

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 • Thursday 4th March 2021



"Where everybody is somebody"

Dear Families,

Monday 8th March

Families are reminded that next Monday is a public holiday and there will be no school. We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

Prep 2021

This week our Prep students are now coming to school every day! They have had a very successful transition into school and are now ready to move from 4 days a week to full 5 day weeks. We are very proud of our newest students and how well they have settled into school.

Last night we held an information night for prep parents to share some more insight into the learning program for preps at school. We know that children often come home very tired and 'can't remember' much about their day and last night was a great opportunity for us to share how much actually does happen at school. We also shared some detail about the learning process and talked about how parents can assist with learning at home. Any prep families who were unable to make it are encouraged to contact the office and request a copy of the presentation notes via email.

Student Mobile Phones At School

Did you know that all schools have a mobile phone policy?

At Spotswood, we understand that students may bring a personal mobile device to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school, or to after school activities.

Students who bring a phone to school must bring them to the office before class. We will store them safely in the office until the end of the day and students may return to the office to pick them up.

If you need to relay information to your child, or when emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

Our mobile phone policy is on our school website.

Annual Implementation Plan Information Session – Wednesday 10th March 7:00pm

We would like to invite families to a WebEx session where we will share our 2021 Annual Implementation Plan with our community and discuss in greater detail what the work looks like on the ground at school. The WebEx session will be held on Wednesday 10th March at 7:00pm. The link will be sent to families soon.

Kitchen Garden Wednesday Working Bees

Thank you to the parents who came along yesterday to help out in the garden. Families are reminded that this is a regular Wednesday afternoon 2:30pm – 3:30pm invitation and we welcome all gardening abilities!

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COVID Safe practices for Garden Wednesdays

- Please check in via the QR code that will be posted up on the shed so we have a record of who has attended.
- We have plenty of tools on site but we ask that families BYO gardening gloves and secateurs (if you have some).
- Hand sanitiser will be available, please use before and after using tools.
- Please respect social distancing, masks not required outside.

HARMONY WEEK & WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY - Friday 19th March



This year we will be celebrating *Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day* on Friday, 19 March. The theme for Harmony Week is - **Everyone Belongs**.

On this day we are encouraging our school community to wear **orange** as a symbol of inclusivity, acceptance and belonging. We will also acknowledge Down Syndrome Day as well by wearing **odd, coloured** socks.

In addition, we are inviting all families to create an **A5 poster** (half an A4 size piece of paper) that will include your family name. You are also encouraged to fill the page with symbols, drawings, photos, images, country of origin, national flag, colours etc. that depicts your family's individuality and heritage. We will send home this blank piece of paper on Tuesday next week after we introduce the activity in class.

The final piece should be handed to your child's teacher at school from Monday 15th March to Friday 19th March. These posters will be created into a large mural and will signify that we are a community where everyone belongs. If you have any queries, please feel free to email Gabrielle Mullins, 5/6M teacher, at: gabrielle.mullins@education.vic.gov.au



Our Harmony Day celebration will include activities in our classrooms, a picnic lunch on the oval (weather permitting) and an assembly where we will showcase the day's festivities. Please feel free to join us for assembly on Friday 19th March.

VOTE FOR CINDY!!!

If you haven't cast your vote yet for Cindy in the National Teacher-Artist Prize competition, please do so using the link below. 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.

Message from the Principal...continued

Congratulations Cindy on your spectacular piece of art.

Jackie Green
Principal



Curriculum Update – Term 1 Week 7

Prep	
Reading	WALT : recognise common words, recognise the difference between upper and lower case letters
Writing	Recount / Special Prep Book / Handwriting / Smart Spelling
Spelling	This tap is on and that tap is off.
Maths	Measurement & Geometry Shape & Space 2D Shapes
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Emotional Literacy: Drawing emotions. SWPBS - Playground
Grade 1 / 2	
Reading	Mentor text: Fruit Making connections *make connections to other areas of study Synthesizing (Venn diagram) *discuss different texts on a similar topic and identify their similarities and differences Analysing (pick new title) * think analytically about the significance of the title
Writing	Sentence Punctuation * focus on basic sentence punctuation Persuasive *understand the difference between a fact and an opinion *verbally debate for or against an opinion including reasons for their point of view *write statements to share a personal opinion or preference in comparison to other options.
Spelling	'dge' as in bridge
Maths	Measurement & Geometry: Length and Area
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	SWPB: ELearning WALT: Be safe and responsible when using information technology.
Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	QAR: focusing on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author and Me • On My Own question types.
Writing	Persuasive Writing: Writing an independent persuasive piece <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Writing a strong introductory statement • Providing 3 reasons with supporting examples • Writing a memorable concluding statement
Spelling	gg as in egg
Maths	Length & Perimeter

SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Respectful Relationships-Students will develop their vocabulary to help them identify and describe different emotions and how various situations, people and events can influence our emotions.
Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	INFERENCE -Identify characters and infer the traits and development of those characters in the class text
Writing	Persuasive writing *understand that argument and persuasive texts can be written in various forms, editorial, letter to the editor, speech, essay *write well-crafted sentences that express the writers convictions *write a logical, thoughtful and convincing ending *reinforce the structure for persuasive writing with a template for planning/writing
Spelling	ei as in receipt
Maths	Number & Algebra (addition and subtraction)
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	RR Emotional Literacy The roller coaster day -identify events and experiences that might trigger different emotions and levels of intensity

* SWPB = School Wide Positive Behaviour

Emma Vasilevski
Assistant Principal

Grade 1/2 Excursion to CERES

All families with children in Grades 1 & 2 have received a notification on the Sentral Parent Portal to give permission for their child to attend the excursion to CERES on Monday 15th March. Please make sure you log in as soon as possible and provide permission for your child to attend this excursion.

If you need any help logging into the portal, please call the office on 9391 1323.

Student Awards

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

Prep H..... Mya Kelly - for putting 100% effort into everything you do. You are a star!

Prep V..... Tahli Johnston - for having a happy and positive attitude about her learning and for giving everything a go!

Prep/1A..... Ziggy Yasmine - for giving every learning activity your all and being a kind partner to work with

1 / 2 J Xavier Mom - always trying his best and putting in 100% effort especially during reading and writing!

1 / 2 K..... Clem Oldfield - for consistently applying enormous effort and thought into every aspect of our school work and constantly contributing excellent ideas

1 / 2 P..... Abbey Grace-Ware - for making many insightful contributions to our inquiry lessons

1 / 2 U..... Archer Bischa - working super hard at his table independently and focusing on his tasks. Well done!

3 / 4 B..... Molly Crawford - for demonstrating excellent leadership skills during our group writing sessions. Your team is lucky to have you!

3 / 4 J Ava Stirling - always being courteous, helpful and friendly in the classroom and the yard. Well done, Ava!

3 / 4 M Ava Holder - for having a positive attitude in Maths and challenging herself to learn new things. Great work, Ava!

5 / 6 C..... Zillah Linguey - for providing insightful ideas during our class discussions and her approach to all her academic work. Well done Zillah!

5 / 6 M Manon Muir - for consistently displaying a positive attitude towards learning and for being a supportive peer within our learning environment

5 / 6 T Georgia Gray - providing wonderfully positive, thoughtful and constructive feedback to her peers during our Inquiry project presentations. Thanks Georgia!





To:

Georgia S, Patrick, Rosie, Robbie

Dates To Remember:

- Friday 5th March..... Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6 students and a team of Grade 4s)
- Monday 8th March Labour Day Public Holiday (no children at school)
- Wednesday 10th March..... AIP Information Session (7pm via WebEx)
- Thursday 11th March..... Year 5 Sailing (Group 2 – Year 5s in 5/6C with surnames K-Z and all Year 5s in 5/6T)
Hobsons Bay Division Swimming Carnival
- Friday 12th March..... Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6 students and a team of Grade 4s)
- Monday 15th March..... Grade 1/2 Excursion to CERES
- Friday 19th March..... Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6 students and a team of Grade 4s)
- Tuesday 23rd March..... School Council meeting (6.15pm)
- Friday 26th March..... Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6 students and a team of Grade 4s)
- Thursday 1st April..... Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)
- Monday 19th April..... First Day of Term 2