Message from the Principal

Dear families,

2016 Planning

At this time of year, we are working on our plans for 2016. We have finalised our prep enrolments through transition and are now planning with the following grade structure next year.

- 2 x Prep classes
- 4 x 1/2 classes
- 3 x 3/4 classes
- 1 x 5/6 class

Over the next few weeks, staff will be developing class groups for next year. A number of factors are considered during this process and staff spend a lot of time considering the needs of all students. Our aim is to create classes that have a balance of social, academic and behavioural considerations so that each class is an optimal learning environment. During this process students also have some input and we ask them to name some students that they consider to be good learning partners in class. I would like to remind parents that if there are any considerations you would like us to be aware of, please see me or send in writing and every effort will be made to factor this in. Please be aware that requests for specific teachers are not possible, but any information regarding social or learning needs is appropriate.

Children will visit their new classes in the second last week of term and meet their 2016 teacher at this visit.

Japanese Visits

Next year we are excited to be once again hosting a visit from the Nagoya Women’s University. These women are studying teaching and we will have 9 university students at Spotswood Primary from 21st February to the 8 March. Next week all students will talk about this visit in class and bring home a notice about Homestay requests. Last year we had three families support this program and we hope you can consider it next year.

To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Return permission note and $25.00 for Anakie Fairy Park excursion (Preps)
- Return permission note and $15.00 for ACMI excursion (Grades 2/3K & 3A)
- Return Graduation RSVP and $15.00 (Grade 6)
- Pay Term 3 & 4 Keyboard Fees
- Pay Term 4 Guitar Fees
- Pay Term 4 Books & Resources Levy ($62.50) and any outstanding charges from Terms 1 to 3
Lost Property Swimming

We still have a number of items at the office that were left behind after swimming last week. There are some towels, bathers, goggles and caps, along with a variety of undies and socks. If you think you are missing something, please pop in and have a look.

Jackie Green
Principal

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to:

Siena G
Julianna
Liam P
Amelie M
Sophie
Niharika
Lacrosse Tournament

Today our Lacrosse team participated in the Western Metropolitan Region Lacrosse Tournament at the Altona Lacrosse Club. Our girls and boys teams both participated and enjoyed all games. The results will be available next week.
The DONS White Ribbon Event

The DONS White Ribbon Event is coming up on Friday November 27th. For those of you who don’t know who they are The DONS stands for Dads of Newport and Surrounds and was set up by a local dad as a way for dads in the area to get together, socialise and make connections in the community. The group meets approximately every 6 weeks at the Newport Bowls club for a few beers and a chat and now has something like 200 members (a number of whom are Spotswood Primary Dads!!). Each meeting they help out a local family or business which may be struggling by raising funds through live auctions or other fun activities.

Twice a year the DONS hold a Dads and Partners night where wives, girlfriends, partners are invited to come along for a night out. These events are always great nights out and have included an 80’s themed night which was a huge fundraising success for them for a local charity group. The White Ribbon Event is their final DONS and partners night for this year and promises to be nothing but fantastic. It is a fundraising event for the White Ribbon Foundation for prevention of violence against women and what’s more $5 from every ticket bought from our school stays in our school!

Tickets are available from the office only until Wednesday and are $20 each. You can also buy tickets online at https://events.ticketbooth.com.au/event/DONSMD make sure you enter Spotswood as your school so we still receive $5 from your ticket purchase. If you would like more information you can either search for (and Like) the DONS on Facebook or feel free to come and chat to me about it. I hope to see you there!

Sam (Will 1/2R & Holly 1/2KJ)