

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter



Term 3 Week 3 • Friday 28th July 2023

"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

100 Days of School

We had such a colourful day at Spotswood this week as our Prep – 2 students enjoyed their 100 days of school celebration with the theme '100 days brighter'.

Watching the students all leave at the end of the day with their 100 days hat, their helium balloon and dressed in bright colours it was such a festive and joyous courtyard and everyone really enjoyed the special day.

Congratulations to the teachers who really went to town with their own dress ups and room decorations!



House Sports

The excitement is starting to build for our annual House Sports event which will be held this year on Friday 11th August down at the Newport Athletics Track. We are delighted to have some Bayside Secondary College Year 9 students coming along to assist with running the events. Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours and we look forward to a colourful and active day at the track.

There are plenty of spectator viewpoints around the track and families are very welcome to meet us down there to watch, however we ask that families do not enter the track and field areas at any stage. There is an event guide included in the newsletter today showing when the age groups are competing. Please understand that depending on how the day is going, we may be ahead or behind time throughout the day.

Prep-2 students will attend between 11:00 – 1:00pm, returning to school by lunchtime.

Year 3-6 students will leave school at 9:00 and return to school by 3:00pm.

If families of students in Years 3-6 wish to take their children home from the track, you are very welcome to do so, please let Miss Green know at the information table so they can be signed out.

Year 3/4 Camp

This week we met online with families to provide some information about our upcoming Year 3/4 Camp. We are excited to be heading to Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh this year and planning is well underway. For our Year 3 students this will be their first camp experience, building on their Year 2 sleepover from last year. Our Year 4 students will be able to reflect on their camp experience last year and provide some leadership and support for our first-time campers.

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Pupil Free Day

Families are reminded that we have a Pupil Free Day coming up on Thursday 17th August. A full day care program will be available through our new outside hours provider Kelly Club. Families are able to register with Kelly Club and book ahead if needed.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Our Junior School Council have been meeting a few times each term and they have identified a fundraising opportunity that they would like our school to participate in. Next Friday the 4th of August is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. Our JSC would like to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, a national charity that supports remote communities with the provision of culturally relevant books, resources and programs to support communities creating and publishing their stories in languages of their choice.

Please see the poster from our Junior School Council in the newsletter encouraging a colour theme of dressing for the day to enable us to make a visual aboriginal flag.

Jackie Green
Principal

Curriculum Update – Term 3 Week 4

Prep - 2	
Reading	Mentor Text: The sea -Inferring -Analysing -Solving Words
Writing	Narrative
Spelling	Prep – Revision week 1 / 2 - 'er' as in teacher
Maths	Shape & Space
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Topic 3 Positive Coping <i>Activity 4: Managing Anger</i>
Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	Mentor text: All of Us Inferring information about familiar content as well as topics more distant from students' typical experience Reading Maps Literature Circles Preparation: Creative Connector
Writing	Genre: Poetry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce a poem about Australia using your new knowledge from Inquiry. Keep as an inclusion for our Summative atlas.
Spelling	v as in voice
Maths	Number and Algebra: Whole Number Investigate the conditions required for a number to be odd or even and identify odd and even numbers Investigate and use the properties of odd and even numbers Recognise, represent and order numbers to at least tens of thousands
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	N / A

Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	<p>Class Novel- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind- William Kamkwamba</p> <p>Behind The News -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>ABC Ethics Podcast- Short and Curly WALT-listen to a podcast and make informed decisions about values based situations. We are learning to infer attitudes that may be new or contrary to the reader's beliefs.</p> <p>Literature Circles- rotation 2 - visualise</p>
Writing	<p>Genre: Procedural</p> <p>Writing Cycle focus: Composing / word choice</p>
Spelling	Words ending in -ible
Maths	<p>Financial Maths WALT Investigate and calculate percentage discounts of 10%, 25% and 50% on sale items, with and without digital technologies</p>
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	<p>Respectful Relationships- # 2 PERSONAL STRENGTHS Using our strengths in everyday life Identify strengths required to deal with everyday challenges Offering advice for dealing with situations</p>



Emma Vasilevski
Assistant Principal

What's Happening In Our Classrooms

Prep/1 Classes – 100 Days of School

On Wednesday the Prep-2 cohort celebrated 100 days of school for 2023. All year we have been using our knowledge of place value to count and make the daily number. Today we celebrated that we are 100 days brighter by coming to school in colourful clothes. Students participated in mixed groups where we made 100 and 100's biscuits, created cup towers and counted 100 actions. We are so proud of all the students!





Heidi, Sage, Atticus, Jack, Grayson, & Hendrix



Campbell, Connor, Remy, Rihaan,
Jui Khye, Mya & Summer

Bridget Sherrin
Prep/1S Classroom Teacher

1/2 Classes – Beach Excursion

The students in Prep, Grade 1 & 2 ventured off by bus to Williamstown Beach and Jawbone Marine Sanctuary for an excursion. This term in Inquiry, we are learning about different environments and the impacts humans have on them. It was a beautiful, clear and sunny day for students to explore their surroundings and they also helped clean up the beaches by collecting rubbish. Thanks to the parent helpers for making it such a successful day.



Bodhi



Georgia and Miles



Ruby Cridland
1/2C Classroom Teacher

3/4 Classes – Poetry

This week the 3/4 students have been continuing our exploration of different types of Poetry! One example we looked at was the narrative verse. This type of poetry uses features of poetry, including rhyme, alliteration and syllable patterns to tell a story. Here are some examples we wanted to share with you!



Oak the goat was cutting
some oak
Near the road
While the balloons float
There was a boat on the
water
While under the boat gets
soaked.

Zyann

“I’ll fight for the vegemite”
Yelled Joe the chunky monkey.
“No vegemite on Friday night
You have no might
You cannot fight”
Said Mr Man the zookeeper.
“Then I will bite” said Joe and
then
One night Mr Man got a fright
There was no vegemite
Or Joe in sight.
Then Joe jumped out to bite
his face
And said “Bye, you’re a
disgrace.”
Then he ran away at a very fast
pace.
The very next day Joe left a
note
It said “I’m very sorry about
what I did
But it was for my kid.”

Xavier & 3/4M

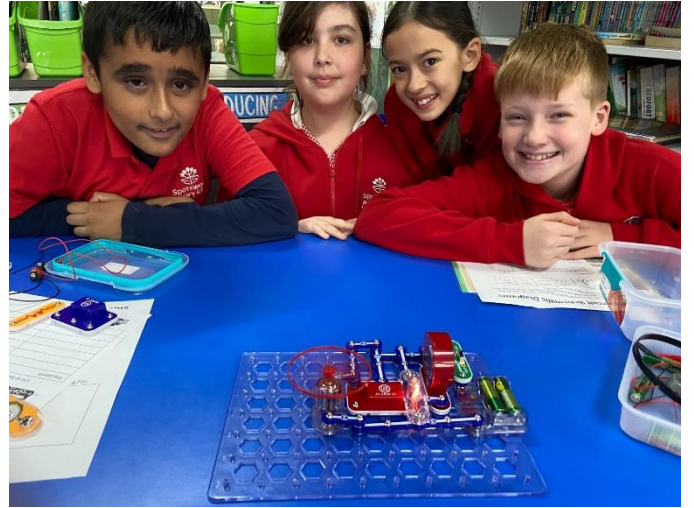
Nori the cat knew no one at all
She had no friends to rely
If things got heavy and she watched the
telly
One day she walked by an alley
Near the trash came a crash
A corgi rolled in front of her like a cat
The corgi looked like a dirty rat
“Who are you? I’m Nori the cat”
“I’m a corgi, and my name is Cori”
“What were you doing Cori?”
“I was trying to make my dream of flying
come true”
“I know the thing, a bath is your cure”
“I’ve never had one are you sure?”

Tabitha

Emily Matheson
3/4M Classroom Teacher

5/6 Classes – ‘Electrical Buzz’ Incursion

On Wednesday the Year 5/6 students were lucky enough to take part in the Electrical Buzz Incursion as part of our ‘Bright Sparks’ unit of inquiry. The workshop posed the question, ‘What is electricity and what other energies are there?’ In answering this, the students learned what a circuit is and how to make a human circuit. They created series & parallel circuits and investigated closed and open circuits, switches and volts, propellers and blades, and things being powered by a motor. They explored electric motors, electromagnets, dynamos, and energy transformations, and examined how electricity is produced from sunlight. The knowledge and inspiration gleaned from this workshop was significant, and we look forward to it *propelling* us further throughout our Inquiry this term.



Aaron Turner
5/6T Classroom Teacher

Specialist – PE

Across the school these last two weeks we have been focussing on the skills of AFL football. We have been practising our marking (overhead and chest), handballing and of course our kicking, which has included some spectacular goal kicking as well.

We will be continuing to develop these skills over the coming weeks and start introducing some modified games to put the skills to the test in game situations.

Go DOGS!!





Chris Lamb
PE Teacher

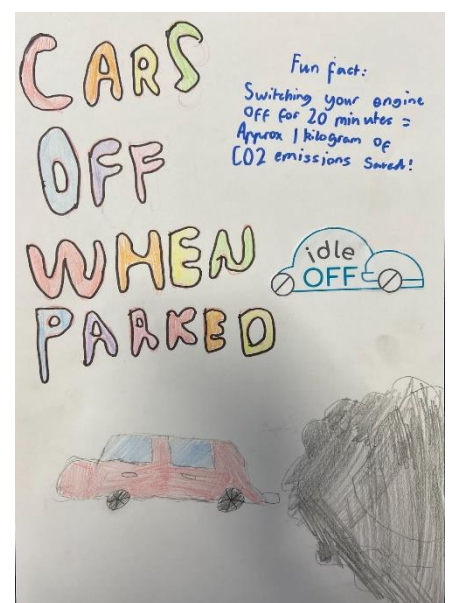
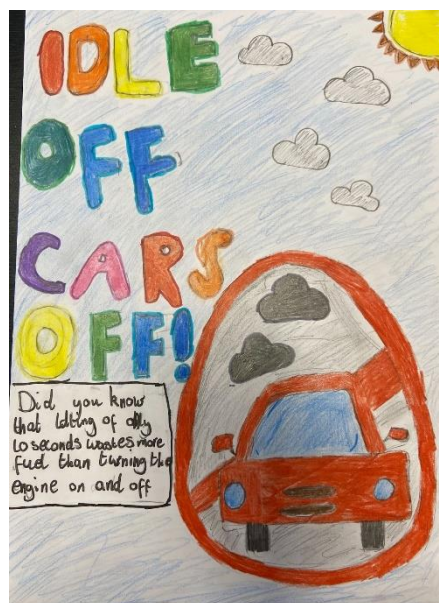
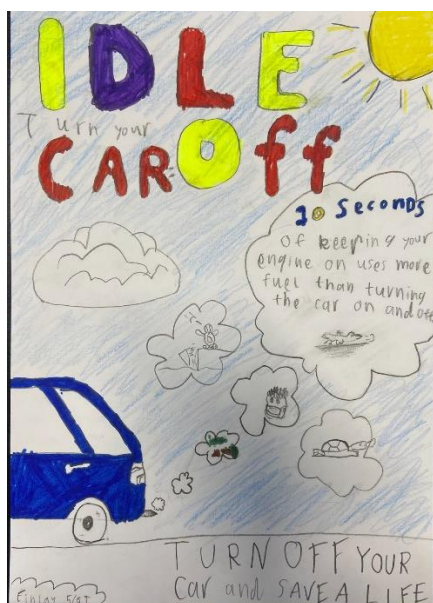
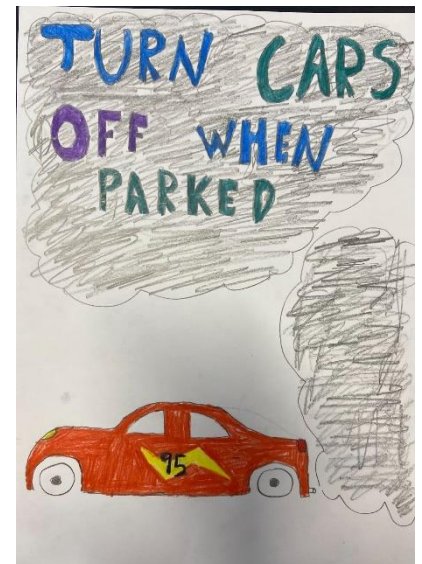
Idle Off Program

As part of the 'Breathe Melbourne' and 'Idle Off' programs, 5/6T have been learning about car idling and how it affects air quality and climate change. Car idling is when your car is running but it is not moving. Did you know that switching your engine off for 20 minutes equals approximately 1 whole kilogram of CO2 emissions saved!?

During the investigation of this topic, 5/6T conducted an experiment to test how much pollution is actually in and around our school. You may see some paper plates hanging from fences and around our school grounds; these are collecting particles flying through the air, and we are still monitoring the results.

The message we are trying to tell people is to please turn off your car engines when you are dropping off and/or collecting your child from school. This small action can help drastically reduce pollution in our community.

Frankie Hogan
5/6T



Student Awards:

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



- Prep/1S**.....Syila Wijaya - for her amazing writing this week, sounding out the words as she writes. Keep up the great work, Syila.
- Prep/1V**.....Michael P - his willingness to give everything a go and for making new friends in his first week!
Welcome to Spotswood!
- 1/2B**.....Remi McWhinney – for writing a detailed and captivating beginning to your narrative. Well done on using a range of interesting words to grab your reader’s attention!
- 1/2C**.....Max Pullan - showing great listening skills and writing a fantastic narrative this week, well done Max!
- 1/2J**Badaso Rashid - applying fantastic effort in guided reading groups and for using reading strategies to decode tricky words.
- 3/4K**.....Arabella Devlin - for being a wonderful writing partner by listening to her partner’s ideas and working collaboratively to create some amazing poetry! Thanks Arabella!
- 3/4M**Liam Boyer - for being a supportive classmate and taking time to share your knowledge with others.
- 3/4T**Flynn Smith - being a positive and enthusiastic class member who has a great can do attitude.
- 3/4V**.....Sid Ilett – for bringing a sense of cheerfulness and enthusiasm to our classroom each day. Thanks for valuing learning!
- 5/6M**Tilly Saitta - for continuing to bring a positive and happy energy to our classroom environment.
Thank you for making our days so enjoyable
- 5/6P**.....Austin Azzopardi - for taking on a leadership role during our investigations into electrical circuits.
- 5/6T**.....Layla Pederick-Hull - for making a huge effort to settle into Spotswood Primary by being a friendly and hard-working class member. Fantastic start Layla!
- PE**Kingston La - for coming to PE lessons with a fantastic attitude and always listening and following instructions. Your kicking in AFL is showing great improvement.



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Dates To Remember:

- Thursday 3rd August Excursion to Newport Lakes Reserve (Prep to Year 2)
- Friday 4th August National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day
Kelly Club Free Coffee (2pm – 4pm)
Assembly (3.15pm)
- Monday 7th August..... Kelly Club Online Meet & Greet Q & A Session (6.30pm)
- Tuesday 8th August..... Finance Sub-Committee meeting (5.30pm)
School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Friday 11th August House Sports Day (Prep to Year 6)
Assembly (3.15pm)

Thursday 17th August Pupil Free Day (no children at school)

Friday 18th August District Athletics Carnival
Assembly (3.15pm)

Monday 21st August..... Year 3/4 Camp (Lady Northcote)

Wednesday 23rd August Year 3/4 Campers return

Friday 25th August Assembly (3.15pm)

Thursday 31st August Year 2 Sleepover

Friday 1st September Year 2 Excursion
Assembly (3.15pm)

Monday 4th September Book Week

Tuesday 5th September Finance Sub-Committee (5.30pm)
School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Wednesday 6th September Division Athletics Carnival (Newport Athletics Track)

Friday 8th September Assembly (3.15pm)

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

Monday 2nd October First Day of Term 4

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

2023 House Sports Schedule

Age in 2023	Event 1- 9.30	Event 2- 9.50	Event 3- 10.10	Event 4- 10.30	Event 5- 10.50	Event 6- 11.20	Event 7- 11.40	Event 8- 12.00	Event 9- 12.20	Event 10- 12.50	Event 11- 1.10	Event 12- 1.30
Boys 12/13	100m		Shot Put	Discus	Triple Jump				Relays	Long Jump	Hurdles	200m
Girls 12/13	100m		Shot Put	Discus	Triple Jump				Relays	Long Jump	Hurdles	200m
Boys 11	Hurdles	200m	100m		Shot Put				Relays	Discus	Triple Jump	Long Jump
Girls 11	200m	100m		Shot Put	Discus				Relays	Triple Jump	Long Jump	Hurdles
Boys 10	Triple Jump	Long Jump	Hurdles	200m	100m				Relays		Shot Put	Discus
Girls 10	Discus	Triple Jump	Long Jump	Hurdles	200m				Relays	100m		Shot Put
Boys 9	Shot Put	Discus	Triple Jump	Long Jump	Hurdles				Relays	200m	100m	
Girls 9		Shot Put	Discus	Triple Jump	Long Jump				Relays	Hurdles	200m	100m
Boys 8						100m	200m	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump			
Girls 8						200m	100m	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump			
Boys 7						Bean Bag Throw	Mini Hurdles	50m				
Girls 7						Bean Bag Throw	Mini Hurdles	50m				
Boys 5/6						Mini Hurdles	Bean Bag Throw	50m				
Girls 5/6						Mini Hurdles	Bean Bag Throw	50m				



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

'Little Voices, Loud Futures'

4 August 2023



WHEN: Friday 4th August

WHAT: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

WHAT TO BRING: A gold coin donation and your favorite book from home or school.

WHAT TO WEAR: We will be taking a whole school photo to represent the Aboriginal flag so please come dressed in your designated colours.

Prep/1/2 - Black

3 / 4 - Red

5 / 6 - Yellow

We will also celebrate Literacy by reading our favorite books as a school outside.

Your donations will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.