

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter



Term 3 Week 7 • Friday 25th August 2023

“Where everybody is somebody”



A lot has happened in the past two weeks, it has been very busy at Spotswood Primary School! At the same time we have had an unprecedented level of staff absence due to illness, Year 3/4 Camp and staff time in lieu arrangements post camp. I would like to thank staff and students for coping extremely well with all the changes this has brought to our timetable and at times spending a day in another classroom. Unfortunately we are not always able to replace teachers at the moment due to a shortage of casual staff, however we have a plan for these days and our wonderful staff team are there to support everyone.

The winner was **Gold House**!!! It was incredibly close with the final scores being Gold 537, Red 529, Green 439 and Blue 343. Congratulations to all the students in gold house! House Sports was a great day this year and we would like to thank the students from Bayside Secondary College who did a wonderful job running and supporting our events on the day. They were a credit to their school and we thank them for their support.

I spent a delightful three days on camp this week with our Year 3/4 students. It was great to see students giving new activities a go, expanding their comfort zones and encouraging each other with new adventures. I think canoeing was my favourite activity, although I did get quite wet!

This year we are excited to be celebrating book week from Monday September 4th – Friday September 8th (week 9). Please see below our list of planned activities for the week! As in previous years there will be an incursion charge for the activities we have planned. This will be posted via Compass early next week.



Monday	2:30 – 3:30	Prep – 2 Author Visit - Danny Katz and Mitch Vane
Tuesday	9:15 – 10:30 2:30 – 3:30	Performance by Perform Education! 'Way Too Cool?' 3 – 6 Author Visit – Sarah Armstrong
Wednesday		
Thursday	10 – 11 & 11:30 – 12:30	Whole School rotational activities
Friday	9 – 10	Whole school dress up parade on the basketball court

Jackie Green
Principal

Curriculum Update – Term 3 Week 8

Prep -2	
Reading	Mentor Text: The Waterhole -Making Connections -Synthesising Fluency
Writing	Narrative / Letter Writing
Spelling	Prep - On Sunday I love to play with the tray. 1 / 2 - ay as in tray
Maths	Time
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	SWPBS – Safety - How do we keep each other safe at school?
Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	Introduction to Literature Circles
Writing	Information reports
Spelling	ui as in fruit and ew as in screw
Maths	Measurement and Geometry: Time Tell time to the minute and investigate the relationship between units of time Convert between units of time Use am and pm notation and solve simple time problems
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	n/a
Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	Class Novel- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind- William Kamkwamba 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. PODCAST CREATION- SCRIPTING We are learning to design our own podcasts and consider relevant features for inclusion. Literature Circles- rotation 6 – infer
Writing	Genre: Explanation Writing Cycle focus: Refining / COPS / ARMS
Spelling	Revision of homophones
Maths	Location and Transformation WALT Introduce the Cartesian coordinate system using all four quadrants -Understand that the Cartesian plane provides a graphical or visual way of describing location -compass directions
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	POSITIVE COPING Enacting positive and negative self talk-

What's Happening In Our Classrooms

Prep/1 Classes - Narrative Writing

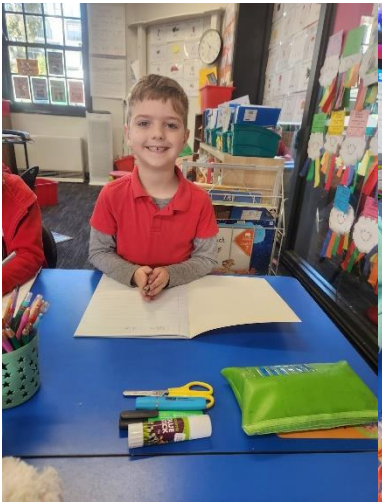
In Prep/1 this week we are working through the generating and planning stages of the writing cycle. We began by brainstorming lots of creative ideas for possible characters and settings. Then in our writer's notebooks we have chosen a setting and characters for our story. This then led into creating a problem and a solution for our story. We are looking forward to beginning to write our stories next. The Preps are creating the pictures for their stories first and then adding the words. The grade 1's are looking to build the sequence of their stories by focussing just on their drafts and they will add illustrations when we begin the publishing process.



Michael



Josh & Freddie



Harvey



Caleb

Melanie Voigt
Prep/1 Teacher

Year 1/2 classes - time

This week, the students in Grade 1 and 2 have been focusing on telling the time in Numeracy. The students have been participating in different tasks and activities in class. Students have been eagerly trying to apply their understanding in real life and are learning to identify what time certain session and break times start.

Ruby Cridland
1/2 Classroom Teacher



Maria and Zoe



Atticus

Year 3/4 – Lady Northcote Camp

This week the students in Grade 3/4 went on camp to Lady Northcote Adventure Camp just out of Bacchus Marsh. Over the three days the students participated in activities including canoeing, orienteering, archery, bike riding, frisbee golf and crowd favourite, the giant swing! Meal times were busy and all of the students took turns in setting up for meals and then cleaning the dishes (yes, you heard right), using really cool spray taps, as well as operating the wiz bang dishwasher under adult supervision, and none of them complained! Nights were filled with a trivia quiz, disco, movie, quiet reading and board games as well as some quality friendship building time in their rooms. Our final morning was spent completing a scavenger hunt won by Ms Matheson's activity group. Overall the children were extremely well behaved and actively and cooperatively engaged in all activities with a positive attitude, especially the Ga-Ga Pit ball game. Thanks to Ms Vaughan for her organisation, Mr Lamb, Ms Ball, Ms Green, Ewa and Ms Asp for spending time with us helping to make this an awesome camp experience! Finally a HUGE thank you to the children for making this a fun camp for all of us.

Tracey Kelly, Emily Matheson, James McKimmie and Sally Vaughan.







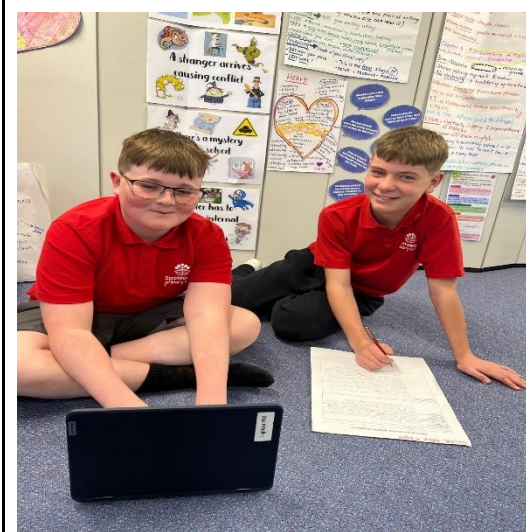
5/6- Inquiry

As part of our Unit of Inquiry this week, we have focussed on researching a form of energy that is used to generate electricity. Whilst looking at the advantages and disadvantages of solar, hydro, wind, biomass, geothermal, nuclear, coal, natural gas and oil, we are making plans to not only build a model to demonstrate our understanding, but also towards publishing our information on Google Sites and sharing this with the wider community.

Below are some images of the 5/6M students hard at work with the research component of their summative task.

Gabe Mullins

5/6M Homeroom teacher and Learning Specialist



ART

Over the last 5 weeks the Preps to Year 2 have created artwork with reference to two artists: Van Gogh and Andy Warhol. It was a mash-up of both artists on the one page, combining many elements of art to create these masterpieces! Students learned about Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night' and used a variety of mediums such as; oils pastel, paint, and posca paint pens to create their own. They used a template of Warhol's 'Campbell's Soup Can' art and used their best skills to colour in, reflecting the 'vase' of the piece. We looked at Warhol's 'Flowers' from 1970 and chose to use Gelli printing techniques to replicate the foliage in his work. We finished with paint sticks and coloured paper to add the flowers.

So many steps and techniques learned along the way, and what a huge effort by all the students!



Lasika 1/2J



Jack 1/2J



1/2J

Cindy Asp

Student Awards

P/1 S	Heidi Letch - for joining in on class discussions in inquiry and sharing with us all she knows about natural and constructed products. Well done, Heid!
P/1 V	Eli Grundy - sharing some great text to text connections with the class while exploring 'The Lorax' text. Well done Eli!
1/2B	Jack Dart – for your incredible focus during independent reading time and providing interesting comments when discussing our mentor text.
1/2C	Maria Smith Morales- working hard in narrative writing and putting in lots of effort! Well done Maria.
1/2J	Mason Bristowe - for showing great enthusiasm in Inquiry and Writing and for sharing ideas during our class discussions.
3/4K	Oliver Jeffries - for being kind and generous to all the members of our class including playing games fairly and kindly. Thank you for being such a wonderful Class Captain Oliver!
3/4M	Lorelei Doxey - for consistently bringing a positive attitude and strong work ethic to your lessons. You are a great listener and fantastic role model for your peers. Well done!
3/4T	Abdul Abdo - for being a great researcher when looking for new information about Dignos for your information report.
3/4V	Millie Boothroyd – for taking pride and care in your classroom work by making sure your presentation is always of a high standard. Fabulous effort Millie!
5/6M	Miles Doxey- for demonstrating commitment and focus during our electrical circuits unit. Your determination to succeed and complete your information report has been inspirational.
5/6P	Griffin Leever - showing perseverance, tolerance and flexibility in the group work activities during our Inquiry unit.
5/6T	Finlay Scholtes - for consistently demonstrating growth mindset and impressive application towards all your learning tasks. Great stuff Finlay.
Auslan	Hendrix Carne (1/2J) for making a bigger effort to participate in Auslan this term. You are starting to gain confidence when using Auslan and are beginning to understand that it's good to have a go, even when the learning seems different or challenging.



To:

Marlow, Daniel S, Django. Lennox C, Harry M, Lottie, Lucy B, Hagir
Jack Power, Orlando, Mille B, Isabelle G, Jasper S, Cass, Spencer T

Dates To Remember:

Thursday 31st August Year 2 Sleepover

Friday 1st September Year 2 Excursion

Assembly (3.15pm)

Tuesday 5th September Book Week Activities

Finance Sub-Committee (5.30pm)

School Council meeting (6.15pm)

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

Book Week Activities

Thursday 7th September Book Week Activities

Friday 8th September Book Week Dress Up Parade (9am – 10am)

Assembly (3.15pm)

Thursday 14th September Whole school performance at assembly to celebrate National Week of Deaf People 2023
(3.10pm)

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)