NEWSLETTER

‘Where everybody is somebody’

Term 2 Week 5 • Friday 23rd May 2014

Message from the Principal

AMSI

This week we have enjoyed a visit from Michael O’Connor, a maths teacher from the Australian Maths and Science Institute. AMSI have been supporting a group of local schools by providing professional learning and coaching opportunities for staff and we are fortunate to be benefitting from this experience. This project aims to profile maths as a possible career path for students in the future and has been made possible through funding from Boeing. Michael has modelled some lessons in classes and then held professional discussions with staff about teaching and learning strategies in maths. Staff at Spotswood have a great commitment to professional learning and have really enjoyed the discussions with Michael. For students it has been an interesting experience to have someone come in and teach them something new!

GUM TREE

You may have noticed that one of our gum trees is in the process of being removed. As part of our school safety audit, we regularly monitor the health of the trees in our school yard and from time to time some trimming is required. Unfortunately this tree has reached a stage where it needs to be removed completely and we are very grateful to Joe Frisby (Natasha’s dad) for his expertise in completing this task. It was an exciting process for the students to watch yesterday, from a safe distance, and Joe had lots of helpers moving the fallen branches. We hope to finalise the job at our working bee on Sunday.

WORKING BEE

We have had a wonderful response for our Working Bee this Sunday and at this stage have 32 adults and 27 kids coming. Wowsers! There is a list at the back of the newsletter of the tasks to be completed. This will also be put up in the courtyard on Sunday. I have added ‘cook sausage sizzle’ to the list so we can have a sausage lunch at the end of the working bee for all our workers. If you haven’t returned your RSVP, it’s not too late, you may come along on the day.

CAKE STALL AT MARKET

I understand that there has been a fantastic response to the cake stall on Sunday at the Reuse it Baby market. Thank you to Dash’s parents for providing this opportunity for the school, we hope that lots of people turn up and buy our cakes! If any Spotswood families wish to go to the market on Sunday, they will receive free entry.

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SAFETY AT SCHOOL

I believe that earlier this week some misinformation was circulating about an arrest at Spotswood Primary School. I would like to clarify that this was not true. The Department of Education and Early Childhood’s emergency management procedures ensures that Principals are informed of any reports of incidents at local schools and I have not received any such notifications. There have been several media reports recently about incidents at schools and this does create a heightened sense of awareness of stranger danger. At Spotswood Primary School we regularly talk to students about safety at school and in the wider community. At all year levels, students needing to leave the classroom during class time will always go in pairs.

SOCcer

Today our soccer team are on the field at the district round robin in their brand new red shirts. In this photo they are playing another team in red shirts! We are grateful to the fundraising efforts of our community. Thanks to our successful Easter raffle, the students look very professional out there today. These multi use tops will get many outings over the year at various sporting events.

Jackie Green
Principal

Spotty Calendar

Sunday 25th May
Cake Stall at The Substation/Re-Use It Baby Market fundraiser
Working Bee (9am – 1pm)

Friday 30th May
Grade 3/4H excursion - Healesville Sanctuary
Spotswood District T-Ball Tournament (Grade 5/6)

Wednesday 4th June
Grade 5/6 excursion - Melbourne Zoo

Thursday 12th June
Prep to 2 excursion - Animal Land Farm

Thursday 26th June
Family Movie Night (6pm)

Friday 27th June
Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

Monday 14th July
First Day of Term 3

* more details to follow

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

This week 2 students completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Maugan Hood Micolon in 1/2A and Jayden Blakemore in 3/4H.

Maugan read 33 books including ‘Harvey Slumfenburger’s Christmas Present’ by John Burningham and ‘The Peasant Prince: The True Story of Mao’s Last Dancer’ by Li Cunxin.

Jayden read 17 books including books from the ‘Rascal’ series by Paul Jennings as well as ‘Tashi Lost in the City’ by Anna & Barbara Fienberg.

This week’s Reading Challenge update:

• 19 students completed
• 1,419 books listed
• 1,158 books finished
• Some of the favourite books read by our students are – ‘Sophie’s Misfortunes’ by Comtesse De Segur, ‘Dragons’ by Judy Tatchell and ‘Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes’ by James Dean.

• Some of the books given 5 stars by our students are – ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl, ‘The Eleventh Hour’ by Graeme Base, ‘Max’ by Bob Graham and ‘The Soccer Star’ by Sally Rippin.

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly this week:

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>Prep  V</td>
<td>Kaidan</td>
<td>working really hard to complete his glow-worm and for his wonderful help in helping others to finish too</td>
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<td>Jessica</td>
<td>her outstanding listening skills and for just being a gorgeous and lovely girl!</td>
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<td>Prep  B</td>
<td>Asher</td>
<td>creating a fantastic writing piece about the chicken and the egg. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Arabella L</td>
<td>her fantastic sounding out during writing time. You are doing an awesome job</td>
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<td>Prep  1K</td>
<td>Kinjal</td>
<td>always trying to do her very best in all areas of her school work</td>
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<td>Audrey</td>
<td>being a caring and compassionate member of our class by helping people when they are sad</td>
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<td>Shinji</td>
<td>his wonderful use of vocabulary during maths lessons about shapes</td>
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<td>Yuna</td>
<td>her persistence and confidence in writing</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Phineas</td>
<td>giving tunnel ball a go even when he was apprehensive about it</td>
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<td>Dash</td>
<td>always having such a vibrant and energetic personality which uplifts everyone around him</td>
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<td>Ella T</td>
<td>her excellent teamwork and “getting along” skills when creating an information report</td>
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<td>Linda</td>
<td>enjoying school whether in the classroom or outside. Linda is always positive and happy</td>
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<td>Bella</td>
<td>always working well in the classroom and being a fabulous friend in the playground</td>
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<td>Johnny</td>
<td>his bubbly personality and fun attitude. He is a great student in class who always works well</td>
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<td>Aimee</td>
<td>her fun, loving, happy personality. Aimee enjoys all aspects of school. A terrific effort!</td>
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<td>5/6P</td>
<td>Bexta</td>
<td>helping others out in the classroom and being so creative</td>
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<td>Paris</td>
<td>great sportsmanship and team spirit during House Games</td>
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<td>5/6L</td>
<td>Connor</td>
<td>his amazingly emotive poem “Gallipoli”, such beautiful writing</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>the endless enthusiasm she brings to 5/6L, she brightens all of our days</td>
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Lost and Found

A mobile phone and an iPod device have recently been found in the school grounds. If you have lost either of these items please see Sharon in the office.
Happy Birthday To –

Jessica

Spotty Footy Tipping Competition

Leader board (after Round 9):

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<td>Lisa Catania</td>
<td>54 (186)</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
<td>Will &amp; Holly</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>Willy Osteo &amp; Pilates</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>Rebecca Penney</td>
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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? Last chance to enter. For the rounds you have missed, you get the away team wins. Round 10 starts tonight with the Cats taking on the Kangaroos.

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/tipping website.

Thanks, Lisa Catania

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Lady Gala July School Holiday Program

For Girls Aged 5–12 Years Old

Looking for a fun, new and exciting way to play cricket with your friends? Are you sick of fighting the boys for a bat and a ball? Then the Lady Gala School Holiday program is just for you!

Lady Gala School Holiday Program aims to engage girls from ages 5–12 in cricket, providing a range of fun activities and games to develop their skills and most importantly to let the girls have fun playing cricket!

A VicSpirit player might pop in to visit and there will be prizes to win and giveaways for everyone!

Location: Following Indoor Sites and Centres

- Wednesday: July 11, Cranbourne
- Thursday: July 12, Oakleigh
- Tuesday: July 10, Werribee
- Monday: July 9, Clyde
- Friday: July 14, Moorabbin

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm (45 minutes registration)

Cost: $15 per participant (bring along drinks and wear sporty clothes)

Enrolment required

Register by Saturday June 23, 4140 online at http://bit.ly/Ladygala2018

For further information or to register, contact the program coordinator: 03 914 346 or danny@cricketvictoria.com.au

Further cricket opportunities for girls can be found on the ‘Born To Play’ Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/borntoplaysgirls

Spotswood Primary School
Phone: 9391 1323
www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au
Program Update

Hello everyone!

This week’s Oshclub super-star award goes to Pasindu! Pasindu is always being such a great and supportive friend. CONGRATULATIONS!

BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA for the Cancer Council
Thank you all very much for your support, you helped us raise $130!!

Next week’s theme is all about Dragons, thank you to Myles for your great suggestion!

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<td>Before Care Activities</td>
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<td>Paper Plate dragon</td>
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<td>After Care Activities</td>
<td>Recycled Dragons</td>
<td>Fire Breathing Dragons</td>
<td>Festive Ribbon Dragon</td>
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OSHC program phone: 0423 728 739
Coordinator: Michelle Antoniou
Assistants: Danielle Anthony
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
WORKING BEE JOBS LIST

☐ WEED NATIVE GARDEN NEAR WATER TANK

☐ MULCH NATIVE GARDEN

☐ CLEAN COURTYARD AREA LEAVES

☐ MOW GRASS ALONG NATURE STRIP

☐ SETUP EXTRA WORM FARMS NEAR OSHCLUB

☐ DIG HOLES AND PLANT 8 GUMS ALONG BACK FENCE

☐ REMOVE 3 COLOURED BENCH SEATS NEAR PLAYGROUND *(FOR FUTURE GARDEN PROJECT)*

☐ FILL TRUCK TYRES IN SUCCULENT GARDEN WITH DIRT

☐ DIG HOLES FOR FENCE IN SUCCULENT GARDEN

☐ CONCRETE IN REDGUM POSTS FOR FENCE

☐ IF TIME PERMITS: START ERECTING FENCE IN SUCCULENT GARDEN

☐ DIG UP GRASS PATHWAY IN SUCCULENT GARDEN AREA

☐ DIG HOLES FOR FENCE IN FROG POND AREA

☐ COOK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMPLETE ANY EXTRA TASKS THAT YOU THINK WILL KEEP OUR LITTLE SCHOOL IN GREAT CONDITION....THANK YOU!!