

'At Spotswood Primary School we create an environment where everyone feels worthwhile, respected, confident and inspired to do their best'.

Term 2 Week 2 : Friday 1st May, 2009

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Funding Application

Following discussions with Western Metropolitan personnel, an application has been submitted for funding under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century component of the "Building the Education Revolution" program.

The School Council has supported plans to replace the multipurpose room, canteen, art room and the portable Year 3/4 classrooms with a new Multipurpose Centre.

This Centre will feature a multipurpose room, art/craft room, canteen, seminar room, store rooms, toilets, office and foyer. A specific template issued by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has been submitted.

The Council's initial request for an upgrade to the oval and associated facilities did not fully meet the criteria for funding.

Mother's Day Breakfast

A special invitation has been extended to all mothers, step-mothers and special friends to

attend a Mother's Day breakfast with their children at the school on Friday 8th May from 7.45am. It will be held in the courtyard with a sensational breakfast being served in return for a gold coin donation.

Prep 2010

The Prep 2010 Information Evening was held in the school library on Wednesday. Thank you to Stephen Weller, Julie Taylor, Jo Boyd and our school captains, Samantha Owen and Riley Kane for their presentations. It was pleasing to have a large number of parents attend the session.

A number of school promotions were held at the Home Road Kindergarten this week.

Market Day Success

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Primary School Council's Market Day held this week. The Council raised \$500.00 for the Gardening Club. The funds will be used to purchase trees and plants for further beautification of the school oval.

Cheers,
Peter McIver
Principal



Spotty Calendar

Tuesday 5th May

- School Council meeting (6.30pm)

Wednesday 6th May

- Visit by Western Bulldogs Footballer at lunchtime

Thursday 7th May

- Mother's Day Stall
- Family Life Program starts (Grades Prep, 1 & 2)

Saturday 9th May

- Bunnings Altona Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Sunday 17th May – Saturday 23rd May

- Education Week

Tuesday 19th May

- Education Week Open Afternoon **

Tuesday 26th May

- School Photo Day

Monday 1st June – Wednesday 3rd June

- Grade 3/4 Camp to Sunnystones

Monday 8th June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 26th June

- Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

Sunday 18th October

- Spotswood Primary School's Annual Fete

** more details coming soon!!

Green Market Day

Thank you to the families who donated delicious goodies for the Green Market Day on Wednesday. Thank you to the

members of the Primary Council who gave up their lunch times on Tuesday and Wednesday to prepare and sell the green items. They were amazing!

Thank you to all the extra students in Grades 3 to 6 who pitched in and helped out on the day and to the wonderful staff members who helped. Special thanks to Lisa Wroblewski for her stall and her support. What a fabulous community we have here at Spotty!

Our thanks also to Ali who is one of the tradesmen working on our buildings who happily donated \$15 dollars and gave away what he had bought to the students. It was a lovely, lovely market and we raised over \$500 - think of the gorgeous plants we'll be getting! Thanks so much!

Leeann Jackson and Helen Hardy

Visit by Western Bulldogs Player

Next Wednesday we will be having a visit from one of the Western Bulldogs players as part of our school's involvement with the Bulldogs Friendly Schools. He will work with the Grades 5/6 classes and then will be out on the oval for a kick at lunchtime with anyone who wants to join in.

We think it's Robert Murphy ... let's wait and see!

Mother's Day Stall

The Parents' Club will be having a Mother's Day Stall on the 7th of May in the multipurpose room. The children really enjoy choosing a special gift for mum, grandma or a special friend.

The gifts range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Please send some money with your child on Thursday.

We will send home a reminder note next week.

Thank you to Alison Riley for purchasing the gifts. If anyone is available to help on Thursday morning from 9.00 until 11.00 please let me know or leave a message with Sharon in the office.

**Thanks,
Jo Boyd**

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser



On Saturday the 9th of May Spotswood Primary will be working on the BBQ at Bunnings Altona North as a fundraiser for our school.

We have a roster of volunteers but need someone to serve between 11 and 2pm. If anyone can spare a couple of hours can you please leave your name at the office or contact Mr Mac.

Thanks,
Karen Burns and Jo Boyd

Fete Update

Thank you to all the children who submitted posters for the Competition. They are all fantastic! We are now in the process of choosing a winner.

The Fete committee has sent home a fete newsletter and a list of collection dates on a handy fridge magnet. Spare copies are available from the office.

The next fete meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th of May in the Library at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Angus Raiskums (1/2M), Emma Greilach (Prep K), Liam Greilach (Prep K) and Ben Greilach (5/6H) for being the first children at the school to complete this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done Angus, Emma, Liam and Ben!

The following children are busy reading to complete the Challenge:

Charlie Barnes
Matthew Barrett
Katarina Boquest
Aylish Brady
Luke Burns
Matthew Cucanic
Aya El-Hussein
Courtney Elliott
Amelia Fawcett
Scott Fenton
Leo Frescos
Ava Hamilton
Riley Kane
Jeanie Kane
Melissa Kayrouz
Andreas Mavridis
Iman McGregor
Emily Morassi
Samantha Owen
Macgregor Reid
Michael Reid
Drashti Shah
Ryan Tong
Maria Tsapa
John Tsavaridis
Jacqui Tsavaridis
Riley Young

So far our students have registered 332 books and finished reading 167 of them!

All students at Spotswood Primary School are registered to participate in the Challenge. Please contact your child's class teacher or the office if you require information about how to log on and update the books your child reads. It's not too late to start now. The Challenge runs until the end of August.

Family Life Program Payment Required

Thank you to the families who have paid for their child's participation in the Family Life program.

It is very important that all children pay to participate in this program as Family Life Victoria charge the school for their specialist teachers to deliver the program. The school does not make a profit on the program and all costs must be covered.

So far only 65% of children in Grades 3-6 have paid for Family Life. Please forward \$15 per child to the school early next week if you have not yet paid as the Grade 3-6 program has already started.

The Prep to 2 program will commence next Thursday 7th May and 70% of families have paid. Please forward \$10 to the school by Thursday if your child is in Grade Prep, 1 or 2 and you have not yet paid.

National Ride2School Day Results

This week Bicycle Victoria advised schools of the participation rate for the National Ride2School Day held on 25th March.

- 57,229 students across Australia walked, scooted or

rode their bike to school on Ride2School Day 2009;

- The Australia-wide percentage of students who adopted 'active travel' on this day was **57.8%**;
- Spotswood Primary School was 1 of 1009 schools who registered to join in the largest ever national celebration of walking and riding to school;
- Of the 1009 who registered, 412 schools (including Spotswood PS) submitted their active travel results to Bicycle Victoria;
- Our school's participation rate was **57.7%** which makes us right on target with the nationwide result!!

Well done Spotty students – another great result for our school!

Happy Birthday!!



Happy Birthday To:
Lucas Edmonds
Mac Short

Materials & Resources Levy 2009

Thank you to families who have paid their Materials & Resources Levy. The Levy is \$110 per child and can be paid in instalments if you prefer. Payment options are cheque, cash, credit card or Eftpos.

Congratulations!!



Congratulations to the following students who received **Merit Certificates** at assembly this week:

Yasmin Kottek Kean.....Prep K
Connor Schibeci.....Prep K
Chris Perkins.....1/2N
Charlie Barnes.....1/2N
Iman McGregor.....1/2N
Katarina Boquest.....1/2M
Cameron Eddleston.....1/2M
Hayden Cairns.....5/6V
Mitchell Fraser5/6V
Brandon Eddleston.....5/6H
Alexandra Nicoletti.....5/6H
Natalie Brockton3/4J

Williamstown High School

Information Evening
Thursday May 7 2009
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Williamstown High School is holding an Information Evening on Thursday 7th May 2009 between 6.00pm - 8.00pm at the Williamstown High School, Bayview Street Campus.

You are most welcome to come along and attend the session, join a guided tour and peruse displays.

School Tours will operate every Friday at 9.30am.

Please call **9399 9228** to register your tour place.

Williamstown High School

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for Students of Exceptional Academic Ability

In 2010 Williamstown High School will provide a Select Entry Accelerated Learning program for Year 7 students who have exceptional academic ability. This program offers students the opportunity to undertake challenging learning

experiences that are tailored to meet the needs of students of outstanding academic achievement.

There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research. Extension leads to in-depth study and the integration and application of knowledge at a higher level.

Enquiries and applications to enter the program should be directed to the school on **9399 9228**.

Applications for the Select Entry Accelerated Learning program close on Monday 11th May 2009. The test will take place on Saturday 16th May at 9.00am.

Williamstown High School

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for Students of Exceptional Sporting Ability

Applications close on June 2nd. Parents need to contact Williamstown High School on **9399 9228** for application forms and further information about this Program.
