Message from the Principal

Dear families,

2015 School Captains & Vice Captains
This week I had the privilege of hearing 12 of our Year 6 students apply for these important student leadership roles. Ms Hardy, Mr Lamb and I were very impressed with their courage and confidence as they presented to their fellow year 4-6 students. It made the voting a very tough job!

I am delighted to announce our successful candidates and look forward to presenting their badges at assembly on Monday.

School Captains  Sarah Brady and Will Buck
Vice Captains  Connor Schibeci and Emma Greilach

Class Captains
Next week, classes from 1-5 will decide who they would like to have represent them as class captains. Students who would like to be considered for class captain will have the opportunity to speak to their class about this and students will vote for their representatives. The class captains will then meet throughout the year as our Junior School Council. Prep class captains will be chosen by their teachers.

Skoolbag App (we know it’s spelt incorrectly, but it’s a really good app!)
Thank you families for your feedback last year regarding a school app. Due to overwhelming support our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our families. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag App which will enable you to receive the weekly newsletter and any other important updates throughout the school year.

To install it, just search for our school name "Spotswood Primary School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Once installed you will receive the newsletter and updates automatically as they are sent from the school.

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Newsletter
The school newsletter will also be available on our website. An email is sent from the school each week advising you that the newsletter is available to download. To subscribe to our newsletter go to: http://www.spotswoodps.vic.edu.au/newsletter and enter your name and email address.

Families are most welcome to receive both a hard copy of the newsletter as well as an emailed version. You can receive it all 3 ways if you like (including via the Skoolbag App). Some families may like a variety of the options available.

If you no longer wish to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter each week via your child’s class teacher, please email the school at spotswood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and let us know. Remember to include the name/s of your child/ren in the email.

We appreciate your thoughts about the Skoolbag App and electronic newsletters. Please see Sharon in the office or Jackie with any feedback.

Jackie Green
Principal

Spotty Calendar

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<td>Preps start attending school full time</td>
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* more details to follow

Piano and Keyboard Lessons

Private and group piano and keyboard lessons are offered during school hours at Spotswood Primary School. Lessons are 30 minutes duration held on Wednesdays and/or Thursday afternoons. These lessons are available for children in all grades and cater to individual needs. A.M.E.B exam preparation is offered and the opportunity to perform. For more information please contact Sharon in the office or Kerry on 0402 950 315 or email: k-anne-t@hotmail.com

Fees:
Private lesson – $27.00 p.w.
Group lesson (4 or 5 students) - $13.00 p.w.
Lessons are paid by the school term (or by other arrangement with Kerry).

Please see Sharon in the office for enrolment details.

Kerry Trevethan
Keyboard / Piano Teacher
Guitar Lessons
Genesis Music School provides guitar lessons for children in Grades Prep to 6 on a Thursday during school time. Guitar lessons commenced this week and new enrolments are welcome.

Fees:
Group lesson (3 students) - $14.00 p.w.
Shared lesson (2 students) - $20.00 p.w.
Private lesson – $27.00 p.w.
Lessons are paid by the school term.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office or contact Genesis Music School direct on 0421 426 674.

Happy Birthday To –

Archie
Phoenix

Oshclub’s Food and Blanket Appeal for the Lost Dogs Home

OSHClub is collecting food and bedding on behalf of The Lost Dogs’ Home! They rely on the donations from caring members of the public to keep the 31,000 cats and dogs they care for each year warm and with full bellies.

While they are of course grateful for any donation they receive, below is a guide on the most useful items you can donate to the Home.

Dog, cat, puppy and kitten food - The Home accepts both dry and tinned food; however, we are always short on food specifically for puppies and kittens.

Blankets, towels and bedding - Keeping our animals warm and cozy, especially over winter, is extremely important to us. *Please note that they cannot accept doonas, duvets or pillows, as these are very difficult to clean and maintain for reuse.

We always appreciate donations of the following items, which greatly improve our cats and dogs’ wellbeing while at the shelter: Other items include: • Dog treats (to help with training) • Cat toys • Dog toys (eg. Kong toys) • Kitty litter • Dog leads (preferably not chain leads)

Items can be left with Michelle or Danielle at OSHClub over the next week or two.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Hello everyone!

This week has been great, the children have been very interested in discovering all about Lunar new year traditions and their Chinese Zodiac signs.

Congratulations to Mia, who is our SUPERSTAR of the week! Mia was very helpful assisting us with the roll.

BIRTHDAYS AT OSHCLUB: Archie and Taj Fenn Happy Birthday!!!

Next week we are celebrating Love and friendship in honour of Valentine’s day.

Next Week’s Activities

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<td>Valentine Heart cookies &amp; Jumping through the hoop game</td>
<td>Friendship tree/ Love bug craft &amp; Activity circuit</td>
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<td>Great wall of friendship &amp; ringmaster game</td>
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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0423 728 739
Coordinator: Michelle Antoniou
Assistant: Danielle Anthony
OSHCClub 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.