

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter



Term 1 Week 3 • Friday 10th February 2023

"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

I have really enjoyed spending time in our classrooms this week getting to know our new students throughout the school. Our preps are already developing their confidence both in their classrooms and the yard and are really enjoying exploring their new world. I would especially like to thank the buddies for their help and kindness towards our newest community members!

Two events on the same night? Yes! We planned it that way!

WELCOME BBQ - Wednesday 15th February 4:30pm – 6:30pm

We are looking forward to this chance to catch up with our families, and welcome our new families. Please bring along some picnic chairs and rugs so you can settle in and enjoy the night with us.

To assist us planning for our catering, please follow the link to let us know how many sausages we need to buy. There is also an opportunity to let us know of any dietary needs so that we can cater for them too. Please complete this information using the following link by 5pm on Monday <https://forms.gle/BryPFtAhmiEXTVt68>

If you are planning to bring your own food, you do not need to RSVP.

GET TO KNOW YOU MEETINGS - Wednesday 15th February 2:30pm – 7:00pm

Thank you to all the families who have responded to the invitation to come and meet with your child's teacher next week. The Compass portal seems to have worked very smoothly and we are looking forward to these important conversations.

For families who will be attending the Welcome BBQ on the same night, we would like to let you know that our specialist teachers and Mrs Vasilevski and myself will be on duty in the yard so you can pop into the classroom to attend your session and we will be happy to supervise school aged children in the yard. Staff will have yard duty vests on so we can be spotted easily.

Car Parking Around Our School

There are some dangerous parking and driving practices happening around our school, and sadly it is mostly our parent community. I know it can be frustrating when we are rushing and parking is limited, but a number of times I have observed families choosing to park illegally for convenience when there are several empty spots available a little further up the road. This is not ok, and not safe for our children. It also causes anger and frustration to develop in our community and this is not how we want to be working together.

THESE ARE NOT SAFE

- Parking facing the wrong way on the side of the street
- Doing u-turns (3 point turns) in Reed Street or McLister Street
- Parking across driveways to be closer to the gate
- Parking on the nature strips

Please let's all look after each other out there.

Jackie Green
Principal

Curriculum Update – Term 1 Week 4

		Continuous reporting
Prep - 2		
Reading	F&P first 20 days (3 weeks) Selected highlights, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reading behaviours • independent reading guidelines • reading groups guidelines • classroom library set-up • buddy reading guidelines • 'just right' books and the five-finger rule • choose class chapter book • reading goals • reading journals - independent reading to be recorded daily - daily reading prompt 	
Writing	Memoir - A Book of Memories	
Spelling	Prep - That ant had a hat 1 / 2 – a as in ant	
Maths	Addition and Subtraction	
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Learning spaces	
Grade 3 / 4		
Reading	Mentor text: ANZAC Girl NAPLAN preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • practice test QAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right There • Think and Search 	
Writing	Narrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to write individual narratives. • Using WOW books to generate ideas. • Following the 7 steps to writing success: Plan for Success; Sizzling Start; Tightening Tension. 	
Spelling	<u>/t/ making a 'ch' sound as in nature</u>	
Maths	Number & Algebra: Whole Number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply place value to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers to at least 10 000 to assist calculations and solve problems (VCMNA131) • Apply place value to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers to at least tens of thousands to assist calculations and solve problems (VCMNA153) 	
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	School Values: Community	
Grade 5 / 6		
Reading	Mentor text/Class novel- Holes by Louis Sachar Behind The News -listening and note taking We are learning to view current events in visual texts.	
Writing	Writing cycle -Stages of the Writing Cycle -Use a picture prompt to inspire writing -Peer conferencing techniques	
Spelling	'ch' as in school	

Maths	Number and Algebra: Addition & Subtraction -Solving addition word problems involving whole numbers. -Selecting and applying appropriate mental and written strategies	
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	School Wide Positive Behaviour Community WALT - support each other with our learning - cooperate and work work in teams Develop activities to support the P-4 cohort during 'Meet the Teacher' Conferences	



Emma Vasilevski
Assistant Principal

What's Happening In Our Classrooms

Prep/1 Classes – SMART Spelling

This week we have introduced our SMART Spelling program. The Preps have been working on the graphs (sounds) in cat. We have also built on our understanding of what a cat is and different ways to describe a cat. The preps even had a go at writing the word cat! The Grade 1's have been focussing on the 'o' graph in words like frog, lost and shop. We have been including some of these words in our writing this week and the Grade 1's have written some fabulous short, creative stories about a frog. We are so proud of you Prep/1's!



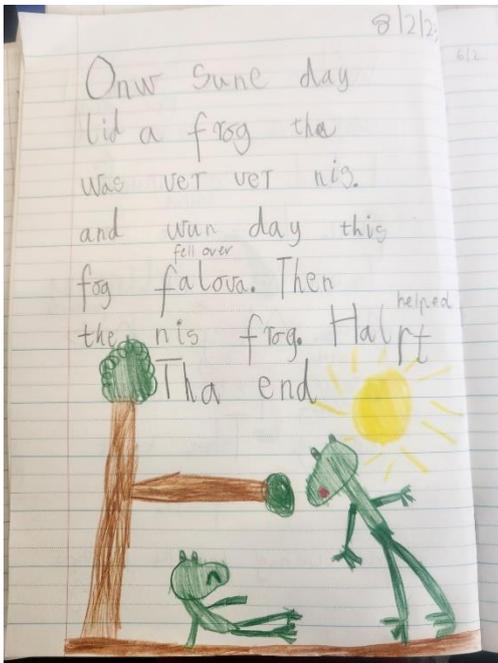
Lottie



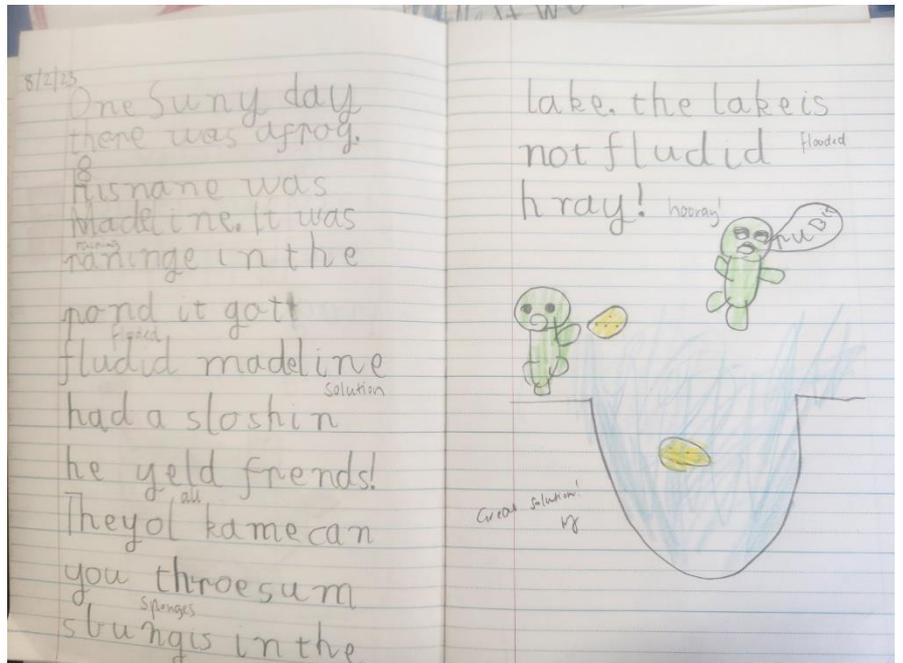
Freddie



Lachie



Pippa



Madeline

Mel Voigt
 Prep/1V Classroom Teacher

1/2 Classes – 100 Days of School Activities

The 1/2s are very lucky to be joining the preps with their 100 Days of School activities this year and building on what we learnt in prep! We are counting each day and discussing interesting facts about our number of the day. In 1/2B we have been learning to say our number of the day in different languages. In Loa from to Charli, in Portuguese from Victoria, in Spanish from Morris and in Vietnamese from Kingston. We have also been practising our numbers in Auslan!

We can't wait to reach 100... Only 91 days to go!

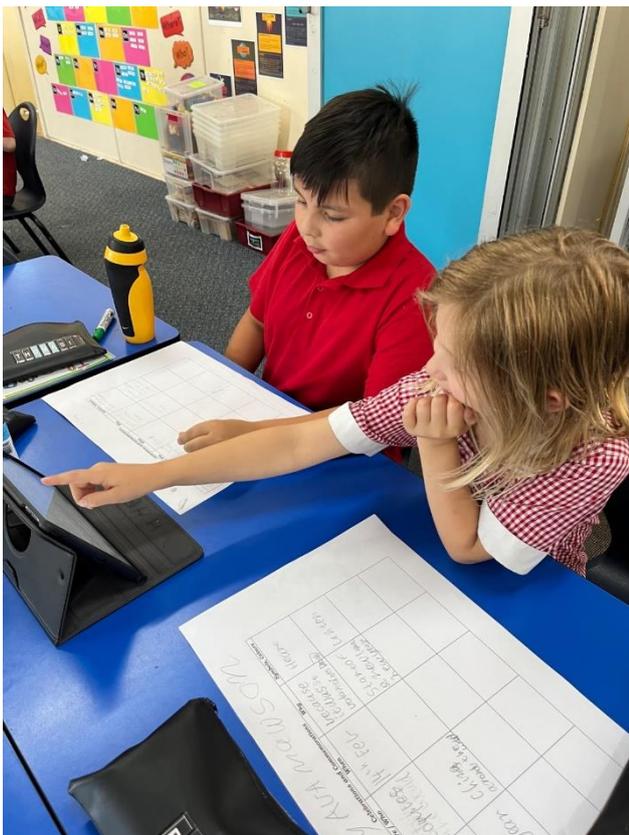




Tianne Ball
1/2B Classroom Teacher

3/4 Classes – 'Celebrations!'

This term, the 3/4s are learning all about 'Celebrations!' in our Unit of Inquiry. What a fun way to start the year! We have started the unit by discussing all the celebrations we are aware of around the world and also understanding the difference between a 'celebration' and a 'commemoration'. We have begun using our research skills on the iPads to look further into a wide range of celebrations, helping us to understand why these events occur around the world and what they mean for the people celebrating them.

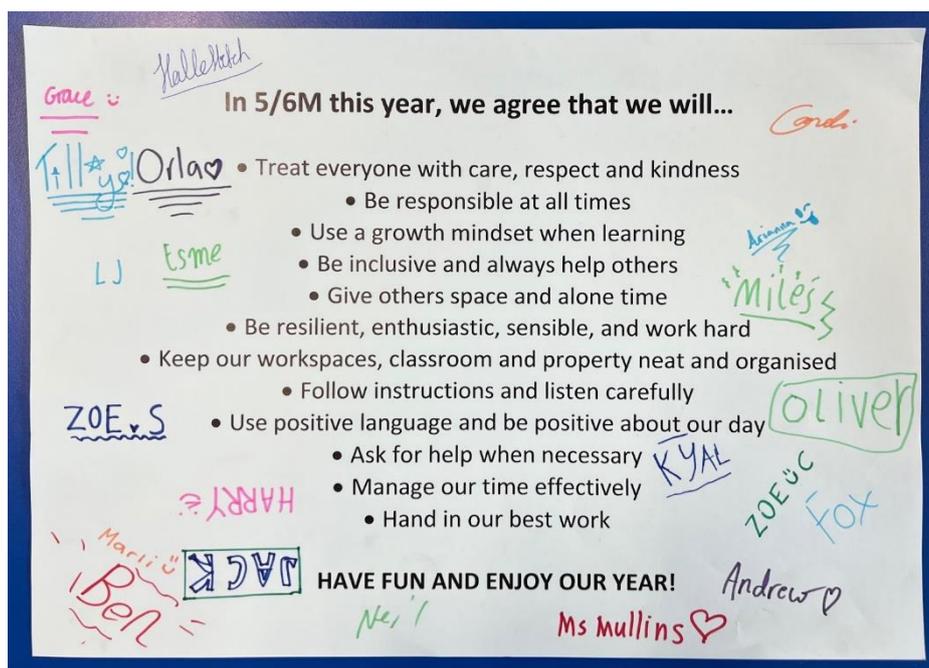


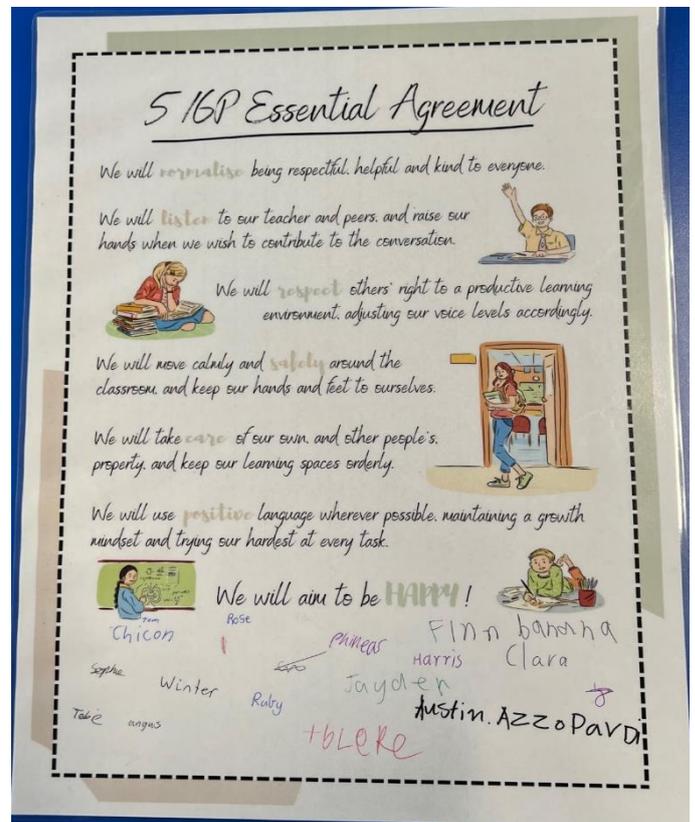
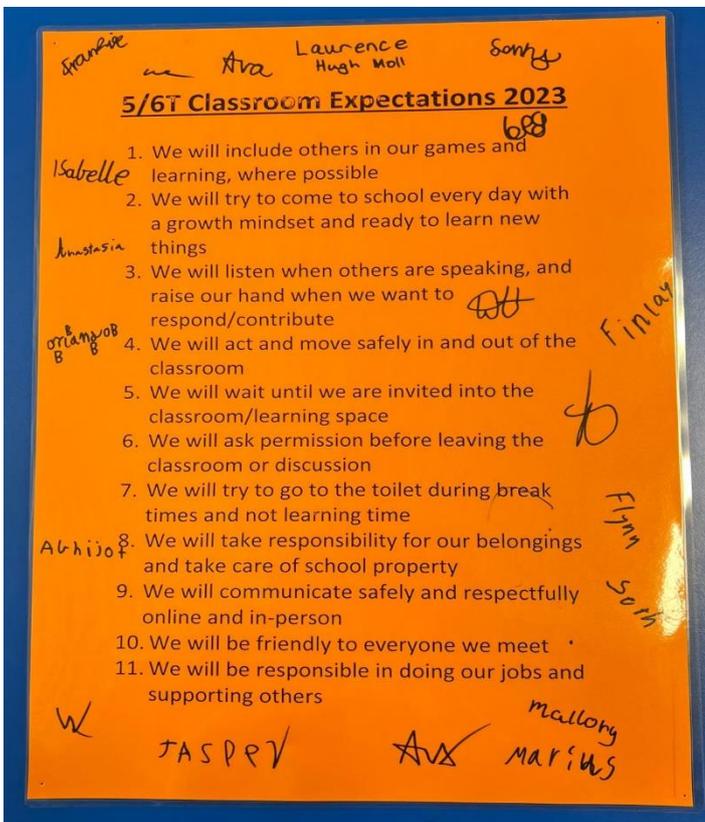


Sally Trembath
3/4T Classroom Teacher

5/6 Classes – Essential Agreements

We have commenced the year by revisiting the School Wide Positive Behaviour Matrix and have created an Essential Agreement for each of our classrooms. Essential agreements are shared norms and agreed upon goals for the smooth running of our learning environments. The creation of these agreements is a collaborative action, and aims to set the tone for teamwork, mutual respect and a commitment to ensuring everyone can achieve their best. This sense of empowerment encourages us to embrace 2023 and ensure learning is positive, engaging and importantly, fun!





Gabrielle Mullins
 5/6M Classroom Teacher and Learning Specialist

P.E

What a fantastic start to PE 2023!

The students have returned with energy to burn and a great attitude to all of the activities and games that we have been playing. Big shout out to our Preps who have had a great start to their PE journey, Fruit Salad and Toilet Tiggy are already two of our favourite games. Our Grade 3/4s have begun learning the skills of hockey, we can now dribble and pass with control as we build to playing some small sided games over the next couple of weeks.





Chris Lamb
P.E Teacher

Student Awards



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

- Prep/1S**River Jeffries - for his amazing effort with his writing and coming up with great ideas. Well done, River!
- Prep/1V**Pippa Boothroyd - being a kind and caring friend and a wonderful Grade 1 leader in our classroom. Awesome Pippa!
- 1/2B**.....Kit Burdeu - by displaying excellent behaviour and listening skills. You're setting an awesome example for your classmates!
- 1/2C**.....Connor Pappelau - for being an amazing mathematician this week. So proud of your efforts in learning about place value, well done Connor.
- 1/2J**Georgina Ward - for demonstrating leadership skills and being a fantastic role model for her peers both academically and socially.
- 3/4K**.....Olivia Ward - for being a positive role model for her peers and consistently applying effort and a growth mindset to her learning. Keep up the great work Oli!
- 3/4M**Mabel Harrold-Bear - for your fantastic attitude to learning this week. You approached every task with a growth mindset and embraced a challenge!
- 3/4T**Rubi Nugegoda - for settling well in your new class and school and showing lots of focus when working independently. Awesome job!
- 3/4V**.....Esme Craik - for demonstrating great positivity and engagement towards her learning despite some challenges at the start of the year. Star effort!
- 5/6M**Neil Kang - for demonstrating your mathematical understanding in a confident manner. Keep up the great effort, Neil.
- 5/6P**.....Ruby Miller - for frequently volunteering insightful and relevant contributions during class discussions
- 5/6T**.....Ava Holder - for persisting and challenging herself in Maths, and achieving great results. Fantastic work Ava!
- P.E.**Oliver Jeffries - for his fantastic attitude and application during our Hockey lesson, you showed great skill and control while dribbling and passing. Keep it up!

Compass Corner

To assist families with the implementation of our new communication portal, Compass, we will provide some tips each week on how to use it's features.



This Week – Making a Payment for an Excursion or Activity

As excursions, incursions etc are planned they will be published to the Compass portal. Families will receive an email and sometimes an SMS to let you know that there is a new activity in Compass that requires your attention.

When you log in you will see full details of the activity, including the location, start and end times and the cost. When you provide approval for your child to attend, you will be prompted to enter a payment method to enable payment and approval to be completed at the same time. Your payment method, ie. credit card, can be saved for future use.

If the figure you are asked to pay differs from the cost of the activity, it will be because you paid using Qkr or direct deposit or you have a credit balance with the school.

If you have paid but Compass is prompting you to pay again, this will only be because your payment may have not been reconciled to your account at the point the activity is published. This might happen during busy times at the school.

If this occurs, please call or email Sharon on 9391 1323 or sharon.morassi@education.vic.gov.au who will rectify this to enable you to provide approval.

Please always feel free to contact the office if you need any help with any aspect of Compass.



To:

William T, Andrew, Eve

Dates To Remember:

- Wednesday 15th February 'Get To Know You' Parent/Teacher Meetings (2.30pm-7pm)
Parents' Welcome BBQ (4.30pm-6.30pm)
- Friday 17th February District Swimming Carnival (17 students in the Swimming Team)
Assembly (3.15pm)
- Monday 20th February Year 5/6 'Climb Your Mountain' Leadership Incursion
- Tuesday 21st February Finance Sub-Committee meeting (5.30pm)
School Council meeting (6.15pm)
- Friday 24th February Year 5/6 Summer Sport Competition Round 1 (Away vs Altona North PS)
Assembly (3.15pm)
- Monday 27th February Preps start full time
- Wednesday 1st March Prep 2023 Parent Information Night (7pm-8pm)
- Friday 3rd March Year 5/6 Summer Sport Competition Round 2 (Away vs St Martins, Laverton)

Year 5/6 Camp: 29th March – 31st March (The Summit)

Year 3/4 Camp: 21st August – 23rd August (Lady Northcote)

School Photo Day: Thursday 18th May