

# Spotswood Primary School

## Newsletter



Term 2 Week 5 • Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

### **PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Please remember that next Monday is a Pupil Free Day for students at Spotswood PS. Staff will be engaged in some Numeracy Professional Learning on this day. OSHClub is available for full day care for those who require this support.

### **END OF FINANCIAL YEAR – Tax deduction opportunity!**

Are you looking for a way to secure a tax deduction at the end of this financial year? We would like to share with our families an opportunity to support the school with a donation to our tax deductible Building Fund!

We are seeking to raise additional funds to install new carpet in the hallway of 1/2B and 3/4T's building, and replace some old carpet in the 3/4 building.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and Sharon is able to provide you with a receipt.

We thank the families who have already contributed to our Building Fund at the start of the year. This will help us achieve this goal!



### **2024 Prep Information Night**

We had a fantastic turn out last night for our Prep Information night with many new prospective families interested in finding out about our lovely school. Our School Captains and Vice Captains Griffin, Andi, Rose and Jasper were here to help welcome our visitors and Griffin and Andi gave a student perspective reflecting on their time here at Spotty. We met some lovely families who will be part of our school community next year and we look forward to meeting our new preps later in the year. If you have a younger sibling to enrol or know of anyone planning to come here, please encourage them to enrol soon as it is very helpful for us to know our prep numbers for planning next year.

### **Some Parking Impact Information**

#### **MCLISTER STREET - Tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

McLister Street will not be accessible due to works being completed for the new traffic lights that will be installed at the intersection of McLister Street and Melbourne Road. We encourage families to plan ahead for tomorrow and consider parking across Melbourne Road and walking over at the crossing.

#### **REED STREET – Next week, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

We have also been notified that next Thursday there will be electricity pole replacement works undertaken in Reed Street. Reed Street will be closed all day from 7:00am – 5:00pm.

We ask that families be prepared to be patient at drop off and pick up times on these days as the impact of road closures can cause delays. Please also be mindful of safe driving and parking behaviours during these challenging times. It does feel like we are at the peak of the works at the moment and things will begin to improve as road works are completed in the coming weeks.



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## Hobsons Bay Sewer Project – Assembly Presentation

Tomorrow at assembly we will welcome some visitors from the Hobsons Bay Sewer project. This project involves boring a new tunnel under the bay to connect two points and will be a long term project into 2024.

Spotswood Primary School students will be given the exclusive opportunity through a competition to name the boring machines. Our involvement will also enable students to hear from engineers about many exciting elements including machines, geology, tunnelling and the jobs it creates. The project has a predominately female engineering team and they are keen to promote STEM as a cool pathway for girls (and boys).

The project will also enable us to partner with Scienceworks in some workshops to test and design water literacy activities that will be available to the public through the exhibition opening in September.

Jackie Green  
Principal

## Curriculum Update – Term 2 Week 6

		Continuous reporting
<b>Prep - 2</b>		
Reading	Maintaining Fluency Where does my food come from? Monitoring and Self Correcting	
Writing	Procedural - Write a list of ingredients and method for a recipe	
Spelling	Prep - I like her <b>hand</b> . 1 / 2 - mb as in lamb	
Maths	Multiplication and Division	
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Topic 2 Personal Strengths <i>Activity 2: The Traffic Lights Game: A Focus on Listening</i>	
<b>Grade 3 / 4</b>		
Reading	<b>Mentor text:</b> What's the Matter in Mr Whisker's Room?  <b>2 days:</b> Reading scientific reports and identifying punctuation that supports meaning.  <b>2 days:</b> Summarising skills: Summarising fiction texts using 'who, what, when, where, why, how'  <b>1 day:</b> Note-taking, putting summarising and synthesising skills into practice.	
Writing	<b>Genre: Scientific report writing</b>	
Spelling	<b>consonant suffix -ment</b>	
Maths	<b>Number &amp; Algebra:</b> <b>Fractions and Decimals</b>  Model and represent unit fractions including 1/2, 1/4, 1/3, 1/5 and their multiples to a complete whole.  Investigate equivalent fractions used in contexts.  Count by quarters, halves and thirds, including with mixed numerals. Locate and represent these fractions on a number line.	
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	<b>SWPB:</b> Learning	

Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	<p><b>Mentor Text - We are all Born Free</b></p> <p>*explicitly state new knowledge and ideas            *Students to research and create a presentation on the UN Declaration of Human Rights  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNvPf-3LAZA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNvPf-3LAZA</a></p> <p><b>Behind The News</b>            -listening and note taking            Students will engage with digital media content (BTN) to make meaning of the world, as well as discuss and explain their thoughts and opinions.</p> <p><b>PODCAST-Mackaroy Uncovered</b>            - listening, summarising and predicting</p> <p><b>Literature Circles- rotation 4 - connect</b></p>
Writing	<p><b>Biography (key figures)</b>            WALT -present information to an audience including appropriate tone, pitch and volume</p>
Spelling	<b>suffix- ist meaning a job</b>
Maths	<p><b>Volume &amp; Capacity</b>            Identify and use the correct operations when converting units including ... millilitres, litres, kilolitres and megalitres            Recognise the significance of the prefixes in units of measurement            Recognise that 1ml is equivalent to 1cm<sup>3</sup></p>
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	n/a

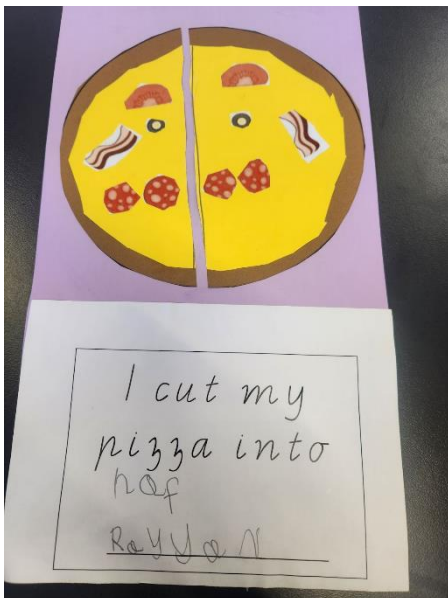


Emma Vasilevski  
Assistant Principal

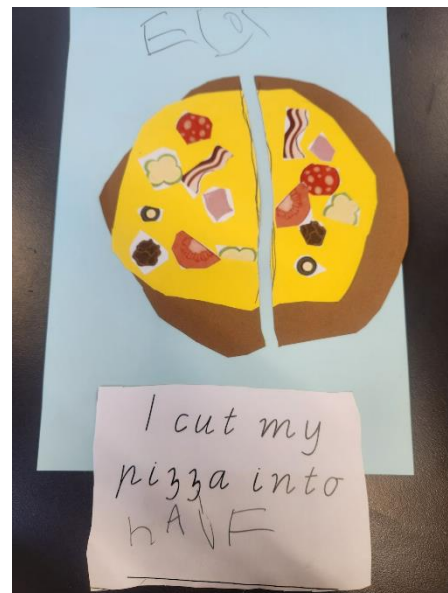
## What's Happening In Our Classrooms

### Prep/1 Classes – Fractions

In Prep/1 this week we have been working on fractions. We have particularly focussed on halves and quarters. The students have explored the importance of equal parts when working with fractions. They have also explored dividing objects into equal parts as well as dividing quantities into equal parts. The students created their own pizzas which then needed to be cut into 2 equal parts – half. We also explored making sure that the toppings were also equal on each half.

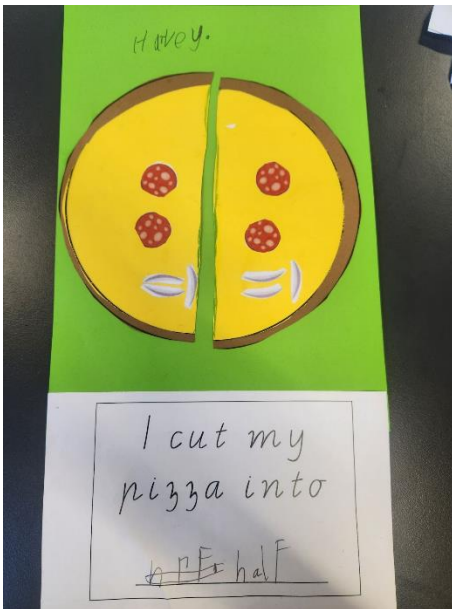


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Melanie Voigt  
Prep/1V Classroom Teacher

### 1/2 Classes – Excursion to CERES

The P-2 students went to CERES in Brunswick which is an environmental education centre, community garden and urban farm to find out more about how their food gets from the paddock to their plate. The students loved feeding chickens, participating in a scavenger hunt to find different fruits, vegetables and herbs, they learnt about the importance of minibeasts and worms in soil and even planted their own seed! Students were able to apply their new knowledge back at school when designing their own gardens.



Nicole Janosevic  
1/2J Classroom Teacher

### 3/4 Classes – Scienceworks Excursion

This week the 3/4 students went on an adventure to Scienceworks! We used some of our powers of observation to explore how temperature causes changes to states of matter. We were especially interested in observing (from a safe distance) the different temperatures that caused nitrogen to change from a liquid to a gas, and how liquid nitrogen affected different objects including a balloon and a rubber duck! All the teachers were very impressed with our students' questions and level of engagement. Well done 3/4s!



Emily Matheson  
3/4M Classroom Teacher

### 5/6 Classes – Inquiry

This week, students explored the fundamentals of Australia's democratic system via an incursion. Students were presented with opportunities to vote for the parties of their choice, create a mock House of Representative and Senate, and engage in debate with each other. Not only did the students gain significant knowledge about our Federal Parliament, but they also learned the importance of working as a team and respecting each other's opinions.

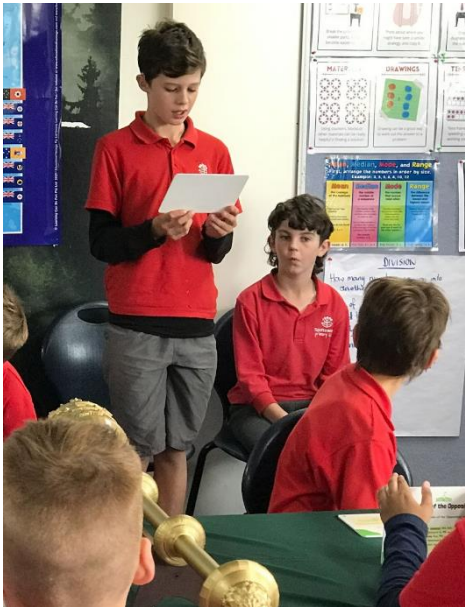


Meet the candidates: Frankie, Fox, Seth, Anja, Sophie and Abhijot.



Government Senate Leader Finn, Senate President Rose, Clerk LJ, and Opposition Senate Leader Ava.





Education Minister Laurence asks a question of the Prime Minister.



Austin in his role as House of Reps Serjeant-at-Arms.

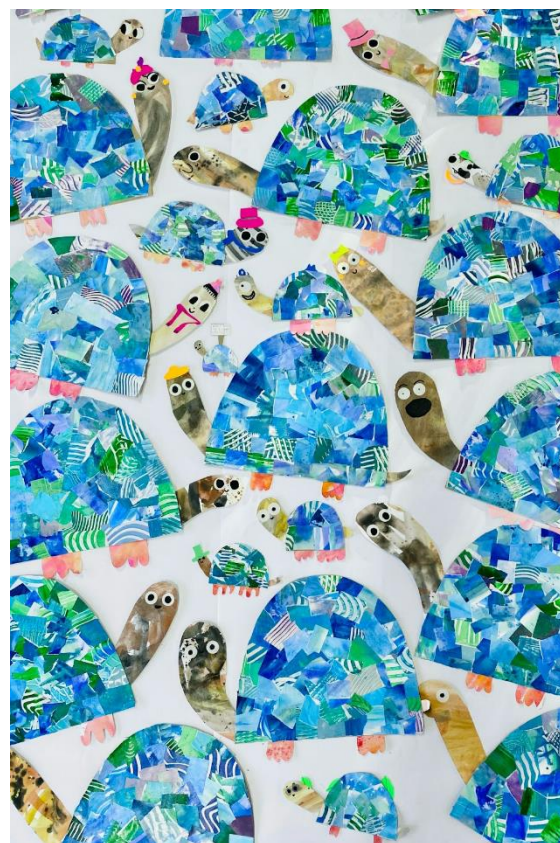
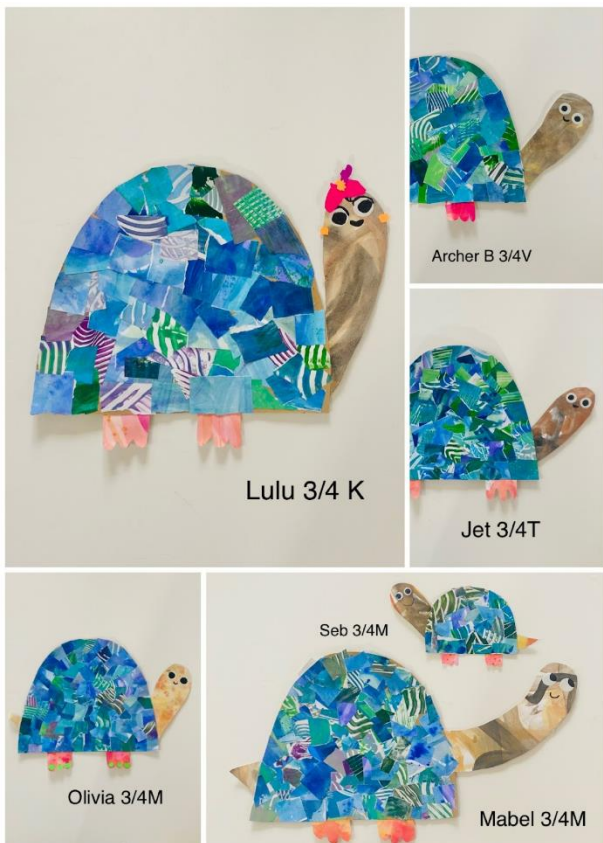


Prime Minister Seth, Speaker Tobie, Clerk Sophie, and Opposition Leader Abhijot.

Simon Pollard  
5/6P Classroom Teacher

### Specialist – Visual Art

Year 3/4s have made collage tortoises inspired by English artist Nelly Edwards. They created painted papers and printed papers using a Gelli printing plate. They looked at colour and pattern and cut and tore shapes to make the shell. Students then added character and expression to their tortoises and used mod podge to seal the papers down to create a nice finish. I love that each one is very different! There are some on display in the office if you would like to see them up close!



Cindy Asp  
Visual Art Teacher

## Interschool Sports Reports

### Tee Ball: Boys

On Friday the 19th of May the boy's Tee Ball team played their first game of the season at home against St Martins. They played well and showed a lot of teamwork to be able to win the game by four runs. The batting was a particular highlight, and the boys worked well together in the field to record their first win.

- Leroy (5/6T)

### Tee Ball: Girls

Last week, we played St Martins and the final scores were 21/7 with the Spotty girls winning convincingly. It was a great game and the entire team played well. The other team showed great sportsmanship. We are looking forward to playing this week and demonstrating our skills.

- Annabelle and Tobie (5/6P)

### Soccer:

In the match against St Martin de Porres, the girls won by forfeit, and the boys lost 2-1. It was a very tight game and well played from both the teams but in the end St Martin was just a bit better.

Spotswood showed a much-improved commitment to its formations and played lots of attacking soccer. Everyone on the team gave 101 percent effort and I'm sure they will do the same for the rest of our matches.

- Oliver (5/6M)

## Student Awards:



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

**Prep/1S**.....Fatouma Rashid - for writing an awesome sentence with a capital letter and finger spaces. Well done, Fatouma!

**Prep/1V**.....Lottie Harvey - being brave in the classroom and always working hard. Keep up the great work Lottie!

**1/2B**.....Victoria Menuci-Leutz – for working well with everyone in 1/2B, by showing patience, cooperation and fantastic listening skills. Thank you, Victoria!

**1/2C**.....Ned Calbert - doing amazing work on your information report in writing this week, Great work Ned!

**1/2J**.....Hendrix Carne - for showing persistence and improved effort when researching information for his information report.

**3/4K**.....Luke Thomas - for applying a positive growth mindset to his writing and working hard to concentrate and persist when writing longer texts. Keep up the momentum Luke!

**3/4M**.....Noah Dixon - for demonstrating exceptional speaking and listening skills during our whole class discussions. You consistently set a strong example for your classmates. Well done!

**3/4T**.....Daya Perry-Brown - for always being a kind and caring member of the class. You are a wonderful role model in the school!

**3/4V**.....Willow Turner – for contributing valuable ideas in your role as class captain and Junior School Council member. You are always responsible and ready to lend a hand to everyone in the Spotty community.

**5/6M**.....Andi Chisholm - for continuing to demonstrate a positive mindset and working hard to produce quality learning and reflections.

**5/6P**.....Lucy Gale - for making a compelling argument for the abolition of PE in schools, even though we know she didn't really mean it!

**5/6T**.....Marius Gruttner - for demonstrating great listening and a positive work ethic to complete all of his learning tasks. Well done Marius.

**Visual Art** ...Jet Diolosa 3/4T - for his exceptional skills in creating his Tortoise Collage. You creatively selected patterns and colours that complemented each other beautifully! Well done Jet.

## **Book Fair Closes Tomorrow**

Our Book Fair this week has been great but tomorrow is the last day!

The Fair will be open from 8.30am – 9am in the morning and from 3.30pm - 4pm tomorrow afternoon in the library.

Tomorrow is your last chance to get some great books, posters, pens etc and support our school. A percentage of every dollar spent at the Fair will come back to us in books.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have managed the stall every day this week allowing the Fair to open before and after school.

1 day to go everyone, don't miss it!

## **Help needed for a small school in Darwin**

One of our families is coordinating collection of some much needed items for a small community school in Darwin. The school is located in the lowest socio-economic region of Darwin and with the recent floods in the area, the local charities who normally support the students at the school have run out of some items.

Specifically, the items are needed for the Year 5/6 girls who struggle to have access to feminine hygiene products and deodorant as well as socks to wear with their school shoes.

Donations of these products can be left at the office.



**To:**

Willow, Rose H-B, Paris, Flynn Smith

## **Dates to Remember:**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May ..... Winter Sport Round 3 (Away vs Altona College/Bayside)

Assembly (3.15pm)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May..... Pupil Free Day (no children at school)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May..... Hobsons Bay Division Cross Country Championships

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June..... Winter Sport Round 4 (Bye)

Assembly (3.15pm)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June ..... Winter Sport Round 5 (Away vs St Mary's PS Altona)

Assembly (3.15pm)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June..... King's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June ..... Winter Sport Finals – Venue TBC

Assembly (3.15pm)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June..... Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country Championships



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June..... Parent/Teacher Interviews (Years 3-6)

Finance meeting (5.30pm)

School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June..... Parent/Teacher Interviews (Years Prep-2)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June ..... Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July ..... First Day of Term 3

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August ..... House Sports Day (Prep to Year 6)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August ..... Year 3/4 Camp to Lady Northcote

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.... Year 3/4 Campers return

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (3.30pm-8pm) - Save the date, for the Spotty Fete, it's going to be great, just you wait, it finishes at 8!!