

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 • Thursday 13th May 2021



"Where everybody is somebody"

Dear Families,



Prep 2022

Last night we held our information night and welcomed prospective families who came along to hear about our school. Our School Captains, Pearl and Ilias, spoke about their experiences at Spotswood Primary. Pearl, Ilias and Milos were on hand to meet and welcome parents as they arrived.

Staff showed families around the school and it was lovely to meet our new potential families.

We are conducting tours for 2022 Prep families, so if you know of anyone looking to enrol, please encourage them to come along and meet us.

Spotty Social Group

With greater easing of restrictions and the ability to come together more, it's time to get reconnected and have some fun!

We invite you to join the Spotty Social Group and be part of creating a calendar of events for 2021 and beyond.

If you have ideas and skills contribute, or just want to listen in and meet others parents, come along on Monday 24th May at 2:30pm to our School Library and lets share some ideas.

Events could range from small gatherings sharing parenting experiences and tips e.g. lunch making, uniform swap, useful books etc, to large whole school engagements i.e. pancake day, disco or trivia nights, an Art show and eventually the Fete!

If you can't make it to this first gathering on Monday 24th, please contact the school via email at spotswood.ps@education.vic.gov.au and we'll keep you in touch with our progress and let you know about the next one!

This meeting will be hosted by Penny Baron and myself.

EID

Today a number of our families are celebrating EID, an important day marking the end of Ramadan, a month during which Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. I spoke with some of our students about their celebration plans and they were excitedly describing their feasts, decorations and new outfits. As one student explained to me, "It's like our Christmas!" Happy EID to our families!

Working Bee

We are excited to be able to hold our first Working Bee on Saturday 5th June between 9am and 12.30pm. A sausage sizzle will be held for our hungry workers. Look out for the flyer coming to your email very soon.



Jackie Green
Principal

Curriculum Update – Term 2 Week 5

Prep	
Reading	WALT: Begin to show stress on words that show an attention to meaning. WALT: Recognise and use ellipses in some text to show that the sentence finishes on the next page. WALT Recognise captions.
Writing	WALT: understand that words and illustrations make information texts interesting WALT: choose some interesting facts to write and draw about
Spelling	He will just have jam.
Maths	Whole Number - Numbers to 20
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Positive Coping - Calm time
Grade 1 / 2	
Reading	<u>The Waterhole</u> Text adaptation *create class book with natural resource disappearing Critiquing *talk critically about what a writer does to make a topic interesting or important Fluency *recognise and read expressively a variety of dialogue
Writing	Cycle focus: Publishing Genre focus: Poetry Craft focus: Text layout Convention focus: Handwriting & processing
Spelling	'oi' as in coin
Maths	Volume & Capacity This week the students will investigate the volume and capacity of different objects, using informal, uniform units of measure. They will also compare the volumes and capacities of three or more containers, ordering them by their volume or capacity.
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Personal strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students describe the kinds of actions that generate a sense of pride or accomplishment • Students identify key strengths used in the school setting All the ways to be smart book
Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	Mentor Text: Celebrating Australia -predicting -compare and contrast -Making connections -summarising -Thinking Tracks
Writing	Introduction to the Writing Cycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stages of the writing cycle • Exploration of various writing genres • Understanding how to use planning templates
Spelling	BOB SPELLING WEEK
Maths	Measurement and Geometry: Area -understand how to measure and create shapes using cm ² - use our knowledge of perimeter to efficiently solve area problems - solving Area and Perimeter programs with improper shapes
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	R.R Students identify that everyone has different fears, responses and coping strategies Students recognise the need to respect this diversity
Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	Literature Circles - introduction and roles explained -book selection and small groups created
Writing	Historical Recount- Information Writing WALT - <i>retell a series of events.</i> Forms - journal, diary, newspaper article, historical recount, biography, autobiography, memoir Orientation – provides details of events to follow - who, when, where Sequenced series of events –chronological order

Spelling	Focus- hyper and hypo
Maths	Number & Algebra: Fractions & Decimals Compare and order fractions with related denominators and locate/ represent on a number line Simplify fractions Convert improper fractions and mixed numbers
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Unit 2- Personal Strengths Role Play Strengths- demonstrate character strengths and what they may look like in action Rotational groups x 6 -focus on positive relationships, coping, Cyber safety, positive friendships, resilience, self-esteem and confidence

Specialist Curriculum Update

Prep	
Art	WALT reflect on our self-portraits and make improvements. SC we will identify where we can make improvements in our work and complete our project.
Japanese	Greetings, Introductions & Classroom expressions contd. Number & Counting 1-10. Ordering numbers contd. Counting assessment. Interactive games & songs:- classroom directions, number & counting https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqNotzty3kE&ab_channel=KidsTV123 https://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/japanese/topic_04/no_02/index.aspx
PE	FMS – Jumping, Skipping
Grade 1 / 2	
Art	WALT reflect on our self-portraits and make improvements. SC we will identify where we can make improvements in our work and complete our project.
Japanese	Classroom Directions & Expressions contd. Numbers 0-20 +: Identifying, ordering & writing numbers in Kanji. Assessment Interactive games & songs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3won-7W3Js&ab_channel=RichardGraham https://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/japanese/topic_05/no_01/index.aspx#
PE	FMS – Jumping, Skipping
Grade 3 / 4	
Art	Artist Study: Catherine Anholt WALT add texture to our work by creating patterns with watercolour inspired by artist Catherine Anholt. SC we will create texture and interest in our work by painting various patterns.
Japanese	Classroom Directions & Expressions contd. Number & Counting to 100 Identifying & writing numbers to 100: Number assessment Interactive games & songs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3won-7W3Js&ab_channel=RichardGraham
PE	Badminton
Grade 5 / 6	
Art	Artist Study: John McKie WALT add patterns and details to our self-portrait inspired by John McKie. SC we will continue adding various patterns to our artwork.
Japanese	Classroom Directions & Expressions continued. Kore wa nan desu ka/What is it? contd. Classroom Stationery/naming things. Number & Counting to 100 contd. Assessment: Age – How old am I? Interactive games & songs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3won-7W3Js&ab_channel=RichardGraham
PE	Netball

Emma Vasilevski
Assistant Principal

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in last Friday's District Cross Country event which was held at the J.K Grant Oval in Altona.

We had 8 students finish in the top 10 of their races, Annabelle Brown (2nd), Anja Sajnovic (8th), Eamon Needham (8th), Liana Taufu (8th), Jack Elmore (3rd), Arutha Soussan (10th), Manon Muir (2nd) and Chantelle Johnstone (10th). These students have now qualified for the Division Cross Country event which will be held on Wednesday the 26th of May at Presidents Park in Werribee. We wish them all the best.

[Pictured L-R: Seth, William, Rhys, Eamon and Leroy who competed in the Boys 9/10 Age Group]



Grade 1/2 PE - Basketball

This term in PE students have been learning the basics of basketball. We have been practising our dribbling around the court, completing both bounce and chest passing and sharpening up our shooting. Look out LeBron James and Liz Cambage because the next generation are on their way.

Chris Lamb
PE Teacher

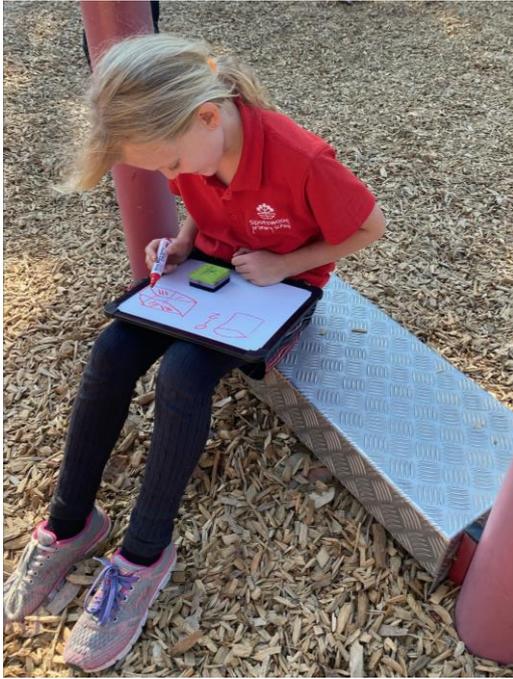


Mother's Day Gifts

Congratulations is extended to the 5/6 class captains (Pictured Right Back Row L-R: Gilbert, Esther, Oliver; Front Row L-R: Lilliana, Harrison, Alannah) for their organisation of the Mother's Day planting and pot decorating activity last week. We are very proud of their efforts to coordinate the sessions for all of the P-6 students that resulted in a wonderful creation for the mums. These six leaders are now looking forward to working closely with the P-4 class captains to plan the next event. Please stay tuned for the surprise they have organised in the coming weeks!



3/4B's 3D Shape Investigation





3/4J Reading in the Sun



Gardening Project

5/6M planted broccoli, garlic and peas in the garden and we also picked weeds, using our bare hands. We mulched the vegetable patch with straw and now we are waiting for the crop to grow. As a whole school project, each class is responsible for a garden bed.

By Molly, Angelo, Emily F and Brynn





Students collecting rubbish at lunch time “just because”...thank you Winter S, Zoe C, Hannah and Andrew.

School Photo Day

School Photo Day is next Tuesday. If you haven't received your child's personalised order form, please call Sharon in the office on 9391 1323 to get the details of how to order online.

Important Note: SchoolPix no longer accept cash for school photos. All orders must be placed online.

Student Awards

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

Prep H..... Jory Nock - always putting 100% effort into his work and for being a superstar!

Prep V..... Charli Welsh - putting lots of effort into her writing tasks and for always trying her best!

Prep/1A..... Alice Hall - always putting your best work into everything you do and being a kind and caring classmate to those around you!

1 / 2 J Tabitha Wright - demonstrating enthusiasm towards improving her spelling and editing her own work during the refining stage of the Writing Cycle. Well done Tabs!

1 / 2 K..... Flynn Ramsey-Brown - for having a really positive attitude to his school work and taking risks with his writing. Fantastic Flynn!

1 / 2 P Fin McNamara - always bringing a positive, supportive and encouraging attitude to the Spotswood PS community

1 / 2 U..... Cassian Roberts - having a growth mindset during learning tasks and always putting in his best effort!

3 / 4 B..... William Campbell - demonstrating fantastic team work skills during our PE lessons on football! Great effort Will!

3 / 4 J Zoe Catania - by enthusiastically helping her peers during class time, showing patience and care towards them. Great job, Zoe!

3 / 4 M Harriet Dunne - showing resilience and determination during NAPLAN this week. Really great stuff, Harriet!

5 / 6 C..... Edith Brisbane - making great improvements on her writing and publishing a wonderful persuasive writing piece



5 / 6 M Emily Forrest - enthusiastically and meticulously designing an invention that harnesses energy. Well done!

5 / 6 T Jacob Germantis - staying focussed and working extremely hard to ensure he and his group produce the best Inquiry project they can. Great job Jacob!



To:

Pearl

Dates To Remember:

- Friday 14th May..... Grade 1/2 Excursion to Newport Lakes Reserve
Year 7 preference forms due at the office
Winter Sport Round 1 (Home vs Altona North PS)
- Tuesday 18th May..... School Photo Day
- Wednesday 19th May..... Minibeasts Prep Incursion
- Thursday 20th May..... Badminton (Grades 3 & 4)
- Friday 21st May..... Winter Sport Round 2 (Away vs Altona College/Bayside College)
- Monday 24th May..... Young Leaders Day Conference (School Captains & Vice Captains)
Spotty Social Group (2.30pm)
- Wednesday 26th May..... Hobsons Bay Division Cross Country Championships
Hobsons Bay Council Junior Council meeting
- Thursday 27th May..... Badminton (Grades 3 & 4)
- Friday 28th May..... Winter Sport Round 3 (Home vs Sacred Heart PS)
Grade 1/2 Excursion to the City
- Thursday 3rd June..... Badminton (Grades 3 & 4)
- Friday 4th June..... Winter Sport Round 4 (Away vs Seaholme PS)
- Saturday 5th June Working Bee (9am-12.30pm)

Save the Date!!

Our Annual House Sports Day is back in 2021!

This is a whole school event for all students and staff at the Newport Park Athletics Track which will be held on **Friday 30th July from 9am-3.30pm.**

A request for parent helpers will come home soon, as well as more details about this event.

Please save the date in your calendar!