Camp 2015
I am back at school this morning after a wonderful day and night down at Phillip Island with our 73 year 3-6 campers. We were incredibly lucky with the weather, the only rainy patches seemed to occur when it was bed time or when we were inside eating lunch. This meant that all our activities could go ahead as planned.
Yesterday included activities like the giant swing, the flying fox, canoeing, raft building and archery. It was great to see the children supporting each other and working in teams to really try their best and have a go at some challenging experiences. Over the page are a few photos from my day, I’m sure the students will have plenty to share in next week’s newsletter for us.
I would like to congratulate our students on their behaviour and attitude during camp. I know the staff found it was a pleasure to share the experience with you and see you really enjoying yourselves.
And to our staff, thank you for making camp a safe and fun 3 days for our students. I hope you all enjoy a good rest on the weekend back in your own beds!

Pyjama day and an apology
Today was pyjama day for our preps. I checked in a few times during the day to make sure no one was sleeping, but luckily they were working hard.
This morning I quickly became aware that there was some confusion and we had published the wrong information in the newsletter. It did say P-2 pyjama day and understandably there were a few 1/2 students who arrived in pyjamas. I am very sorry we didn’t communicate the change more clearly and that there was some confusion for families.

Book Week
There is a dress up day on the horizon! Friday 28th of August will be our Book Week dress up day. A Book Week highlight, the students come dressed as a favourite book character. The parade begins at 9.20am on the basketball court (weather permitting). Parents are very welcome to come and watch.
Phillip Island - 2015

Jackie Green
Principal
Premiers Reading Challenge  
Where Will Your Next Reading Adventure Take You?

This week 4 students completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Harper (1/2KJ), Zoe B (2/3K), Kei W (3A) and Nathan (4/5L).

Lucie read 30 books including ‘Noni the Pony’ by Alison Lester and ‘Olivia and the Missing Toy’ by Ian Falconer. Lucie’s favourite book was ‘Ouch’ by Ragnhild Scamell.

Harper read 31 books including ‘I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!’ by Dr Seuss and ‘I Want a Cat’ by Tony Ross.

Zoe read 30 books including ‘Thea Stilton and the Ghost of the Shipwreck’ by Thea Stilton and ‘Through the Mirror’ by G.M. Berrow.

Kei read 38 books including ‘Tomb of Doom’ by H.I. Larry and ‘Where’s the Gold?’ by Pamela Allen.

Nathan read 15 books including ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’ by Andy Griffiths and ‘The Hobbit’ by J.R.R. Tolkien.

This week’s Reading Challenge update:

- 98 students completed
- 3,437 books listed
- 3,270 books finished

The Challenge continues until September 11th.

Happy Birthday To –

Elise
Tristan
Lily F

✦ Spotty Calendar ✦

Friday 21st August
District Athletics Carnival

Monday 24th – Friday 28th August
Book Week *
Fete Collection – Second-hand Adult Clothes

Tuesday 8th September
Pupil Free day – bookings available through OSHClub

Monday 7th – Friday 11th September
Fete Collection – Lucky Jars

Friday 23rd October
Fete – Spotty Carnival (3.30pm-8pm)

* more details to follow
1/2C class News
Using Arrays to Explore Numbers

During numeracy this week, students in 1/2A have been learning about Arrays. Arrays are useful models for multiplication which can be used in a variety of ways to help students investigate multiplication.

An array is formed by arranging a set of objects into rows and columns, each consisting of equal amounts. Below is an example of the number 12, organised into an array of 4 equal rows of 3 objects.

Arrays can be used for building multiplication facts in a meaningful way aiding students to understand how these facts are derived. This representation not only assists in understanding the process of multiplication, but provides a visual image for children to draw upon as they begin to use and consolidate their basic number facts.

“To make an array you need equal groups of rows and columns.“
-Siena.

“Arrays have to have rows and columns.“ -Jayvier

“Arrays help to skip count numbers.“
-Nicholas.
Raffle Tickets
A reminder that raffle tickets are available from the office to help Connor with his trip to Adelaide as part of the State School Victoria Softball Team. Tickets are $2 each and first prize is a Suzuki Swift GL Auto valued at $22,727.55 (includes on road costs).

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

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<th>Evelyn - working hard on her writing goals and always having a go. Great work! Julianna - using a wide range of strategies when reading unfamiliar words. Well done!</th>
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<td>Emily - working hard at her spelling which is leading to wonderful results Finn - designing a great setting for our narrative writing.</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Wes - all the extra effort and hard work you’ve been putting in at school. It has shown in all aspect of your work. Keep up the great work! Anupam - such an excellent start to Spotswood Primary School. Your bubbly personality and positive attitude is a great addition to the 1/2A classroom.</td>
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<td>1/2KJ</td>
<td>Hiba – learning cents are silver and beginning to skip count using 10 cents and 5 cents. Dash – sharing your knowledge about geography and your contribution to class discussions have been awesome!</td>
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<td>Maddie – the great effort you have put into you Italy poster and homework. Olive – always going above and beyond with your weekly homework task.</td>
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<td>2/3K</td>
<td>Shauna – all the effort and enthusiasm you have put into the writing of your narrative. Zoe – the dedication and excitement you have shown regarding writing your own narrative.</td>
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<td>6H</td>
<td>Kelly – being a valuable member of 6H who relates very well to his peers. Ethan – being an all-round nice guy who exemplifies the Spotswood values.</td>
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Book Fair
The Book Fair will run from 31st August, each morning & afternoon, throughout the week in the library. It provides a fantastic opportunity to browse new books & purchase; so plan ahead for birthday or Christmas presents, all funds raised go to the school. The teachers will also have a chance to look & put up a wish list for their classroom libraries (families may wish to donate). A roster has been put up in the office, if you are available to assist with covering a shift or help setting up, please add your name (or contact Emma Peel 0406 002618).
Story session for families

Families are invited to attend an encore book sharing session following our very own book launch!

Students have spent time developing ideas, writing, editing and publishing their very own stories and we would love you to come along and share their wonderful work! As previously advertised, we will hold our book launch on Tuesday 25\textsuperscript{th} August between 3:00 – 3:30 in classrooms. Families are very welcome to attend.

We are delighted to also host an evening session between 5:30 – 6:30pm on Monday 31\textsuperscript{st} August and would like to welcome you along to this event. It will be held in the senior school building and the event will be featured in a live weather cross hosted by Mike Larkin for channel 10. This is an exciting opportunity for our school and we would love to have you join us.

Plant Stall

Could people please donate old seedling trays, pots and containers for the garden club to grow seedlings for the Fete. We welcome any donations of cuttings from your garden too, contact Dominique d_hes@hotmail.com

Spotty Footy Tipping Competition 2015

Leaderboard after Round 18:

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\* For the first match of each round, you must predict the winning margin. Your margin gets added up throughout the season and is used to separate tippers who have the same score.

Are you tipping the favourites or maybe going for an upset? Anything goes at this point of the season. Good luck for the next round which starts tonight with the Tigers taking on the Crows at Adelaide Oval. Thanks, Lisa (mum of Wes in 1/2A).