Message from the Principal

Dear families,

Class Captains
This week classes have had the very important task of electing their class captains. Many students nominated for class captain and staff would like to congratulate all those who did for their passion for our school and our values. We are also pleased that whilst some students were disappointed, it didn't stop them from genuinely congratulating their peers. I am pleased to announce the following results:

Prep B Rosina Dean & Ewan Scholtes
Prep V Marcus Dermody & Zanthe Panay
1/2R Maddie Brown & Luka Jugovic
1/2KJ Maugan Micolon Hood & Holly Austin
1/2A Siena Boulton & Nicholas Haritos
2/3K Sam Ramus & Excelsior Madden
3A Ella Schubert & Thomas Sheppard
4/5L Nik Savic & Zoë Elliott
6H James Pearce & Kai Bendall

At assembly on Monday we will present these students with their class captain badges. Congratulations to all of these students.

Spotty Families and Friends
Last year our Spotty Families and Friends group co-ordinated a calendar of social and fundraising activities that were both successful and a lot of fun!

The first meeting of our group for 2015 will be held after assembly on Monday 16th February in the library. If you would like to come along and be a part of this year's planning we would love to see you. New faces are very welcome.

Monday's meeting will be an opportunity to meet some new faces, brainstorm ideas for fundraising this year and develop our committee. Please feel very welcome to come along. If you are unable to make it to this first meeting on Monday, there will be other opportunities throughout the year.

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To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Complete order form for Pancake Day (17th February)
- Pay Term 1 keyboard fees
- Pay Books & Resources Levy ($250 full year, $125 half year, $62.50 quarterly)
- Return permission to photograph, head lice & local walk excursion notes (new students in 2015)
Message from the Principal...continued

For those unable to attend day time meetings, we would still appreciate your ideas and input, if you would like to provide your email address we can include you in the minutes distribution and table your ideas at the meeting.

I am unable to attend on Monday but would like to receive emails from the Spotty Families and Friends group.

Name:_________________________________________

Email:_________________________________________

Library helpers - Monday 23rd February
Another opportunity for parents to assist at Spotswood PS is as a library volunteer in our school library. There are many jobs in the library and we value the time our parents dedicate to keep this area organised, tidy and stimulating for classes to visit each week. The actual times can be varied to suit your availability, some tasks can even be taken home, e.g covering books.

On Monday 23rd February after assembly we will be having our first meeting for the year to plan tasks and new helpers are invited to come along and find out more about the library.

Some parents assist with the cataloguing of new books. A representative from Functional Solutions will be holding a training session from 9:30 - 10:30 on this morning about our cataloguing system for anyone who may be interested in assisting with cataloguing.

Staffing
Next week we will welcome Lorraine Ryan to Spotswood Primary School as our new Art teacher. We are excited to have Lorraine join our staff this year and look forward to the program she will be working on with our students. Lorraine will be here on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We will also welcome Di Chambers who joins us as an Education Support staff member. If you see these new faces, please help them feel welcome at Spotty PS.

Parent teacher meetings
This week many parents came along and met with our teachers. Thank you for making time for this, staff appreciate the opportunity to learn a little more about our students. If you were unable to make it this week, please see your child’s teacher to make a time. I would like to thank staff for their commitment to this process at the end of a teaching day.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
Next Tuesday, 17th February, is Shrove Tuesday and we will have freshly made pancakes on sale for the children to buy at recess. The cost per pancake is $2.00 and there will be a choice of maple syrup or lemon and sugar. An order form is attached to this newsletter if you have misplaced the one sent home earlier this week. Please complete it and return it with money to the school by Monday afternoon. We have some parent helpers who have volunteered to help but would love some more. If you are available for an hour or so between 9am and 12 noon to assist with mixing, cooking and cleaning up, please let Sharon in the office know.

Jackie Green
Principal
Skoolbag App … did you know?
Did you know you can advise the school of your child’s absence using the app? Just click on ‘Parent eForms’, then ‘Absentee Form’ and complete the details. Once submitted an email will be sent to the school. The email is then forwarded by the office to your child’s class teacher to notify them of your child’s absence.

To install the Skoolbag app, just search for our school name “Spotswood Primary School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Once installed you will receive the newsletter and updates automatically as they are sent from the school.

Our Skoolbag app has been downloaded 74 times so far. We hope you like it!

Calls to the office on 9391 1323 are also very welcome to notify us of your child’s absence.

Piano and Keyboard Lessons
Private and group piano and keyboard lessons are offered during school hours at Spotswood Primary School. Lessons are 30 minutes duration held on Wednesdays and/or Thursday afternoons. These lessons are available for children in all grades and cater to individual needs. A.M.E.B exam preparation is offered and the opportunity to perform. For more information please contact Sharon in the office or Kerry on 0402 950 315 or email: k-anne-t@hotmail.com

Fees:
Private lesson – $27.00 p.w.
Group lesson (4 or 5 students) - $13.00 p.w.
Lessons are paid by the school term (or by other arrangement with Kerry).

Please see Sharon in the office for enrolment details.

Kerry Trevethan, Keyboard / Piano Teacher

Genesis Music School provides guitar lessons for children in Grades Prep to 6 on a Thursday during school time. Guitar lessons commenced this week and new enrolments are welcome.

Fees:
Group lesson (3 students) - $14.00 p.w.
Shared lesson (2 students) - $20.00 p.w.
Private lesson – $27.00 p.w.
Lessons are paid by the school term.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office or contact Genesis Music School direct on 0421 426 674.
Happy Birthday To –

Finn R
Taj
Ella S
Josh J
Rishi
Luka

Student Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on Monday. This week our awards focused on the value of 'Responsibility':

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<td>being a great listener and following instructions!</td>
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<td>Hafez</td>
<td>helping clean up our classroom without being asked. Well done!</td>
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<td>Prep V</td>
<td>Marcus</td>
<td>following the rules and being helpful</td>
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<td>Emily</td>
<td>organising herself well and for helping at packing up time</td>
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<td>Siena B</td>
<td>taking the initiative to think of ways to challenge herself</td>
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<td>Asher</td>
<td>going that extra step to learn more, by asking questions</td>
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<td>and sharing facts in class</td>
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<td>Anais</td>
<td>using her time wisely and contributing to class discussions</td>
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<td>Maugan</td>
<td>sharing his knowledge and skills with the class</td>
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<td>Maddie</td>
<td>being a caring and helpful friend to her new classmates</td>
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<td>taking great care of our classroom equipment</td>
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<td>Dakoda</td>
<td>making a great start in class</td>
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<td>handing in some lost property</td>
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<td>Zeke</td>
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<td>Elise</td>
<td>for being super organised in the mornings</td>
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<td>Riley</td>
<td>taking care of his classmates and buddy always</td>
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<td>putting the care of her buddy before her own play time</td>
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<td>Paris</td>
<td>being a wonderful Year 6 role model</td>
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<td>Ethan</td>
<td>always helping everybody and considering others</td>
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OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
Hello everyone!
Wow what a great week we have had at Oshclub, it’s been great to see you all again and to welcome our newest Oshclub team members; Julianna, Natasha, Zanthe, Archie, Rosina, Alannah and Layla!

Our theme has been “Love and Friendship week”, we have been celebrating all of the new friendships we are forming at Oshclub and of course Valentine’s Day.

This week’s Oshclub super-star award goes to Julianna, for being a great role model and a SUPER helper. CONGRATULATIONS!

Next week’s theme is all about the Luna new year, the year of the Sheep/Ram....

Next Week's Activities

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Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0423 728 739
Coordinator: Michelle Antoniou
Assistant: Danielle Anthony
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
Pancake Day Next Tuesday

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We would love to have some parent helpers between 9am and 12noon to assist with mixing, cooking and cleaning up. Please let us know if you can help and we will organise a roster.

Pancake Day Roster:

I can help between ______ [time/s] Name:________________

Pancake Order:
Please use the order form below to indicate the number of pancakes (not the topping) for your child to assist us with catering.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: _______

No. of Pancakes: _______ @ $2.00 each

Total Enclosed: $_______

If there are any dietary requirements please indicate here:

__________________________________________________________________________