Message from the Principal

Dear families,

School Council
Thank you to those who nominated for positions on School Council this year. I am pleased to confirm that we have two new parent members this year, David Murphy and Lucy Lines, who join renominating members Mark Wityk and Lucy Francis. They join our continuing parent members Mick Brady, Brad McColl, Nathalie Jugovic, Jo Bandy-Renkin and Jo Mitchell. Staff members are myself, Jess Richards, Mel Voigt and Ben Anstey, making up our School Council.

Thank you to these people for their interest in our school. The first meeting of the new School Council will be on Tuesday 17th March at 6.15pm in the staffroom.

Preps
Our prep students have had their first full week at school this week and survived! We are very proud of how well our prep students have settled into school this year and expect that some may be feeling a little tired this weekend. Fortunately it is a long weekend. A reminder to parents that Monday is a public holiday and there will be no school.

Cricket
Next week Josh Jedretich in year 6 will be trying out for the opportunity to represent Victoria in the State 12 years and under Boys Cricket team. The team will compete at the School Sport Australia National Championships in Brisbane in January 2016. Josh played representative cricket with Hobsons Bay during the school holidays and has been nominated to try out at this next level. Next Wednesday he will try out with students from other schools and we wish him all the best. It is rare to see Josh without a ball in his hand around school, constantly honing those bowling, catching and throwing skills. Good luck next week Josh!

Swimming
Also next week Jessica Briggs and Sarah Brady will be competing in the Divisional Swimming Championships at the Werribee Outdoor Olympic Pool. We know they may be feeling that combination of nerves and excitement that competition brings, we wish them all the best for Thursday. Josh in fact qualified for this event too however will be at the cricket trials.

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**Accident Insurance, Ambulance Cover and Private Property**

At the beginning of each year the department reminds schools that personal accident insurance and ambulance cover is not provided by the department. It is important that parents understand that any medical costs and ambulance costs are not covered.

Staff have a duty of care for students during the day and will assess first aid needs in line with our training. We will call for an ambulance if we feel it is required. Please understand that if you do not have ambulance cover, the cost will be the family's responsibility.

Personal property is not covered by insurance, for example if a bag or other personal item is stolen or damaged, school's do not have insurance cover for this. This applies to staff, students and families.

**Pokémon Cards**

Last year it was loom bands, (remember?). Lately, we have seen a resurgence in the popularity of Pokémon Cards. Whilst most of the time it is an enjoyable activity and experience for students, unfortunately at times cards get mixed up, go missing and this stirs up some disagreement about trading.

We do encourage children not to bring their own toys and games to school as it is not reasonable for staff to manage the responsibility of this, nor appropriate that they spend time after lunch and recess sorting out the confusion of card mix ups.

We suggest that children who bring Pokémon Cards only bring a small selection of about 20 cards rather than the bundles of 100s some are carrying, and leave them on their teacher’s desk during class.

**Conference**

I am currently attending the Hobsons Bay Principal Conference and I am heading into day 3. The theme of the conference is 'Maximising the potential of our schools' and we have been privileged to hear from some excellent presenters. The opportunity to workshop with other principals from our neighbouring schools is an opportunity that is hard to facilitate in the normal day to day week and I have appreciated being able to share this experience with my colleagues.

Enjoy the long weekend.

*Jackie Green*

*Principal*

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**Spotty Calendar**

- **Monday 9th March**
  - Labour Day Public Holiday (no children at school)
- **Thursday 12th March**
  - Divisional Swimming Championships
- **Friday 13th March**
  - Library Software Training (1.45pm in the library)
  - Working Bee (3.30pm-6.30pm)
- **Friday 27th March**
  - Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)
- **Monday 13th April**
  - First Day of Term 2

*more details to follow*

**Easter Raffle**

Tickets for our Easter Raffle were sent home on Wednesday. Tickets are $1 each and the raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 27th March.

We would be grateful for donations of items for our Easter Raffle. You may like to donate an Easter Egg or a book or toy. We will make up hampers for the raffle which will form the prizes.

Donations can be left at the office.
Congratulations Ashley

Congratulations Ashley Brockton in 6H who made the Top 100 in Mathletics this week. Ashley has been working very hard on his maths and has been going through all of the exercises in the Mathletics program. The Mathletics Hall of Fame includes all students enrolled in Mathletics around the world so this is quite an achievement!

All children at Spotswood Primary School have now been enrolled in Mathletics and new families will receive their child’s user name and password next week.

We are very proud of you Ashley. Well done!

Lost uniform items

Children and parents have been calling into the office this week looking for lost items of uniform. Jackets, hats etc found in the yard with a name on them are returned to the child however some items, both named and unnamed, have vanished.

We would be grateful if all families could check their child’s uniform to make sure it has their child’s name on it. Also any uniform accidentally brought home belonging to another child should be returned to the office.

Keyboard Lessons

Kerry Trevethan, our keyboard teacher, is offering private and group lessons to students on a Thursday during school time. 3 Prep students began their musical journey this week with Kerry coinciding with their first full week at school.

If you would like your child to learn to play the piano or keyboard and to learn the language of music, please see Sharon in the office to enrol.

Fees are $13 per group lesson (maximum of 5 children) and $27 per individual lesson and run for 30 minutes.
Library System Training

Training on the Library’s new computer system will take place on Friday the 13th of March at 1.45pm in the school library. All parents who are interested in learning how to use the library’s borrowing and cataloguing system are more than welcome to attend this training session.

King regards
Tracey Kelly

Kittens

Kerry (keyboard/piano teacher) and her daughter Kate have hand raised 3 beautiful kittens from birth. They are now looking for loving homes. There are 2 boys (tabby and black & white) and 1 girl (tortoiseshell) and they are nearly 6 weeks old.

If you would like to adopt a kitten, please call Kerry on 0402 950 315.

Happy Birthday To –

Emily
Nathan
**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on Monday. This week our awards focused on the value of ‘Inclusion’:

| Prep B | Brodie – being a caring classmate who always has a friendly smile  
| Prep V | Pearl – looking out for her friends and making sure nobody feels left out  
| Prep V | Milos – making sure that no one is feeling left out  
| Prep V | Manon – always being kind to everyone in our classroom  
| 1/2A | Indira – making new friends and involving them in her class activities  
| 1/2A | Finn R – taking time to cheer up his class mates and involving them in games if they’re upset  
| 1/2KJ | Lily Folloso – always being happy to include someone new into her games  
| 1/2KJ | Desi – taking turns and encouraging his mates during games  
| 1/2R | Will A – keeping a caring and watchful eye on his classmates and friends  
| 1/2R | Olive – always sitting at the front and participating in activities  
| 2/3K | Bianca – including others in her games outside. Thank you Bianca!  
| 2/3K | Thomas Simpson – sharing his paper plane book with everyone and helping others with their designs  
| 2/3K |  
| 3A  | Amelie S – bringing your friends together and sharing a brilliant performance with the grade. Well done Amelie!  
| 3A  | Ella S – always being a genuine and kind friend – you’re amazing!  
| 4/5L | Aimee – always being open to let new people play with her  
| 4/5L | Sam M – being part of a 4 square game that is welcoming to all who want to play  
| 6H  | Emma G – her emotions shown to others when our beautiful rabbit Bugsy passed away. Thank you Emma.  
| 6H  | Sarah – showing empathy about Bugsy and being such a considerate girl!
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Hello everyone!

Next week we are celebrating Festivals. Tuesday’s Moomba inspired Oshclub “Bird-man rally” should be lots of fun!

This coming week’s Oshclub superstar award goes to Maugen Hood Micolon, who always comes into Oshclub with a great smile and a great winning attitude, CONGRATULATIONS!!

We hope you all have a wonderful Labour day long weekend.

**PLEASE BRING A TOP TO TIE DYE ON THURSDAY AT AFTER CARE**

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

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Some great Pics from colour & weather week
The Grand Return of the Spotswood Primary School Fete

We have some excellent news. Our beloved (and much missed) school fete is returning this year as a twilight event so put this very important date into your calendar now:

**Friday October 23rd**

**3.30pm-8.30pm**

We are going to need lots of volunteers on the evening but also need a few more people to help us in the planning stages. We currently have a small fete committee but need a few more people to help us move things along. If you are interested in helping to plan and organise the fete, please contact Samantha Harrison (Will 1/2R & Holly 1/2KJ) samanthaharrison3@hotmail.com or Rachel Fenn (Lily 4/5L; Taj 2/3K; Archie Prep V) rachelfenn13@gmail.com.

We will be calling for more volunteers later in the year to help staff the fete stalls and arrange things on the day.

We will make arrangements with OSHClub for those students who require after school care. These arrangements are yet to be finalised.

**Fete Poster Competition**

We have a theme for the fete which is “Circus”. But we need a poster to match our theme and to promote the fete to our community. The fete will feature some live performances from some of our very talented parents one of which will be “Zebra”. All students are encouraged to submit a picture and/or design for our fete poster which is a circus theme and includes a zebra. All designs are to be submitted by the last day of term and we will announce the winner at the start of term 2. The student with the winning design will win a ride wrist band which will give them free rides for the whole evening!! Entry forms have been sent home today with the newsletter.
Enter our Fete Poster Competition

To enter the competition all you have to do is draw your “circus with a zebra” picture in the circle below and fill in your name and class. All students are encouraged to enter.

Name

Class

Entries close on Friday 27th March (the last day of Term 1). The student with the winning design will win a ride wrist band which will give you free rides for the whole fete!!