Buddy activities

Our year 5/6 students have done a wonderful job so far this year looking after their younger buddies. At their weekly Thursday afternoon sessions, the buddies work together on different tasks. This week they were creating some wonderful pictures about the seasons. We are planning to share these at our next assembly on Monday 16th June.

Library

This week I was in our library showing a family around the school and I was reminded how lucky we are to have a group of parents who look after our library for us. From covering and repairing books, to cataloguing and tidying shelves there is an endless list of tasks to be completed. Classes have been using the library every week and I’m sure it must feel like a repetitive task tidying all those books only to have them touched by all the children! We really appreciate the work you do for our school and it is great to see the library being used almost every day by classes and at lunchtimes.

To Do

- Permission note and $26 for Animal Land Farm excursion (Grades Prep to 2)
- Return expression of interest to attend Camp (Grade 3 to 6)
- Parent/Teacher Interviews – preferred interview times
- Permission note and $15 for Whole School House Sports Day (Grades Prep to 6)
- Permission note and $11 for Winter Round Robin (Grades 4 to 6)
- Pay Term 2 keyboard fees
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Student Mid-Year Reports

Over the past few weeks staff have spent many hours preparing student mid-year reports. Over several meetings, we have worked together to look at student literacy and numeracy work samples and shared lots of discussion about student progress along the learning continuum. We do this to achieve consistency in our professional judgement across all areas of the school. Staff embrace the opportunity to work together on this task and support each other.

I appreciate the professional responsibility staff undertake to support ALL our students at Spotswood Primary School. Student reports will be mailed home on Thursday June 19th and Parent / Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 24th June. Interview preference forms have been sent home, if you need another form they are available at the office.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Our collection of students who have completed the challenge is growing! We would love to fill our celebration board up with more accomplished readers. Please encourage and support your child to take on this challenge and register their books online. The PRC collection of books represents some of the best and most engaging children’s literature for young readers. Let’s see if we can get the whole school on the board!

Pupil Free Day

Next term we will be having a Pupil Free Day on Monday 28th July. The staff will be involved in a professional development day. This will be a pupil free day for children.

OSHClub are able to offer a full day childcare program. The details are as follows:

- Date: Monday 28th July
- Times: 7:00am to 6:00pm
- Cost: $13.56 - $53.00 per child (Not including 50% tax rebate)

How to book: Please log in to your account online at www.oshclub.com.au and book in under the aftercare bookings tab.

What happens: Loads of fun for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Also wear/provide appropriate clothing including hats.

Further important information for this day: Once you have enrolled there are no refunds for cancellations. A $10 late booking fee applies for any casual attendances on the day. All regular Before and After Care bookings for this day have been removed.

A reminder also that this Monday 9th June is a Public Holiday. Enjoy your long weekend everyone.

Jackie Green
Principal

Spotty Calendar

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**Skype Experience**

This week our Year 1/2 students had an exciting opportunity to talk to some students from Alcoota School which is 150km north east of Alice Springs. Mrs Richard’s brother has been teaching there over the past two years. During some lively Skype discussion, students were able to discover many similarities and differences between the schools. We found out that they have monkey bars at Alcoota School and they wear the same colour uniform as us!

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**We have been comparing the differences between these 2 communities. It started as we were learning about the desert as a habitat for animals! We quickly learned that the desert can be a habitat for humans too!**

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**What is the difference?**

Alcoota and Spotswood have so many differences.

In Alcoota there are about 300 people. In Spotswood there are heaps more. Homes in Alcoota have big spaces between them. It is always hot and dry in the desert.

By Charlotte

In the desert it is very bare and red but in Spotswood it is very busy. All the houses in Alcoota are stretched out but in Spotswood they are squished. There is lots of water in Spotswood but there is hardly any in the desert. There are lots more buildings in Spotswood than in the desert. There are hardly any roads there but in Spotswood there are heaps of them.

By Excelsior

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Zoo

On Wednesday the 5/6s went to the Melbourne Zoo for our unit. We caught the train there; first we all went to look in the lemur and butterfly enclosures, then we split up into groups. One group looked at the other animals and the rest went to education class. When we were in the class we met Liam the Green Tree Frog and Patch the Kenyan Sand Boa, then we swapped to look at the other animals. Then we had lunch, and then we had to go back to school on the train. The highlight of the day was the meerkats!!!!

By WILL.B and SARAH
Premiers’ Reading Challenge

This week 5 students completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to James Tjeuw in P/1K, Taj Fenn in 1/2A, Isabella Watson in 3/4H and Sarah Brady and Bailey Tupper in 5/6L.

James read 33 books including ‘The Foot Book’ by Dr Seuss and ‘The Very Brave Bear’ by Nick Bland.

Taj read 36 books including ‘I Know a Rhino’ by Charles Fuge and ‘It’s My Birthday’ by Helen Oxenbury.

Isabella read 18 books including ‘Thea Stilton and the Blue Scarab Hunt’ by Thea Stilton and ‘Matilda’ by Roald Dahl. Isabella’s favourite book was ‘Adventures of the Wishing Chair’ by Enid Blyton.

Sarah read 15 books including ‘Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian’ by Rick Riordan and ‘Curse of the Vampire Squirrels’ by Keith Brumpton. Sarah’s favourite book was ‘Percy Jackson and the Battle of the Labyrinth’ by Rick Riordan.

Bailey read 15 books including ‘Genius Ideas (Mostly)’ by Liz Pichon and ‘The Serpent’s Shadow’ by Rick Riordan.
This week’s Reading Challenge update:

- 26 students completed
- 1,593 books listed
- 1,341 books finished
- Some of the books given 5 stars by our students are – ‘Back to School’ by Meredith Badger, ‘Belonging’ by Jeannie Baker, ‘Dragons’ by Judy Tatchell and ‘Eight’ by Lyn Lee.

**Casual Dress Day: Thursday 19th of June**

The Junior School Council are holding a casual dress day on Thursday 19th of June to raise money to purchase new books for our classroom and school libraries. Hardie Grant Egmont is offering schools $500 IN FREE BOOKS when an order is placed for $500 worth of books. Children are asked to wear casual clothes and donate a gold coin towards the books we are purchasing.

Thank you,
Spotswood Primary Junior School Council

**Student Awards**

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

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<td>Nicholas H – doing his best and persisting with all of his school work. Awesome effort Nicholas! Thomas S – getting along magnificently with his classmates and helping them with their work. Thanks Tom!</td>
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<td>Zeke – trying hard in Reading. Well done! Aryan – trying hard in Maths. Well done!</td>
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<td>Issy F – her incredible class participation and intelligent thought out answers Izzy B – always being such a caring and considerate friend to others</td>
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<td>Owen – his wonderful wealth of knowledge that he shares with the class Georgie – being a positive girl who is simply adorable! She’s a real gem! Mitchell – his desire to learn and discover new knowledge about all topics. He is a fabulous boy – really delightful!</td>
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5/6P

Abbey D – brightening up the classroom with her great smile and excellent attitude
Bradley – showing great teamwork and sportsmanship during T-ball and the soccer tournament

5/6L

Ryan B – having an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and always trying to stump his teacher with new maths brain teasers
Emma G – her beautiful illustrated explanation of the water cycle

Happy Birthday To –

Annabell
Chantai
Amelie S

End of Term Uniform Special

White uniform tops – NOW $10 each (for the last 3 weeks of term).
Sizes 4 to 16 available in short sleeve
Sizes 10 to 16 available in long sleeve

Once all of the white polo tops are sold we will only stock red short and long sleeve tops in our uniform shop. Students are still permitted to wear white tops to school. We will continue to stock red logos for ironing on to white tops purchased elsewhere.

Spotty Footy Tipping Competition

Leader board (after Round 11):

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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.

Round 12 starts tonight with the Cats taking on the Blues. Enjoy the long weekend!

I’m trying to finalise the total money pool so I can calculate the amount raised for the school, but we still have some missing payments. Please submit your payment to Sharon in the office. Any queries, please message me through the Footy Tips website or leave a message for me in the office.

Thanks, Lisa
**Program Update**

Hello everyone!

This week we have been exploring the theme of winter. One afternoon we began a conversation about the impact of the Ozone layer on the seasons. From this conversation the children decided they would like to explore more ideas on Sustainability so we have made next week NATURE WEEK!

This week’s Oshclub super-star award goes to Rishi for his amazing Dragon boat idea and leadership initiative. CONGRATULATIONS!

**Next Week’s Activities**

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