‘Where everybody is somebody’

Term 2 Week 3 • Friday 9th May 2014

Message from the Principal

PREP 2015 INFORMATION NIGHT

Next Tuesday evening, we are holding our information night for prospective parents. This evening is an important opportunity for new families to come along and hear about our school. If you know of any families who are in the process of making this important decision, please encourage them to attend our evening at 7:00pm in the senior school building.

We have started taking enrolments for 2015 already and indications are that we may have 2 prep classes again next year. Of course final numbers will not be determined until closer to the end of the year, but if you do have a younger sibling starting next year, we encourage you to drop in and pick up an enrolment form. Having an indication of how many siblings will be coming here next year is helpful for us to inform our forward planning.

MOTHERS DAY

To all our mothers, we wish you a Happy Mothers Day on Sunday. Students had some tough choices today as they deliberated over which present to buy! They take this very seriously and want to buy ‘just the right thing’ for you. I’m sure you’ll love it! Thank you Katherine Blakemore who ran the Mothers Day stall this year and to the parents who helped out with the collection of gifts and also on the day at the stall. This event is not only a fundraising activity for our school but an event the children really appreciate.

PRE SERVICE TEACHERS WEEK

We had a fantastic week at Spotswood Primary with the pre-service teachers from Victoria University. The group spent their days involved in all aspects of school activities and talking to the staff, they enjoyed the opportunity to engage them in small group work with students through our curriculum programs.

It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school and I would like to commend the students for their friendliness and work effort this week representing our school.

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To Do

- Permission note and $36 for Healesville Sanctuary excursion (Grade 3/4H)
- Pay Term 2 Books & Resources Levy ($62.50 if paying each term)
**CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to our team of 24 runners who participated in the Spotswood District Cross Country Carnival today. The following runners will now represent the school at the Division Cross Country level - Yasmin, Zoë, Natasha, Connor, Ripley, Maria and Emma.

![Cross Country Runners](image)

**Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

This week 4 students completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to Oscar Fantini and Charlie Francis from Prep B, Oliver Weston from Prep V and Zoe Bryant from 1/2A.

Oscar read 35 books including ‘Oscar the Button’ by Eszter Nagy and ‘Elmer and the Lost Teddy’ by David McKee.

Charlie read 51 books including ‘Sebastian Lives in a Hat’ by Thelma Catterwell and ‘Melrose and Croc Find a Smile’ by Emma Chichester Clark. Charlie’s favourite book was ‘The Gruffalo’ by Julia Donaldson.

Oliver read 35 books including ‘Alfie Gives a Hand’ by Shirley Hughes and ‘The Three Robbers’ by Tomi Ungerer.

Zoe read 30 books including ‘Little Lunch Books 1-5’ by Danny Katz and ‘The Magic Faraway Tree’ by Enid Blyton.

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**Spotty Calendar**

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| Tuesday 13th May | Policy & Curriculum meeting (5.30pm)  
Marketing meeting (6pm)  
Prospective Prep Parents Information Night (7pm) |
| Friday 16th May  | School Photo Day  
Buildings & Grounds meeting (9am) |
| Monday 19th May  | Spotty Friends & Families Group meeting (9.15am) |
| Tuesday 20th May  | Finance meeting (6pm)  
School Council meeting (6.15pm) |
| Sunday 25th May  | Cake Stall at The Substation/Re-Use It Baby Market fundraiser *  
Working Bee * |
| Friday 30th May  | Grade 3/4H excursion - Healesville Sanctuary |

* more details to follow
This week’s Reading Challenge update:

- 12 students completed
- 1,163 books listed
- 910 books finished
- Some of the favourite books read by our students are – ‘The Gruffalo’ by Julia Donaldson, ‘The 39-Storey Treehouse’ by Andy Griffiths and ‘Amelia Jane Again!’ by Enid Blyton.
- Some of the books given 5 stars by our students are – ‘Superworm’ by Julia Donaldson, ‘The Baby Who Wouldn’t Go to Bed’ by Helen Cooper and ‘Time for Bed’ by Mem Fox.

**Mathletics**

Congratulations to the following students in Grade 5/6P who received Mathletics Bronze Certificates this week in their class:

- Ashley Brockton
- Bradley Blakemore
- Jasmine Briggs

**Coming up Soon Dates**

**Cake Stall at the Substation**

On Sunday 25th May the ‘Reuse it Baby’ market has kindly offered Spotswood Primary School the opportunity to hold a cake stall fundraiser. There will be a notice coming home next Wednesday about this event letting you know how you can help.

**Working Bee**

Also on Sunday 25th May we will be holding a working bee to develop a succulent garden in the front corner of the school. There will be more details about this in next week’s newsletter including a list of jobs.

**Spotty Choir**

Thank you to families and children who have responded to our expression of interest for the Spotty Choir. We now have a group of students ready to start rehearsals. The first rehearsal will take place during lunchtime next Thursday.

**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on the 28th of April:

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<th>Kaya – her great listening and fantastic ideas when predicting what might happen next in the story  Oliver – his outstanding writing and for being a great superhero who stays calm</th>
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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Michael – beginning Term two with a positive and productive approach. Keep up the great work!  Myles – improving every aspect of his writing and not giving up when sounding out big words (like Adelaide!) Amazing work!</td>
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<td>Fariha – her enthusiastic nature and her ability to have a go at everything  James – always trying his best with all areas of the curriculum</td>
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<td>Amelie M – always making valuable and meaningful contributions in class  Wes – his great help when making ANZAC biscuits</td>
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<td>Lizzie – always being a kind, caring and helpful person to all her classmates  Sam – his dedication to improving all areas of his school work</td>
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Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on the 5th of May:

Prep V
- Auryven - focusing well during writing tasks and for completing activities
- Emma I - being a wonderful helper in the classroom and for always doing her best!

Prep B
- Jack - being a caring member of Prep B and always looking after his peers inside and outside the classroom
- Karri - always contributing to classroom discussions and having a positive outlook on all aspects of learning

Prep / K
- Sophie - including others in her activities in a positive way
- James T - always showing pride in his work and working hard on his presentation

1/2R
- Konoka - great use of counting strategies when she is ’making and counting groups’ in Maths
- Amelie S - her enthusiasm and energy in all school activities

1/2A
- Flynn - his well thought out goals and how he’ll achieve them.
- Jamie - his excellent information report about sharks

3/4H
- Natasha - her fantastic attitude and great sense of humour! You are a wonderful class member Natasha!
- Nikolas - his regular, mature contributions to class discussions where he shares his ideas beautifully
- Jessica - her happy disposition and for just being a really lovely girl. She’s a gem!

5/6P
- Luke - showing an excellent understanding of perimeter and area
- Kai B - taking challenging texts and working very hard on his reading

5/6L
- Ripley - her amazing impromptu gymnastics performance in Carlton Garden that drew applause from all onlookers including a group of Chinese tourists
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Happy Birthday To –

Phineas

Spotty Footy Tipping Competition
It’s neck & neck….only a 1 point lead for 1st place and the remaining top 4 tippers on the same score! Will there be any surprises this round?

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<td>Lisa Catania</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
<td>Excelsior</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.

Are you still tempted to join? Taking new entries up to Round 10. For the rounds you have missed, you get the away team wins. Round 8 starts tonight with Sydney taking on the Hawks.

- 80% of entry fees go to the school!
- $10 adults (18 yrs +); $20 families (children’s participation only through a family entry)


- 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

We still have some online registrations with no payment, and some payment forms with no online registration…so please register or submit your payment to Sharon. Thanks!

For more information (information flyer and payment form), see Sharon in the office or contact me via the website.

Thanks, Lisa Catania

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**OSHClub News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

**Program Update**

Hello everyone!

This week’s Oshclub super-star award goes to Olive! Olive is always giving a helping hand and is constantly making us all smile and laugh. CONGRATULATIONS!

Next week’s theme in honour of Science week is........ Science Fiction week!!

*DONATIONS NEEDED: Large Boxes :0)*

**Next Week’s Activities**

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<td>Harry Potter Dragons Eggs/Captain &amp; crew game</td>
<td>Recycled materials Dr Who TARDIS/cat &amp; mouse game</td>
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Assistant: Danielle Anthony
2015 Information Night
Tuesday 13th May    7:00pm

• Meet our staff
• Hear about our curriculum and programs
• Experience our community

RSVP    9391 1323
or call to book a tour anytime