

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter



Term 1 Week 7 • Friday 11th March 2022

"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear Families,

Public Holiday

We remind families that there will be no school on Monday due to the Public Holiday and it feels very well timed. We are noticing that many children are starting to feel tired as the term goes on.

This is not at all a surprise given the disruption of the past two years, this is the longest stretch of being at school for quite a while so children are definitely still rebuilding their stamina!

I hope you have some plans you are looking forward to. I will be spending some of my time mowing the lawn, a job I find very relaxing and satisfying!

RAT Packs

We are still waiting to receive our next delivery of Rapid Antigen Test Packs. As soon as they arrive we will have them available for families to collect before and after school from the basketball court. If you are not able to be here at drop off or pick up, please call the office and we can arrange to send them home with your child or for you to pick them up. We will notify families when they have been delivered.

Class Captains

This week our class captains were announced. In coming weeks our class captains will meet together as our Junior School Council and we are excited to talk with them about some of their ideas. We congratulate the following students:

Prep S	Angus Bedford & Margot Quinn
Prep V	Annabel Hesketh and Jess Oldfield
1/2C	Hallie Slatkin & Esme Craik
1/2H	Bram Phillips & Gus Turner
1/2J	Flynn Ramsey-Brown and Max Harvey
1/2P	Lennox Tout and Chloe Govic
3/4B	Seth Miller and Sophie Clark
3/4K	Mallory Mackie and Frankie Hogan
3/4M	Orla Lynch and Ruby Miller
3/4V	Grace Clark and Jack Spiteri
5U	Eamon Needham and Lucy Gale
6M	Zillah Linguey and Lochlan Craik
6T	Edmund Russell & Zara Elbob

Class Captains will be presented with their badges at assembly **next Friday the 18th March.**

Jackie Green
Principal

Curriculum Update – Term 1 Week 8

		Continuous reporting
Prep		
Reading	WALT : recognise common words recognise the difference between upper- and lower-case letters	
Writing	Recount Special Prep Book Handwriting Smart Spelling	
Spelling	The sun was up, but it was not hot.	
Maths	Shape & Space 2D Shapes	
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Emotional Literacy: Drawing emotions. SWPB - Playground	
Grade 1 / 2		
Reading	Mentor text: Boy Predicting: *make predictions based on information and illustrations *predict events of plot, behaviour of characters and the ending of a story based on understanding of setting, problem and characters Inferring: *infer meaning from a text by looking at the pictures *Talk about characters' feelings as inferred from the story Maintaining fluency: read both orally and silently at a rate that reflects fluent processing; read orally with appropriate phrasing, pausing, intonation, word stress and rate; read parts of script with expression	
Writing	Narrative Generating *understand that fiction genres include realistic fiction, traditional literature and fantasy *understand that fiction can be written in various forms eg: picture books, poems, songs, plays, letters *understand that writers can learn their craft by using mentor texts *describe characters by what they do and how they look *describe the setting with appropriate detail	
Spelling	e as in bed	
Maths	Multiplication & Division Recognise and represent multiplication as repeated addition, groups and arrays Recognise and represent division as grouping into equal sets and solve simple problems using these representations	
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	SWPB: Toilets and office	
Grade 3 / 4		
Reading	Read and Respond Answering different question types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequencing • Written answers • More than one answer 	
Writing	Narrative Students will be exploring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • figurative language • direct and indirect speech • sizzling starts of a narrative text.	
Spelling	'le' as in table	

Maths	<p>Multiplication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication pre • Division pre <p>Show our understanding of multiplication and division</p> <p>Explore multiplication through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - arrays - repeated addition - split strategy <p>Focus on times tables</p>	
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	n/a	
Grade 5 / 6		
Reading	<p>QAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Right There' and 'Think and Search' questions • How to identify the type of question • Where to look for the answer • search for information in a strategic way 	
Writing	<p>Genre: Autobiography</p> <p>Focus: Text layout, punctuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using pictures and graphics in the layout to support the text • Use a variety of punctuation to match the genre and tone 	
Spelling	'si' as in division	
Maths	<p>Number and Algebra: Multiplication & Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Selecting and using efficient mental and written strategies, to divide and multiply whole numbers of up to four digits by a one-digit divisor -Solving word problems involving multiplication 	 Length
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	<p>WALT</p> <p>Believe that talents can be developed through hard work, good strategies, and input from others</p> <p>Develop a <u>growth mindset</u> in everything we undertake.</p>	



Emma Vasilevski
Assistant Principal

What's Happening in Our Classrooms

Prep – Respectful Relationships

In our respectful relationships program this term the Preps are learning all about our different emotions. We have been looking at different ways to identify and describe our emotions. The students have also explored how our bodies feel and change depending on how we are feeling. The preps have had lots of fun sharing the different ways emotions look and sound.

Melanie Voigt
Prep V Classroom Teacher

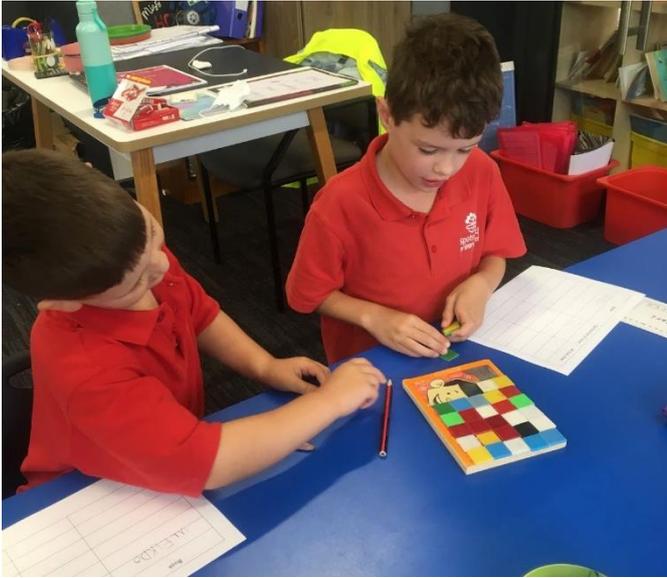


Years 1 & 2- Maths

We have had so much fun with our learning this week, measuring the perimeter and the surface area of shapes. We have been understanding what these terms mean by engaging in practical activities with partners. You will see below our activity of finding the surface area of a book cover using square tiles. We had to think about using squares of the same size and not leaving any gaps. We estimated, measured and recorded our findings.

Rebecca Howard
1/2H Classroom Teacher





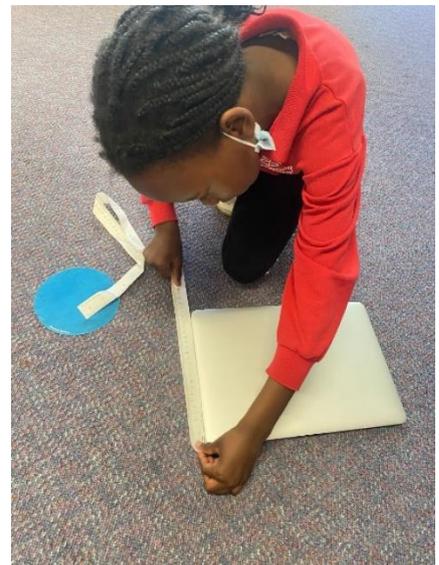
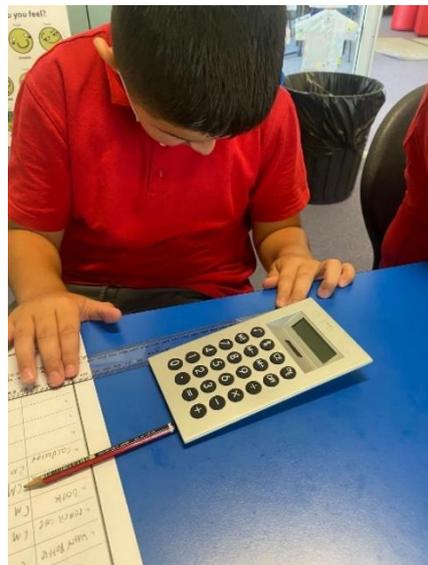
Years 3 & 4 – Maths Unit on Length

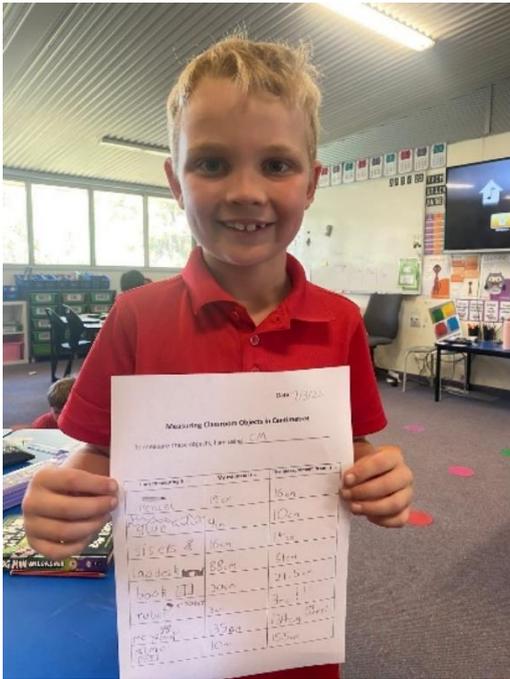
This week in 3/4 we have been busy measuring length! We have measured the lengths of a variety of items inside our classroom, using formal and informal units of measurement.

We have used scaled instruments to measure and compare lengths, these include; rulers, tape measures and even trundle wheels!

Did you know the length of our classroom is 9.43m!?

Tianne Ball
3/4B Classroom Teacher





Years 5 & 6 – Sailing Program

This week and last week, the Grade 5s were very lucky to go sailing! We headed down to Williamstown where we first learnt about the proper sailing vocabulary, like stern and bow, port and starboard. We were taught how to use the tiller to steer and wear to sit in the boat. Then we were off! We played games out on the water and even got to sail around with the mast and sail up to catch some wind. Everyone did a fantastic job listening to instructions (there were lots!) and had a great time with their partners in the boats. We are so lucky to have been given this sailing experience!

Sally Uldrikis
5U Classroom Teacher





Specialist – Music

Students in Years 3 and 4 have been learning to play short melodies on the recorder using the notes B, A and G. Students are also learning to read notes on the treble clef staff.

In music students have practise time and learn to play the melodies independently or in small groups. Here are some of our Year 3 and 4's practising the recorder:

Keep up the great work!

Michelle Papafotiou
Music Teacher



In Other News...

Summer Sport

Last Friday the Year 5 & 6 students played their second round of interschool sport against Bayside Altona College.

Here are the sports reports.

Basketball:

The basketball game was really fun! We won 36 to 2 against Bayside Altona College. Jack scored 24 points. Our next match is against Sacred Heart. Good luck to all teams! – Max Ilett

Bayside Altona College came to Spotswood Primary for Interschool Sports. The girls' basketball team played first, winning 14-38. Bayside played well and it was a tough game. The boys played next with a convincing win of 30-4. Everyone had fun and played well. Bayside was a competitive team and well done to everyone who participated today, even in the heat - Esther Linguey and Liana Taufu

Volleyball:

Last week we played volleyball against Altona College and although we lost, it was a great match because both teams tried hard and we came close to winning our four matches. Our team got most of the serves in and demonstrated improvement from last week. Marli, Oliver and Jem all served strongly and Abhijot and Oji continued to dig the ball and win points for our team. Overall, both teams performed well and we are looking forward to winning next week against Sacred Heart - Oji Sato

Tennis:

I loved playing and even though I didn't win I still had lots and lots of fun. I don't play tennis out of school and I don't have lots of experience, but it was so exciting, fun, and so very cool – Sienna Storey

Last week I did tennis for my interschool sports. The girls didn't win but the boys did. I won my singles game, but not my doubles. I had real fun last week and everything was great – Emily Peterson

The Spotswood boys tennis team won by quite a bit, but the other school did quite well. The score was around 8-4 for the boys (we won) and 7-3 for the girls (we lost) – Rowland Walker

The tennis tournament that took place last week was a draw with Spotty's boys team winning and the girls losing. I had a lot of fun – Patrick Creaney

Softball:

This week's softball game was a match of Spotty against Bayside. There was one inning with a score of 6-11 in Spotty's favour; we did well and everyone played fairly. There were 3 home runs made by Josh, Luca and Oliver H. Everyone played well, but our pitcher, Spencer did an amazing job. All in all it was a great and fun game and Bayside was a good opponent - Lochlan Craik and Gilbert Wright

Lunch Orders

The students are really enjoying having lunch orders on a Thursday at school. If you would like your child to have a lunch order and you haven't registered yet, go to www.munchmonitor.com and set up an account. The School ID is: spotswoodps and the password is: munch3015



The MunchMonitor website will not be accessible from 6pm on Friday 11th March 2022 for several hours as the site is upgraded to a new Parent Portal. A maintenance page will be shown until the upgrade has been completed and the MunchMonitor Parent Portal is operational.

There will be an updated user guide available in the Help menu once you log in post upgrade.

The upgraded features include:

- Favourites can be saved for each child;
- Orders can be placed for multiple students in a family and bundled into your shopping cart for a one-time purchase;
- Improved performance – better processing means more reliability during busy ordering times;
- Responsive design - compatible for laptop, tablet and mobile devices via a web browser.

Lunch orders are available every Thursday.

Lost Property

Please let us know if your child is the owner of any of the items shown that are currently in lost property and we will return it to them:



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award this week.

Prep S.....Fatouma Rashid - for always being helpful during pack up time, and helping her friends. Keep up the great work, Fatouma!



Prep V.....Frances Smith - putting lots of effort and details into her work, especially her drawings. Well done!

1 / 2 C.....Rose Elmore - for being a helpful and caring classmate that always goes out of her way to make someone feel special! Great work Rose.

1 / 2 H.....Ollie Campbell - showing lots of enthusiasm for the maths unit on measuring, and for working so well with partners.

1 / 2 JFenton Sargent - by having superstar focus during independent reading and for always listening to his peers during shared reading.

1 / 2 P.....Arabella Devlin - for always coming to school with a smile on her face, eager and willing to learn. Never lose this enthusiasm for learning!

- 3 / 4 B**.....Hagir Dere – for staying focused at your table and for always putting in your best effort to all learning tasks!
- 3 / 4 K**.....Emme Green - for returning to school with a positive attitude to all aspects of school life. Lovely to have you back at Spotty Emme!
- 3 / 4 M**.....Tabitha Wright - for always treating her classmates with respect, being a supportive friend and working well with peers in group tasks.
- 3 / 4 V**.....Anastasia Pjanic - for showing kindness to her community by helping pack and tidy things up voluntarily for her teachers and peers. Thank you Anastasia
- 5 U**Marli Weldhagen - for having a growth mindset during maths and doing an amazing job when converting units of measurements. Keep it up!
- 6 M**Liana Taufu - for demonstrating a growth mindset and approaching all tasks and opportunities with determination and maturity. Outstanding effort, Liana!
- 6 T**.....Mila Pjanic - for showing great enthusiasm toward her Reading investigation task, and putting a lot of effort into her group's presentation. Well done Mila



To:

Mia, Lily, Ethan H, Gilbert

Dates To Remember:

- Monday 14th March.....Labour Day Public Holiday (no children at school)
- Wednesday 16th March.....Hobsons Bay Division Swimming Carnival
- Friday 18th March.....Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport (Home vs Seaholme PS)
- Monday 21st March – Wednesday 23rd MarchYear 5 & 6 Camp to Portsea
- Friday 25th March.....Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport (Away vs St Mary's PS Altona)
- Tuesday 29th March.....School Council meeting (6.15pm)
- Friday 8th AprilLast Day of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)
- Tuesday 26th April.....First Day of Term 2