Message from the Principal

Dear families,

Trivia Night
Last week we held our annual Trivia Night and it was great night! Parents came along dressed in the theme of ‘nerds, hipsters, bogans and socialites’, and it certainly added to the atmosphere. I hardly recognised some people!

Congratulations must go to the winning team, ‘Nerdalicious’ who in the end defeated ‘The Poindexters’ in a rock, paper, scissors tie breaker! A very dramatic finish to the evening!

I would like to thank all the parents who helped put on our Trivia Night this year, from purchasing drinks to seeking prizes and setting up the room during the day. A very grateful thank you also to Scott and Michelle, (Darby and Georgie’s parents) who once again put together a very entertaining Trivia Quiz that really tested our memories and cultural knowledge. Scott and Michelle host regular Trivia Nights at their Steam Packet Hotel in Williamstown so really know the Trivia business!

The night was very successful raising $3,200. This money will be a great help finishing off our fence fund this year! One side to go!

New Rain Jackets
We have received our new rain jackets and they look fantastic! We have a range of sizes in stock and are selling them at the office for $36.00 each. The jackets have a fleecy lining and zip up pockets as well as a hood that can be folded inside when not in use. They can be worn over our existing hoodie for extra warmth. Georgie M from Prep B loves hers!!

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School Uniform
Going through our lost property pile this week, we have found lots of items without names. With the arrival of our new jackets, it is a good time to remind everyone to name clothing items.

I would like to encourage everyone to check their child’s jumpers at home, a year or so after purchase, names can gradually wear off and items may need relabelling. If you happen to find that your child is wearing someone else’s jumper, having brought it home by mistake, we would appreciate you returning it to the lost property basket in the office.

Cross Country
At the Division cross country event last week, Josh J, Charlie B, Mitchell and Natasha F represented the Spotswood District and showed our value of ‘Doing your Best’. They finished out of contention for the next level but well done to our speedy runners.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund
The Victorian Government has introduced the CSEF to assist eligible families to cover the costs of camps, sporting activities and school excursions. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, you may be eligible for the CSEF. The allowance of $125 will be paid directly to the school to be allocated to any of these relevant activities. You can pick up an application form here at the office or online from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Please note that any applications must be lodged by 26th June.

HOUSE SPORTS
I have checked the weather forecast and Thursday 11th June is a very promising 15°C and sunny. Let’s hope it stays that way! Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out. On Tuesday 9th June at 3:00pm Ms Hardy and Mr Smith will be holding a briefing for parent helpers who are available, to help prepare for the day. (If you are not able to come, we can brief you on the day.)

*Reminder to parents that children are encouraged to dress in their House Colours on Thursday.

Jacquie Green
Principal

Premiers Reading Challenge
Where Will Your Next Reading Adventure Take You?

This week 27 students completed the Premiers Reading Challenge – a fantastic week of reading! Congratulations to Alannah, Daniel and Chantelle (Prep B), Caterina (Prep V), Siena B (1/2A), Dakoda and Amelie M (2/3K), Ava and Nevaehadah (3A), Bella (4/5L) and Connor, Seth, Liam G, Paris, James P, Nick P-G, Jasmine, Kai B, Ashley, Yasmin, Bailey, Will B, Josh J, Kelly, Ethan, Emma G, Rishi (6H).

Alannah read 33 books including ‘Hunwick’s Egg’ by Mem Fox and ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’ by Michael Rosen.

Daniel read 36 books including ‘What Planet are you from Clarice Bean?’ by Lauren Child and ‘Elmer’ by David McKee.

Chantelle read 93 books including ‘Animal Homes’ by Anna Sheppard and ‘The Extra-Special Helper’ by Sally Rippin.
Caterina read 30 books including ‘The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow!’ by Andy Griffiths and ‘Ponko and the South Pole’ by Meredith Hooper. Caterina’s favourite book was ‘The Smallest Bilby and the Midnight Star’ by Nette Hilton and Bruce Whatley.

Siena read 40 books including ‘The Potato People’ by Pamela Allen and ‘Put Me in the Zoo’ by Robert Lopshire. Siena’s favourite book was ‘The Princess and the Pig’ by Heather Amery.

Dakoda read 19 books including ‘Cabin Fever’ by Jeff Kinney and ‘The Adventures of a Kite’ by Margaret Mahy.


Ava read 20 books including ‘The Cabbage Patch Curse’ by Paul Jennings and ‘Code Breakers’ by Sally Rippin. Ava’s favourite book was ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ by Roald Dahl.

Nevadah read 17 books including ‘Lights Out’ by Rowan McAuley and ‘Pearlie and the Fairy Queen’ by Wendy Harmer.

Bella read 19 books including ‘Tongue Tied’ by Paul Jennings and ‘Thea Stilton and the Spanish Dance Mission’ by Thea Stilton. Bella’s favourite book was ‘Mr Stink’ by David Walliams.

Connor read 78 books including 25 from the Paul Jennings series, ‘The Adventures of Tom Sawyer’ by Mark Twain and ‘How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli and Snake Hill’ by James Patterson.

Seth read 18 books including ‘The Fall of Five’ by Pittacus Lore and ‘The Hunger Games’, ‘Mockingjay’ and ‘Catching Fire’ by Suzanne Collins.

Liam read 17 books including ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’ by C.S. Lewis and ‘First Strike’ by Jack Higgins. Liam’s favourite book was ‘Fullmetal Alchemist Volume 8’ by Hiromu Arakawa.

Paris read 20 books including ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ by Roald Dahl and ‘Hatchet’ by Gary Paulsen.

James read 30 books including all of the books in the ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’ series by Jeff Kinney and ‘Playing with Fire’ by Derek Landy.


Jasmine read ‘Ouran High School Host Club Volumes 1 to 4’ by Hatori Bisco and ‘Paper Towns’ by John Green.

Kai read 22 books including ‘Cricket Kings’ by William McInnes and ‘Grand Final Fever’ by Michael Wagner.

Ashley read 16 books including ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’ by Roald Dahl and ‘Deltora Quest’ by Emily Rodda.

Yasmin read 15 books including ‘Take My Word for It’ by John Marsden and ‘Eragon’ by Christopher Paolini.


Will read 15 books including ‘Chicken Stu’ by Nathan Luff and ‘The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas’ by John Boyne.

Josh read 26 books including ‘Charlie Bone and the Red Knight’ by Jenny Nimmo and ‘Guts’ by Paul Jennings.

Kelly read 17 books including ‘Leonardo and the Death Machine’ by Robert Harris and ‘Thirteen’ by James Phelan.

Ethan read 18 books including the 3 books from ‘The Hunger Games’ series and ‘Uncanny’ and ‘Unreal’ by Paul Jennings.

Rishi read 21 books including 13 books in the ‘Horrible Histories’ series by Terry Deary and ‘The Busker’ by Paul Jennings.

This week’s Reading Challenge update:

62 students completed
2,696 books listed
2,376 books finished

The favourite book read so far as voted by our students is ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’ by Andy Griffiths. Students can nominate their favourite book by selecting it and clicking on the smiley face.

Spotty Footy Tipping Competition 2015

Leaderboard after Round 9:

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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.

Go Dogs Go streaks ahead – the rest of the pack is separated by only 1 point. Four days of footy this round.

Round 10 starts tonight with Fremantle taking on the Tigers. Will the Tiges get another win under their belt? Good luck with your tips. Thanks, Lisa (mum of Wes in 1/2A).

● Spotty Calendar ●

Monday 8th June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday (no children at school)

Tuesday 9th June – Friday 12th June
Fete Collection Week – Books, CDs & DVDs

Thursday 11th June
Whole School House Sports Day

Friday 12th June
Winter Sport Round Robin

Monday 15th June
Excursion to Taskworks (Grade 2/3K & 3A)

Tuesday 16th June
School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Wednesday 17th June
Crazy Scientist Day

Thursday 18th June
Student reports mailed home today

● Spotty Calendar ●

Tuesday 23rd June & Wednesday 24th June
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 25th June
Movie Night

Friday 26th June
Last day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

Monday 13th July
First day of Term 3

Wednesday 12th August – Friday 14th August
Grade 3 to 6 Camp

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

* more details to follow
Happy Birthday To –

Amelie S

Doodle 4 Google
Google are running a competition open to all students in Years 1 – 10. Students can design their own Google logo using the theme ‘If I could travel back in time I would…’ For details go to www.google.com.au/doodle4google - Jasmine in 6H has started her design. Here is her draft. Well done Jasmine!

T-Ball
Today 22 students from Grade 5 & 6 participated in the Spotswood District T-Ball Tournament at Greenwich Reserve in Williamstown. We will have an update on the Tournament in next week’s newsletter.
White Elephant Stall
Collection for Fete

9th - 12th June –
Books, CD’s & DVD’s

This is our first collection date for the Spotswood Carnival. The White Elephant stall would like to relieve you of your resalable 2nd hand goods & proceeds will go to the school.

Any new or good condition pre-loved
Books, CD’s, DVD’s

Please ensure that:

- No missing covers / pages
- Play smoothly, no scratches
- No broken cases
- Cases & disks match

To organise ourselves ahead of the fete, we ask that only specified items be sent on the dedicated collection weeks please.

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Follow the Elephants & drop-off in the upper school building, far classroom, at drop-off or pick-up.