

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter



Term 2 Week 8 • Thursday 15th June 2023

"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

It certainly feels like we have hit a bit of a cold streak this week with some cooler mornings and some cold days ahead next week. It's a good time to remind families to make sure uniform items are named as jumpers are often left in the yard during breaks and we like to be able to hand them back to their owners! Over time names become faded or wash completely away so it's a good habit to check regularly.

Last Day Of Term

Friday 23rd June - 2:30pm finish

Next Friday school will finish early at 2:30pm. OSHClub will be available from 2:30pm for families who may need earlier care. There will not be an assembly next Friday.

Welcome Mr Smith

Over the next 5 weeks we welcome Mr Tyson Smith who will be working alongside us here at Spotswood Primary School. Mr Smith is the Assistant Principal at Manorvale Primary School and his time here is an Internship Program as part of a leadership course he is undertaking. We look forward to having Mr Smith involved in our school community over this 5 week period and I'm sure that both we and Mr Smith will learn a lot from each other! You will see Mr Smith around so feel free to say hello and make him welcome here.



I am very excited to be a part of the Spotswood Primary School Community, even if only for a short period. I have a passion for wellbeing and inclusion and how these impact on student learning and development. I look forward to getting to know the staff, students and parent/carer community during my time here and know I will learn much from everyone.

Sport News

After a great term of interschool sport we have three teams participating in the interschool winter finals. Our girls T-Ball team, our boys T-Ball team and our girls Soccer team will be playing tomorrow. Good luck teams! We know you will represent Spotty well and give it your best!

Next week Oliver Jeffries will be competing in the Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country championships. Oliver has made it through several events to get this far, our school event, the Altona District event and the Hobsons Bay Division championships. We are really proud of you Ollie and wish you all the best for Monday!

Mid-Year Reports – Parent Teacher Interviews

Student mid-year reports will be available on Compass on Monday 19th June from 12:00pm. If you need help accessing your child's mid-year report, please don't hesitate to contact the office for assistance.

Year 3-6 Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 20th June. Bookings will remain open on Compass until 11:00am on Tuesday.

Prep-Year 2 Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 21st June. Bookings will remain open on Compass until 11:00am on Wednesday.

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Year 3/4 Camp – Parent Information Webex Wednesday 26th July – 7:00pm

This week our Year 3/4 Camp notification went home to families via Compass. We will be holding a parent information session early next term via Webex for families who may be interested to find out a bit more about our camp experience. A Webex link for this session will be emailed to families early next term.

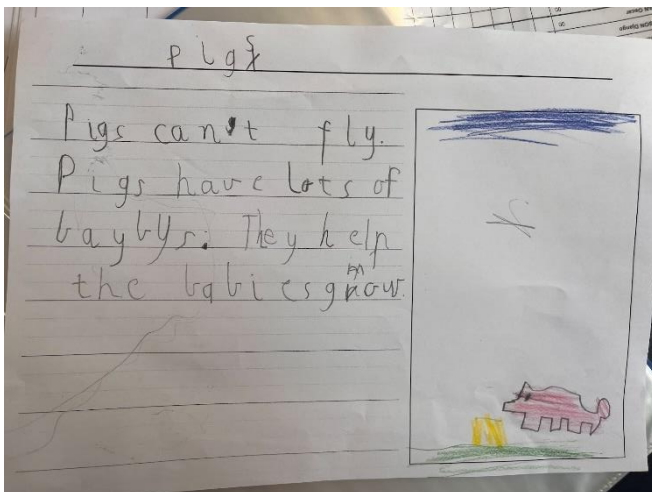
Jackie Green
Principal

What's Happening In Our Classrooms

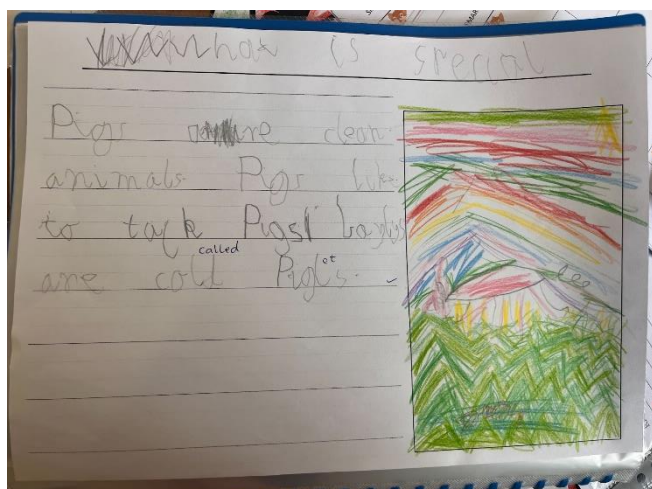
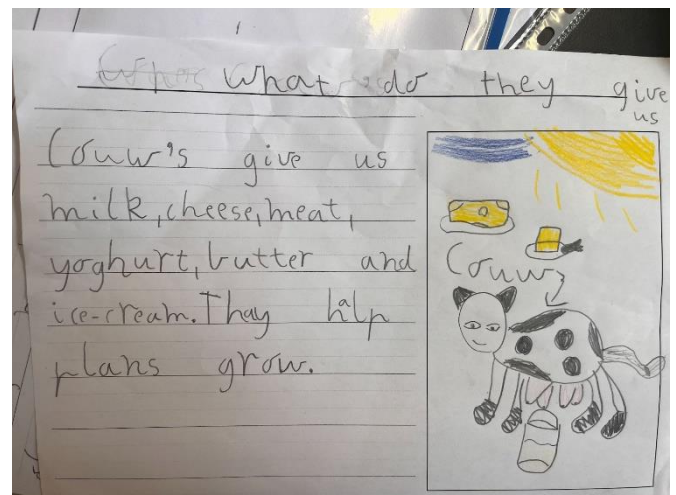
Prep/1 Classes – Writing Cycle

Over the last couple of weeks the Preps and Grade 1's have been following the Writing Cycle to create an informative book about their chosen animal. We have been writing facts about what our farm animal looks like, what they eat, what they give us and some fun facts. This was linked to our inquiry unit 'Paddock to Plate', learning about how vital farms are!

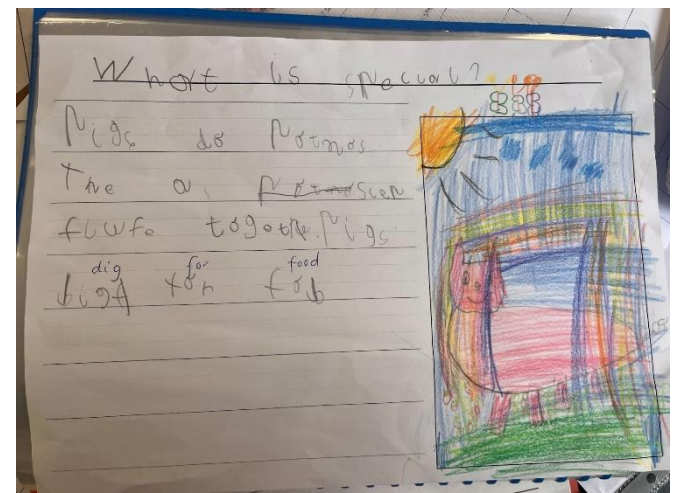
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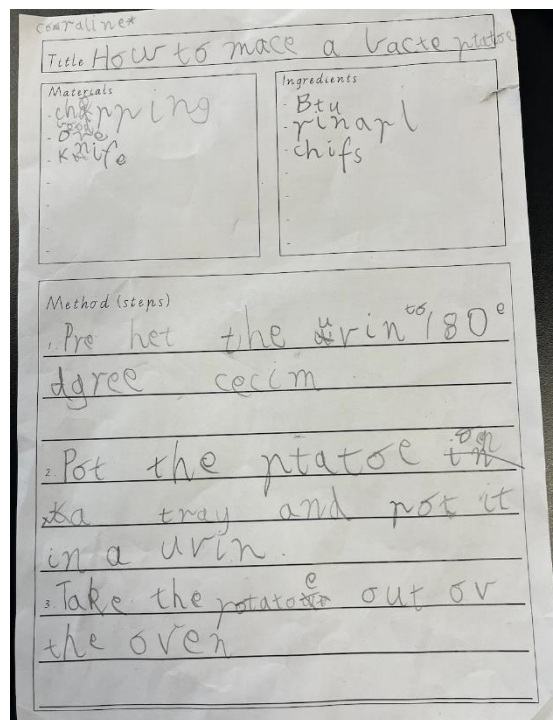
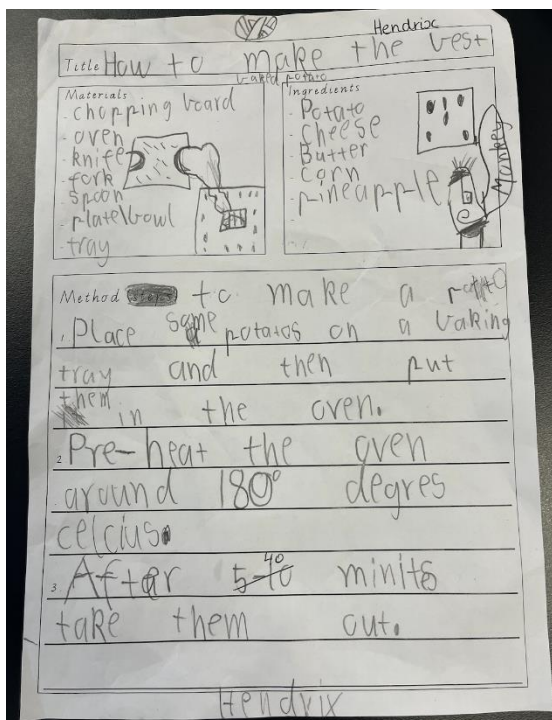
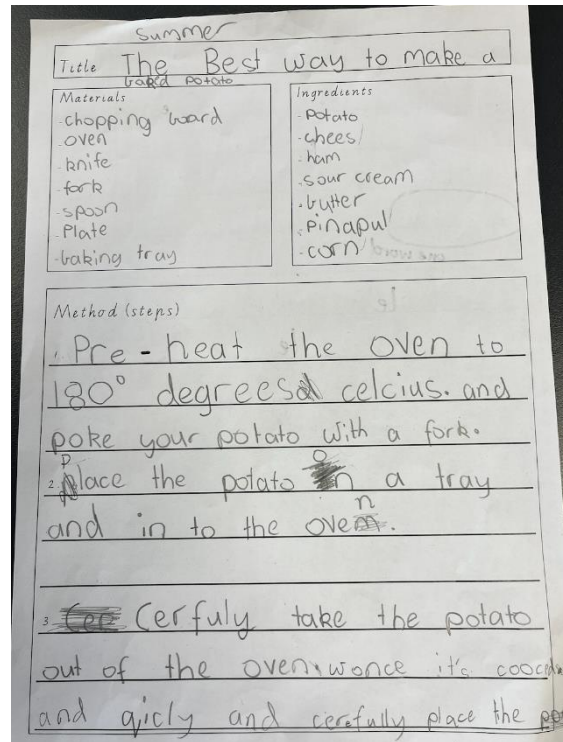
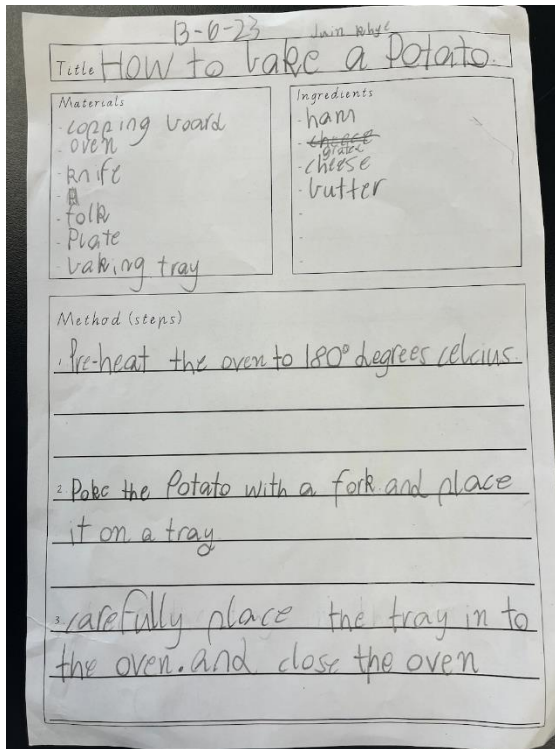


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Bridget Sherrin
Prep/1S Classroom Teacher

1/2 Classes – Writing Cycle

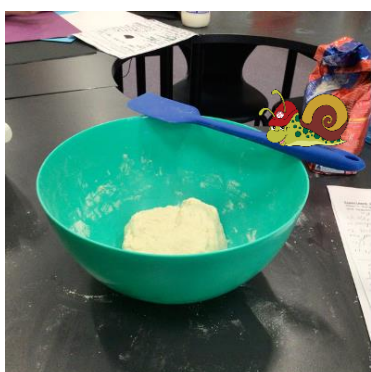
This week the 1/2 students have been following the Writing Cycle to develop a procedural text on how to make a delicious baked potato. This is linked to our Inquiry unit of 'Paddock to Plate' and next week students will be cooking their baked potatoes following their recipe step by step.



Nicole Janosevic
1/2J Classroom Teacher

3/4 Classes – Experiments

Students have loved carrying out their experiments about how temperature can alter states of matter. We have been following a scientific method by investigating a question, making a hypothesis and then deciding how to make an experiment a fair test. Some experiments today included making ice-cream in a bag, damper, freezing different liquids and making jelly. It was messy fun!



Scientific Method

Purpose: Question

Research: Observe

Hypothesis: Predict

Experiment: Test

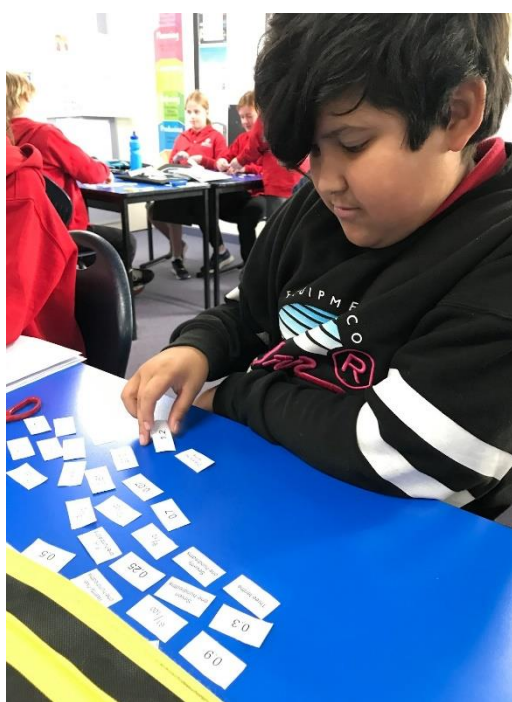
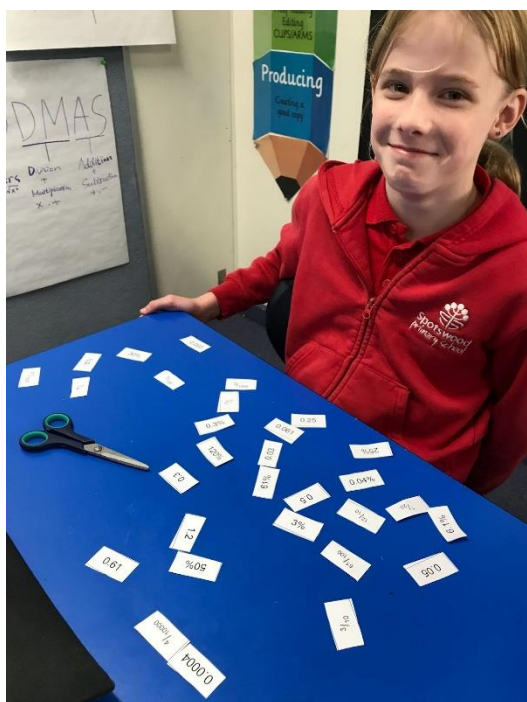
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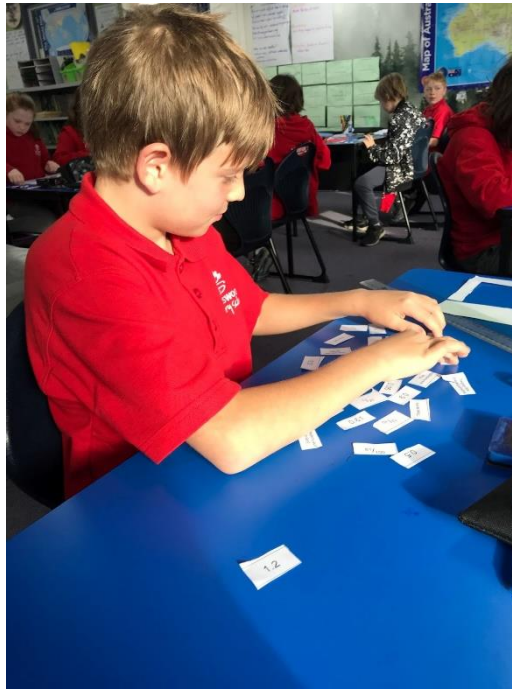
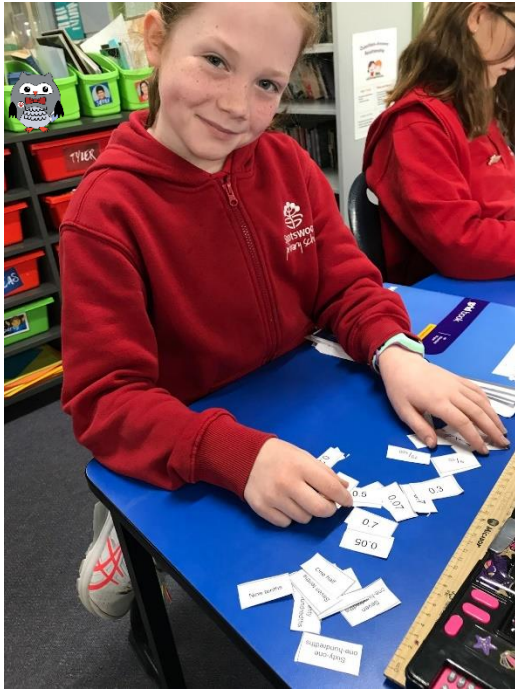
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Sally Vaughan
3/4V Classroom Teacher

5/6 Classes – Maths

Our grade 5/6 students are in the midst of an intensive unit exploring fractions, decimals and percentages. This week, students have been exploring where fractions sit on number lines; the nature of equivalent fractions; strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions; and exploring the conceptual links between fractions, decimals and percentages.





Sophie, Jayden, Clara and Tyler concentrate hard on their decimals task.

Simon Pollard
5/6P Classroom Teacher

Specialist – Visual Art

Over the last few weeks Prep to Year 2 have been making crocodiles. We read Alan's Big, Scary Teeth by Jarvis, then practised drawing some crocodiles. We then began our 3D construction of these wonderful beasts by using foil, a cardboard tube and lots of masking tape. In the following lessons we applied one layer of paper mache (the texture of this slimy mixture was enjoyed by 'most') and we added legs and scutes with air-dry clay. Next week we will begin the painting process and add some other details, like the teeth!

A huge thank you to the group of 5/6 students that have been coming in to help us with this project. We couldn't have done it without you.



Preps: Heidi, Khushi and George

Cindy Asp
Visual Arts & Wellbeing Teacher

Interschool Sports Reports

T Ball Boys:

Last Friday the boys T-Ball team played St Mary's at an oval in Altona. The first two innings we were winning, but then the third innings it was very close with St Marys doing a little bit better. At the end of the game, it was very close and a very enjoyable contest. There was good sportsmanship from our players. We did not win but we had fun and we made it into the finals, which we got very excited about.

- Orlando Garrett

T Ball Girls:

We played a fabulous match last week against St Mary's and won 16/9. It was a hard game and we knew we needed to win to play in the finals this week. Everyone played really well and demonstrated excellent communication, running between bases and cheering on each other. We are very excited to be playing Altona Bayside on Friday and hope we win!

- T Ball Girls

Netball Boys:

On Friday the boys netball team played St Mary's. Both teams showed great team-work. St Mary's had a great Goal Attack and they moved the ball really well. We lost by a lot, but we had a lot of fun and we are improving every week, especially in blocking and moving the ball to create space and pass to each other. Spotswood played really well but St Marys were just a bit too good.

- Marius Gruttner

Netball Girls:

The girl's netball team played St Mary's in Altona. At the start of the game the other team had a very tall Centre and they started strongly, scoring lots of points. After half time we changed our positions around a bit and that seemed to work. At the end of the game we scored 2-3 points to finish strongly. We had lots of fun and our teamwork was a highlight of the whole term.

- Winter Hall

Soccer Girls:

Our girls' soccer team is heading through to the finals after a 2-1 victory in a high-standard game against St Mary's. Both teams moved the ball efficiently through the middle of the pitch, and it was some great work at either end of the ground that got Spotswood over the line, with Anja making several terrific saves as goalkeeper, and Zoe and Isabelle keeping constant pressure on the St Mary's defenders. All Spotty players played their roles well, and are looking forward to their finals match.

Soccer Boys:

Our soccer boys finished the season with disappointment, going down to St Mary's 6-0. However, the boys can hold their heads high for the way they fought back in the second half; after being 5-0 behind at half-time, they clamped down on their defensive efforts and only conceded one goal after half-time, with Harris doing some great work as goalkeeper.

Student Awards:

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Student Award at assembly tomorrow:



Prep/1S.....Kruze Miller - for retelling the Billy Goat's Gruff through role play and using amazing expression for your characters. Well done, Kruze!

Prep/1V.....Remy Dodson - giving things a go! Remy has improved at taking risks with her learning and having a try, even when it's a bit scary! Well done Remy!

1/2B.....Maddie Cossill – for using fantastic decoding strategies during reading. You're making amazing progress Maddie!

- 1/2C**.....Harvey Barker - being brave in the classroom and using his growth mindset to achieve his goals.
- 1/2J**Coraline Saitta - for being a focused learner and putting in enormous effort in Writing! Well done SUPERSTAR!
- 3/4K**.....Evie Mackey - for putting enormous effort and thought into her writing, trying hard to challenge herself and make it interesting. Keep up the awesome effort Evie!
- 3/4M**Benjamin Tran - for your fantastic listening and focus during our writing assessment task this week. Well done!
- 3/4T**Eve Sliwczynski - for putting in a huge amount of effort towards your writing and focusing on using punctuation. Well done!
- 3/4V**.....Hannah Kilby – for displaying resilience when presented with challenging tasks. You never give up. Great work Hannah!
- 5/6M**Orla Lynch - for continuing to demonstrate a positive mindset and working hard to produce quality learning and reflections.
- 5/6P**.....Rose Harrold-Bear - for unfailingly setting outstanding standards of thoughtfulness, independence and responsibility.
- 5/6T**.....Leroy Spiteri-Caird - for consistently persevering and displaying a positive work ethic to complete all his learning tasks. Well done Leroy!
- Art**.....Heidi Letch - for her persistence with sculpting her crocodile using paper mache. You worked very hard Heidi, well done!



To:

Esme C, Angus B, Amali, Sebastian D, Caleb, Ethan R, Archer B

Dates to Remember:

- Friday 16th June Winter Sport Finals
Assembly (3.15pm)
- Monday 19th June..... End of Semester reports available on Compass at 12noon
Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country Championships
- Tuesday 20th June..... Parent/Teacher Interviews (Years 3-6)
Finance meeting (5.30pm)
School Council meeting (6.15pm)
- Wednesday 21st June..... Parent/Teacher Interviews (Years Prep-2)
- Friday 23rd June Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)
Casual Dress Day for Students (bring a chocolate block for the Fete Choc Toss)

Term 3

- Monday 10th July First Day of Term 3
- Wednesday 26th July Year 3/4 Camp Parent Information Webex (7pm)
- Friday 11th August House Sports Day (Prep to Year 6)

Thursday 17th August Pupil Free Day

Friday 18th August District Athletics Carnival

Monday 21st August Year 3/4 Camp to Lady Northcote

Wednesday 23rd August Year 3/4 Campers return

Friday 15th September Last Day of Term 3 (2.30pm dismissal)

Term 4

Monday 2nd October First Day of Term 4

Friday 20th October Spotty Fete (3.30pm – 8pm)