

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

**Term 2 Week 6 : Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2009**

### ***A Message from the School Council President***

Dear Parents and Children,

On behalf of the School Council, it gives me great pleasure to advise that Ms Annia Dear will be returning to her role of Principal of Spotswood Primary School effective the start of Term 3 2009.

I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming Annia back to our School and I know that she is looking forward to catching up with existing parents and children as well as meeting new parents and children in our School community.

Annia's return will ensure our School has a seamless transition with Mr Mac's imminent retirement at the end of Term 2 2009 and, given Annia's experience and knowledge of our School, places us well as we move forward into the future.

Regards,

**Stephen Weller  
Council President  
Spotswood Primary School**



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

Dear Parents,

#### ***Year 3/4 Camp***

The Year 3/4 camp will be held next week from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Sunnystones Camp in Bacchus Marsh is the venue for the camp.

It is an excellent venue with a wide range of interesting activities and it should be a terrific experience for the children. The staff attending the camp will be Lee-ann Jackson, student teacher Elisa Stearman, casual relief teacher Marta Tann, and myself.

#### ***School Photographs***

The school photographs were taken on Tuesday. It is expected that all photographs will be returned to the school for distribution to parents prior to the end of the term.

All parents will be given the opportunity to order photos if they missed out on placing their order on Tuesday. You will also be able to order extra copies for family and friends. All siblings were photographed together and a proof will be sent home to families with a 'no obligation' order form.

### ***Melbourne Water Youth Conference***

The school is once again participating in the Melbourne Water Youth Conference to be held at Etihad Stadium and the Royal Melbourne Zoo on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Riley Cairns, Riley Kane, Cooper Johnstone, Arielle Ditterich, Emma Laming and Andreas Mavridis have been working diligently on a 40 minute presentation to students from across Victoria from both Primary and Secondary schools.



The "Water Savings House" presentation is a very entertaining theatrical

presentation about water conservation.

#### ***Pupil Free Day – Friday 12th June***

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has designated Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June as a statewide Pupil Free Day. On this day staff will be working on mid-year student reports. There is no school for children on this day.

Limited places for child minding will be available on the day from 8.30am to 3.30pm. The Before and After Care program will operate as usual. A separate note was sent home to families yesterday. Please return your form and \$15 per child to the office as soon as possible to reserve your child's place for the day.

Cheers,

**Peter McIver**  
**Principal**

• **Spotty Calendar** •

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

- Grade 3/4 Camp to Sunnystones

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

- Melbourne Water Youth Conference

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

- Winter Sport Round Robin Competition (Grades 3-6)

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

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

- VPSSA Western Zone Cross Country at Brimbank Park

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

- Pupil Free Day

(Teacher Report Writing Day – no children at school)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

- School Council meeting (6.30pm in the Staffroom)

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

- Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

- First Day of Term 3

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

- Spotswood Primary School's Annual Fete

**Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to Bailey Tupper from Prep K for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge!!

At last count Bailey has read 34 books and is still going. Well done Bailey!!

Welcome aboard to the following students who have joined the Challenge this month:



- Tom Barnes
- Bradley Blakemore
- Sarah Brady
- Tom Edmonds
- Luke Gabrielidis
- Ashlea MacCann

Remember to keep adding books to your reading list online whenever you finish a book and start another one.

It's also important to remember the Challenge rules which are:

If you are in:	You must read:	This many must be from the Challenge booklist:
Prep	30 books	20 or more
Year 1	30 books	20 or more
Year 2	30 books	20 or more
Year 3	15 books	10 or more
Year 4	15 books	10 or more
Year 5	15 books	10 or more
Year 6	15 books	10 or more

When you select a book to add to your reading list on the Premier's Reading Challenge website it will show you if the book is a Challenge book or a Choice book.

You can read as many Choice books as you like, but make sure you read the required number of Challenge books as shown above to ensure you meet the Challenge.

It's not too late to join as you have until 31<sup>st</sup> August to finish the Challenge. Keep enjoying those books!!

**Congratulations!**



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

- Sarah Brady..... Prep K
- Nicholas Petkov-Gration.. Prep K
- Lauren Boyd.....1/2N
- Ava Hamilton.....1/2N
- Luke Burns..... 1/2M
- Katarina Boquest..... 1/2M
- Liam Crimmins .....5/6H
- Sam Oden.....5/6H
- Iyavana Wyrsh .....3/4J
- Alice Weller .....3/4J

**Cork Collectors of the Week:**

Skye Window  
(100 corks)

Bradley Blakemore  
(13 corks)



**Happy Birthday!!**



**Happy Birthday To:**  
Samantha Owen  
Chantai Lester  
Scott Fenton

# Mr Mac's Farewell

To All Spotty Parents  
Past & Present

Don't forget to keep **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** free to  
farewell our Mr Mac

**Venue:** Spotswood Football Club

**Time:** 6.30pm →

Yummy food provided and drinks available at the bar.

Lots of laughs and a great fun night for everyone.

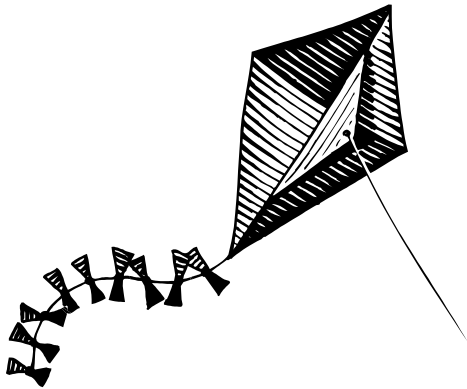
Please come and help us farewell Mac.

(This event is for adults as the children will be involved  
in a celebration at the school)

Any enquires contact Sharon in the office  
or Rosie Buck on 0417 512 272

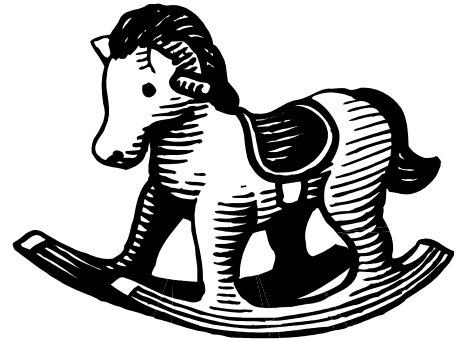
# SPOTSWOOD SCHOOL FETE

Sunday 18th October 2009



## THE NEXT COLLECTION WILL BE FOR TOYS

We will be collecting second hand toys from Monday 1st of June, with the final day being Friday the 5th June. Please send along any new or second hand toys in good condition. We will also accept any donations after these days, as the school holidays may be a good time for a clean out! Goods can be left in the office or arranged to be put into room 10.



## COLLECTION DATES

Toys	Week ending 5th June
Books/CDs etc	Week ending 26th June (last week of term)
Lucky Dips	Week ending 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Groceries	Week ending 14 <sup>th</sup> August
Clothes	To be advised
Plants/ Lemons	Week ending 16 <sup>th</sup> October
White Elephant	Anytime by arrangement

## HELPING OUT ON FETE DAY

Thank you to the families who have returned their volunteer form. We are working on the volunteer timetable and will let everyone know where they will be helping out.

Fete Day can be a very busy time and the more volunteers we have the more enjoyable the Fete will be for everyone. If everyone could work for a couple of hours it means that we all get a break and time to have a look around, have something to eat and enjoy the day. We would really welcome friends and relatives of our school community volunteering to help out for a couple of hours.

## POSTER COMPETITION

We are very close to announcing the winner of the poster competition. Stay tuned!!!

## KNITTED BLANKET

Thank you to everyone who has donated pink squares for the knitted blanket so far. Your efforts have been most appreciated. Keep knitting!!



Thank you.

**Fete Committee**