

# Spotswood Primary School

## Newsletter



Term 4 Week 12 • Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

### Year 6 Graduation

On Friday night we held a very special celebration here at school for our Year 6 graduating class. Our courtyard was filled with many proud and happy families as our graduating students had their moment in the spotlight to share memories of their time here at Spotty. After some nerves during the day at rehearsal, our students did a wonderful job.

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

Congratulations to:

<b>2022 English Award</b>	Gilbert Wright
<b>2022 Mathematics Award</b>	Ojiro Sato
<b>2022 Sports Award</b>	Liana Taufu
<b>2022 Art Award</b>	Esther Linguey
<b>2022 Music Award</b>	Brynn Hartigan
<b>2022 Overall Academic Award</b>	Max Ilett
<b>2022 Spotswood Values Award</b>	Zillah Linguey

**Reminder:**  
**School finishes at**  
**1:30pm tomorrow**

As our Year 6 students leave tomorrow, we will also be saying farewell to some of our families who have been part of our school community for many years. I would like to thank these families for their support of our school over their time here and wish them all the best as part of their new school communities.

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

Angelo Akec	Jack Elmore	Luca O'Bree
Mason Azzopardi	Oliver Gale	Emily Peterson
Charli Barber	Sam Georgiades	Mila Pjanic
Evie Bischa	Jacob Germantis	Edmund Russell
Edith Brisbane	Brynn Hartigan	Ojiro Sato
Lochlan Craik	Max Ilett	Josh Slade
Harrison Cranwell	Cameron Kline	Arutha Soussan
Patrick Creaney	Terrence Leung	Sienna Storey
Maya de Graaf	Esther Linguey	Liana Taufu
Hafez Dere	Zillah Linguey	Robbie Virk
Megan Dermody	Amali Mansfield	Rowland Walker
Zara Elbob	Rhys McGraw	Gilbert Wright



## Spotswood Staff 2023

Last week we held our step up day and students had the opportunity to spend some time in their 2023 classroom with their teacher for next year.

Our staff for 2023 are:

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	Miss Jackie Green
<b>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</b>	Mrs Emma Vasilevski
<b>BUSINESS MANAGER</b>	Mrs Sharon Morassi
<b>Prep/1S</b>	Miss Bridget Sherrin
<b>Prep/1V</b>	Miss Melanie Voigt
<b>1/2B</b>	Ms Tianne Ball
<b>1/2C</b>	Miss Ruby Cridland
<b>1/2J</b>	Miss Nicole Janosevic
<b>3/4K</b>	Mrs Tracey Kelly
<b>3/4M</b>	Ms Emily Matheson
<b>3/4T</b>	Mrs Sally Trembath
<b>3/4V</b>	Ms Sally Vaughan
<b>5/6M</b>	Ms Gabrielle Mullins
<b>5/6T</b>	Mr Aaron Turner
<b>5/6P</b>	Mr Simon Pollard
<b>ART / WELLBEING</b>	Ms Cindy Asp
<b>P.E.</b>	Mr Chris Lamb
<b>MUSIC</b>	Mrs Michelle Papafotiou
<b>AUSLAN</b>	Mrs Pamela O'Sullivan, Miss Green & Mrs Vasilevski
<b>CLASSROOM SUPPORT</b>	Ms Maria Soitaridis Ms Natalie Leonard
<b>EDUCATION SUPPORT TEAM</b>	Mrs Kaz Murray Mrs Ewa Pettet Mrs Emma Bollen Mrs Nicole Harrison

Tomorrow we will say goodbye to Miss Rebecca Howard who has been a teacher here for the past 3 years. Miss Howard will be leaving us to go and teach at Dohertys Creek P-9 College. I would like to thank Rebecca for being a valued member of our Spotty team and for the care and kindness she has shown to her students during this time. We will miss you!

As a casual employee, Michael Pehm has been with us all year as part of our Education Support Team. We wish Michael all the best in his new role next year at St Marys Primary School.

## 2022 What A Year!

After the last two interrupted years, we were all hopeful that 2022 would see us back in more familiar routines at school. How wonderful to look back now and see that the school has been open all year with no remote learning in sight. It has not been without challenges though as we rebuilt stamina, reconnected with our social groups and got back into our learning routines. Despite a wave of COVID cases in Term 2 (and a few extra around this month!) we have made it through to the end of the year!

We have seen the return of big and small events here at school, the Art Show is a memorable stand out of the year, but also we enjoyed our class inquiry unit celebrations such as our Year 5/6 students' book launch and mini-mart day. We have been able to go on excursions, attend swimming and have performances on site at school. Our children have shown a great growth mindset getting back into the rhythm of school and shown great enthusiasm for all events.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to say a big thank you to our families for your support this year. It has been lovely reconnecting with our community in person.

As we head off into the holidays, I hope you all have some plans to rest, rejuvenate and celebrate the festive season. We look forward to returning in 2023 for another year full of learning and exciting experiences.

## School Return 2023

School returns for all students on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** (Preps 9:00am – 12:30pm).

Happy Holidays!

Jackie Green  
Principal

## What's Happening in Our Classrooms

### Prep – MiniBosses 'Create It' Incursion

Last week our Preps got to experience the fun and excitement of the MiniBosses 'Create It' Incursion. This incursion was a lovely way to finish off our design and technology unit 'Puppets by Design'. The incursion included communicating without words, working together in a team and following instructions. The students worked together to turn their bodies into machines and then to plan a robot design including where it will live and its purpose. They then worked in groups to create their robot! We are so proud of how beautifully our preps worked in teams and problem solved together! You are all superstars Preps!

Melanie Voigt  
Prep V Classroom Teacher





### Years 1 & 2 – ‘How Things Move’ Expo

On Wednesday, the grade 1/2 students showcased their ‘How Things Move’ Expo. Students from all of Spotswood PS were invited to attend, along with parents and family members. It was fantastic for everyone to see how hard every student had worked to achieve success in either making a toy or creating a dance. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to see and hear about the process and then see it all come to life.

Ruby Cridland  
1/2C Classroom Teacher



### Years 3 & 4 – Reader's Theatre

Last week the Grade 3/4 classes were getting dramatic with reader's theatre! In small groups, students rehearsed a play script and then performed for their peers at the end of the week. Whilst developing their collaboration and listening skills, students also practised reading with expression, appropriate tone and pace.

Emily Matheson  
3/4M Classroom Teacher



### Years 5 & 6 – Year 6 Big Day Out & Next Year's Leaders

After a wonderful celebration on Friday night, our Year 6 students celebrated their 'Big Day Out' at Adventure Park. After such an unpredictable few months of weather we were very fortunate to have such a sunny day to share together with a range of fun activities. Meanwhile back at school our Year 5 students took on the role of 'head of the school' and were a great help to teachers who are moving classrooms next year. Our school is in good hands with these leaders ready to step up next year.

Gabrielle Mullins  
6M Classroom Teacher & Learning Specialist



## Specialist – Music

In Music students have been learning about Aboriginal culture. Students in Year 6 used an illustration from the book “Welcome to Country” to create their own soundscape in small groups. Students were required to have a steady beat, rhythmic patterns, dynamics, instruments and voice in their soundscapes. Students performed their soundscapes in class last week.

Below are some students in 6M planning and rehearsing their soundscapes.

Michelle Papafotiou  
Music Teacher



## Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at assembly last Friday:



- Prep S**.....Daniel Slade - for showing respect and working as a team during our incursion on Wednesday. Keep up the great work, Daniel!
- Prep V**.....Harvey Coxon - joining in at our MiniBosses incursion with lots of energy and enthusiasm! You did some great listening and worked well in a team! Awesome!
- 1 / 2 C**.....Jack Germon- showing respect towards others and making great choices in the classroom. Well done Jack!
- 1 / 2 H**.....Alyssa Barclay - for giving 100% effort to every activity. You are a star student!
- 1 / 2 J** .....Fenton Sargent - for being a supportive and caring friend and for always having a positive attitude towards school. SUPERSTAR!
- 1 / 2 P** .....Cora Boland - consistently being an outstanding role model across ALL of Spotswood's School Values for the entire year.
- 3 / 4 B**.....Sebastian de Lawrence - for working independently and showing fantastic design skills to create an interesting themed page on Pluto.
- 3 / 4 K**.....Grade 3/4K - for putting in so much effort and having such a positive attitude towards learning this year. Thank you for spending 2022 learning and growing with me, you should all be very proud of your achievements!
- 3 / 4 M** .....Phineas Soussan - for your enthusiastic engagement with reader's theatre this week. You worked well with your team and put on an amazing performance. Well done!
- 3 / 4 V**.....Grace Clark - for making continual progress in your learning achievements this year by applying a positive work ethic and a fun attitude. Fabulous effort!
- 5 U** .....Leo James - for always being a polite and friendly member of the Spotswood community. You are a wonderful role model!
- 6 M**.....Zillah Linguey - for demonstrating enormous leadership throughout our Graduation rehearsals. Thank you for your commitment and effort.
- 6 T**.....Rowland Walker - for trying exceptionally hard when practising for graduation. Your enthusiasm is infectious, well done.



**To:**

[December] Esme S, Edison, Zara, Gus, Lochlan, Abdul, Mika, Victoria, Chloe L, Milli S, Sienna, Annabelle M, Wilco, Flynn R-B, Victor, Xavier, Jacob G, Arianna, Angelo

[January] Orla, Georgia T, Kit, Sebastian N, LJ, Emily P, Molly, Rhys, Daya, Madeline J-S, Brooke, Angus W, Annabel H, William H, Luke T, Max P, Freddie, Hendrix, Remi, Sofia P, Jory, Kyal

## Dates To Remember:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December ..... Last Day of Term 4 (1.30pm finish)

### 2023:

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January ..... First Day of Term 1

## Food Bank Food Drive

**THANK YOU** to our wonderful community for such a fantastic response to our Food Bank food drive.

Louisa (Rose & Mabel's Mum) and Emily (Gilly & Tabby's Mum) kindly took all the donations to Food Bank this afternoon and they were very gratefully received.

The food items, toiletries etc will be distributed to families in need with your donations assisting many, many families just before Christmas.

Thank you everyone for your kindness and support.

