SCHOOL PHOTOS

Spotswood Primary School students (and staff!) were looking sensational this morning! I could see that lots of people had made an extra effort with their hair or uniform today and we are sure that the photos will look fantastic. The photos will be delivered to school later this term and distributed to students to bring home.

SCHOOL CHOIR

Sharon and I held our first rehearsal with our new choir yesterday and we were delighted to have so many enthusiastic singers along. We have 57 students from Prep - year 6! They were sounding fantastic yesterday and we are planning to get started by learning a variety of songs together over the next few weeks.

PREP 2015 INFORMATION NIGHT

We had a great turn out at our information night this week. It is always lovely to be able to showcase our school and share information about our community here at Spotswood Primary School. I would like to make special mention of our school leaders who helped out also on the night. Maria and Ryan delivered a confident and comprehensive speech about their experiences at Spotswood and Will M and Ripley did a wonderful job at the ‘meet and greet’ table.

We are continuing to host families as they tour the school as part of their decision making process. If you know of families looking to start school next year who may have missed the night, please encourage them to give us a call and make a time to come and see our lovely school.

NAPLAN

This week our students in year 3 and 5 participated in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. All students across Australia in year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will have participated at the same time. We were pleased to see our students doing their best with the tasks over the week. Reports will be sent to families later in the year.

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To Do

- RSVP for Working Bee
- Donation for Cake Stall at Re-Use It Baby Market
- Permission note and $26 for Animal Land Farm excursion (Grades Prep to 2)
- Permission note and $22 for Melbourne Zoo excursion (Grade 5/6L & 5/6P)
- Permission note and $36 for Healesville Sanctuary excursion (Grade 3/4H)
- Permission note and $11 for Soccer Tournament (24 students in Grades 5 & 6)
- Complete and return Year 7 Secondary School preference form (Grade 6 students)
- Pay Term 2 Books & Resources Levy ($62.50 if paying each term)
- Pay Term 2 keyboard fees
BIG PILES OF DIRT!
You may have noticed that we have been collecting big piles of dirt on the oval. This is all part of a long term plan to develop an environmental trail around the school with a variety of garden spaces along the way. We are going to use the dirt to create contours and undulating sections for the path to meander through, giving the school a ‘garden hug’ whilst still maintaining a large oval space for sports. Once shaped, the dirt piles will be top dressed, planted and mulched creating a lovely space around the school. In the meantime we have asked children to stay off the dirt as it is quite ‘sticky’, (very clay based). It would be appreciated if you could help reinforce this at home and remind children that the rule applies after school as well!

WORKING BEE RSVP
Our first Working Bee for the year will be held on Sunday 25th May between 9am until 1pm. Some of the tasks to be completed on this day are:

- Digging holes for a fence around our succulent garden and frog pond (we are planning to hire a post hole digger for this job)
- Concreting in sleepers for fence
- Constructing a fence (Bunnings flat pack style) around the frog pond.
- Moving dirt to these garden areas
- Planting 8 gum trees around boundary (digging, filling, planting)
- Putting in some plant guards around our vulnerable plants
- Weeding
- Mulching

We do have some garden supplies at school however it would be great if you could bring your own:

- Shovel, gloves, crowbar, wheelbarrow, weeding tools

Any help on the day would be greatly appreciated. If you can spare an hour or so please complete the RSVP below. Lunch is provided at the end.

Working Bee – Sunday 25th May 2014

Family Name: _____________________________

I/we can attend the Working Bee on Sunday 25th May.

No. of Adults _________  No. of Children________

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**MOTHER’S DAY**

Thank you again to Katherine Blakemore and her team for providing such a lovely range of gifts for the Mother’s Day stall last Friday. The stall made a profit of $504.00.

*Jackie Green*
*Principal*

**Spotty Calendar**

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* More details to follow

**Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

This week 5 students completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to Madeleine Brown, Wes Catania and Amelie Miller from 1/2R, Thomas Simpson from P/1K and Charlie Francis from Prep V.

Madeleine read 30 books including ‘Peggy’ by Anna Walker and ‘The Perfect Present’ by Sally Rippin.


Amelie read 30 books including ‘The Cubby House’ by Ursula Dubosarsky and ‘Fuzz the Famous Fly’ by Emily Rodda.

Thomas read 35 books including ‘The Worry Monsters’ by Sally Rippin and ‘Just Kidding’ by Andy Griffiths.


This week’s Reading Challenge update:

- 17 students completed
- 1,303 books listed
- 1,037 books finished

Some of the favourite books read by our students are – ‘Percy Jackson and the Titan’s Curse’ by Rick Riordan, ‘Grannysaurus Rex’ by Tony Wilson and ‘Uno’s Garden’ by Graeme Base.

Some of the books given 5 stars by our students are – ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl, ‘King Pig’ by Nick Bland, ‘You’re All My Favourites’ by Sam McBratney and ‘Just One More’ by Mark MacLeod.

**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on the 12th of May:

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<td>Abby - for making fantastic progress in her speaking and listening skills Olive - her positive approach to school and giving a creative touch to all aspects of her work</td>
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Prep 1K
Indira - her contributions to our inquiry topic ‘Home Sweet Home’
Cai - always participating in our classroom discussions

1/2R
Cath - great discussion and problem solving when reading
Thomas T - his excellent ideas for our information report about sharks

1/2A
Phineas - giving tunnel ball a go even when he was apprehensive about it
Jake - taking on extra responsibilities and becoming a positive role model in the 1/2A classroom

3/4H
Charlie - his care and compassion he shows towards other students. He knows how to be a good friend
Riley - his sweet, caring nature. He treats everyone so beautifully. You’re just a great guy Riley!
Izayah - his desire to learn and understand all concepts. He is a valued member of 3/4H

5/6P
James - applying himself in the classroom and producing his best work all week
Jasmine - working very hard and earning two silver certificates in Mathletics

5/6L
Josh - hitting the ground running with his learning to start Term 2 showing great focus & effort.
Will M - constantly giving his teacher reasons to smile through his sense of humour & fine work

Happy Birthday To –

Jaxon
Natasha

Spotty Footy Tipping Competition

Leaderboard (after Round 8):

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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 still tempted to join? Taking new entries up to Round 10. For the rounds you have missed, you get the away team wins. Round 9 started last night with the Crows beating the Magpies.

We still have some online registrations with no payment, and some payment forms with no online registration…so please register or submit your payment to Sharon. Thanks!

For more information (information flyer and payment form), see Sharon or contact me via the office.

Thanks, Lisa Catania
House Games

Today we launched the first of our House Games with all children meeting on the oval prior to lunchtime for a game of Tunnel Ball. These events will be held every two weeks with our big event, our School House Sports Day, to be held at the Newport Athletics Track on Friday 18th July.

Today the Blue Team was victorious and will receive the first trophy of the year. Well done Blue Team!!

OSHClub News

Before School / After School Care Program

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<td>Wow what a great week we have had at Oshclub. The Science Fiction week has been a blast!</td>
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<td>This week’s Oshclub super-star award goes to Harper! Harper has shown such amazing creative abilities and he always persists to finish what he starts. CONGRATULATIONS!</td>
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<td>Oshclub is once again holding it’s <strong>BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA</strong> for the cancer council</td>
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<td>Tickets are $5.00 this includes 2 scones, jam/cream and a cup of tea/lemonade :0)</td>
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Coordinator: Michelle Antoniou  
Assistants: Danielle Anthony  
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

Spotswood Primary School Phone: 9391 1323 www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au
Join us for High Tea

Join us at Oshclub for a delicious high tea as we participate in Australia's biggest “morning” tea in support of the Cancer Council.

100% of proceeds go to the Cancer Council

Thursday 22\textsuperscript{rd} May 4:00 pm onwards

Menu

English breakfast tea & sparkling lemonade
Scones with Jam & cream

Tickets Just $5.00 All are welcome

Bookings and pre-payment are essential please see Oshclub staff or call 0423 728 739 by Tuesday 20/05/14