Dear families,

**Tinsel Party**
Well despite the weather, our Tinsel Party on Tuesday was a delightful evening. A last minute decision to move into the courtyard created a cosy atmosphere and enabled the children’s enthusiastic performances to be heard clearly. Thank you so much to Dan, Jasmine’s Dad, who provided the microphones and speakers which gave our night that professional edge.

**Year 6 Graduation**
Last Friday night our Year 6 students celebrated their time here at Spotswood Primary School at their end of year Graduation ceremony. Watched on by parents and family, they all presented a speech about their experiences at Spotty and their dreams for the journey ahead. The evening concluded with a song and dance performance that wowed the audience. Thank you to Katherine, Bradley’s mum, assisted by Nicole, Zane’s mum, who worked with our students to choreograph the performance and rehearse until it was ‘show ready’.

**2015**
On Tuesday students all had a visit with their new class and teacher for next year. Next year’s classes are:

- **Prep V**  Ms Melanie Voigt
- **Prep B**  Ms Tianne Ball
- **1/2R**  Mrs Jess Richards
- **1/2KJ**  Ms Sandra Ristic-Keena (Mon - Thur) and Ms Radmila Jojic (Friday)
- **1/2A**  Mr Ben Anstey
- **2/3K**  Mrs Tracey Kelly
- **3A**  Mrs Cindy Asp
- **4/5L**  Mr Chris Lamb
- **6H**  Mrs Helen Hardy
- **Japanese**  Ms Radmila Jojic
- **PE**  Mr Vince Cafra
- **ART**  To be confirmed

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Next year we will be welcoming Mrs Asp back to Spotswood and it was lovely to see her here on Tuesday. Mr Cafra will also be returning from leave and we look forward to having him back for Phys Ed next year. With the increase of classes over the past few years, Ms Jojic will be teaching Japanese in 2015 and we are currently in the process of recruitment for a new Art teacher.

**Congratulations to Thomas in 1/2R**

Congratulations to Thomas Thornton in Grade 1 who won ‘Little Samurai of the Year’ for the Laverton Karate Club. Thomas also competed in the Victorian Shukokai State Karate Championships in early December and came 4th in his age group missing out on the Bronze trophy by only one point! Well done Thomas, you are a true little champion and we are very proud of you!!

**Bunnings Trees**

Last week we had a special visit when Paula from Bunnings returned to our school so that each year 6 student could plant a small tree that would be a memory of their time here. Bunnings plan to do this with our exiting year 6 students each year and the line will grow over the years.

Bunnings have been a great supporter of our school over the years, thank you Bunnings!

**Final Assembly**

Tomorrow is our last day of term and we will be holding our final assembly at 1:15pm, finishing at 1:30pm. We hope you can join us.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all our families for your wonderful support this year. We all enjoy the time we spend with your children and look forward to seeing them all again early next year. Have a safe and restful break.

*Jackie Green*

*Principal*

**First day 2015 for all students in Prep - Year 6**

**FRIDAY 30th JANUARY - 9:00am**
Happy Birthday To –

Oliver
Gale
Parker
Issy F
Cath
Mia
Mani
Flynn
Zoë E
Iris
Lizzie

Charlie E Francis
James P
Lilly P
Kelly
Will M
Ethan
Aryan
Cai M
Anastasia
Jayden
Bella
Kaya
Zac
Ryan Briggs
Michael
Keyboard Lessons for 2015

Children enrolled for keyboard and piano lessons in 2014 will automatically be rolled over into the 2015 school year. There is no need to re-enrol your child for keyboard lessons next year. Enrolment forms are available from the office for children interested in learning the keyboard or piano from Term 1.

Kerry Trevethan
Keyboard / Piano Teacher

Bicycle Available

At our Tinsel Party on Tuesday evening Skeet in Grade 6 won the bicycle (pictured right) in our Christmas raffle. Skeet has generously donated the bike back to the school so it is now looking for a new home. If you or your child would like this bike please contact Sharon in the office on 9391 1323 or send an email to spotswood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to organise collection.

Student Awards

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

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<td>Michael</td>
<td>his useful input and creative ideas during our unit on addition and counting on. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jack</td>
<td>being a caring and compassionate friend who is always looking out for others. Thank you Jack!</td>
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<td>Darcy</td>
<td>always giving 100% to all of her work and for being a fantastic listener! Olive – her cheerful and positive attitude to school each and every day. Great job!</td>
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<td>Prep V</td>
<td>Kaya</td>
<td>her determination to be the best learner she can be!</td>
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<td>Jessica BI</td>
<td>working hard with her writing and for being a good friend</td>
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<td>Prep 1K</td>
<td>Mani</td>
<td>his amazing imagination and his enthusiasm for writing stories</td>
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<td>Audrey</td>
<td>doing her best during our Tinsel Party rehearsals</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Kei W</td>
<td>his creativity and imagination when designing his helicopter toy. Excellent Work!</td>
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<td>Izzy B</td>
<td>being such a thoughtful and caring student who is always there for her friends</td>
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<td>Charlie B</td>
<td>his wonderful work ethic and desire to learn about the world around him</td>
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<td>Jessica Br</td>
<td>her friendly, warm personality – it makes you a great friend and a wonderful member of 3/4H</td>
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<td>Molly</td>
<td>being herself in every school activity – a bubbly enthusiastic girl with a fabulous attitude</td>
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Cherry Lake

Our end of year picnic yesterday at Cherry Lake was a lovely way to finish the school year. The children enjoyed playing games, walking around the lake and just spending time together. Thank you to Trudy (Kellan’s mum) for organising the sausage sizzle and to Rotary for the sausages.