

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 • Thursday 18th February 2021



"Where everybody is somebody"

Dear Families,

It is so lovely to hear all the students coming back into school today! I know many families will share the relief we felt as staff when we heard that school would reopen today. It's been 'back to business' for us and the classrooms are all busy with teachers and students getting on with their learning.

Our Artist – Cindy Asp

We are very proud of our Art program at Spotswood Primary and our students are very fortunate to have a teacher in Cindy (Ms Asp) to share her passion and love for art with them. Many families last year also had the opportunity to experience art at home during our remote learning program and there were more than a few of you who joined in and created wonderful pieces too!

You can enjoy a glimpse into the art room through Cindy's art room Instagram page @spotswood.art

Cindy is a talented artist in her own right and has been nominated for a National Teacher-Artist Prize. This prize was established to reward teachers by celebrating the value and quality of their individual art practice, supporting both their professional teaching practice and personal growth needs. The prize is a recognition of those who foster rich learning environments within school communities and promote the fundamental importance of the arts in children's education.

VOTE FOR CINDY!!!

The competition also has a peoples' choice section and you can vote for Cindy's beautiful piece of art. This link will take you straight to the artwork and voting page.

<https://zart.us.launchpad6.com/ntap/entry/379>

This piece is titled 'Never Too Far From Home' and is created using gouache, watercolour and pen on paper.

Wow! Congratulations Cindy on your spectacular piece of art.



Assembly Tomorrow

We will be holding our assembly tomorrow afternoon (Friday 19th) at 3:15pm. The assembly will be held on the basketball court and will include the presentation of Year 6 captain badges.

Families are welcome to join us, please maintain social distancing or wear a mask as you join us.

Jackie Green
Principal

Curriculum Update

What an interesting time in Education (well in the world really). This week there will not be a specific Curriculum Newsletter for week 5. Due to missing out on the 3 days this week, teachers will be largely focusing on the curriculum that was planned during that time and mixing it with parts that were to be covered in week 5 so as to ensure that no aspects of our curriculum have been left out.

The next full Curriculum Update will be available in the next newsletter ready for week 6.

The Book Club That Shall Never Be Named



This year we are introducing a Literacy Extension Program for students in year 1 – 6. The aim is to enrich and extend learning engagements across Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening for students who are currently achieving high above expected level.

What does it involve I hear you ask?

I will be working with the students over the course of the year exploring different genres of stories, the author's craft when writing and how to promote reading across our school.

In Term 1 our group will be visiting the Younger Sun Bookstore where pairs of students will each select a book that they will focus on for the term. They will read the book together, discussing their understanding and literary devices used in the telling of the story. They will then be invited to promote the book that they have read through newsletter articles and displays in the library.

We will meet as a group every few weeks to discuss how our story is going, share our thoughts and complete some written and verbal reflections.

In Term 2 our focus will move to studying books in small groups where we will be able to challenge each other's thinking and look at the books from different perspectives.

I look forward to working with the book club and spreading the love of a good book.

Emma Vasilevski
Assistant Principal

District Swimming Carnival

The Altona District Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow at the Victoria University Aquatic Pool. Good luck to our 21 swimmers in the Spotswood Swim Team - Zoe Smith, Winter Hall, Esme Suckling, Matilda Reynolds, Caterina Miller, Megan Dermody, Brynn Hartigan, Mila Vulovic, Molly Francis, Alannah Mom, Manon Muir, Eamon Needham, Leroy Spiteri-Caird, Fox Wityk, Austin Azzopardi, Jack Elmore, Harrison Cranwell, Archie Fenn, Max Ilett, Daniel Taylor and Kyle Butler.

We look forward to hearing all about it when you get back to school.

Student Awards



Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at tomorrow's assembly:

Prep H..... Addison D'Costa - for having a great attitude towards school and always listening to Miss Howard

Prep V..... Edie Crawford - having a lovely start to her first year at school and for giving everything a go!

Prep/1A..... Lulu McNally - for welcoming the Preps into the classroom and being a kind, caring friend to your peers inside the classroom.

1 / 2 J Sofie Abdo - for comfortably settling into her new classroom and engaging with her peers during learning time. Well done Sofie!

- 1 / 2 K**..... Emme Green - for participating enthusiastically during all lessons and putting enormous effort into her work!
- 1 / 2 P**..... Alex Ivelja - for setting a wonderful example of learning and listening during our return to school
- 1 / 2 U**..... Arabella Devlin - always being a caring and friendly member in her new class. Amazing job!
- 3 / 4 B**..... Leroy Spiteri-Caird - by starting the school year with focus and determination. You are a fabulous role model to your peers
- 3 / 4 J** Jasper Spiers - commencing the school year with a positive attitude and being a friendly and helpful classmate. Well done, Jasper!
- 3 / 4 M** Angus Ward - being thoughtful and focused at all times and taking care of our classroom. Thank you for making 3/4M a great place to be!
- 5 / 6 C**..... Liana Taufa - being respectful to others around her and taking care with her belongings. Great start to Term One
- 5 / 6 M** Ilias Pilakis - for being a supportive and considerate class member. I appreciate your contribution and positivity
- 5 / 6 T** Megan Dermody - setting a wonderful example for her peers of coming to class organised, prepared and ready to learn. Well done!



To:

Josiah, Miles R, Chloe, Olivia Ward, Eva, Clem

Dates To Remember:

- Friday 19th February District Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 23rd February Finance meeting (5.45pm)
School Council meeting (6.15pm)
- Thursday 25th February Year 5 Sailing (Group 1 – Year 5s in 5/6C with surnames A-J and all Year 5s in 5/6M)
- Friday 26th February Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6 students) – games cancelled as Altona Nth PS unavailable
- Monday 1st March Preps start attending school full time
- Wednesday 3rd March..... 2021 Prep Information Night (7pm-8pm)
- Thursday 4th March..... Year 5 Sailing (Group 2 – Year 5s in 5/6C with surnames K-Z and all Year 5s in 5/6T)
- Friday 5th March..... Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6 students)
- Monday 8th March Labour Day Public Holiday (no children at school)
- Thursday 11th March..... Year 5 Sailing (Group 2 – Year 5s in 5/6C with surnames K-Z and all Year 5s in 5/6T)
- Friday 12th March..... Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6 students)
- Thursday 1st April..... Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)



Year 5 Sailing

Today some of our Year 5s attended the Tackers Active Schools Sailing program at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria in Williamstown. The program has been provided to our school with a grant from Australian Sport.

The program runs for 4 weeks with today's group attending again next week and the second group attending on 4th and 11th March.

