

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 11 • Tuesday 14th December 2021



"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear Families,

Last Day of Term - Assembly

School finishes on Friday 17th December at 1:30pm.

We will have a final assembly on the basketball court at 1:15pm to say farewell to our Year 6 students. We welcome families to join us for this assembly.

As it will not be practical to manage the high volume of check in and vaccination sightings we are required to do, we ask that adults please maintain COVID safe practices by socially distancing where possible and wearing face masks.

We ask families to please remain at the basketball court area and not to come into any of the school buildings.

The gates will be locked at **1:45pm** on Friday.

The Year 2021

I felt a sense of déjà vu as I sat down to write the final newsletter for 2021. At the same time last year, we were feeling hopeful that things were returning to 'normal' and that the challenges of COVID were mostly behind us. Unfortunately things took a turn early in 2021 and we soon found ourselves back in and out of remote learning for a large part of the year.

Term 4 however, has been a wonderful uninterrupted run of face-to-face teaching and learning and it has been a term jam packed with events, excursions, camps and sleepovers. We are so glad that students were able to enjoy many of the things they missed last year and I would like to acknowledge the commitment of staff to make these things happen.

I would also like to thank our families for your support again this year. We know it has been hard for many families, but we appreciate all the effort and willingness to engage in our Google Classrooms and the activity days we held throughout Term 3.

Mostly, I would like to recognise our students who have shown great resilience as they have returned to school this term and resettled into their learning routines after almost 2 years of disruption. We are so proud of you boys and girls.

We hope that you are all able to enjoy the Summer break with your families and friends and look forward to a new year together.

Year 6 Graduation

On Friday night we were thrilled to be able to share our Year 6 Graduation here at school in the courtyard with many proud and happy parents and siblings. Our graduating students shared their memories of Spotty Primary over the past few years.

We presented our Year 6 achievement awards at graduation and it is my pleasure to share with you our award recipients.

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Congratulations to:

2021 English Award	Gabrielle Bryceson
2021 Mathematics Award	Milos Sajnovic
2021 Sports Award	Manon Muir
2021 Art Award	Lennart Groves
2021 Japanese Award	Alannah Mom
2021 Overall Academic Award	Ewan Scholtes
2021 Spotswood Values Award	Layla Neumann

As our Year 6 students leave on Friday we will also be saying farewell to many families who have been part of our school community for many years. I thank all of our leaving families for their support of our school over their time here.

Farewell to our Year 6 students and all the best for next year!

David Anderson	Pearl Bishop	Gabrielle Bryceson
Kyle Butler	Logan Cahill	Jake Cassar
Alex Chisholm	Nia Daniels	Marcus Dermody
Frankie Dunne	Archie Fenn	Emily Forrest
Molly Francis	Lilliana Gillard	Harry Gillott
Georgia Gray	Lennart Groves	Chantelle Johnstone
Kael Kerr	Greta McColl	Caterina Miller
Alannah Mom	Manon Muir	Layla Neumann
Ilias Pilakis	Finn Sager	Milos Sajnovic
Ewan Scholtes	Daniel Taylor	Ihsan Ustundag
Mila Vulovic		

Returning school items

Do you have any of our books or laptops? As we prepare to pack up the end of this year and prepare for 2022, we are hoping to recoup all of our school laptops and home readers or library books that may still be at home with families. If you have any of these items in your home, please return them to school by handing them to the teachers at the gates at drop off and pick up over the next few days so we can have everything in place for the start of the new year.

Jackie Green
Principal

What's Happening in Our Classrooms

Prep – 'Puppets by Design' Inquiry Unit

The Preps have spent time this term exploring a range of different materials and how they can be useful. They have then used this knowledge to plan and design their own puppets. The preps were very excited about creating their puppets and loved using lots of fun materials and trying out different techniques to stick things together! They also spent some time reflecting on their choices, what worked well and maybe what didn't work well. We think the puppets look fantastic!

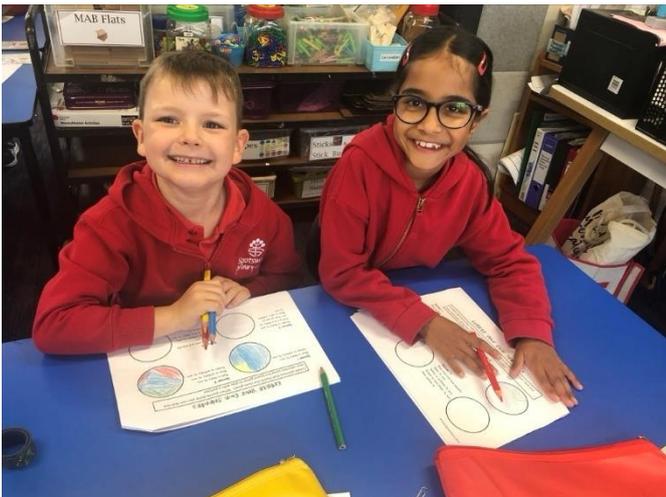
Melanie Voigt
Prep V Classroom Teacher



Years 1 & 2 – Chance and Probability

This week the students used their understanding of chance and probability to think about the fairness of a make-believe board game. In pairs they evaluated the different spinners that could be used and decided why or why not these spinners were fair when playing these games. They also thought about how they could modify the game to make it more interesting to play.

Tracey Kelly
1/2K Classroom Teacher



Years 3 & 4 – Rapid Recall of Multiplication Facts

Grade 3 /4's have spent time this term building their rapid recall of multiplication facts. Students have enjoyed this and shown great improvement. Last week 3 /4's put these skills into practice when they completed revision of multiplication and division relationships. Students solved problems by applying a variety of different maths strategies and modelling them in front of the whole class.

Melinda Sokor
3/4J Classroom Teacher





Years 5 & 6 – Year 6 Big Day Out

In keeping with our annual tradition, it was a delight to treat the Year 6 cohort yesterday to a fun day at Adventure Park in Geelong. The weather was sensational and the highlights were definitely Lazy River, the Big Wheel, Tsunami and ice cream.

The day was perfect to attend the park. It was really refreshing and exciting and the food was good. I spent all my time on the Lazy River. - by Pearl

Today was an interesting day and unfortunately we had to wait in queues for over 40 minutes for Tsunami and Tornado. It was worth the wait. Thank you to the magnificent teachers for providing food and ice cream. We had a fabulous time. - Molly and David

Today was our Big Day Out and it was a great end to the year. It was a nice day to have fun in the water. We are looking forward to going to camp on Wednesday. - Milos and Manon

It was my first time going to Adventure Park and I was excited. Thank you to the teachers for organising today. We played in the water for a very long time. It was a great day! - Hafez

Everyone enjoyed the day and the highlight for me was the 'Tornado' that I did with Milos and Hafez. Lunch was great and the 'Lazy River' was fun! Sadly, I didn't get to go on everything, but it was pretty awesome.- Ewan

Gabrielle Mullins
5/6M Classroom Teacher & Learning Specialist



Specialist – Visual Art



Amelia Willis 1/2J



Year 3/4 Mushroom Sculptures



Year 5/6 Self-Portraits inspired by artist John McKie



Year 5/6 Bento Box Food Sculptures

Wow! Year 3-6's got to complete their sculpture projects they started at the beginning of Term 3 and we are all so proud of them. It's been a mammoth effort to get these done and I'm so grateful we got to finish them.

Year 3/4s used Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama to influence their pattern work for their Mushroom sculptures and the details are spectacular. Year 5/6s worked solidly on their Japanese Bento Boxes using recycled iPad boxes and cardboard to construct their box and air-dry clay for the food, they look good enough to eat! Prep-2's finished the year with Summer vibes creating Lemonade Collages using mixed media including air-dry clay for their exotic (and not so exotic) bugs :)

Unfortunately we weren't able to have a Portrait exhibition this year as originally planned, but hopefully your child has brought their artwork home to be shared with you and celebrated.

Well done everyone, your creativity continues to blow me away!

Cindy Asp
Visual Art Teacher

In Other News...

Student Awards



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

- Prep H**.....Ollie Campbell - for becoming so independent with your writing and more willing to take risks with your learning. Well done Ollie!
- Prep V**.....Max Harvey - developing his skills in being an independent learner and by being confident enough to ask questions. Well done Max!
- Prep/1A**.....Odin Miller - for being a fantastic peer tutor and explaining the learning to your peers to support their learning! Thanks Odin!
- 1 / 2 J**Owen McGraw - for taking on feedback and applying it to his learning and for being a sensational role model to his peers
- 1 / 2 K**.....Marwa Abdo - for her enthusiastic attitude to every aspect of school life and eagerness to play with so many of her new friends this year.
- 1 / 2 P**.....Georgia Tucker - for approaching every activity with an inquisitive mind and plenty of questions. Great work!
- 1 / 2 U**.....Isabelle Napier - always being a friendly and caring member of 1/2U and working well with anyone in our grade. Superstar!!
- 3 / 4 B**.....Anastasia Pjanic - making huge improvements to your writing this term! I am proud of all of your hard work.
- 3 / 4 J**Lucy Gale - for always having a positive attitude towards her learning. You take on challenges with focus and resilience - Great work Lucy!
- 3 / 4 M**Jayden World - staying focused and doing his best work in Maths, and achieving an amazing result for his Fractions test. Really well done, Jayden!
- 5 / 6 C**.....Edmund Russell - for continuing to put his best effort into everything he does. Your attention to detail and commitment to learning is something you should be very proud of. Well done Edmund.
- 5 / 6 M**Emily Forrest - for continuing to display a positive mindset and being an excellent role model. Congratulations on completing a fabulous year.
- 5 / 6 T**.....Georgia Gray - for always showing great resilience and a positive attitude through all aspects of her school day. Thank you for your hard work Georgie!



To:

(December) Lulu, Sofie, Marwa, Max H, Tahli, Ayden, Matilda R, Esther, Zillah, Brodie, Griffin, Molly F, Esme S, Zara, Ewan, Gus, Lochlan, Abdul, Victoria, Milli S, Sienna, Annabelle M, Wilco, Frankie D, Flynn R-B, Victor, Xavier, Jacob, Arianna, Angelo

(January) Orla, Harry G, Georgia T, Kit, Sebastian N, LJ, Emily P, Molly M, Rhys, Daya, Brooke, Angus W, William Hesketh, Luke T, Milly T, Freddie J, Mila V, Remi, Sofia P, Jory, Kyal O

Dates To Remember

Wednesday 15th December Grade 3/4 Campers return

Grade 5/6 Camp

Thursday 16th December Grade 5/6 Camp

Friday 17th December Grade 5/6 Campers return

Last Day of Term 4 (1.30pm finish)

2022

The new school year will begin for students in Prep - Year 6 on **Tuesday 1st February 2022.**