Message from the Principal

Dear families,

It was very exciting waving our preps off this morning as they headed to Fairy Park. It is a lovely day for an excursion, not too hot, not too cold, Goldilocks weather! Perfect for Fairy Park!

It is a busy time at school this time of year with many events happening.

Tinsel Party – Tuesday 15th December (6pm – 8pm)

Our annual Tinsel Party is a family event that we all really look forward to. It is a chance for families and staff to all come together and spend a few hours celebrating the end of the year over dinner. It will be held on the basketball court this year.

Here are the important details you need to know!

- BYO everything! Including food, drink and Christmas spirit. We will put out all our trestle tables and some chairs but families should bring their own chairs, if possible, or a rug if you prefer.
- The 2015 Year Book with photos and memories of our events this year will be on sale for $25.00.
- Christmas Hamper Raffle, $1:00 tickets will be on sale on the night, drawn at the end of the evening (raffle tickets will be sent home to families this Wednesday).
- The students will be performing some musical items at approximately 7:15pm.

We would be grateful for any donations for the hampers for our raffle including Christmas goodies, toys, books etc. Donations can be left at the office (thank you to families who have already made donations). We are also in need of volunteers to help wrap the hampers on either Monday 14th December or Tuesday 15th December. If you can help please let Sharon in the office know.

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To Do  Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Return Music Night ‘Performer’s Introduction’
- Return permission note and $15.00 for ACMI excursion (2/3K & 3A)
- Return Grade 6 Graduation RSVP and $15.00
- 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
Classes 2016

On Thursday 10th of December, students will visit their 2016 class and have session together with their teacher for next year. Parents are reminded that there is still an opportunity early next week to let me know of any social or academics you would like us to consider. There will be no changes made after classes have been established.

Reports

I would like to acknowledge the work staff have done over the past few weeks writing reports. End of year reports will be posted home on Thursday 10th December.

Volunteers Thank You Afternoon Tea

We have had such wonderful support from our families this year. As we reflect on how much has been achieved during the year and the many ways in which we come together as a community, we would like to invite you to celebrate this with you at our Volunteers Afternoon Tea at the end of the year.

You may have helped out with a sausage sizzle, been involved with the Twilight Carnival, attended a working bee, bought raffle tickets, helped in the library or classroom, set up an event, come to a Trivia Night etc. There are so many ways in which you help us. Please join us on Friday, 11th December at 3pm in the Japanese room for our thank you afternoon tea, so that we can show our appreciation.

Homework Policy feedback

If you haven’t had a chance to complete our Homework Policy feedback survey we encourage you to respond using the following link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPSHomework

The survey will be open until Tuesday 1st December.

Host Families Wanted

Japanese University students visiting your school in 2016

Thank you to the 3 families who have offered to host a Japanese student in early 2016. We still need 6 students placed and would appreciate your help.

They are studying Child Education at University in Japan.

They will visit Spotswood Primary School to observe classes and speak about Japanese culture.

Duration: 21st Feb (Sun) to 8th March (Tue) 2016 for 16 nights.

How many: One student per family

Homestay fee: Payment of $550 for your expenses.

Please provide 3 meals a day. (Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner)

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Midori:
On 03-9572-3381 / 0418-540-865 or E-mail: midori@japan-link.com.au

Please complete the form over the page and return it to the school by Wednesday 2nd December.

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Application Form

Japanese University students host families

Your children’s name and age/gender ______________________________

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Parents (other household) name/gender ______________________________

E-mail address: _____________________________________________________

Telephone No. _____________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Pet/s: ___________________ Method of transport to school: ________________

Jackie Green
Principal

Coding

On Thursday twelve of the 4/5’s took part in a coding class with two other schools called Aberfeldie and Belle Vue Park. All of the students got on a coding program called Scratch. We got split up into four groups. On each table there was one student from Aberfeldie and two or three from Belle Vue Park. We learnt how to move the cat and other costumes using coding commands, some of us made games and some of us just played around and experimented with Scratch. We are hoping to have some sort of coding club at our school in the future.

By Nik, Jayden and Tristan
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to:

Anna
Indira
Portia
Sava

Student Awards

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

| Prep B | Layla – her brilliant work during our procedural writing unit. Well done.  
          Georgia G – being a fantastic listener and always having a positive attitude.  
          Great work! |
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| Prep V | Mindil – being organised and helpful in the classroom! Well done!  
          Molly F – her hard work with reading 100 Oxford words! Well done! |
| 1/2A   | Jayvier – the growth in maturity and independence you have shown this  
          Semester. Well Done!  
          Parker – challenging yourself and improving your learning due to this. Keep up the  
          great work! |
| 1/2KJ  | Cai M – his great contributions to class discussions and his lovely smile  
          Issy F – being an attentive hard working leader in our class |
| 1/2R   | Portia – her persistence and effort during all class activities!  
          Emma I – her fantastic problem solving in numeracy when doing subtraction |
| 2/3K   | Sophie – her effort and persistence during our work on division. Great work  
          Sophie!  
          Amelie M – the amazing persistence and determination Amelie put into the  
          swimming program. Never give up! |
| 3A     | Charlotte – persisting hard during our Time unit in numeracy. Awesome effort.  
          Sean – his brilliant effort in writing his Bio-Poem independently! Awesome |
| 4/5L   | Max S – being an excellent buddy to his two Preps for next year  
          Nik S – doing an amazing job in getting to know his buddies for next year. They  
          are very lucky! |
| 6H     | Ash – great sportsmanship at Lacrosse last week  
          Rebecca – doing her best at Lacrosse last week |
- ROTARY CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN -

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
11AM-3PM AT SEAWORKS,
82 NELSON PLACE
WILLIAMSTOWN.

FREE RIDES
FREE FACE PAINTING
FREE ENTERTAINMENT
FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN,
GOLD COIN DONATION
FOR ADULTS.
MARKET STALLS
AND FOOD COURT
FREE PARKING
SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA

A ROTARY CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN INITIATIVE TO FUND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS.

Supporting organisations:
- Bendigo Bank
- Bay City Community Foundation
- Compton Green
- SEAWORKS
- JAS Stephens
- World Vision

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www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au
Dear families,

The students in year 6 are setting up a stall to raise money for their Graduation.

They will be taking shifts at selling Zooper Doopers for $1 each on Tuesdays and Fridays at recess.

This will start next week and run for two weeks.

If your child is interested in purchasing a Zooper Dooper, please send along $1 on these days.

From

Year 6

● Spotty Calendar ●

Tuesday 1st December
Policy & Curriculum meeting (5.30pm)
Buildings & Grounds meeting (6pm)
Marketing meeting (6.30pm)

Thursday 3rd December
Music Night (6.30pm)

Friday 4th December
ACMI Excursion (2/3K & 3A)

Tuesday 8th December
Year 7 Orientation Day
Finance meeting (5.30pm)
School Council meeting (6pm)

● Spotty Calendar ●

Thursday 10th December
Student reports mailed today

Friday 11th December
Volunteers Afternoon Tea (3pm in the Japanese room)
Year 6 Graduation (6.30pm)

Monday 14th December
Year 6 Excursion *

Tuesday 15th December
Tinsel Party

Wednesday 16th December
Whole School Picnic *

Friday 18th December
Last day of Term 1 (1.30pm dismissal)

* more details to follow