Message from the Principal

Dear families,

**Photo Day**
Monday is school photo day! The schedule for the day will run through grades, individual and sibling photos. The staff photo will be taken at 8:45am and then we will move straight into the class photos. There will be NO ASSEMBLY on Monday 11th May so that Photos can commence at 9:00am sharp. We will be starting with the prep classes so we ask that parents make extra effort to be on time so that we do not get held up waiting for latecomers. Photos will be delivered to the school later this term. Smile!

**Professor Bunsen**
We are looking forward to having Professor Bunsen at Spotswood PS. He will be here Monday afternoon to present his science shows to our P-2 students, then our 3-6 students. I am hoping to find out if Professor Bunsen is his real name and if that is what motivated his interest in science! If you have not returned your note, please bring it on Monday morning.

**NAPLAN**
Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. This annual assessment program is an initiative that includes students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 from all over Australia. The tests cover the important areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The assessments will be conducted over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in all schools at these year levels. More detailed information has been provided to parents of our year 3 and 5 students earlier this week.

**Cross Country**
Good luck to our 21 runners who will be heading off to the district cross country event today. It will be held at Footscray Park and our students will be competing against those from other local schools. The 9 and 10 age groups will run a distance of 2kms and the 11, 12 and 13 age groups will run a distance of 3kms. This is an opportunity for our students to show our value of ‘Doing our Best’ and cheer each other on as they compete. All the best runners!

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**VU Students**
There has been an energetic learning buzz around the school this week with our 20 Victoria University students who have been here on an observation placement. They have been very impressed with our school community and joined in with all the activities and events going on this week. The VU students will return later in the year for a series of literacy sessions over 8 weeks and will take small group sessions in reading and writing.

**Emergency Evacuation**
This week we held an emergency evacuation practice to the oval. We have a detailed plan that enables us to be prepared in case of emergency, and regular drills help staff and students all understand their role in a situation where this may be necessary. This was a big drill for us as we had lots of extra visitors in the school, our VU students, our guitar and keyboard programs were running and we managed to all safely evacuate to the oval in a matter of minutes.

**Mother’s Day Stall**
Yesterday students were able to select from a huge variety of items at our annual Mother’s Day stall. Thank you very much to the parents who put a lot of time and effort into sourcing, preparing and presenting such a wonderful selection of gifts. To all our mothers, I hope you enjoy your gift and that you are treated to a little extra special care and love on Sunday.

*Jackie Green*
*Principal*

**Premiers Reading Challenge**
**Where Will Your Next Reading Adventure Take You?**
This week 3 students completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Desi (1/2KJ), Arabella M (1/2R) and Shauna (2/3K).

Desi read 30 books including ‘Feathers for Phoebe’ by Rob Clement and ‘Five on a Treasure Island’ by Enid Blyton.

Arabella read 32 books including ‘The Deep End’ by Sally Rippin and ‘But, Excuse Me, that is My Book’ by Lauren Child.

Shauna read 17 books including ‘Black Beauty’ by Anna Sewell and ‘Paddington’s New Room’ by Michael Bond.
This week’s Reading Challenge update:

14 students completed
1,140 books listed
859 books finished

Favourite books read by students at our school include ‘Kisses for Daddy’ by Frances Watts, ‘The Tiger Skin Rug’ by Gerald Rose and ‘I Love My Footy’ by Michael Wagner.

A Renewed Call For Book Covering Volunteers!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped to cover many new and donated books for the school library. Due to the volume of amazing books, we are looking for new or previous volunteers to assist in covering these lovely new books in contact so that they can be placed on the shelves for borrowing. If you are able to spare some time to cover a few more of these books at home, please fill in the tear off slip below and send it back to your child’s teacher. A bag of up to 5 books with contact will then be sent home with your child to be covered.

Kind regards,

Tracey Kelly

Book Covering Volunteer

Name: ________________________________
Child’s Name: ________________________________
Grade: ________________________________
Contact Number: ________________________________

● Spotty Calendar ●

Monday 11th May
School Photo Day
Professor Bunsen whole school Science demonstration

Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May
NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)

Monday 18th May
Family Life (Grades Prep to 6)

Tuesday 19th May
Prep 2016 Information Night

Tuesday 19th May – Wednesday 27th May
Somers Camp

Monday 25th May
Family Life (Grades Prep to 6)

● Spotty Calendar ●

Thursday 28th May
Animal Land Farm excursion (Preps)

Friday 29th May
Trivia Night

Monday 1st June
Family Life (Grades 3 to 6)

Thursday 4th June
MSO excursion (Grade 1/2A, 1/2KJ & 1/2R)

Thursday 11th June
Whole School House Sports Day *

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

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

* more details to follow
**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received ‘Student of the Week’ awards at assembly on Monday.

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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Joshua H</td>
<td>his fantastic work during our unit on length. Well done!</td>
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<td>Layla</td>
<td>always being caring and considerate to other students’ feelings and opinions</td>
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<td>Alex</td>
<td>being a responsible learner and for working well independently</td>
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<td>Manon</td>
<td>being a very hard worker and for her kindness to others</td>
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<td>Wes</td>
<td>setting an excellent example to his classmates with his outstanding behaviour</td>
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<td>Gianna</td>
<td>her well thought out questions during reading</td>
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<td>1/2KJ</td>
<td>Antonio C</td>
<td>showing more focus and independently finishing class work. Well done!</td>
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<td>Siena G</td>
<td>lovely reading during guided reading. Awesome job!</td>
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<td>Jaxon</td>
<td>trying super hard to improve his writing. Well done Jax!</td>
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<td>Anastasia</td>
<td>working really hard on her addition strategies in Maths</td>
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<td>2/3K</td>
<td>Sophie</td>
<td>putting in great effort with her fraction work. Well done Sophie!</td>
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<td>Dakoda</td>
<td>her encouragement of other children on the monkey bars. Great coaching Dakoda!</td>
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<td>Sean</td>
<td>being super responsible and remembering to take home your guitar at the end of the day!</td>
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<td>Agnes</td>
<td>writing a brilliant persuasive letter to your parents and having your wish granted!</td>
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<td>Owen</td>
<td>the starring role he played at our science visit to Bayside College, you showed great scientific knowledge</td>
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<td>Riley</td>
<td>being an all-round good guy, you are a mature voice in our classroom</td>
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<td>6H</td>
<td>Liam G</td>
<td>being so supportive of his teacher and being a wonderful Year 6 student with his ideas about work ethic, dedication and a great concept of right and wrong</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>having a wonderful work ethic and producing excellent work every day. Your ANZAC book was amazing Sarah!</td>
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**Happy Birthday To –**

Manon

Liila

Phineas
Spotty Footy Tipping Competition 2015

Leaderboard after Round 5:

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<td>Maddiehawk</td>
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<td>Chloe23</td>
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<td>Stephen Cook</td>
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<td>Tigger</td>
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<td>Dan</td>
<td>31 (210)</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.

It’s not too late to join. Tip as an individual, or tip as a family. For the rounds you miss, you get the away team wins. Round 6 starts tonight with the Cats taking on the Pies!

- 100% of entry fees go to the school!
- $20 per family/adult entry (children encouraged to participate with their family)


- If you are already a member of footytips, enter your login details and click “Login”
- If you are not a member of footytips, click “Join” and follow the steps

Please complete the entry form (available from Sharon) and hand in to the office with your payment. For more information, see Sharon in the office or contact Lisa Catania (mum of Wes in 1/2A) via the website/leave a message.

Thanks!

Program Update

Hello everyone!
Thank you for an amazing Friendship and Family week! Hope all your lovely mums have a beautiful Mother’s Day.
Next week’s theme is all about Outer Space...

Next Week’s Activities

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<td>Chalk Solar system</td>
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<td>After Care Activities</td>
<td>Make your own undiscovered planet</td>
<td>Space cut outs</td>
<td>Weaving stars</td>
<td>Space ship challenge</td>
<td>Create your own out of space board game</td>
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Thanks!
TRIVIA CHEAT SHEET II

IDENTIQUIZ
WHO DO YOU IDENTIFY WITH...
BUT WHO DO YOU KNOW THE MOST ABOUT?

Here's a bit more for you to know...plus this week's trivia teaser!!

*The night is held in the senior school building!
We set up tables in the middle section, the trivia is projected on the wall for all to see, bar on one side, silent auctions on the other.

*The night is for over 18's only due to liquor licensing...get your team of eight organised then head to the office to sign up! Pay for your table in full by May 22 and you'll get 10 raffle tickets!

*There is a cash bar so no BYO allowed but please bring your own nibbles!

*Dressing up is encouraged and there will be prizes! This year it's dress as a bogan, hipster, socialite or nerd.

*There will be raffles and silent auctions on the night.

*The trivia is played over five rounds with lots of music, videos and audience participation. It usually ends around 10:30.

*There are 'games' to be played in between the rounds so have your $2 coins at the ready...and practice your paper plane folding!

*If you can help with donations for the raffle or silent auction please let Sharon know.

The Spotswood PS trivia night is always a lot of fun & is a major contributor to the fundraising here at the school.

We hope to see you there!!

Trivia teaser...housewives.