

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

Term 2 Week 3 : Friday 8th May, 2009

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

I would like to inform the school community that I have notified the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that I shall be retiring at the end of the current term. Discussions have commenced between the School Council and the Department in relation to the position of Principal at Spotswood Primary School and a decision on this appointment will be made before the end of term. During the process, the community will be updated of all outcomes.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended the Mother's Day Breakfast this morning. Special thanks go to Paul Cairns, Max Elliott, Tony Schibeci, Phil Buck, Simon Barnes and the staff who assisted with the breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many mothers, relatives and friends enjoying the breakfast with the children.

Pupil Free Day – Friday 12th June

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has designated Friday 12th 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 will be sent home to families regarding child minding closer to the date.

Robert Murphy Visits School

Western Bulldogs star Robert Murphy visited the school on Wednesday. Spotswood has had a long association with the Bulldogs and is recognised as a Bulldogs Friendly School. Robert indicated that he visits many schools but Spotswood Primary was his favourite school and he always looked forward to visiting our students.

Open Day at Spotswood

Education Week will be held from Sunday 17th May to Saturday 23rd May. As part of Education Week, Spotswood Primary School will hold an Open Day at the school from 12.30pm to 3.30pm on Tuesday 19th May. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend. We invite everyone to have lunch with the children from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

A special school assembly to welcome visitors will be held at 1.30pm and following the assembly everyone is invited to visit the classrooms and activities being held in the afternoon session. Please enter this date in your diaries!

Yarraville District Cross Country

Congratulations to Andreas Mavridis (1st), Nicholas Patterson (3rd), Libby Johnstone (4th), Chris Richmond (5th) and Riley Cairns (6th) for qualifying for the VPSSA Western Zone Cross Country to be held at Brimbank Park on Wednesday 10th June.

Congratulations Andreas and Libby!

Congratulations to Andreas Mavridis for being selected to participate in the final trial for the VPSSA Western Region Soccer Team. This is an excellent effort as there are an extremely large number of students who endeavour to gain selection in this team.



Congratulations also to Libby Johnstone for qualifying for the Regional Netball

Trials to be held at the Altona Sports Stadium on 19th May.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Don't forget that tomorrow some of the Spotswood parents will be working on the BBQ at Bunnings Altona North as a fundraiser for our school. If you're free why not come down and buy a sausage or two!

We are in need of someone to cook sausages between 3pm and 4pm. If you are free please call Karen Burns on 0418 139 650.

Many thanks to Karen Burns and Jo Boyd for organising this fundraiser.

Cheers,
Peter McIver
Principal

• Spotty Calendar •

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

Wednesday 10th June

- VPSSA Western Zone Cross Country at Brimbank Park

Friday 12th June

- Pupil Free Day

(Teacher Report Writing Day – no children at school)

Tuesday 16th June

- School Council meeting (6.30pm in the Staffroom)

Friday 26th June

- Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

Sunday 18th October

- Spotswood Primary School's Annual Fete

School Photos

School Photo Day is Tuesday 26th May. All students received a photo order envelope on Wednesday. Please contact the office if you did not receive an envelope for your child. The envelope and money needs to be sent to school with your child on Photo Day.

All siblings at the school will be photographed together at no charge to the parents. Families will then receive a proof of the sibling photo with a no obligation to purchase order form.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Welcome aboard to the 4 students who have joined the Premier's Reading Challenge this week - Ryan Blackstock, Zane Harrison, Libby Johnstone and Bailey Tupper!

419 books have been registered with the Challenge from the children at our school who are participating and 241 books have been finished!! Well done everyone, keep reading.

Family Life Program Payment Required

Thank you to the families who have paid for their child's participation in the Family Life program. A reminder that the Prep to 2 program is \$10 per child and the Grade 3-6 program is \$15 per child.

Please ensure payment is sent to the school for your child's participation in the program. We have received 81% of payments so far, however we need everyone to pay as Family Life Victoria charge our school for all children to attend.

Happy Birthday!!



Happy Birthday To:
Macgregor Reid

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.

60% of families have paid their Levy so far. Please consider paying your Levy in part or full to assist Spotswood Primary School's programs for 2009.

Mothers Day Stall

We have a few people to thank for organising the Mother's Day stall. Thank you to Alison Brady for purchasing and wrapping all of the Mother's Day gifts. Thank you also to Rosie Buck and Karen Kottek who helped with the stall. Thank you to Katherine Blakemore for baking some beautiful biscuits and thank you to those families who made a donation.

We hope that everyone has a lovely Mother's Day, whether it is spending time with your family or remembering a loved one.

Thanks,
Jo Boyd