

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9 • Thursday 22nd June 2023



"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

Well hasn't that term gone by very quickly! The past few weeks have been cooler and darker in the mornings, it will be nice to have a change of pace for a few weeks as winter sets in. We hope you are able to spend some time together and come back refreshed for Term 3 on Monday 10th July.

**Casual Dress Day
Tomorrow! Please bring
a Chocolate Block for
the Fete**



Friday 23rd June – 2:30pm early finish

Join us on the basketball court at 2:20pm tomorrow as students and staff join together to finish off the last 10 repetitions of our Push Up Challenge. We are not having an assembly, but we thought it would be nice to go into the holidays completing our challenge together.

Push Up Challenge

This month a group of staff have been participating in the Push up Challenge to raise money and awareness for better mental health. From the 1st – 23rd June we have been tallying up our daily push ups (or lunges, squats and sit ups) and on Friday our last 10 will bring our total to 3,144. What an effort! If you would like to support our efforts with a small donation, please use the QR code on the right. We have enjoyed supporting each other through the challenge and each day have been learning a little more about supporting our mental health through the challenge daily fact updates.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all of the families who made time to meet with teachers this week, either in person or via the phone. Teachers really value the partnership with you and the opportunity to talk with you about our students. I would like to also thank staff for their dedication to this process too. It is a lot of conversation after a busy day of teaching!

Staffing update

Mrs Trembath is moving! Her husband has been seconded to a new position with his work, which will see them relocating to Sale in regional Victoria for the next 18 months. Sally will be taking leave from her position at Spotswood Primary to join him for this duration. We are delighted to have appointed Mr James McKimmie to teach 3/4T for the rest of this year. Mr McKimmie has been a regular relief teacher in their classroom throughout this year. Whilst we wish Mrs Trembath well for the exciting adventure ahead, we know she will be missed in our school community by staff, students and families.

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Year 3/4 Camp

Families of students in Year 3/4 are reminded that we will be holding a parent information session for families about camp on Wednesday 26th July at 7:00pm. We know this can be a tricky time for families to get out around the many commitments of a busy family day so we will hold the session via Webex. Early next term we will email Year 3/4 families a Webex link for this session.

Jackie Green
Principal

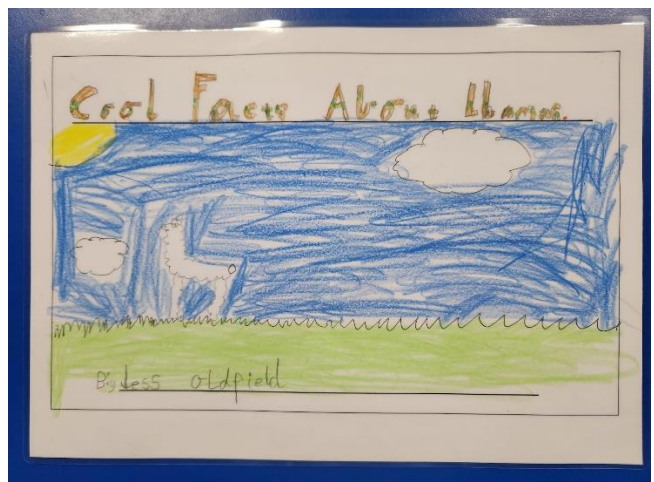
What's Happening In Our Classrooms

Prep/1 Classes – Information Writing

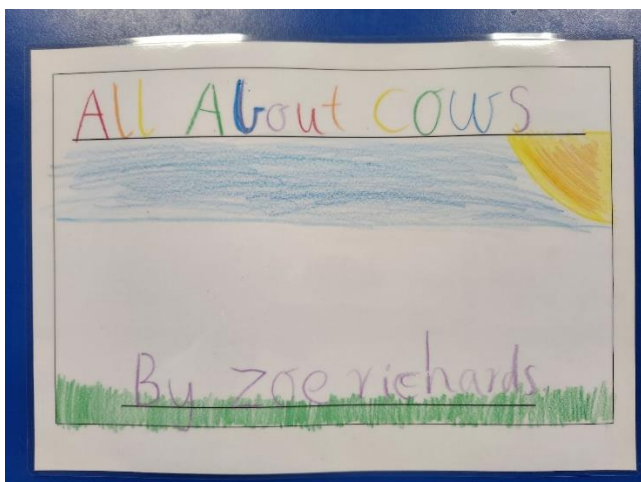
This week in Prep/1 we have been putting our finishing touches on our Information Writing. We have been working on writing a non-fiction book about a farm animal. The Preps have been focussed on listening to the sounds in their words and writing facts about their farm animal. The Grade 1's have been working through the writing cycle – generating, planning, composing, editing and finally publishing their writing pieces. Our final step was to create an engaging front cover with an interesting title. The students are excited to bring their published work home to share with you!



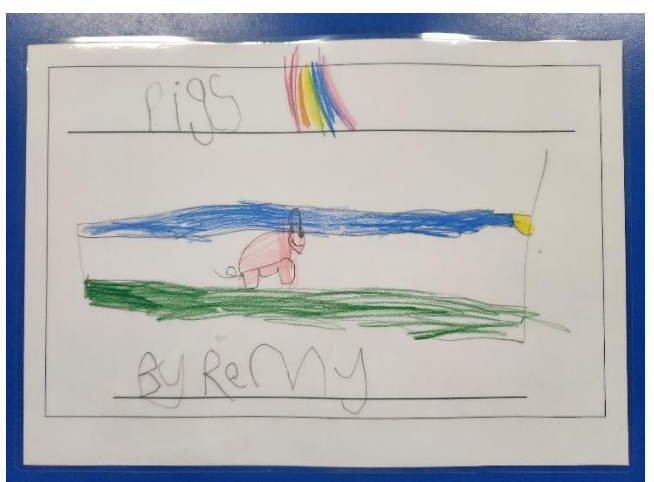
Frances



Jess



Zoe



Remy

Melanie Voigt
Prep/1V Classroom Teacher

1/2 Classes – Cooking

This week the students from grade prep, one and two classes have been busy cooking in the kitchen. As part of the 'Paddock To Plate' Unit Of Inquiry, students have been learning about food production and how our food gets to our plate, ready to eat. Students have been busy writing a procedural text, which they then used to make their baked potatoes. There were fantastic reviews from our mini chefs, who said it was "the best potato they have ever eaten".



Margot



Ned

Ruby Cridland
1/2C Classroom Teacher

3/4 Classes – Reader's Theatre

For the last few weeks of Term 2, the grade 3/4 students have been practising their Reader's Theatre scripts ready for this week's performances! Our focus has been on improving our reading fluency (the ability to read with speed, accuracy and expression). The students worked collaboratively to prepare their presentation including making some funny and interesting props. Well done 3/4s!



Sebastian, Odin, Zyann, Milli and Aubree



Lennox, Owen, Jibrail and Xavier

Emily Matheson
3/4M Classroom Teacher

5/6 Classes – Inquiry

This term's Unit of Inquiry posed the main idea that government systems impact the lives of its citizens. This unit culminated in a summative task that enabled the students to create a Google Slides presentation about a political system and a country of their own personal interest. The products of this investigation were outstanding, and students were invited to present their slideshow to their peers as a celebration of their hard work and dedication.



Aaron Turner
5/6T Classroom Teacher

Specialist – P.E.

Soccer fever again has hit Spotswood over the last 4 weeks. Our junior Kerr's, Cahill's and Kewell's have been dribbling and passing their way to improving their skills and learning some of the tactics of 'Jogo Bonito' (The beautiful game). We've all enjoyed playing 'Soctapus' and 'Number Soccer' as the weeks have progressed.





Chris Lamb
PE Teacher

Interschool Sport

Last Friday, the Girls' T Ball team played in our final against Bayside Altona. We played an amazing game with all players fielding well, communicating to each other, and making lots of home runs. Our sportsmanship was commented on by the coach and players from the other team.

We are proud to announce that we are the Premiership team for the Girls T Ball, winning 14 runs to 5. We are now looking forward to representing our school at the Hobsons Bay Division Championships next term.

We would also like to acknowledge the Boys' T Ball team who were runners up in their final and the girls' soccer team who were also runners up. Congratulations to all of the 5/6 students and coaches who have played and refereed so well this semester to represent Spotswood Primary.





To:

Badaso, Allegra, Olivia V, Alyssa, Jack L, Zoe Szulikowski, Phineas

[During the School Holidays – Jibrail, Alex, Jack Spiteri, Harris, Remy D, Penny, Addison, Oscar, Ryan, Ziggy, Ayla, Owen]

Dates to Remember:

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

Thursday 13th July Hobsons Bay Division Tee Ball Competition (Girls Tee Ball team)

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)