

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 • Friday 15th September 2023



“Where everybody is somebody”



Dear families,

What a lovely day to finish the term on. We hope you are looking forward to a break from the routine of school as we wind up the end of Term 3.

National Week of Deaf People

Yesterday we had a very special day celebrating ‘National Week of Deaf People’. Students have been learning about this important day which is an opportunity for Deaf people to celebrate their communities, culture and history, and to raise awareness in the wider community. We were very privileged to be joined by some secondary students from the Sunshine College Deaf Facility who joined in our activities and led some sessions where we could practice what we have been learning in Auslan this year.

We finished the day with an assembly sharing two songs incorporating Auslan and it was lovely to see so many families join us. We will email a link to families to a recording of the school singing our two songs, ‘I can sing a Rainbow’ and ‘True Colours’.

Fete Next Term

Thank you to those who responded to our call for volunteers in this week’s Fete update. Our roster is looking better, but there are still spots to fill. Please jump in and see if you can help us out!

Footy/Sports Day

It was very colourful at school today with lots of football allegiance on display! We also had some students showing their love of cricket, soccer, rugby and even ‘comfy clothes for yoga’! I know that the next few weeks will be very exciting for those who follow AFL teams still in contention for the finals. I will be cheering the mighty Magpies on and hope we make it all the way!

Take care in the holidays and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Jackie Green
Principal

Swimming Program Reminder – Years 3 to 6

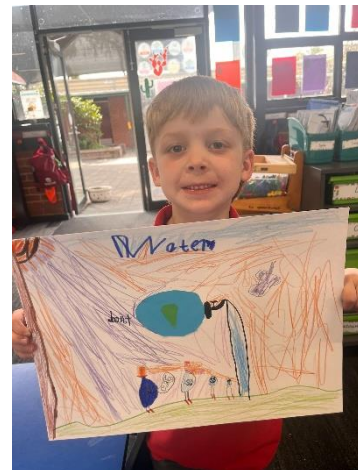
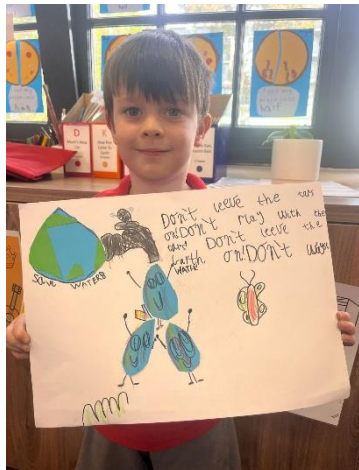
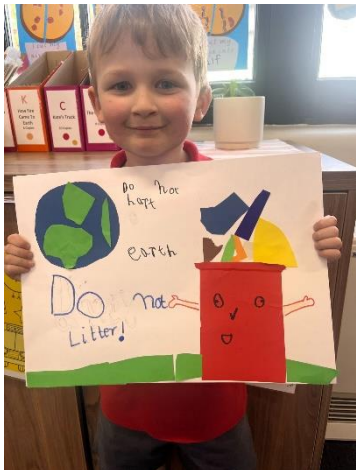
Parents with students in Years 3 to 6 are reminded that permission must be provided using the Compass parent portal by 11.59pm on Sunday 1st October to ensure your child is included in the final numbers.

Important Note: If your child is not attending the Swimming Program, ie. holidays etc, please submit ‘Declined’ via Compass so we know not to count them in the final numbers.

What's Happening In Our Classrooms

Prep/1 Classes - Inquiry

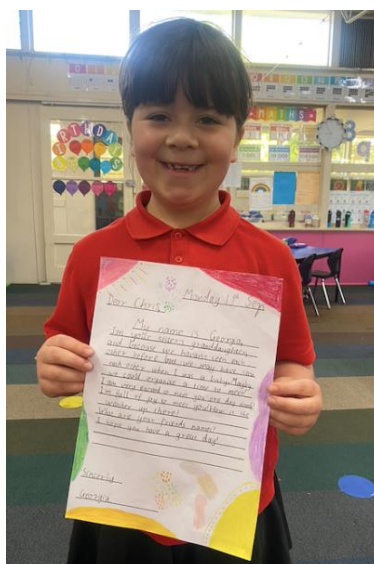
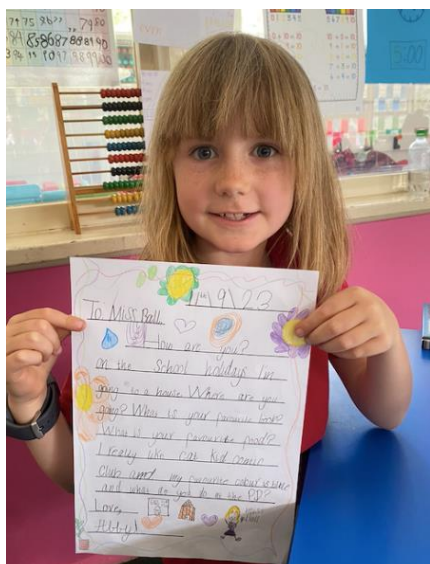
This week students in P-2 completed their inquiry unit 'A Better World' by creating persuasive posters to educate their peers. As a grade we brainstormed ideas around reducing pollution and conserving water. Students chose one of the categories and made a poster with a catchy slogan. We can't wait to share our posters and what we have learned with the grade.. Well done Prep-2's on helping us create a better world!

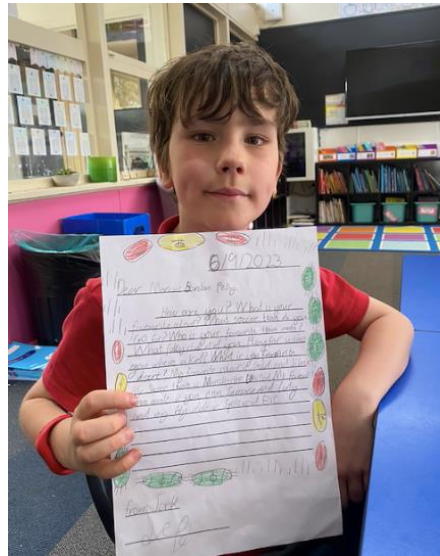
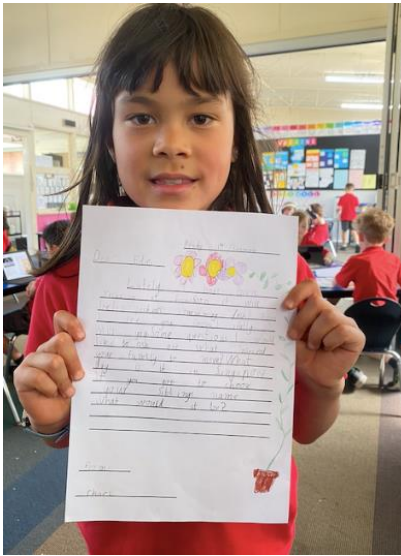


Bridget Sherrin
Prep/1S Classroom Teacher

Year 1/2 Classes – Letter Writing

Over the past few weeks the students in 1/2 have been focusing on letter writing. We have explored the different purposes for writing letters and worked through the features and structure of a letter. We have discussed the importance of providing information about ourselves and to also ask questions to gain new information. Students followed the Writing Cycle to generate, plan, compose, refine and produce a letter to a person of their choice.

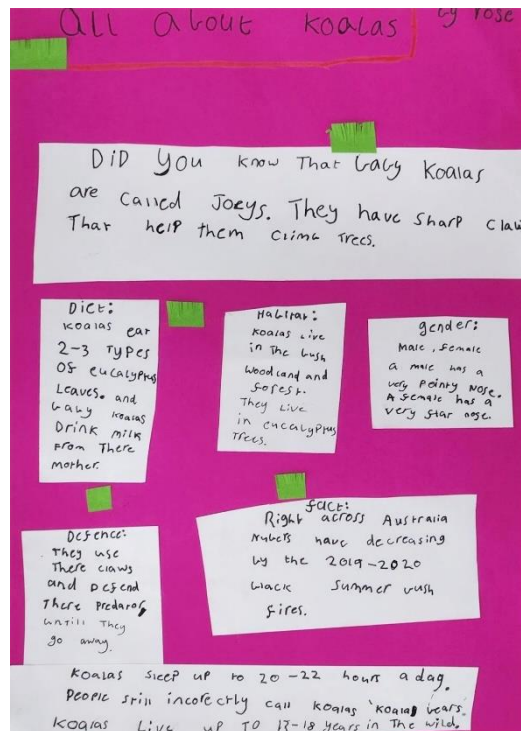
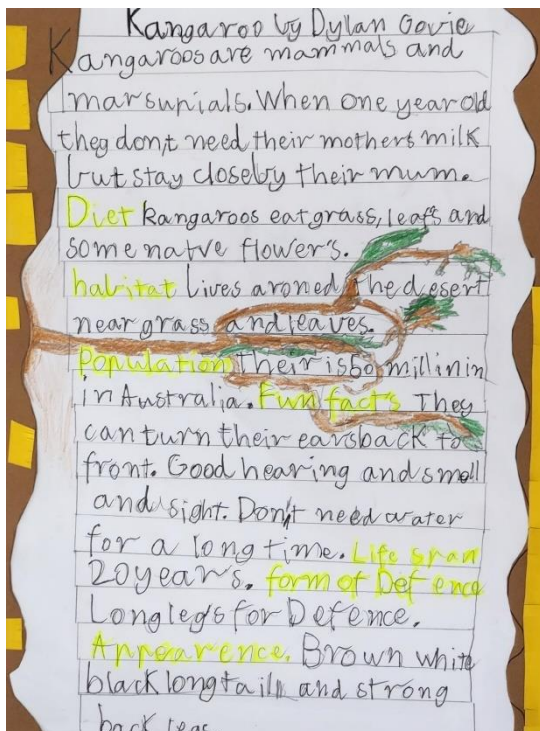


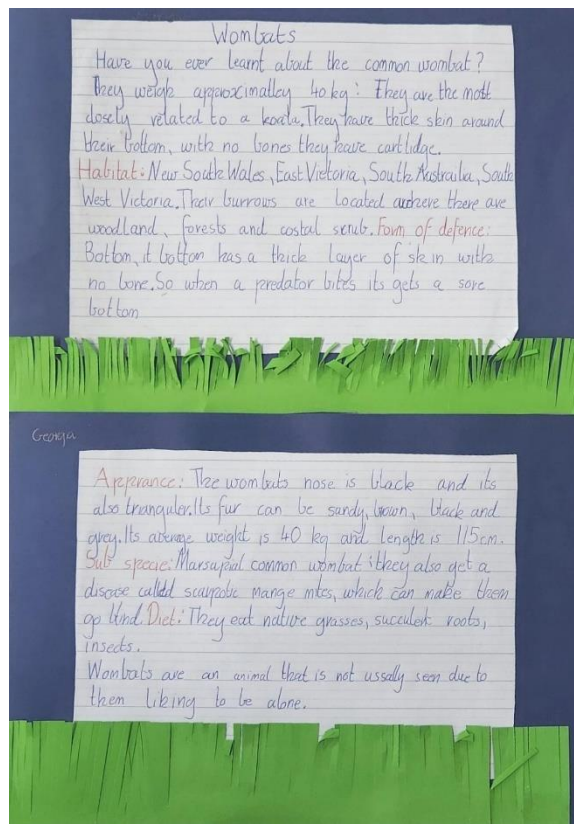
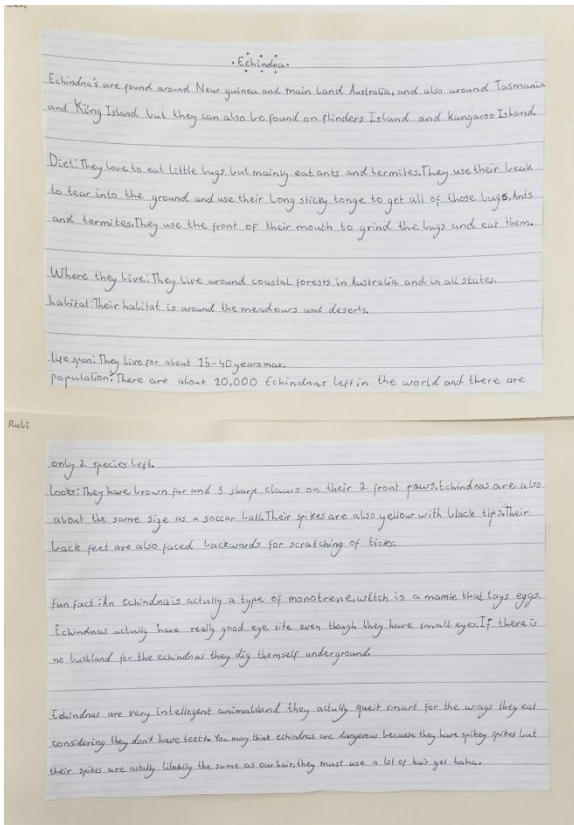


Tianne Ball
1/2B Classroom Teacher

Year 3/4 Classes – Information Reports

Grade 3 and 4 students have just completed a writing unit about creating information reports. Students combined their skills learnt in reading, inquiry and writing lessons to write and publish information reports about native Australian animals. We explored the different purposes of writing information reports, the tone in which they are written, organising our texts with headings and subheadings and how we need to make sure that our information is accurate by looking at multiple sources of information before writing our reports.





James McKimmie
3/4T Classroom Teacher

Year 5/6 Classes – Inquiry

To coincide with the culmination of our Unit of Inquiry, Energy- Bright Sparks, the 5/6 students proudly showcased their learning via an Exhibition of Learning. This platform provided an opportunity for the wider community to experience the learning first hand, as they viewed circuit boards in action along with models that demonstrated a sophisticated understanding of the key concept 'energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity'.

A Science and Technology based unit, the students generated, explored, documented and communicated many ideas and design processes across this term. We fine tuned our creative, critical thinking and ethical skills and are now looking forward to exploring our new Unit of Inquiry in Term 4, so stay tuned for more exciting learning at the 5/6 level.





Gabrielle Mullins
5/6M Classroom Teacher

Specialist – Music

Students in Years 3-6 have been writing their own catchy pop hook. Students picked a topic to write about and completed a word box with nine words that were related to their topic. They then used the word box words as inspiration to write four lines for their catchy hook. Students then added a keyboard or xylophone note to each syllable of each word. They practised playing and singing their catchy hook with the aim of memorising the notes and words.

Here are students from 5/6P & 5/6T writing and practising their catchy pop hooks:



Leo & Phineas 5/6P



Annabelle & Rose 5/6P



Seth & Wilco 5/6T



Frankie 5/6T

Michelle Papafotiou
Music Teacher



To:

Lucas, Kruze, Clara, Ned, Marli, Mabel S, Sage, Rayyan, Myles C, Tom Sinclair, William Howard,
Oliver H, Lachie, Heidi, Dante, Jem

Dates To Remember:

Monday 2nd October First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 3rd October Prep to Year 2 Swimming Program (Week 1 Tuesday to Friday)

Thursday 5th October NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR PREP TO YEAR 2 DUE TO SWIMMING

Tuesday 10th October Prep to Year 2 Swimming Program (Week 2 Tuesday to Friday)

Thursday 12th October NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR PREP TO YEAR 2 DUE TO SWIMMING

Monday 16th October Year 3 to 6 Swimming Program (All Week)

Thursday 19th October NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DUE TO SWIMMING

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