Message from the Principal

Dear families,

Prep 2016
This week we held our information night for prospective families. We had over 50 people attend, some of whom are looking ahead for 2017, but it was a great response of interest in our school. Staff all attended along with some of our School Council parents and we met some lovely new (prospective!) families. If you know anyone who is still working through this decision, tours are still available so please encourage them to come and have a look at the school. It assists our planning for 2016 to know early how many preps we will have next year.

Uniform
Standing at the front of assembly this week, I noticed that there were a number of students in various coloured jumpers. Our school uniform is an important aspect of our identity as Spotswood Primary School students and we encourage students to wear it with pride. I would like to remind families that our school uniform policy is that we wear a red top and grey pants/shorts, or the tartan skorts/tunic for girls. Thank you for your support.

Conference
On Thursday and Friday last week, I attended the South Western Region Principals conference held at Etihad Stadium. It was a highly engaging two days of professional learning for me and many other principals from our region. We heard from Australian and International guest speakers and also attended several workshops presented by other local schools.

Trivia Night
Have you booked a table? Would you like to join a table? We can help you find a spot! We currently have 9 tables booked but room for more if you are thinking of coming. The Trivia Night is always a lot of fun for parents and a great chance to meet and chat at a grown-ups night out!

Apart from the Trivia quiz rounds, there will also be raffles and silent auctions. I look forward to seeing some of the outfits that parents and staff will come up with for our theme this year. We hope you can join us!

Spotty Friends and Families Meeting
The next meeting will be on Monday morning (25th May) straight after assembly. One of the key focuses at the moment is the Trivia Night coming up next week!

To Do
- Return permission note and $27 for Animal Land Farm excursion (Preps)
- Return permission note and $15 for MSO excursion (Grade 1/2A, 1/2KJ & 1/2R)
- Return School Nursing Program Questionnaire (Preps)
- Return permission note, medical form and deposit for Camp (Grade 3-6)
- Pay Term 2 keyboard fees
- Pay Books & Resources Levy ($62.50 for Term 2) and any outstanding amounts from Term 1

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There are several jobs requiring volunteers -
- Wrapping and presenting silent auction prizes
- Setting up room on Friday 29th May, tables, chairs etc.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on Monday but could help out with one of these jobs, please let us know.

**Somers Camp**
You may have noticed that our oval and basketball court were bustling with people on Tuesday morning as we farewelled 10 of our students, along with 150 others, who were heading off to Somers Camp. Spotswood Primary is a convenient pick up point for this network and will also be the drop off point next Wednesday when the students return.

Attending Somers Camp is an opportunity that our year 5 and 6 students are given every second year and we look forward to hearing all about camp from Charlie, Max, Owen, Jessica B, Zoë, Jasmine, Sarah, Yasmin, Kelly and James when they return!

*Jackie Green*  
*Principal*

**DRAWING CLUB**
On Wednesday the 27th of May I will be starting Drawing Club as a lunchtime activity. It will run from 1.45pm to 2.15pm in 3A’s classroom. You don’t have to know how to draw or be good at drawing, you just have to be excited about it! So come along and try it out, you may just discover a new hidden talent!
Looking forward to seeing you there,
Ms Asp  
(maximum 40 students)

**1/2A WRITING**
The weather this week inspired some very descriptive writing in 1/2A. Here are some examples:

- Max I

  I feel the breeze going over me.  
  I feel ice drops  
  I feel warmness.  
  I see the wind blow  
  And I can hear the wind howling.  
  I can feel my feet squish in to the mud.  
  The raindrops come from the clouds.  
  I see the raindrops pour on the trees.

- Indira

  When I wake out of bed in night lightning strikes.  
  The lights strike in a dark, dark night.  
  I run to bed.  
  I snuggle up. Raindrops fall.  
  I shiver by the window  
  And snuggle by the fire.  
  It was winter. I was freezing.  
  I heard BOOM BOOM BOOM!  
  I softly hide under the blankets  
  And I fall asleep.
**Wanted for the Fete**

If you are planning on buying a fridge in the next few months, please let us know as we need a fridge box for the Fete on 23rd October. Should you have a fridge box that you are happy to donate to the school, please let Sharon in the office know.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**

*Where Will Your Next Reading Adventure Take You?*

This week 10 students completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Georgie G (Prep B), Finn S, Molly F and Zanthe (Prep V), Catherine and Phineas (1/2R), Dash and Lizzie (1/2KJ), Pasindu (2/3K) and Georgie M (4/5L).

Georgie G read 31 books including ‘Today We Have No Plans’ by Jane Goodwin and ‘Herman and Rosie’ by Gus Gordon. Georgie’s favourite book was ‘Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy’ by Lynley Dodd.

Finn read 53 books including ‘Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!’ by Mo Willems and ‘In the Night Kitchen’ by Maurice Sendak. Finn’s favourite book was ‘Dinosaur Trouble’ by Dick King-Smith.

Molly read 30 books including ‘Boris Monster, Scared of Nothing’ by Sofie Laguna and ‘Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley’ by Aaron Blabey. Molly’s favourite book was ‘Pete the Cat’ by James Dean.

Zanthe read 44 books including ‘We Honestly Can Look After Your Dog’ by Lauren Child and ‘The Cat in the Hat’ by Dr Seuss. Zanthe’s favourite book was ‘Chicken Big’ by Keith Graves.

Catherine read 40 books including ‘Ghost School’ by Robin Wasserman and ‘The 39-Storey Treehouse’ by Andy Griffiths. Catherine’s favourite book was ‘Diary of a Wombat’ by Jackie French.

Phineas read 47 books including ‘How to be a Space Explorer’ by Mark Brake and ‘Adventures of the Wishing Chair’ by Enid Blyton. Phineas’ favourite book was ‘The Bad Book’ by Andy Griffiths.

Dash read 31 books including ‘Dexter Bexley and the Big Blue Beastie’ by Joel Stewart and ‘The Toymaker and the Bird’ by Pamela Allen. Dash's favourite book was ‘Mr Chicken Lands on London’ by Leigh Hobbs.

Lizzie read 30 books including ‘The Strange Little Monster and The Swamp Goblin’ by Sue Whiting and ‘Giraffes Can’t Dance’ by Giles Andreea.

Pasindu read 36 books including ‘The Brilliant World of Tom Gates’ by Liz Pichon and ‘Spotty Powder and other Spendiferous Secrets’ by Roald Dahl.

Georgie M read 20 books including ‘Once Upon a Slime’ by Andy Griffiths and ‘The Last Straw’ by Jeff Kinney. Georgie’s favourite book was ‘Souperman’ by Paul Jennings.

This week’s Reading Challenge update:

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**Spotty Calendar**

- **Monday 25th May**
  Family Life (Grades Prep to 6)
- **Wednesday 27th May**
  Somers Camp students return
- **Thursday 28th May**
  Animal Land Farm excursion (Preps)
  Division Cross Country Championships
- **Friday 29th May**
  Trivia Night
- **Monday 1st June**
  Family Life (Grades 3 to 6)
- **Thursday 4th June**
  MSO excursion (Grade 1/2A, 1/2KJ & 1/2R)
- **Friday 5th June**
  District Tee Ball competition *
- **Monday 8th June**
  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday (no children at school)
- **Thursday 11th June**
  Whole School House Sports Day
- **Friday 26th June**
  Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)
- **Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th August**
  Grade 3 to 6 Camp to Phillip Island
  Adventure Resort
- **Friday 23rd October**
  Fete – Spotty Carnival (3.30pm-8pm)

* more details to follow

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**Spotty Footy Tipping Competition 2015**

**Leaderboard after Round 7:**

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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.

If you are part of our competition, please complete the entry form (available from Sharon) and hand in to the office with your payment. For more information, see Sharon in the office or contact Lisa Catania (mum of Wes in 1/2A) via the website/leave a message. Thanks!

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**Happy Birthday To –**

Nia
Natasha F
Jessica Blakemore

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OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
Hello everyone!

Next week is Dinosaur week :0) – we are becoming Palaeontologists and we are digging for Dinosaurs!

Team Work week was such an amazing experience for all of us. A special thumbs up to Sid, Riley, Amelie S and Lily Fenn for being such supportive role models this week. Well done to you and all the children for playing fair and doing your best. We are so proud of you! 😊

Next Week’s Activities: Dinosaur Week

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Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0423 728 739
Coordinator: Ronisha Altman & Michelle Antoniou
Assistants: Anitha, Danielle, Desiree
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
THIS WEEK’S TRIVIA TEASER...COFFEE SHOPS

THE SPOTSWOOD PS TRIVIA NIGHT IS ALWAYS A LOT OF FUN & IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE FUNDRAISING HERE AT THE SCHOOL.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!