Message from the Principal

Dear families,

I am writing the newsletter from my office this morning and watching the rain fall outside, just the way it was at the start of the week. It has certainly been a cold start to the term! Welcome back! There is a lot to look forward to this term, please see the attached calendar for an overview of the term.

Garden Plan

Also attached to the newsletter today is a concept plan for the garden areas around the oval. I would like to thank Brittany Miller, Amelie and Caterina’s mum, for preparing this for us. It helps to give an idea of where we are headed with future landscaping for these areas. This term work will commence on the area along McLister Street with the ‘Sonic Cubbies’ project funded by Arts Victoria. We will also be working on the large mound along the Reed Street side of the school thanks to our fundraising efforts last term. It will be exciting to watch these areas take shape over the coming weeks! Our fundraising efforts will also go towards installing the last part of our fence along Reed Street.

You may have also seen that some infill planting has been done in the garden area near the water tank. I would like to thank the Hobsons Bay Council for the plants and plant guards they donated for this area, also to Andrew from Council for coming along and guiding a group of parent volunteers who planted this area on the last day of term. Thank you Rachel (Daniel’s mum) for coordinating with Council and organising this mini working bee. It looks great!

Bunnings BBQ

On the first day of the holidays we had a very successful Bunnings BBQ at the Altona Bunnings store. Many sausages were sold throughout the day and after all expenses were accounted for, the efforts raised a total of $1,657.00. I would like to thank all parents who worked on the stall that day. I heard the 11:00 - 1:00 shift was a very busy one! Thank you to Lucy Francis, Charlie and Molly’s mum, who did a great job coordinating this fundraising event.

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Movie Night
Also last term we had a terrific response to our Movie Night. Attending in a colourful variety of pyjamas were many children and families, and the ‘theatres’ were buzzing with excitement. A big thank you to the team of parents who ran this event, for their incredibly efficient snack shop organisation, and for cleaning everything up at the end of the night. I’ve never seen so much popcorn debris disappear so quickly! The Movie Night made a profit of $2,000.00.

Re-Use-It Baby Market Cake Stall
We would like to remind everyone that there will be cakes for sale at The Substation this Sunday between 9am and 1pm so if you are in the area pop past and grab some goodies.

Our School Review
2015 is a review year for Spotswood Primary. A separate note is included with the newsletter to show how you can participate!

Jackie Green
Principal

Premiers Reading Challenge
Where Will Your Next Reading Adventure Take You?
This week 5 students completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Josh H (Prep B), Max I (1/2A), Jack (1/2KJ), Ella T (1/2R) and Lily F (4/5L).

Josh read 31 books including ‘Spot Visits his Grandparents’ by Eric Hill and ‘I Went Walking’ by Sue Machin.

Max read 36 books including ‘The Chimpanzees of Happytown’ by Giles Andreae and ‘The Box Boy’ by Mal Webster. Max’s favourite book was ‘The Flower’ by John Light.

Jack read 30 books including ‘Little Beauty’ by Anthony Browne and ‘The Winning Goal’ by Sally Rippin.

Ella read 30 books including ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl and ‘Ella and Olivia Spelling Superstar’ by Yvette Poshoglian. Ella’s favourite book was ‘Treasure Hunt’ by Sally Rippin.

Lily read 18 books including ‘Camp Chaos’ by Meredith Badger and ‘Matilda’ by Roald Dahl.

This week’s Reading Challenge update:

87 students completed
3,313 books listed
3,082 books finished

Who will be the 100th student to finish?

Some of the books voted as favourites by our students are ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’ by Andy Griffiths, ‘Diary of a Wombat’ by Jackie French, ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ by Roald Dahl, ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’ by Drew Daywall, ‘Hairy Maclary’s Bone’ by Lynley Dodd and ‘Prince Caspian’ by C.S. Lewis.

The Challenge continues until September 11th.
A Message from Connor

Hi,

As you may know I made the State School Victoria Softball Team to play in Adelaide in late November and to help with the cost School Sport Victoria have given me 500 raffle tickets to sell. Tickets are $2 each and are available from the office and the prizes are:

1st prize: Suzuki Swift GL Auto (includes on road costs)  Valued at $22,727.55
2nd prize: Travel and Accommodation package  Valued at $10,000.00
3rd prize: LG 139cm LED LCD Smart TV  Valued at $3,599.00
4th prize: Home Entertainment Package – LG Musicflow  Valued at $2,724.00
5th prize: Bottle Fridge – Vintec 100 bottle cooler  Valued at $1,800.00

The raffle will be drawn on 12th December.

Thank you for your support.

Connor Schibeci 6H

● Spotty Calendar ●

Tuesday 21st July
T-Ball playoff (Grade 5/6 T-Ball team)
Policy & Curriculum meeting (5.30pm)
Buildings & Grounds meeting (6pm)
Marketing meeting (6.30pm)

Friday 24th July
‘Hoop Time’ Basketball Tournament (Grade 5/6 Basketball team)

Tuesday 4th August
Finance meeting (5.45pm)
School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Wednesday 12th August – Friday 14th August
Grade 3 to 6 Camp

Friday 14th August
Pyjama Day (Prep to Grade 2) *

Friday 21st August
District Athletics Carnival *

Friday 23rd October
Fete – Spotty Carnival (3.30pm-8pm)
* more details to follow

Doodle4Google

A reminder to students that the Doodle4Google competition is now open.

The competition is open to all students attending an Australian school between Years 1-10. Doodles will be judged in four year group brackets: 1-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-10. In addition to producing a doodle, students also need to write a title for their doodle and a supporting statement up to 50 words explaining the idea they have portrayed in their doodle. The theme for the competition is ‘If I could travel back in time I would…’ Entries must be submitted via the school and need to be at the office no later than Friday 31st July. Late entries cannot be accepted.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Our school has registered for the 2015 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015 when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers from the checkout and place them on a sticker sheet. One sticker will be provided for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed bring your sticker sheet to school and place it in the collection box at the office.

Fete Collections

A reminder that Fete Collections will be held during the following weeks in Term 3:

Second hand Toys ........................... 13th – 21st July
Second hand Children’s Clothes ............ 27th – 31st July
Groceries / Paper ........................... 10th – 14th August
Second hand Adult Clothes ................. 24th – 28th August
Lucky Jars ..................................... 7th – 11th September
Spotty Footy Tipping Competition 2015
Leaderboard after Round 15:

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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.

Welcome to Term 3! How fast this year is flying by. Hope your tipping went well over the holidays. Round 16 starts tonight with North taking on the Bombers at Etihad Stadium. Thanks, Lisa (mum of Wes in 1/2A).

Happy Birthday To –

James T
Excelsior
Ashley
Ilias
Charlie B
Nick P-G
Li
Konoka

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