stage of the writing cycle. Publishing Narratives.
Spelling	<b>se</b> as in cheese
Maths	<b>Measurement and Geometry:</b> Time
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Responsible Use of IT
Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	<b>Mentor Text:</b> Graphic Novels <b>Reading Skills:</b> make predictions based on the unique features of a graphic text
Writing	<b>Focus: Speaking &amp; Listening</b> Audio recording of picture book.
Maths	<b>NUMBER</b> – Fractions <b>WALT-</b> solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions <b>WALT-</b> extend knowledge of fractions into percentages and decimals
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Book Fair – Creating community connections.



Justin Canny  
Assistant Principal

## Spotty Footy Day - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Junior School Council will be running a special Footy Day event on the last day of term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Get your footy gear ready for our last day of term Footy celebration.

Come dressed up in your favourite AFL or soccer gear.

Junior School Council will be running activities at play times.

Families can order a Special Footy Lunch from a select menu provided by our usual lunch order company KingWill Catering.

Items available are:

- Meat Pie
- Homemade Sausage Roll
- Spinach & Ricotta Roll
- Selection of drinks, cakes and fruit

**Orders must be in no later than Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.**

## School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms. Textbooks in Secondary Schools can also be purchased using the bonus.

Families at Spotswood Primary School do not need to do anything to receive the Bonus.

## What Happens Next?

The Department of Education will email you twice using the email address you have recorded with us at the school:

- i. in October, to verify your email address;
- ii. in November, with details of your \$400 School Saving Bonus and how to access an online system to allocate your Bonus against education-related costs.

If you have a child commencing Prep in 2025, please ensure we have their enrolment form before the end of this term to enable you to receive the \$400 Bonus for all of your school-aged children enrolled for the 2025 school year.

We will keep families informed as more information about the School Saving Bonus becomes available.

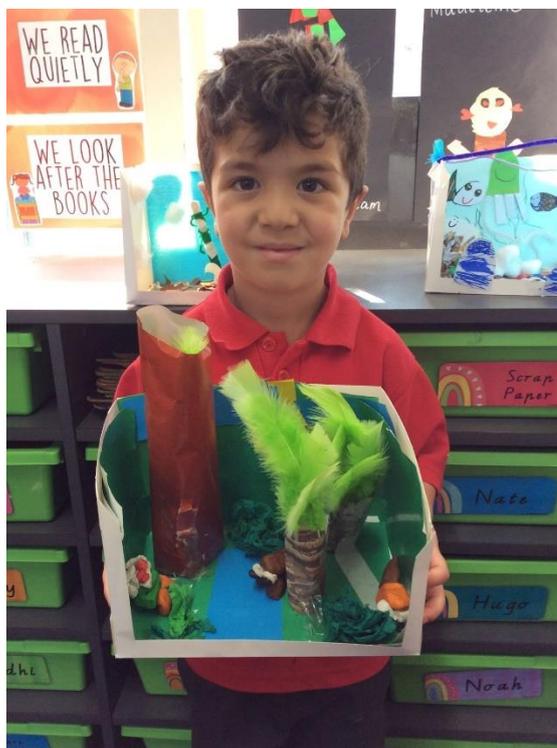
## What's Happening In Our Classrooms

### Prep – Inquiry – 'Living World'

This week the Preps have been celebrating our learning from our inquiry unit 'Living World'. We have learnt all about living things and their habitats. Over the last few weeks we have been creating our own information text with all of our newly learnt information. This week we have also created a diorama of a habitat and some of the animals that live there. The Preps will present their book and diorama to the class before bringing them home to show off to their families!



Jessica



Adam



Noah

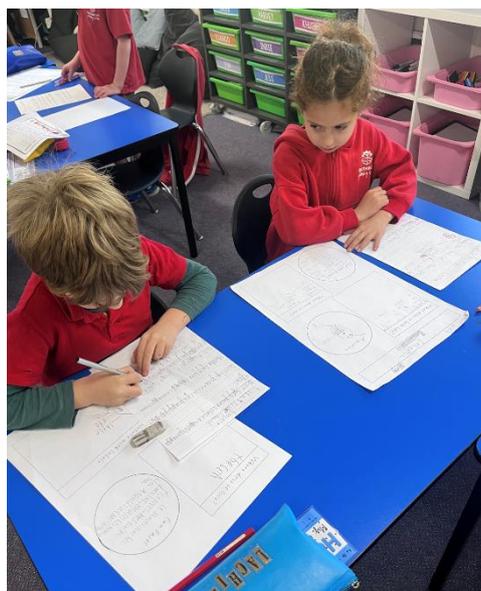
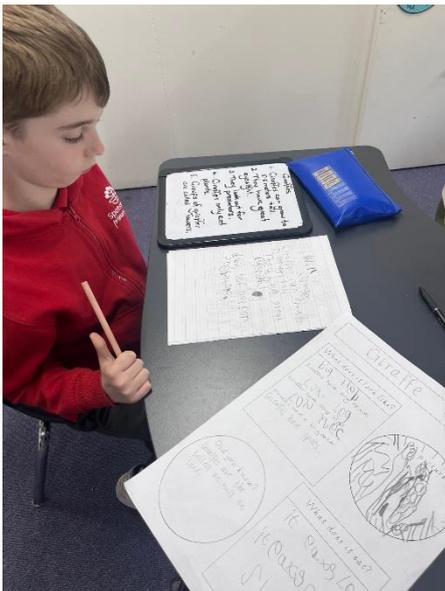


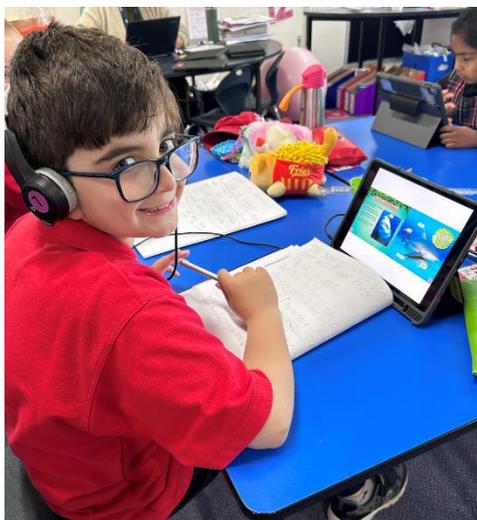
Eleanor

Melanie Voigt  
Prep V Classroom Teacher

### Year 1/2 – Reading, Writing and Inquiry!

In 1/2 we have been very busy learning about and researching information on animals and their habitats. This is part of our 'Living World' Inquiry unit. We have also integrated this unit into our reading lessons, where we are learning to search for information and summarise it in our own words and also in our writing lessons where we are using this information to write an information report! We are all working so hard and learning so much across all 3 subject areas!





Tianne Ball  
1/2B Classroom Teacher

### **Year 3/4 – The Relationship between the Sun, the Moon and the Earth**

Over the last couple of weeks, the students in Grade 3/4 have been working on iMovies in a small group or with partners, explaining one of the important relationships between the Earth, the Moon and the Sun. The students have researched the answer to their chosen question and are busily producing creative iMovies to share with their peers.

Below in a clockwise direction are: Tom and Odin, Ben and Atticus, Daya and George, and Lulu and Finn.



Tracey Kelly  
3/4K Classroom Teacher

## Year 5/6 – Inquiry

As part of the 'going further' phase of our Inquiry cycle this term, students have extended their knowledge of animal adaptations to create a three-dimensional clay sculpture of the hybrid animal they designed. Taking their original sketch, students have used aluminium foil and air-dry clay to sculpt their weird and wonderful creations, bringing them to life. Once finished, these models will be shared with our school community, alongside the books that they star in, at the 5/6 **Book Launch** next Thursday, 19 September. Families of Year 5/6 students are invited to attend the book launch on this day from 2:30-3:30 pm in the courtyard, and it will be open for the remainder of the community from 3:30pm-4:30pm if they would like to view or pre order books. The 5/6 students are excited to share their learning with you all!



Marlow, Spencer, Thomas and Tabitha



Winter, Willow, Ava, and Layla



Made by: Tobie, Winter and Ruby

Emily Matheson  
5/6E Classroom Teacher

## Specialist – Auslan

Our Preps have been learning family signs and using these signs in questions, to find out information about other students' families.



### Students Using their Learning in the Community

At the weekend Spotty students will be signing with the Victorian College for the Deaf (VCD), along with all the other mainstream schools taking part in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. VCD students will sign the verses of Enya's Orinoco Flow (Sail Away) and all the other schools, including Spotswood Primary will sign the chorus. Our students were excited to tell me that at rehearsals, when the VCD students signed their song, Spotty students were the only school who knew to do a Deaf applause (other schools did a hearing clap). This showed respect for the Deaf community and our students loved putting their learning into a real-life context. Well done for being inclusive and respectful students, Ms O is very proud of you all!



### Spotty Celebrates National Week of Deaf People

NWDP is a week-long national celebration of Deaf individuals and the Australian Deaf community. National Week of Deaf People is an opportunity for Deaf people to celebrate their communities, language, culture and history; make the public aware of their local, state and national Deaf communities; and to recognise their achievements. We are celebrating it next week as the actual week is in the first week of the school holidays. Keep reading below to find out what we will be doing to celebrate.



An Initiative by Deaf Australia Inc

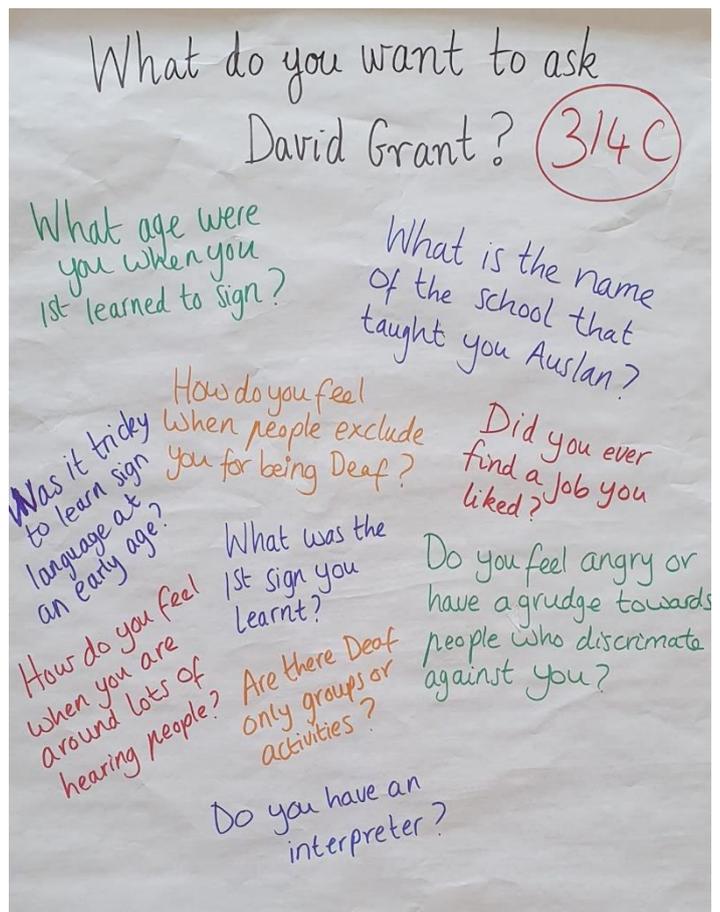
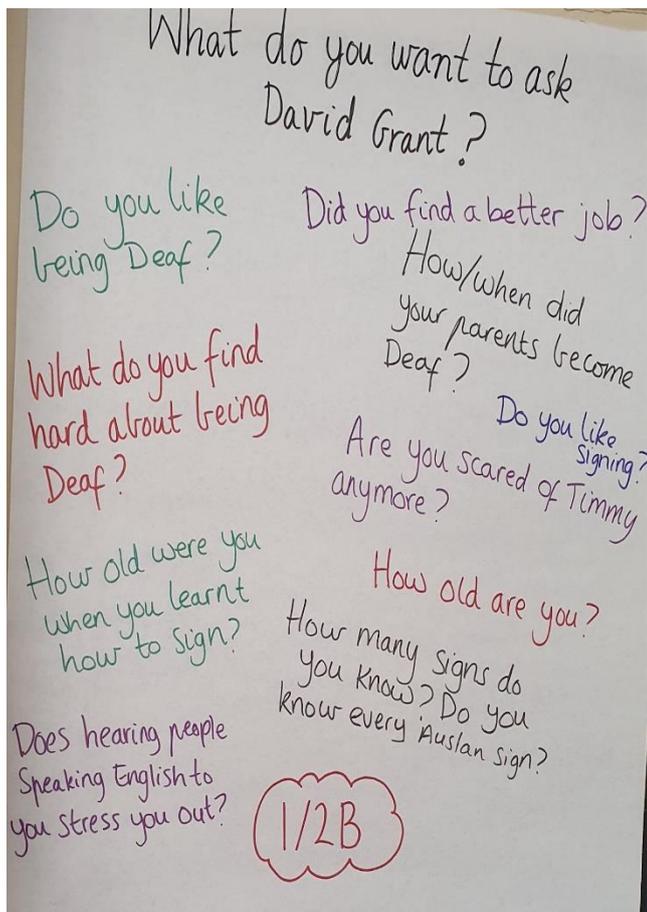
## National Week of Deaf People Incursion

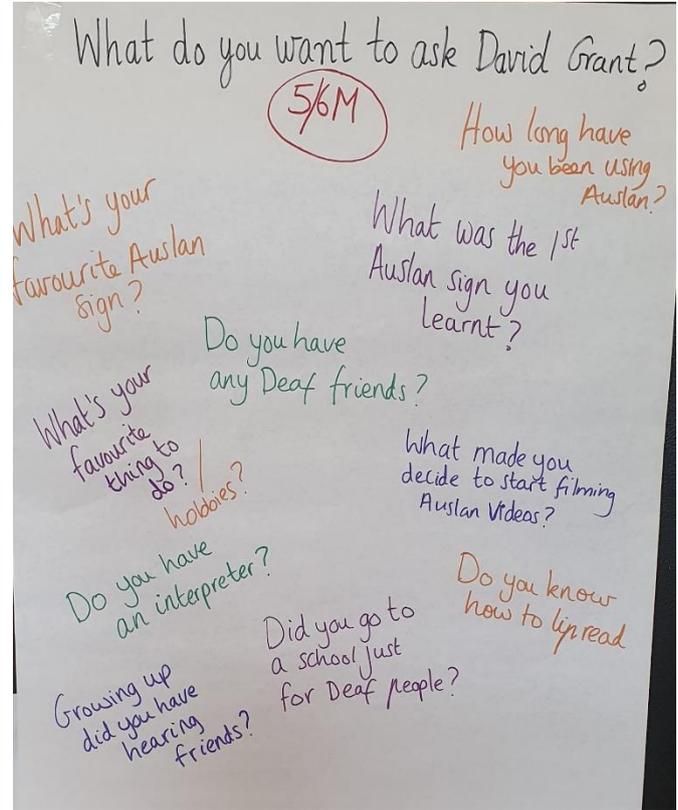
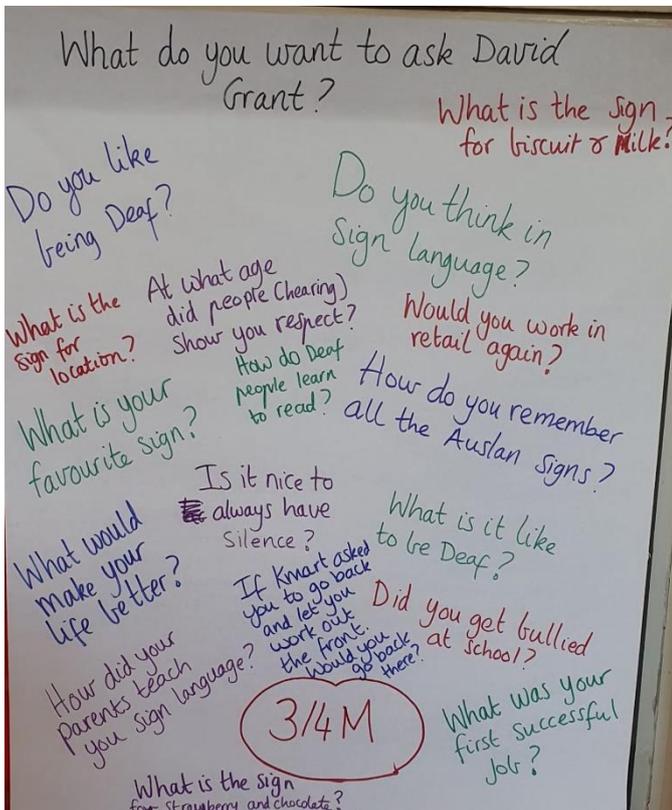
David Grant is a Deaf actor and children's entertainer who lives in Victoria. Spotty students in grades 1-6 are familiar with David because he makes 'Sign of the Day' videos, which we use in our Auslan classes. It is one of the many ways the students can learn directly from the Deaf community.



David is an inspirational member of Victorian Deaf community and a fantastic role model for Deaf and Hard Of Hearing children. *'Deaf and Hard of Hearing people can do anything just like everyone else. We face discrimination on a daily basis and we continue to fight for our rights because we are EQUAL. I am an actor and children's entertainer - I do not let it define me for who I am because of my deafness. I have talents and I am using them to show I CAN do it just like anyone else can.'*

We are lucky to have David visiting Spotswood Primary next week to celebrate National Week of Deaf People and the students can't wait to learn more from him in person. Here are some of the questions Spotty students want to ask David in their incursion next week. It is an interesting insight into their thinking and curiosity about being Deaf and the use of his first language Auslan.





### NWDP Rotations

The whole school will be taking part in rotation activities on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate National Week of Deaf People. Students will have the opportunity to experience many activities such as: Origami and Yoga through Auslan, learning AFL signs for the upcoming Grand Final, watching a video on why sport is important to the Deaf community and the Preps will also experience some peer tutoring from their 5/6 buddies. It will be a very busy day of Auslan and Deaf culture.

### Auslan Stall

Our Auslan stall will be returning on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** next week. Students will have the opportunity to purchase Auslan stickers and badges at recess (using cash) or after school in the office (by cash or card), from Deaf business Auslanity. Stickers will be \$2.50 and badges \$2.00.



### Whole School Signing Performance

To end our celebration of NWDP, students will be performing an Auslan interpretation of Happy and You know It and Orinoco Flow (Sail Away) from 2:10pm at assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. We hope you can join us!



## Fundraising for the Deaf and Hard Of Hearing Community

Spotty Primary was mentioned in Deaf Children Australia's Winter newsletter recently, for the brilliant fundraising we did earlier in the year. Thank you to all the families who supported such an important charity.



### With thanks to...

#### **Firefighters Charity Fund, Victoria**

Thanks to the firefighters, corporate staff and others for their generous support. We're grateful to have been the beneficiary for their Christmas 2023 donation drive.

#### **The Phillips Foundation**

For their grant to build on Puggles Swim with Puggle Open Water: a set of resources promoting safety in open water to deaf and hard of hearing children, their parents and lifesaving clubs.

#### **Penni Drummond**

For her incredible fundraising efforts supporting Deaf Children Australia as she takes on the Gold Coast Marathon in July. Thank you so much Penni and congratulations on all your hard work!

### Will you Step Up for Deaf Kids this November?

After a fabulous inaugural Step Up Challenge in 2023, we're inviting you to join us again and take 300,000 Steps in November, while raising funds so more deaf and hard hearing kids can have the same opportunities as their hearing peers.

Sign up to get access to our dedicated Step Up for Deaf Kids community Facebook group, where you can meet, encourage, and support others taking on the challenge. Plus you'll receive loads of fundraising tips and resources, your personal fundraising profile to track your steps and donations, and a selection of graphics to share on social media.

You can choose to sign up as an individual, or gather a group to sign up as a team. No matter how you take part, you will join a group of like-minded individuals who will be donning their sneakers and Stepping Up for Deaf Kids.

### 5 minutes with... Spotty Primary

Spotswood Primary School started Auslan as a new LOTE program trial last year. Auslan LOTE teacher, Ms O'Sullivan, says, "The children just soaked it in! They loved the fact that it was so visual and enjoyed that they could now communicate in a different way."

Their recent Auslan Day Fundraiser for Deaf Children Australia is just one way they look for ways to build links with the wider deaf community.

#### **What motivated you to fundraise?**

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Auslan Day and for children to build links with the deaf community, show respect for the language, and to give back.

#### **Why did you choose Deaf Children Australia?**

We chose DCA because it supports children and families, and our students really identify with that. We also love that DCA is a very positive organisation, focusing on giving children ability, rather than on disability, showing deaf children and their families that they can do anything and nothing is impossible.

#### **How did the students get involved?**

Students were encouraged to dress up in themes based on signs they were learning. Prep students who are learning animal signs were asked to wear a top with an animal on it. Grade 1-6 students who are learning school signs were asked to dress up as a 'Spotty' teacher. All students brought in a gold coin donation.

Our teachers also decided to join in on the fun, switching roles to dress up as their students for the day. Everybody really embraced it – it was a lovely way to bond as a community.

## Professional Development and Learning from the Deaf Community

At the start of the school holidays (National Week of Deaf People), I will be working as a volunteer at this year's Adelaide Deaf Festival. It is a chance to be involved with the Australian Deaf community and learn from interactions and conversations with them. I will also be keeping a look out for resources from Deaf businesses that can be used in the classroom to support the students' learning. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences with Spotty students after the holidays.



Pamela O'Sullivan  
Auslan LOTE Teacher

### **Student Awards:**



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

- Prep S** ..... Bridie Lesich - for her wonderful work creating a diorama of the rainforest for inquiry and creating an elephant out of plasticine. Well done, Bridie!
- Prep T** ..... Billy Robinson - having a growth mindset towards his writing tasks this week; focusing hard and taking care with his handwriting. Great stuff Billy!
- Prep V** ..... India Berry - having some fabulous creative ideas when making her diorama and for her kindness towards her classmates in sharing her ideas. Wonderful India!
- 1/2B** ..... Caleb Miller - for setting an awesome example of what it means to be a focused and independent learner. Amazing as always Caleb!
- 1/2K** ..... Luke Lima - for demonstrating a wonderful knowledge of money in our financial maths unit. Great problem solving skills Luke!
- 1/2P** ..... Angus Bedford - for thoughtfully sharing his skills and knowledge during our Australian Rules football lesson.
- 3/4C** ..... Addison D'Costa - crafting an incredible and captivating beginning to your narrative, grabbing the reader's attention. Your creativity and engaging writing have set the tone for an amazing story. Keep up the fantastic work.
- 3/4K** ..... Finn Thompson - for creating an informative iMovie about gravity collaboratively with his partner, listening to feedback to improve on the iMovie. Great effort Finn!
- Lulu McNally - for creating an informative iMovie about gravity collaboratively with her partner, listening to feedback to improve on the iMovie. Great effort Lulu
- 3/4M** ..... Lily King-Smith - for being a positive member of the 3/4M classroom by assisting others complete their work when you have completed yours.
- 3/4V** ..... Jack Dart – for challenging your writing skills by composing a narrative text that included detailed descriptive language in complex sentences supported by excellent punctuation.
- 5/6E** ..... Jack Spiteri - for working diligently on the creation of your hybrid animal sculpture. It looks fantastic, and exactly like your original sketch. Well done!
- 5/6M** ..... Milli Sugimoto - for designing an exceptionally creative hybrid animal and illustrations for your picture book. I am looking forward to seeing your published work at the Book Launch next week.
- 5/6O** ..... Jayden World - for working with persistence and dedication to get his hybrid book finished on time! I can't wait to read your final published book!
- Auslan** ..... Mabel Harrold-Bear - for always giving 100% in all areas of your Auslan learning. You are a fantastic role model to all the students in 5/60 and an enthusiastic and supportive learning buddy. The Deaf community are lucky to have you as their ally.



To:

Luke D

### Dates To Remember:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September ..... State Schools Spectacular Performances (John Cain Arena)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September ..... Prep-Year 6 Auslan Incursion

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September ..... Spotty Footy Day

National Week of Deaf People signing performances (Assembly at 2.10pm)

Last Day of Term 3 (2.30pm dismissal)

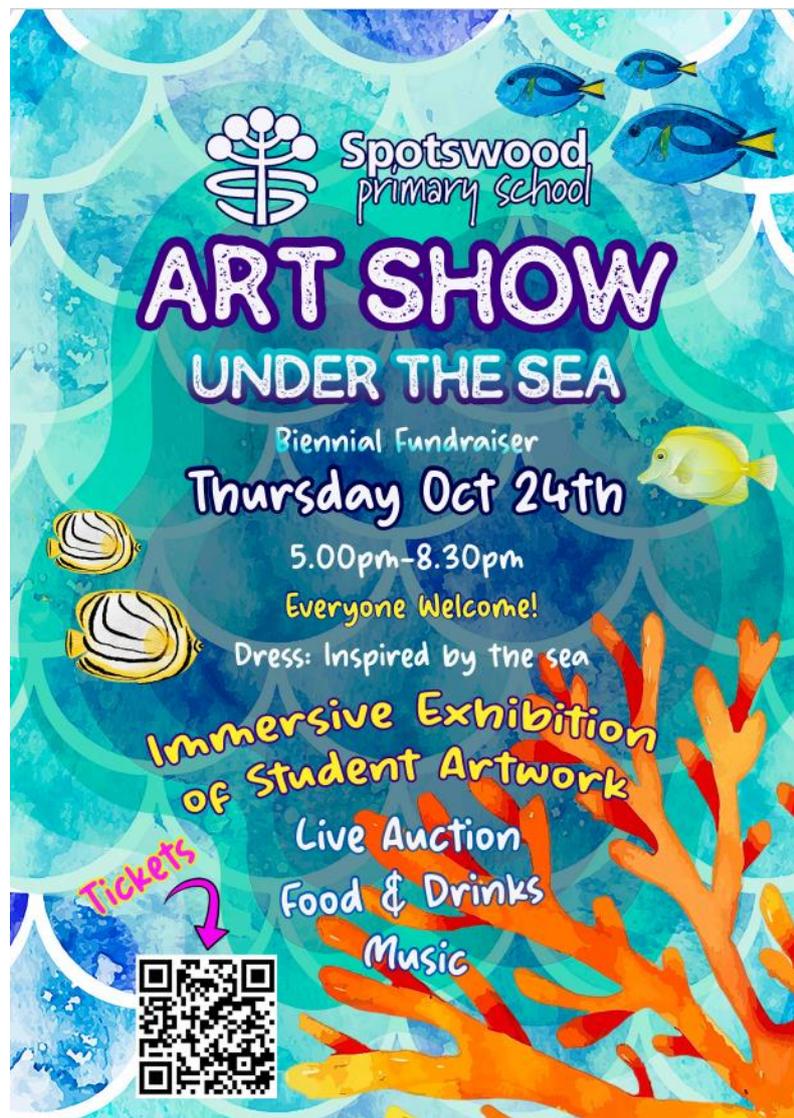
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September ..... Slow Food Market (9am – 1pm)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October ..... Prep to Year 2 Swimming Program (Tuesday to Friday)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October ..... Prep to Year 2 Swimming Program (Tuesday to Friday)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October ..... Year 3 to 6 Swimming Program (5 days)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October ..... Art Show

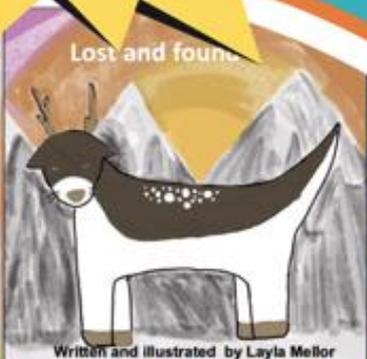


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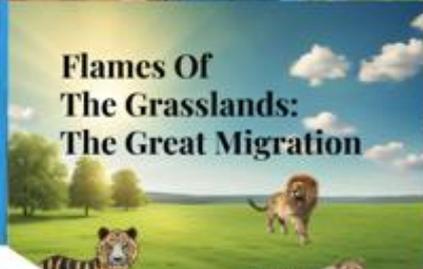
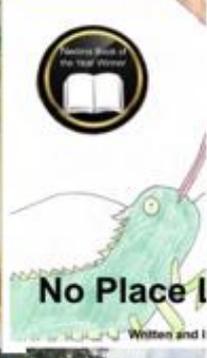
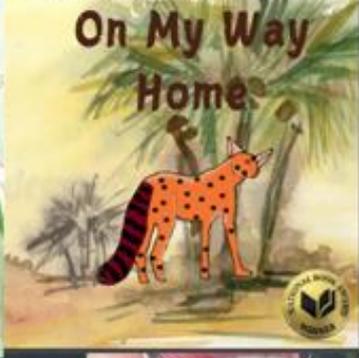
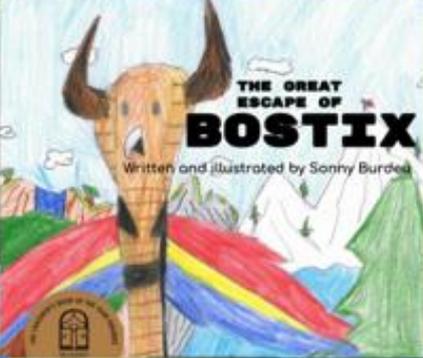
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