Message from the Principal

Dear families,

**NO SCHOOL - MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER - PUPIL FREE DAY**

On Monday staff will be at school working on the end of year reports for students. Our leadership team will be working on the development of our new Strategic Plan in the morning. Parents are reminded that OSHClub is available for bookings.

**Prep Transition**

This week we welcomed our excited students who will start prep next year at their first transition session. We were delighted with how well the morning ran, to all our new families, thank you for supporting such a smooth transition. Every year we are reminded how small preps are at the beginning of the year, and just how much they grow and learn in that first year of school. Our 2016 preps will be back again for the next two weeks and are looking forward to meeting their buddies who will support them next year.

**Swimming is over for another year**

Now that the wonderful, intensive swimming program has finished, teachers would appreciate parents checking that children haven’t brought home clothes, towels, goggles etc. from the pool that don’t belong to them. Please check names on uniform and any unfamiliar items can be given to your child’s teacher. There are also quite a few unclaimed items at the office waiting for their owners. If you think that your child may have lost something, please make time to come and have a look in the office.

Thank you!

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Congratulations and Thank You to Anne Poppins

On Monday Anne Poppins was presented with a special 5 years’ service badge for her work as a volunteer at Spotswood P.S. by Sarah Jones from Ed Connect. For the last five years Anne has come into classrooms every week to listen to children read. This year Grade 2/3K has been lucky enough to have Anne’s assistance in their classroom.

Thank you Anne!

Spotty Families & Friends

Our final meeting for this year will be held on Monday 23 November at 2.45 pm in the library (instead of the usual morning time slot).

The aim of the meeting is to discuss and delegate the collection and bundling of donated goods for the Tinsel Party Christmas hamper raffle.

If you are able to help out, please pop along to see what you can do!

Jackie Green
Principal

Reminder to Guitar students

Due to the pupil free day on Monday guitar lessons will be held on Wednesday for next week only. Guitar students are reminded to bring their guitar and music / note books next Wednesday and for each Monday after that for the remainder of the term.

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on Monday:

| Prep V | Zanthe – working hard on her writing goals and for being helpful and happy in the classroom
|        | Greta – working hard on her oxford words and for putting lots of effort into her writing |
| 1/2A   | Charlie – becoming such a mature and responsible role-model in the 1/2A classroom
|        | Li – the focus and effort you have shown in improving yourself as a learner. Great Work! |
| 1/2KJ  | Sava – always being interested and enthusiastic about learning!
|        | Darcy – ‘working tough’ when writing a story about her favourite food and being an awesome swimmer!
|        | Arabella L – being a really good friend in 1/2KJ |
| 1/2R   | Darwin – showing great persistence and problem solving at school and the pool!
|        | Arabella M – being super organised and efficient at the pool! |
Bianca – being such a caring member of our class, always looking out for others. Thank you Bianca!

Niharika – always doing her best and going beyond what is required. Well done Niharika!

Amelie S – showing resilience and completing a difficult task – well done Amelie!

Ella S – your bright smile and always being helpful!

Aimee – a beautifully written snapshot piece composed in her backyard

Nathan – showing great resilience to keep learning even though he is having more vision troubles than Mr Magoo

Ashley – a brilliant piece of descriptive writing

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to:

Shauna
Desi
Thomas T
Kellan

● Spotty Calendar ●

Monday 16th November
Pupil Free Day (no children at school)

Wednesday 18th November
Prep 2016 Transition Session 2
(9.15am-10.45am)

Monday 23rd November
Spotty Friends & Families meeting
(2.45pm)

Wednesday 25th November
Prep 2016 Transition Session 3
(9.15am-10.45am)

Friday 27th November
Prep Excursion to Anakie Fairy Park

Tuesday 1st December
Policy & Curriculum meeting (5.30pm)
Buildings & Grounds meeting (6pm)
Marketing meeting (6.30pm)

● Spotty Calendar ●

Thursday 3rd December
Music Night (6.30pm)

Friday 4th December
ACMI Excursion (2/3K & 3A)

Tuesday 8th December
Year 7 Orientation Day
Finance meeting (5.30pm)
School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Thursday 10th December
Student reports mailed today

Friday 11th December
Year 6 Graduation (6.30pm)

* more details to follow
Basketball Regional Finals

Today our boys’ basketball team played in the Regional Future Stars Tournament at Eagle Stadium in Werribee. Congratulations to James P, Ethan, Josh J, Kai B, Will B, Jayden, Nick P-G, Liam G and Kelly for making it to the Regional Finals after winning the Hobsons Bay District Tournament in June. The team came fourth today - a fantastic effort!