

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

Term 4 Week 3 : Friday 23rd October, 2009

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Congratulations everyone! We've done it again!!! What a fantastic effort by everyone. It was a great day with lots of visitors who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, the many and varied food stalls, rides and fantastic bargains. It was wonderful to see so many ex-students and families who came along to support the school.

A huge thank you to our coordinators Jo Boyd and Karen Burns. It is a mammoth commitment to make every year, and on behalf of the entire school community, thank you and congratulations on such a successful day!

Although I have heard at times, "We'll give it a rest next year," invariably, thoughts turn to the day and how successful it is and we go again. It is a huge commitment and I thank you for supporting it so wholeheartedly once again.

Thank you to the whole committee for their efforts during the year in assisting the coordinators and also to Sharon, Anne and Shelley who were office bound for most of the day counting coins.

The final tally will be known next week. Thank you again for your support.

Yes, we are in the midst of the racing season and the "Spotty Cup" is on again. As is the tradition, the activities - including the Fashions on the Field, Tug-o-war and "The Spotty Cup" races - will all be held on Monday November 2, 2009. We also have our Grade 2 students going into the city to participate in the Grand Parade. If you haven't experienced this family day, please put it in the diary and come along. A full program of the day will be distributed in the newsletter next week.



Next Monday, we have a special guest at the assembly. Peter Hemphill, the Mayor of the City of Hobsons Bay will be here to present a cheque for \$500 to our students. It is in recognition of the promised partnership between the City of Hobsons Bay and the school to continue to save water and encourage others to do the same. The funds are going to be used to purchase water saving plants and the expertise of a gardener. The plants will be placed across the front of the school.

Also at the assembly, we will be presenting two Year 6 students with their prize from the "1000 Bikes Student Leadership Reward Program." This program is linked to the Ride2School Program and is part of the Victorian Government's "Go For Your Life" strategy. Both students will receive bikes which we hope they will be able to ride for many years to come.

Following the assembly, there will be a morning tea in the staffroom. If you have some time afterwards, please stay and enjoy a cuppa with us.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone, especially our fete coordinators, committee and helpers!

Cheers!

***Annia Dear
Principal***

Food for thought: "Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing until it gets there."

• Spotty Calendar •

Monday 2nd November
• Spotty Cup

Tuesday 3rd November
• Melbourne Cup Day
(Public Holiday)

Thursday 12th November

- Vintage Games Day
(Grades 3 & 4)

Friday 13th November

- Lawn Bowls Round Robin
(Grade 5 & 6) *

Friday 17th November

- School Council meeting
(6.30pm)

Monday 23rd November

- 2010 Prep Parent Information Night
(7pm)

Tuesday 24th November

- 2010 Prep Orientation Program –
Session 1 (9.15am – 11.00am)

Tuesday 1st December

- 2010 Prep Orientation Program –
Session 2 (9.15am – 11.00am)

Tuesday 8th December

- 2010 Prep Orientation Program –
Session 3 (9.15am – 11.00am)
- Year 6 Orientation Day at
Secondary Schools

Tuesday 15th December

- End of Year Bush Dance
(6.30pm)

Friday 18th December

- Last Day of School Year
Dismissal 1.30pm

Congratulations!!



Congratulations to the following students who received **Merit**

Certificates at assembly this week:

- Nicholas Petkov-Gration ..Prep K
- Ashley Brockton.....Prep K
- Michael Reid 1/2N
- Skye Window 1/2N
- Aya El-Hussein..... 1/2M
- Ellouise Dobinson 1/2M
- Daniel Budge-Welsh 5/6V
- Josh Matty 5/6V
- Elizabeth Johnstone 5/6V
- Nick Young 5/6H

Rebel Maddocks-Roe.....5/6H

Ella Rigney 3/4J

Natalie Brockton..... 3/4J



Radio 3659

Readers Radio

Thank you to this week's readers:

Monday – **Brandon Eddleston & Chris Gioftsidis** (5/6H) read *'Mr Daydream'*.

Wednesday – **Ella Rigney & Illyana Cressy** (3/4J) read *'I Can'*.

Friday – **Courtney Elliott** (5/6V) read *'Rosie's Really a Country Dog'*.

Shea Rutzou

D.J. Announcer Radio 3659

Happy Birthday!!



Happy Birthday To:

Chris Richmond

Zac Stanford

Zak Nasser

Bush Dance

Remember to keep Tuesday 15th of December free! This is the evening of our Bush Dance!!

Congratulations to the Fete Winners!!

Raffle

Winners of the raffle are:

1st Prize-\$150 Family Pass for Ice skating from **Wonderland Park** – **Jeanie Kane**

2nd Prize-\$100 Voucher from **Marks Bros, Williamstown** – **Tanya Keys**

3rd Prize-\$100 Voucher from **Altona Gate Shopping Centre** – **Lynden Kane**

4th Prize-Clock Radio with iPod docking station-**Marks Bros** – **Fawcett Family**

5th Prize-\$89 Voucher for a Facial donated by **Clay** – **Alan Barrett**

6th Prize- Small clock radio with iPod docking station from **Marks Bros, Williamstown** – **Michelle McIver**

Photography Competition

Congratulations to all students who entered the photography competition, the photos were fantastic.

Sarah Brady, Liam Greilach, Emma Greilach, Jasmine Briggs, Luke Burns, Skye Window and Aylish Brady received *Highly Commended* awards.

The winners were:

Angus Raiskums Prep-2

Amelia Fawcett 3/4

Mitchell Fraser 5/6

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The 2009 school Fete held last Sunday was an amazing success. We would like to thank everyone for their involvement, hard work and support. We will do our best to include everyone in the following paragraphs and we apologise for anyone who is unintentionally left out.

Please let us know and we will recognise their contribution in next week's newsletter.

To the ever faithful core group of people who have been meeting through the year to plan for the Fete, Karen Burns, Jo Boyd, Joyce Fraser, Helen Penrose, Robyn Window, Alison Riley and David Greilach. The meetings were lots of fun with much hilarity at times.

Thank you to all those people who found the time to come to the school the day before to clean up and get ready for the Fete. There is always an endless list of jobs and these are crucial to success of the fete.

Thank you to South Kingsville Community Centre and Sacred Heart Primary School who helped us out with extra trestles. Rosie Buck, Paul Cairns, Robyn Window & Jo Boyd collected and returned the trestles to their destinations.

A big thank-you all of the staff for their support.

Annia came to the working bee on Saturday and was at the school bright and early Fete day. She was our MC for the day and did a great job.

Once again Sandra Ristic-Keena and Trav Keena ran the sausage sizzle. You really do a fantastic job and it always seems to be constantly busy!!!! The staff that helped out were Vince Cafra, Alex Tsoukas, Joel Paton and Ashleigh Cantwell. We have included all of Sandra's helpers under the sausage sizzle heading.

Helen Hardy did a great job co-ordinating the groceries and the chocolate throw with help from Lee-ann Jackson and Julie Kha.

Anne Neenan's job this year was helping Sharon in the office with the floats, collecting money and counting all the money at the end of the day.

Thanks also to Melanie Voigt for all your support and help leading up to the Fete and for coming to the working bee all day the week before the Fete. She also organised some of the outside stalls.

Joel Paton and Ashleigh Cantwell worked all day, firstly on the mini golf and then helping Sandra on the sausage sizzle.

A huge thank you to Sharon for organising all of the floats and counting the money and her patience throughout the year, dealing with many interruptions and questions. Also her amazing computer skills and typing up items to go into the newsletter each week.

A huge thank-you to all stall co-ordinators, many of you who stayed at their stall all day working hard. A lot of work went into organising these stalls leading up to the Fete and then on the day.

This is a list of stalls, co-ordinators and helpers we would like to thank.

2nd Hand Books

Every year Cathy Maddocks and Cathy Delmenico sort through hundreds of books, putting them into various categories to sell on Fete day. It is always great to see so many people purchasing books. Their helpers were Alan & Fiona Barrett, Darren Kane and Michelle Mann.

Security

Paul Robinson and Martyn Owen handled the car parking

at ABB and were on hand during the Fete making sure things went smoothly. Thanks to Paul Cairns for standing on the gate prior to the opening.

Groceries

Thanks Helen for sorting and pricing all the groceries as well as helping the student council organise the chocolate throw, which is always so popular with the kids. Helen was helped during the day by Julie Kha and Lee-ann Jackson.

Showbags

Helen Penrose did a fantastic job co-ordinating the Showbags and searched the internet for novelty items for the children to enjoy. She also created an amazing board with the contents. Robert Raiskums lending a helping hand getting the stall organised on the morning of the Fete.

It was so nice to see Lauri Wearne, returning to the school to work on the Showbag stall for a couple of hours. There were also other helpers on the day which included Alison Riley, Aylish & Sarah Brady, Tess Holland, Gayle Elliott and Rosie Buck.

And a big thank-you to all of the people who helped pack the Showbags the week before the Fete. Thank you also to many of our sponsors who donated items for the Showbags.

Auction

Helen also organised the auction, co-ordinating the items and writing the program. She organised the cricket bat which was signed by the Victorian Cricket team.

A very special thank you to Mr Mac for returning to our school to be our auctioneer on the stage. He did a wonderful job.

We had many fantastic items which were enjoyed by the winning bidders.

Guess The Cake Weight

Angus Raiskums's grandmother Patricia Penrose baked the amazing fruit cake. Thank you Patricia for your great idea and working so hard on the stall all day. The winner of the competition was Catherine Waterhouse who guessed 3.25kgs. The actual cake weight was 3.31kgs. Patricia was also helped during the day by Judith Penrose and Dave Rodda.

Face Painting

What an incredible job the girls did on the face painting! It's amazing to think that their skills were learned through a series of classes earlier in the year. Alison Riley, Angela Boquest and Karen Burns worked hard all day. There was always a long line of eager children waiting for their faces to be transformed and they were delighted at the result.

Thank you also to Momo and Louise Wyrsh and Holly Comrie for doing the Hairspray.

Cake Stall

Thank you to Tracy Skinns, Rosie Buck and Nicole Dunham for organising the cake stall. It is such a highlight of the Fete each year with so many delicious sweets on offer. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, slices, biscuits, etc and donated them to the stall.

Also a huge thank you to David Greilach for his incredible variety of jams, chutneys and sauces which proved to be extremely popular.

Thank you to the cake stall helpers too – Molly Dunham and Phoebe and Max Skinns.

Mini Golf

A very special thank you to Matthew Nott and Robyn Window (Skye's Mum & Dad) for building the Mini Golf Course for the school.

Thank you to Joel Paton, Ashleigh Cantwell and Ossie Hylton for helping with the mini golf.

Afternoon Tea

Irene Tupper was the co-ordinator of the Afternoon Tea. She came into the school on Saturday to get organised and washed all the cups and saucers. She baked all the scones and even baked some on the morning of the Fete to entice visitors into the multi purpose room.

Thank you to Kim Fox and Marion Robins for their fantastic help during the day. They also prepared the after Fete snacks.

Thank you to Effie for her generous donations for the cake stall and afternoon tea.

2nd Hand Toys

Graham and Lara once again took care of all the 2nd hand toys. Thank you to everyone who carried items out to their stall. It was greatly appreciated by Graham and Lara. Other helpers included Rowan Sekhon, Penny Stathopoulou and John & Adele (Lara's parents).

Sponsors

Graham and Lara also took on the huge job of obtaining sponsorship. It was a difficult year with many businesses unable to donate. Graham and Lara worked tirelessly in the community obtaining many wonderful prizes from local businesses.

They visited many businesses personally to ask for a donation and were rewarded with some great items, many of which were used for the spinning wheel and raffle. It really is a hard task to take on and they, with the help of Mark McHugh, did a fantastic job.

Please show your support to our local businesses wherever possible.

Drinks

Thanks to Mark McHugh for his hard work setting up the stall and with the help of Michelle Pitcher ensuring the stall ran smoothly.

They were helped during the day by Kyla Hamilton and Terri Dobinson.

Gourmet Food

The gourmet food was looked after by Jo Boyd's parents Judy and Mal McDonald. They really enjoy their time selling all the produce which included some wonderful organic fruit and vegetable produce which was donated by Replenish Healthfoods in Williamstown.

Please be sure to mention our gratitude the next time you are visiting their shop in Douglas Parade.

Thanks also to Jason Boyd for his assistance setting up the stall.

History Stall

Thank you to Julie Taylor for organising the information for the History Stall. The display looked fantastic. Come along and see a collection of photos in the display cabinet in the courtyard.

Thank you also to Jenny Fenton, Yvonne Davidson, Katherine Blakemore and

Alison Riley for their help with this stall.

Badge Making

Hayley Laming did a wonderful job organising the badge making. Emma helped with some of the designs. Many kids proudly wore their creations during the day. Hayley was helped during the day by Sue Wilson.

Cup Cakes

Stav and Marea Mavridis baked and decorated all the cupcakes themselves. Your stall always looks gorgeous and is very popular always selling out before the end of the day.

Spinning Wheel

A huge thank you to Paul Cairns Michael Johnstone, Phil Buck and Craig Perkins for working on the spinning wheel. They all did a fantastic job and were very entertaining.

Tarot Readings

Janet Albury worked tirelessly all day giving tarot readings. Thanks for working so hard Janet.

Coffee Cart

Once again David Greilach and Kate Roberts didn't seem to stop all day making fantastic coffee. Special thanks to Howard Cairns for organising the coffee cart and Dimattina Coffee for lending us the coffee cart and donating all the coffee. Thanks David for doing such a great job on the auction at the end of the day. You are right, you will be asked to do it all the time!

Wine Tasting

Thanks to Jeff and Chrissie Raymond for being so relaxed and organising the wine. Thanks to Emma Agnew for helping.

Lucky Dips

It must have felt like Christmas in Nicole Harrison's house wrapping all the lucky dips. Thank you to Katherine Blakemore for her help wrapping and Jason Harrison for setting up and working on the stall.

White Elephant

The white elephant is an exhausting job. Thanks to Margot Anderson and Howard Cairns for co-ordinating and organising the stall. Nikki Dunham also helped out on Saturday, pricing and moving items into the courtyard. Thank you to everyone who helped move items on Saturday and Sunday morning. There were many children carrying things out to the stall. Thanks also to Susan Cairns for jumping in and helping to set up.

2nd Hand Clothes

Anna Fawcett did an incredible job sorting through all the clothes and putting them onto hangers and into categories to sell. Lots of people would have gone home with many bargains. She did a lot of work prior to the Fete and had many helpers – Amelia and John Fawcett, Leanne Kane, Alison Riley, Christine Barone, Sally McGregor, Sara Powell, Kerri Northey and Gill Wombwell.

Plants

Lisa Wroblewski on the plant stall was able to find plants from our local nurseries. She really did herself proud. It has been another difficult year for plant sales at nurseries; Lisa really did an outstanding job. The variety and display was fabulous.

Thank you to all the families who donated plants to the stall.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Lisa's helpers were Joscelyn Edmonds and Judy McDonald.

Craft

Once again Joyce's craft stall was stunning. She has been working throughout the year to make beautiful hand crafted items. This year she made Christmas ornaments hand stitched with the children's designs.

Thank you Joyce for your amazing work throughout the year, you just see something that must be done and you do it. Thank you for dealing with all the collection days and for you nothing seems too much trouble.

Joyce's helpers were Piers Fraser and Judy McDonald.

Office Admin

Thank you to Sharon Morassi, Anne Neenan and Shelly Scarbrough for counting all the money.

Food – Koftas

Not only did Karen Burns help to organise the Fete she co-ordinated the Koftas stall with her mum Heather Juniper. This year's Koftas were supplied by Cedar Café and sold out before the end of the day. Thank you to all the hard working people who helped out on the stall during the day - Brett Blakemore, Robert Raiskums, Mersina Owen, Sue Johnstone, Gayle Elliott, Tom Buck, Jack Cairns, Henry Monahan and Tom Johnstone.

Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to Sandra Ristic-Keena and Trav Keena for your tireless work organising the sausage sizzle. Thank you to Robyn Window for cutting up

10kg of onions and to everyone who worked hard on the stall throughout the day. Sandra and Trav's helpers were Robyn Window, Magan Ristic-Keena, Craig Skinns, Dean King, Shelly Scarbrough, Laura Rouhan, Ashleigh Cantwell, Leanne Kane, Rob Gratton, Gayle Elliott, Vince Cafra, Alex Tsoukas and Joel Paton.

Ride Tickets

Lana Mokdsi and Susan Cairns spent the morning putting on wristbands and selling tickets to excited children, who were all looking forward to having a go on the rides.

Lana seemed to spend most of her time working on the stall. Thanks to the other helpers - Rowena Schebeci and Gill Wombwell.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to Jo Boyd for organising the raffle and to Sue and Libby Johnstone for setting up and selling tickets on the stall. Other helpers during the day included Rosslyn Pearce and Deb Mountjoy.

And thank you to Nathan Budge-Welsh for selling so many raffle tickets.

Set-Up Team

Once again thank you to all the dad's who came very early on Sunday morning, setting up trestles, marquees etc and helping co-ordinators with their stalls. A lot of these dads have done this every year and don't even need to be told what to do. It is a huge help. Thank you to Darren Kane, Craig & Max Skinns, Piers Fraser, Stu Stanford, Alan Barrett, John Fawcett, Jason Dunham, Craig Perkins, Michael Johnstone, Tom, Cam, Max & Will Buck, Jordan Boyd and Chris Perkins.

Chocolate Throw

Thanks to the Primary Council for another successful chocolate throw. The helpers were Emily Morassi, Angus Raiskums, Claire & Leo Frescos, Jeanie Kane, Courtney Elliott, Chris Richmond, Skye Window, Zane Harrison, Maria Tsapa & Molly Dunham.

Fairy Floss & Snow Cones

Jo and Henry Monahan once again were outstanding serving snow cones and fairy floss. Jo is an ex-parent of the school and was more than happy to come back and work on the stall all day. She was covered in Fairy Floss at the end of the Fete. Great commitment by not only current families at the school, but past as well. You can't beat that as a compliment to the school.

We also had a number of past students working on the stall and a big thank you to Tom Buck, Jack Cairns, Tom Johnstone and Henry Monahan. Jo had many helpers during the day which included Alan Monahan, Kerry Hylton, Tom Buck, Jack Cairns, Libby Johnstone, Stella Delmenico, Josh Matty, Hayden Cairns, Alex Mokdsi, Elliot Rosado, Samantha Owen, Olivia Fox, Millie Anderson-Robinson, Madison Scholes and Amelia Fawcett.

Manny The Magician

Thanks to the children who walked around with Manny collecting money for balloons. Manny's helpers were Tyler King, Courtney Elliott, Eliza Diffy and Nadine Maljkovic.

Photography Competition

Joyce organised the photography competition which was on display in the multi-purpose room and brightened

up the afternoon tea. The display was fantastic. Karen and Joyce also had photography sessions with the children at lunch time earlier in the term. Thank you to Sharon Morassi and Terri Dobinson for helping to get cameras for prizes.

Pack Up

Thank you to everyone who picked up, packed up, moved, cleaned, emptied, unplugged, removed, re-arranged, popped, untied, trollyed and closed the Fete at the end of the day. There were many people helping and it was really appreciated.

Thanks also to those people who lent us their trolley – the extra trolleys made it much easier to set up and pack up.

The Entertainment

Thank you to all of our musicians for giving up their time to come and play at the Fete. Once again the music was outstanding. It really creates a wonderful atmosphere at the Fete. This year we had Stuart, the school's guitar teacher playing at the beginning of the morning. Rosie Buck's brother Andy 'Howlin' Wind' was once again mesmerising on the flute. He drove an hour all the way up from the coast to play a set. We really appreciated Michael Stewart, being a past parent coming back to play with his band Newport Convention. His daughter Georgina had such a beautiful voice.

The Blue Cats and their cool jazz was a delight to listen to. Thanks to Manny the Magician for entertaining the kids. The music finished with Howard Cairns and his band who were brilliant. Thank you so much for supporting our school.

The Sound

Thank you Dan Briggs for your amazing work organising the sound microphones, speakers etc for our musicians.

You did an outstanding job all day and your expertise is greatly appreciated.

The Truck

Thanks once again to Phil Buck for lending us the truck for the day. It really is a fantastic stage!!! Thanks for getting up early! Thanks to Max Elliot for picking up and dropping off the Spinning wheel to the Williamstown RSL. Thanks also for the marquee.

Thanks to Brett Blakemore who lent us his large ice box and checked the BBQ's were OK for Fete day.

Student Stalls

It was great to see so many students having their own stalls selling a variety of things from cards, toys colouring books etc.

It was great to see the children enjoying themselves and the community support we received. Well done everyone!!

Jo Boyd and Karen Burns

Fete Questionnaire

We would like some feedback please. This questionnaire has already been distributed to the children at school. We are asking for parents and older brothers and sisters who attended the Fete to fill in their answers. Return the questionnaire to the school as soon as possible please. Thank You for your help.

(No need to put your name)

Age..... (write child or adult if you do not want to put your age)

Did you have fun at the Fete? Yes/No (circle one)

The best thing at the Fete was.....
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The worst thing at the Fete was.....
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Other rides or things the Fete should have.....
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Do you have any suggestions to make the Showbags better.....
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Do you have any other comments about the Fete?