

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

## **Term 2 Week 1 : Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2009**

### ***Principal's Report***

Dear Parents,

#### ***Funding for Spotswood Primary!!***

At the end of Term 1, it was announced that Spotswood Primary School was successful in obtaining a \$75,000 grant for an upgrade to refurbish classrooms in the school. The funds have been made available through the "National School Pride Program" under the Commonwealth Government's "Building the Education Revolution" program.

The building housing the Year 5/6 students will undergo a major refurbishment with walls being removed to create open learning areas.

The original building housing the Prep-2 students will undergo maintenance and painting. It is expected that the project will commence next week. Consequently, the Year 5/6 classes will relocate to the library and Year 3/4 building whilst the works are being undertaken.

#### ***Out of School Hours Care***

There will be a change in the management of the school's Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program as from

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Camp Australia has been appointed to manage the program from this date following a decision by the Director of Spotty Kidz, Joanne Roze, to relinquish the management of the program.

Operating since 1987, Camp Australia is a reputable family owned and operated business and a leading OSHC operator in Australia, providing a range of services in child care, sports coaching and events. They currently run OSHC programs in over 250 schools, including a number in the local area. Camp Australia will continue to provide the service with the same payment fees as currently exist. A parent information session and open registration afternoon will be held at the school to assist families with the transition.

#### ***Staff News***

Mr Markku Laine has been appointed to conduct a music program for all classes in Term 2. Markku, who has a music background and has had extensive experience at Spotswood Primary School in recent years, replaces Mr Vince Cafra who is on leave for Terms 2 and 3. Vince will return to the school at the commencement of Term 4.

### ***Family Life Program***

Families should have received the information about the Family Life program to be held this term. This program is an integral part of the school's Human Relations program and is part of the normal curriculum delivery, however the specialist teachers are provided by Family Life Victoria which is why there is a cost involved to parents.

Thank you to families who have paid for the Family Life program. If you still owe for your child's involvement in the program, please forward \$10 per child (Prep-2) or \$15 per child (Grades 3-6) to the school next week.

#### ***Vandalism and School Security***

Unfortunately, in recent months there has been an increase in vandalism at the school, including smashed skylights, windows and graffiti. This has resulted in considerable expense to the school. Security and the police are aware of the situation.

It would be appreciated if unauthorised personnel or unusual behaviour were reported to the police if you are in the vicinity of the school, particularly at weekends.

## Prep 2010

The Prep 2010 Information Evening will be held in the school library on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. All kindergartens in our area and beyond have received advertising material over the past few weeks. In addition, pamphlets have been distributed to resident's letter boxes.

If you know of prospective enrolments for 2010 it would be appreciated if you could pass this information on to them.

Thank you to the parents who have been walking and distributing the flyers.

Thank you to Rosie Buck, Riley Kane and Samantha Owen who assisted me in promoting our school and publicising the Information Evening at South Kingsville Kindergarten during the week. A similar promotion will be held at the Home Road Kindergarten next Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

## Spotswood Primary School Centenary Committee

The inaugural meeting of the Spotswood Primary School Centenary Committee will be held at the school next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am. Spotswood Primary School opened in July 1910. If you would like to be involved please give me a call.

## Year 7 Transition

A reminder to all parents of Year 6 children that important information for applying for Government Secondary Schools in 2010 was forwarded to families last term.

The "Application for Enrolment, Year 7, 2010" form should be returned to the school by the 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## VicTrack Works Commence

The \$6 million VicTrack project to clean up contaminated land at the former Railway Depot has commenced. VicTrack is working with the EPA, environmental experts, and a leading remediation company to clean the site. The plan to clean up the site outlines clean-up targets and dust suppression measures, water treatment and traffic management.

The next VicTrack Consultative Forum will be held in the Spotswood Primary School library on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.

Cheers,  
**Peter McIver**  
*Principal*

## • Spotty Calendar •

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April

- Family Life Program starts (Grades 3 – 6)

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

- Prep 2010 Parent Information Evening (7pm in the Library)
- Green Market Day – Primary Council

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

- Regional/Zone Cross Country Competition

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

- School Council meeting (6.30pm)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

- Family Life Program starts (Grades Prep, 1 & 2)

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

- Bunnings Altona Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

- Education Week

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

- Education Week Open Afternoon \*\*

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

- School Photo Day

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

- Grade 3/4 Camp to Sunnystones

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

- Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

- Spotswood Primary School's Annual Fete

\*\* more details coming soon!!

## Green Market Day Next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April!!

The Primary Council is holding a Green Market Day next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to raise funds for the Gardening Club. We will be selling many 'green' items including jelly, green icy poles and badges. We will also have green hair spraying. Children can wear casual clothes on the day (green items if you can) and send in a gold coin donation. We will have green food for sale, including cakes and other treats for the children to buy. The Primary Councillors will be making green frogs in the jelly ponds and green iced biscuits for students to purchase. There will also be green hairspray on offer and a Guess the Green Lolly Jar competition.

Donations of green food on the day would be gratefully received, so cakes with green icing, or anything green that children love to eat would be perfect.

This event is being run by the Primary Council on behalf of all students and your support is very much appreciated.

**Helen Hardy**  
**On behalf of the Primary Council**

# Happy Birthday!!



## Happy Birthday To:

Jason Pether  
Jasmine Briggs  
Carson Fox

## 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.

So far **59.6%** of families have paid their Levy.

## Congratulations!!



Congratulations to the following students who received *Certificates* at assembly on the last day of Term 1 for demonstrating the *Value of 'Doing Your Best'*:

Zak Nasser ..... Prep K  
Nicholas Petkov-Gration . Prep K  
Angus Perkins ..... Prep K  
Kelly Joyner ..... Prep K  
Jordan Boyd ..... 5/6H  
Sean Russo ..... 5/6H

Isabella Raymond .....5/6V  
Alex Mokdsi .....5/6V  
Aya El-Hussein .....1/2N  
Ryan Tong .....1/2N  
Ryan McHugh .....1/2N  
(For 'Organisation')  
Matthew Cucanic .....1/2N  
(For 'Persistence')

## Williamstown High School

**Information Evening**  
**Thursday May 7 2009**  
**6.00pm - 8.00pm**

Williamstown High School is holding an Information Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The test will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am.

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## Williamstown High School

**Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for Students of Exceptional Sporting Ability**

Applications close on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

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## The University High School

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Applications for the Acceleration Program can be made online by logging on to [www.unihigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au) and clicking on enrolments, then acceleration. Applications close on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Testing takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 9.00.

Further enquiries to Jenny Tarr and University High on **9347 2022**.

