Message from the Principal

Dear families,

REMINDER: PUPIL FREE DAY - TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL TIMES We would like to ask for your support in improving our routines at Spotswood Primary School so that our learning can get off to a great start every day!

Our school learning day is from 9:00 - 3:30pm. Whilst teachers often arrive much earlier, their morning is very busy with class preparation, resource set up and sometimes, attending teacher meetings. You will notice a sign on our doors indicating that the classrooms are open from 8:45am. We ask that students and families wait until 8:45am before coming inside.

EARLY BIRDS There have been an increasing number of students arriving much earlier than this and we remind families that the yard is not supervised each morning until 8:45am. If your child walks or rides to school independently, please discuss an appropriate departure time that will get them here between 8:45 - 9:00. Remember that our OSHClub is available from 7:00am.

LATE COMERS We are also finding that there are many students arriving after 9:00am. Even though 10 minutes may seem insignificant, over a term this adds up to over 8 hours of school a student is missing. Also is can be disrupting for everyone as teachers may need to pause in small group work to catch up the latecomers.

AFTER SCHOOL The yard is again supervised until 3:45pm. If you are going to be later than this to pick your children up, please call and let us know. Staff are required at scheduled meetings at 3:45pm on various afternoons so need to leave the yard. OSHClub is available for families who require care for their children after school.

So to summarise!
Before 8:45am
Students who are here must be under the supervision of a parent / carer.

8:45 - 9:00am
Classrooms are open for students to come inside and the yard is supervised by a staff member.

9:00am
School has started! Please be here on time!

3:30 - 3:45pm
The yard is supervised by a staff member as students are picked up

3:45pm
Students should be picked up, under the supervision of a parent / carer, or booked into OSHClub.
We thank you for your support.

WE ARE FAMOUS!
Thank you to all the students and families who came along to be a part of our TV experience with Mike Larkin this week. It was very exciting to see ourselves on TV! I had several phone calls and emails from colleagues over the following days letting me know they had seen the feature. Kids, you were fantastic to work with on the night!

WE ARE FAMOUS AGAIN!
This week we featured in the local paper with an article about our Artist in Schools project. The development of ‘Sonic Cubbies’ is already underway and will start to shape over the next few weeks. The article is included at the back of the newsletter today. David Murphy is our artist, and is also a parent at the school. If you are interested in helping out, please see David or let us know and we can put you in touch with him.

FATHERS DAY STALL
We hope all our fathers are looked after on Sunday, I am taking my dad on the ‘Melbourne Star’. I know they will appreciate the gifts that were purchased at our Father’s Day stall this week. The stall was coordinated by Rosie Buck who produced a wonderful array of gifts for students to choose from. This was Rosie’s last father’s day stall after 14 years of dedication. Will is in grade 6 and is the last of the four Buck boys to leave Spotswood Primary. Thank you Rosie for this mammoth effort! This year the stall raised a profit of $440.

BOOK FAIR
The library has been bustling before and after school this week with the Book Fair in attendance. I have seen students reading at playtime and lunchtime with their new books, it is very exciting having a new book!
We are grateful to so many parents who have helped run the stall this week, it takes a big team to manage this event. Thank you Emma (Charlie’s mum) for coordinating the Book Fair and making it such an efficient and successful event.

GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER
On Thursday we will be having our grade 2 sleepover here at school. The sleepover is an exciting night for students, and is a good warm up before going on camp in grade 3. I hope I get some sleep!

Jackie Green
Principal

To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Return permission note and $15 for Museum excursion (Preps)
- Return permission note and $30 for Sleepover and excursion (Grade 2s)
- Pay Books & Resources Levy ($62.50 for Term 3 or $125.00 for Semester 2) and any outstanding amounts from Terms 1 & 2

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Premiers Reading Challenge

Where Will Your Next Reading Adventure Take You?

This week 6 students completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Kyle, Jake C, Natasha H and Greta (Prep V), Jaxon (1/2R) and Ella S (3A).

Kyle read 30 books including ‘Snail and Turtle are Friends’ by Stephen Michael King and ‘Heart of the Tiger’ by Glenda Millard.

Jake read 30 books including ‘The Old Woman Who Loved to Read’ by John Winch and ‘Where the Forest Meets the Sea’ by Jeannie Baker.

Natasha read 30 books including ‘My Dearest Dinosaur’ by Margaret Wild and ‘Noni the Pony Goes To the Beach’ by Alison Lester.

Greta read 30 books including ‘The Muddle Headed Wombat in the Treetops’ by Ruth Park and ‘Hugo the Lifesaving Sailor’ by Lorette Broekstra.

Jaxon read 35 books including ‘A Summery Saturday Morning’ by Margaret Mahy and ‘The Dragon’s Egg’ by Diana Noonan. Jaxon’s favourite book was ‘Jackson’s Footy’ by Dwayne Russell.

Ella read 16 books including ‘The Gingerbread Rabbit’ by Randall Jarrell and ‘The Many Adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh’ by A.A. Milne. Ella’s favourite book was ‘Sky the Unwanted Kitten’ by Holly Webb.

This week’s Reading Challenge update:

- 110 students completed
- 3,758 books listed
- 3,606 books finished

The Challenge continues until September 11th.

● Spotty Calendar ●

Monday 7th – Friday 11th September
Fete Collection – Lucky Jars

Tuesday 8th September
Pupil Free day – bookings available through OSHClub

Thursday 10th September
Museum Excursion (Preps)
Grade 2 Sleepover

Friday 11th September
Grade 2 Excursion
Premiers Reading Challenge finishes

Thursday 17th September
Walkathon & Footy Day

Friday 18th September
Last day of term 2:30 finish

Monday 5th October
First day of Term 4

Friday 23rd October
Fete – Spotty Carnival (3.30pm-8pm)

* more details to follow
# Student Awards

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

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<th>Student</th>
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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Chantelle</td>
<td>being a fantastic listener and for always being aware of those around her</td>
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<td>Rosina</td>
<td>working hard on her narrative and putting extra effort into illustrations</td>
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<td>Prep V</td>
<td>Liila</td>
<td>reading her story on radio 3659 with absolute confidence!</td>
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<td>Emily</td>
<td>being a good listener and for sharing lots of ideas during discussion times!</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Siena B</td>
<td>your receptiveness and positive responses to feedback. This has helped you to continue to improve your learning. Excellent Work!</td>
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<td>Li</td>
<td>the incredible vocabulary and thought you’ve been putting into your writing recently. It’s been a pleasure to read</td>
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<td>Dash</td>
<td>his persistence in all areas. He always sees tasks through to the end</td>
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<td>Tenisha</td>
<td>the thought and effort she put into her writing during Book Week activities</td>
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<td>2/3K</td>
<td>Bianca</td>
<td>participating beautifully during all activities in Book Week!</td>
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<td>Iris</td>
<td>writing such a lovely story about your favourite topic - Dogs!</td>
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<td>Thomas Sh</td>
<td>your amazing effort in staying focused during whole class instruction. Awesome Thomas!</td>
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<td>Zeke</td>
<td>always being positive! Your gentle and happy nature make you a valuable class member</td>
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<td>4/5L</td>
<td>Molly H</td>
<td>the amazing work she put in to her narrative, it was a great read</td>
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<td>Nathan</td>
<td>his fantastic buddy reading with the 1/2s on Friday</td>
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<td>6H</td>
<td>Bailey</td>
<td>a wonderful closing speech for the Book Week Parade</td>
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<td>Liam G</td>
<td>his witty sense of humour and charismatic personality. You are SO FUNNY Liam.</td>
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Spotty Footy Tipping Competition 2015
Leaderboard after Round 22:

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<td>Go Dogs Go</td>
<td>146 (802)</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
<td>D.T.</td>
<td>137 (797)</td>
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<td>Stephen Cook</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>Tigger</td>
<td>137 (840)</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>James Renkin</td>
<td>135 (812)</td>
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<td>6th</td>
<td>SuperTim</td>
<td>134 (820)</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.

We have finally made it to the last tipping round! What will the final series look like? Good luck for the final time this weekend – the round starts tonight with Richmond taking on North Melbourne at Etihad. Thank you for supporting the school’s footy tipping fundraising activity. Thanks, Lisa (mum of Wes in 1/2A).

Tree Pruning Needs?

Do you have trees that need pruning? Joe Frisby (Natasha’s Dad) can help. Call Joe for any tree pruning - large or small. Joe is a qualified arborist and can be contacted on 0424 677 592

Flash Sale!

There are a number of white school polo t-shirts for sale in the office at $2 each. The following quantities and sizes are available:

- 4 long sleeve - size 14
- 3 long sleeve - size 16
- 3 short sleeve - size 12
- 10 short sleeve - size 14
- 7 short sleeve - size 16

Don’t miss out on a great bargain
Lucky Jars Stall

What are Lucky Jars?
- Jars filled with a surprise contents to the value $5+.
- The jars are the prize in a fun lucky dip.
- Customers buy a numbered ticket for $5 & then look for the jar with the same number.
- It’s the luck of the draw!

Where do the Lucky Jars come from?
We are seeking contributions from our Spotswood PS Community. If you can help please consider the following;
1. Recycle a medium-large jar, wash it & remove its label.
2. Fill the washed jar with items to a value of approx $5.
3. You can choose to fill the Jar according to a 'theme' (eg. Craft) or it can be a random collection of fun!

What can I put in the Lucky Jars?
This is a fun creative challenge! You can put in whatever physically fits & would be of interest to children. However, we do ask that all lollies & foodstuff are wrapped due to health regulations. Please avoid items that may be dangerous or are weapons.

Some ideas include...

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<td>Trading cards</td>
<td>Dinosaurs</td>
<td>Farm animals</td>
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<td>Playdough</td>
<td>Mini books</td>
<td>Glow sticks</td>
<td>Bouncy balls</td>
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*** If you don’t have the time but have things to donate we can happily turn these into Lucky Jars also!!***

When & where do I bring my filled Lucky Jars to School?
- From Monday 7th September onwards.
- Bring jars to the back room in the senior school building where all donations are being stored. Look out for empty boxes labelled “Lucky Jars”.

Any questions? Contact Stall Coordinator: Timna (Anais’ & Greta’s Mum) 0424 740 110

The joy of Lucky Jars is ..........................................................it’s Spot-Luck
Spotty Carnival News
Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} October 3.30 – 8pm
We need your help!

\textbf{Volunteering} – each class is responsible for 2 stalls for our carnival. Both of these stalls have coordinators who are parents in those classes and they have been working behind the scenes to organise their stalls.

Now it’s time to share the workload and enlist the help of other families in the class to help man the stall/s for a short shift during the carnival. A letter will be sent home to each class detailing what each stall is and what type of help is required. Rosters for each stall will be placed on the outside of your classroom doors early next week.

It would be great if each family could contribute some time towards one of the stalls. Many hands make light work and this gives the children a real sense of class spirit and community when they see their families participating.

\textbf{Spread the Word} – we would also love your help to spread the word about our Carnival. Some ideas that will ensure we have a busy and successful carnival are:

🌟 Chatting to your family and friends (grandparents, cousins, family friends)

🌟 Liking and sharing our Face Book page - \url{https://www.facebook.com/SPSTwilightCarnival}

🌟 Delivering pamphlets into your local neighbours and businesses.

There may be an incentive for the family that brings along the most supporters to our carnival! Stay tuned for this one!

\textbf{Donations} – Grocery Stall. For the remainder of this week, please bring in your Grocery Donations.

Non-perishable items such as the list below would be very appreciated:

\textbf{Cans} – cans of vegetables, soup, fruit, baked beans, spaghetti etc.

\textbf{Packets} – rice, pasta, desserts, sauces etc.

\textbf{Jars} – jams, pickles, sauces, condiments, spreads etc.

It was music to the ears of Spotswood Primary School pupils when they heard a professional artist would be working with them on a new creative project.

The school was one of 19 across the state to receive a $10,000 grant as part of an annual funding program run in partnership with Creative Victoria.

Sculptor and musician David Murphy, who has a son in year 3 at the school, is helping the kids design and create ‘sonic cubbies’.

Three cubby houses will be constructed in the school yard, linked by tubes and tuned wires, so the children can talk to each other and make music together.

The cubbies will be made from recycled materials, including PVC piping, timber cut-offs and stable gates.

Principal Jackie Green says the pupils are excited and embracing the project’s concepts.

“Two art sessions have already happened, and the kids were playing instruments and learning about sounds before the design process began,” Ms Green said.

“We don’t have a specialised music program, so it’s great to have this opportunity for the kids to explore music and art in this way.

“It makes it even more special that Mr Murphy is a parent, and he knows the school and the children.

“As soon as it’s all finished we’re going to have a permanent installation that the kids can play in, and that’s great.”

Education Minister James Merlino said each artist in the program would provide innovative ways to engage students across all key areas of the curriculum via any artform, including literature, visual arts, performing arts or new media.

“This is about exciting and inspiring lessons that will stay with the artists, students and teachers – and their communities – for years to come.”