

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter



Term 3 Week 8 • Friday 1st September 2023

“Where everybody is somebody”



Dear families,

Year 2 Sleepover

I am writing the newsletter from my office as 43 Year 2 students are settling in for the night at the Year 2 sleepover. We have had a great night so far with a delicious pizza dinner, an exciting scavenger hunt and everyone showing great independence setting up their sleeping area ready for bed. We have had a look at the spectacular moon tonight from the courtyard, it is a unique experience for students to be here at night and the school feels excitingly new and familiar at the same time. Hoping we all get a good night sleep!

Lucey Update!

This week I received an update from the Hobsons Bay Sewer project, Lucey the tunnel boring machine has taken off on her journey! After being named and signed by our students at the project launch, it is exciting to imagine her now busy underground working away to improve our sewer system.



Parents / Caregivers / Guardians Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Friday 1 September to Friday 8 September 2023.**

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The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Families will receive an email today with a link and pin number to access the survey. We appreciate your support in completing the survey.

Book Week 2023

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week!

Monday **Prep- 2 Author/Illustrator visit Danny Katz & Mitch Vane**

Danny and Mitch have published the 'Little Lunch' series of books which students may know from the ABC TV series of the same name

Tuesday **Whole school performance by Perform Education**

'Way Too Cool!' an educational musical celebrating the way books can inspire us

Year 3-6 Author visit Sarah Armstrong.

Sarah has written two books for young readers, 'Big Magic' and 'Magic Away'

Thursday **Whole school activities**

Students will rotate through a few different art activities based on the books that have been shortlisted for the Book of the Year awards

Friday **Book Week Dress up Parade**

Families are welcome to join us from 9:00am on the basketball court as we parade in our book character dress ups

School Wide Positive Behaviour

Our focus behaviour for next week is 'We play with each other and our equipment safely, so no-one gets hurt'.

We are fortunate to have so many play spaces and options for students in the yard and we want to be sure that we are playing safely so that no-one gets hurt. The focus of our class discussions about this behaviour is to talk about ideas such as how quickly a game with sticks can become dangerous, how climbing up the slide can cause an injury if someone is coming down, how running around corners can lead to collisions. Teachers are on the lookout for students showing positive play behaviours to receive tokens. The tokens all contribute to the weekly house point tally which is passionately celebrated at assembly each week! Once again, we encourage you to support this conversation at home.

We play with each other and our equipment safely, so no-one gets hurt.



- be aware of our surroundings
- use equipment for intended purpose
- look where you are playing
- listening to the rules
- use the slide properly



- throwing bark, sticks or rocks
- running and playing with balls in the courtyard
- climbing up the slide
- not listening
- running around corners, jumping off things
- climbing on top of the sonic cubbies



- get a teacher if needed
- be an upstander not a bystander
- ask for consent before you play
- don't fight people, try to work your problems out
- use words to help out
- play in the right places



Kelly Club Friday Sessions

Starting next Friday, our Friday Kelly Club sessions will include a regular weekly sports incursion run by Kelly Sports. These incursions will be for attending students as part of the Kelly Club program (no additional cost). Please see the Kelly Sports flyer here for more information.



KELLY SPORTS WILL BE RUNNING SPORTS INCURSION'S EACH FRIDAY AT SPOTSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

Sports include Basketball, Soccer, AFL, Cricket, Hockey and more.

Program will commence from Friday September 8th, and run from 3:45pm to 4:45pm.

Students enrolled in Kelly Club on Friday afternoon's will have the opportunity to participate in this program. For booking info please email spotswood@kellyclub.com.au

Jackie Green
Principal

Curriculum Update – Term 3 Week 9

Prep - 2	
Reading	Mentor Text -Predicting -Connections -Maintaining Fluency
Writing	Letter Writing
Spelling	Revision
Maths	Whole Number
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	SWPBS : Kindness. What is kindness? Why is it important?
Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	Mentor text: Short story examples Character Perspectives Literature Circles sessions
Writing	Genre: Information text Editing and publishing information reports about Australian animals
Spelling	ci as in special
Maths	Number and Algebra: Multiplication & Division Recall multiplication facts of two, three, five and ten and related division facts Investigate number sequences involving multiples of 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 Recall multiplication facts up to 10 × 10 and related division facts
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Respectful listening
Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	Class Novel- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind- William Kamkwamba PODCAST CREATION- SCRIPTING We are learning to design our own podcasts and consider relevant features for inclusion. Literature Circles- rotation 7- Evaluate
Writing	Book Week Activities and Author Visits
Spelling	The graph /c/ making the sound 's' as in city
Maths	Geometric Reasoning WALT Estimate, measure and compare angles using degrees. Construct angles using a protractor Investigate angles on a straight line, angles at a point and vertically opposite angles. Use results to find unknown angles
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	n/a



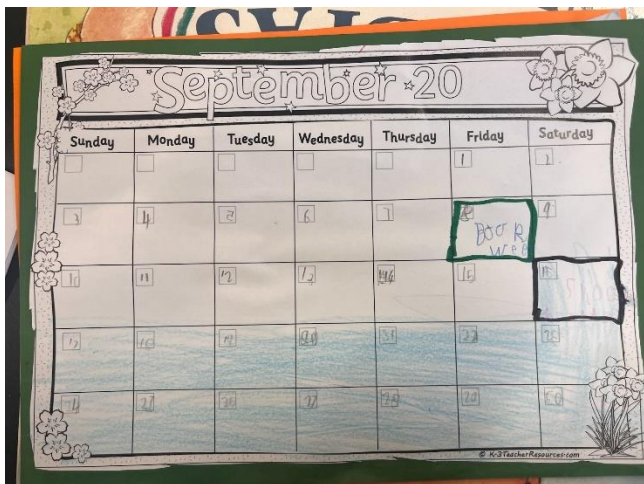
Emma Vasilevski
Assistant Principal

What's Happening In Our Classrooms

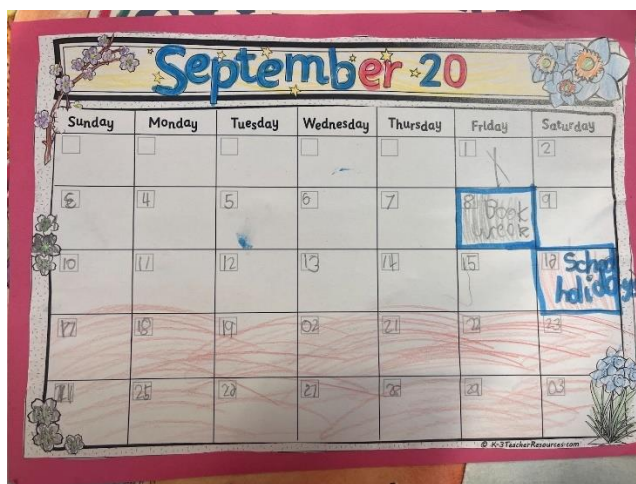
Prep/1 Classes - Time

In Prep/S this week students have been learning all about time. We have made analogue clocks and learnt how to tell the time to the hour and half past. To continue with our unit, we have learnt about calendars! We have been looking at the calendar for September. Students had to write the dates on the calendar, as well as school holidays and our book week dress up day. We are excited to start counting down until the school holidays each day. Well done, Prep/1s!

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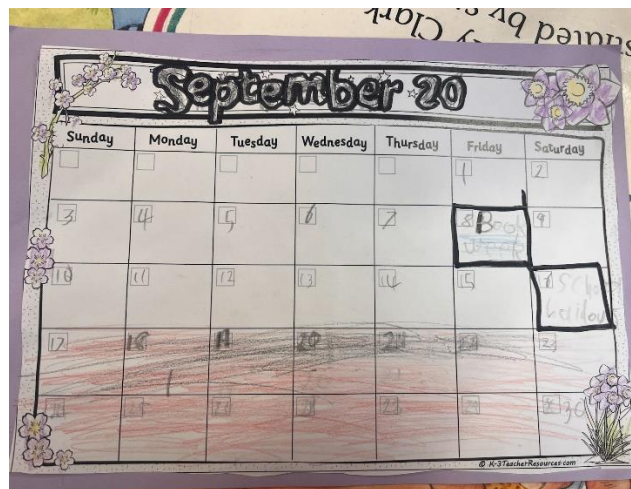
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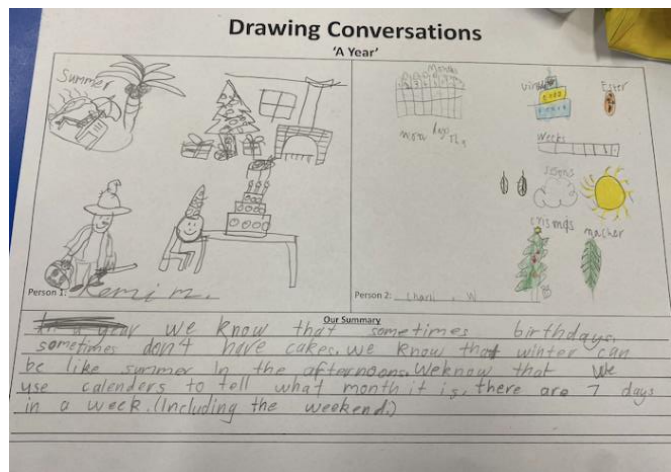
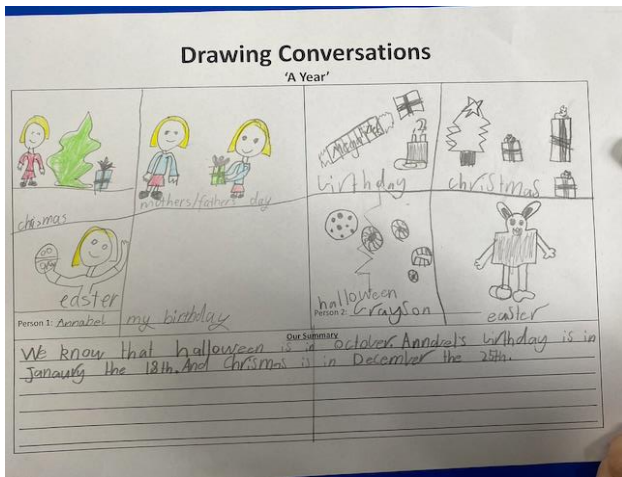
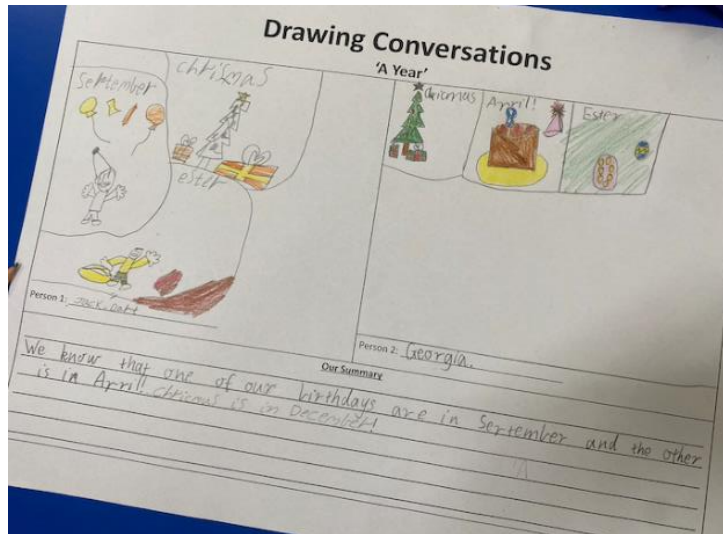
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Bridget Sherrin
Prep/1S Classroom Teacher

Year 1/2 Classes - Time

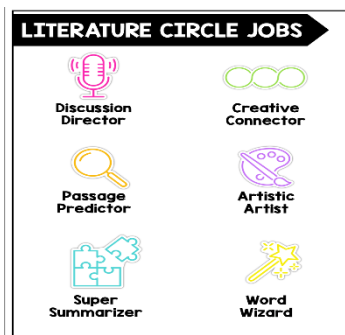
In 1 / 2 this week we have also been learning about Time. In particular we have been sharing what we know about 'a year'. The students in 1/2B have experimented with a drawing conversation. Students sat side by side in pairs and jotted down everything they know about 'What happens in a year'. This was a great opportunity for the students to share and express their knowledge in a creative way!



Tianne Ball
1/2B Classroom Teacher

Year 3/4 Classes – Literature Circles

This week the students in Grade 3/4 started our Literature Circle lessons! Over the last few weeks of Term 3, and into Term 4, students will have the opportunity to work in collaborative Literature Circle groups with students from other 3/4 classes. Literature Circles build students' comprehension and discussion skills, by giving them the chance to read a book with and alongside peers, develop an in-depth understanding of the text, and support each other's understanding with an engaging discussion. We have now had two lessons and are off to a great start!



Emily Matheson
3/4M Classroom Teacher

Year 5/6 Classes - Mathematics

This week, our Grade 5-6s have been exploring coordinate systems as part of their Location and Transformation Mathematics unit. Our focus in the latter part of the unit has been the practical application of coordinate systems, with a particular focus on maps. For this activity, students drew their own maps and set a series of challenges for a partner to solve.

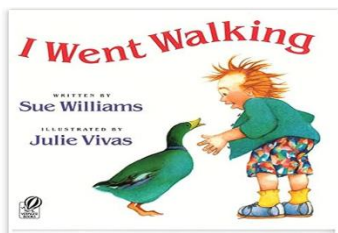


Simon Pollard
5/6P Classroom Teacher

Specialist – Auslan LOTE

In Auslan students from P-6 have been learning about where their signing space is located and why it plays an important part in giving signs meaning. Students have also been learning the Southern Dialect signs for colours. They have been using these new signs to describe animals and play simple Auslan games. Students have enjoyed working together to sort colour signs by Auslan handshapes. Auslan uses a combination of hand shapes, movements and facial expressions to deliver messages.





Students have also been translating a simple repetitive English text about colours and animals into Auslan. They were so excited to have the opportunity to sign a whole text.



To celebrate **National Week of Deaf People 2023** (18 - 24 September 2023), The whole school will be doing a signing performance on **Thursday 14th September at 3.10pm**. We hope you can make it!

Did you know? 🦻 🦻 🦻 🦻

More than 300 athletes from over 30 countries competed in the 6th *Deaf World Swimming Championships* earlier this month at the Olympic Swimming Complex – Parque Roca, Buenos Aires. 7 swimmers from across Australia (4 from Victoria) were selected to compete for Deaf Swimming Australia at these Championships.



15 year old, Imogen Nolan from VIC was the youngest competitor on the team. She took home Silver in the Women's 200m Breaststroke with her Australian Record time of 2:50.22. She just missed out on medals in the 50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke, finishing in 4th place for those events. Her swimming journey started when she commenced a learn to swim program where her swim teacher was a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults). Her teacher used Auslan (Australian Sign Language) when communicating with Imogen, and this was the start of her passion for swimming.

Pamela O'Sullivan
Auslan LOTE Teacher

Student Awards:



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

P/1 S	Chloe Leung - for always being safe in and outside of the classroom and being a great role model to her peers. Well done, Chloe!
P/1 V	Harvey Coxon - for his amazing engagement in the classroom and for being a wonderful leader in our classroom. Great attitude Harvey!
1/2B	Lucas Goustis - for making amazing progress with your reading! You have such a fantastic attitude. Well done!
1/2C	Daniel Harris - writing an engaging and creative story about global warming. Well done Daniel.
1/2J	Lily King-Smith - for putting in an enormous effort in Numeracy this week and for amazing listening skills during class discussions.
3/4K	William Hesketh - for his amazing canoeing skills and tactical manoeuvres during the tiggly games at camp. Well done William!
3/4M	Ethan Hitch - for approaching 3/4 camp with a growth mindset, and trying every activity even when you were nervous. Well done!
3/4T	Spencer Riley-Chan - for demonstrating how to be safe during 3/4 Camp, by working with your cabin to keep your belongings organised.
3/4V	Annalise Green - for your incredible resilience when riding a bike in wet weather on camp. You should be so proud of yourself!

5/6M	Andrew Van Maanen - for your enthusiasm and growth mindset and for always trying your very best in everything you tackle.
5/6P	Anja Sajnovic - striving to find out every detail possible about solar electricity generation as part of our Inquiry project.
5/6T	Frankie Hogan - by always being a helpful, thoughtful and respectful member of every learning environment. Your attitude is always appreciated, well done.
Art	Lasika Chandrasekera for your excellent work ethic and enthusiasm during your Van Gogh and Warhol mash-up art! A brilliant result, well done!



To:

Zoe Smith, Frankie, Sofia S, Tyler, Oliver T, Jack D

Dates To Remember:

Monday 4th September Book Week Author/Illustrator Visit (Prep to Year 2)

Tuesday 5th September Book Week Whole School Performance 'Way Too Cool!'

Book Week Author Visit (Years 3 to 6)

Finance Sub-Committee (5.30pm)

School Council meeting (6.15pm)

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

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

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

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

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

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

DANNY KATZ & MITCH VANE

At Spotswood Primary



The fantastic team behind LITTLE LUNCH is coming to your school on Wednesday 6th September. If you wish to purchase one of their books to be signed purchase here..

WWW.SUNBOOKSHOP.COM

Orders will need to be submitted by Sunday 27th August if you would like them signed.

You can find all of Danny & Mitch's books at...

https://sunbookshop.com/search/~/?search_mitch%20vane%20danny%20katz

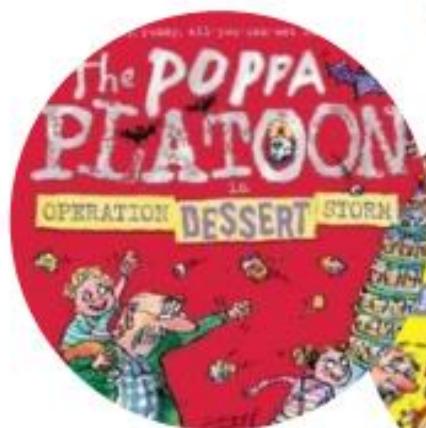
When you have made your selection and are ready to pay, please ensure that you include the following in the notes section:

- Name of school
 - Your child's name and class
- (Please disregard the automated email)

We will deliver them to your school in time for Mitch and Danny's visit.

Little Lunch books - \$14.99

The Poppa Platoon books - \$12.99



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SARAH ARMSTRONG

Spotswood Primary



The fantastic author Sarah Armstrong is coming to your school on Tuesday 5th September. If you wish to purchase one of her books, she has offered to personally sign them for you. Please order by Saturday 26th August to ensure delivery.

Purchase here: WWW.SUNBOOKSHOP.COM

When you have made your selection and are ready to pay, please ensure that you include the following in the notes section:

- Name of school
 - Your child's name and grade
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Big Magic - \$19.99

Eleven-year-old Tulsi comes from a long line of women magicians, but her mother has always forbidden her to learn Big Magic. It's dangerous, thrilling, and powerful – and Tulsi wants it more than anything. But one hot summer's night, a magic trick goes horribly wrong, and her mother disappears. Only one person can bring her back, and that's Tulsi.

But first, she'll have to learn a lifetime's worth of Big Magic – in just one month. It's an impossible task, especially when her teacher – her strange grandmother, Sylvie – was long ago banned from doing any Big Magic at all. Tulsi is determined to save her mum, but does she have what it takes? And where, exactly, has her mother gone?

Magic Awry - \$19.99

The thrilling sequel to BIG MAGIC!
One night, in the middle of a show, 11 year-old Tulsi loses her powers – with frightening results.

Tulsi's powers soon come back, but she can't risk losing them again – and her search for what went wrong soon takes her all the way into a parallel universe, where she discovers that magic everywhere is in danger. The natural world is falling out of balance, and a band of rogue magicians are stripping magic from women. They're led by a powerful magician who knows Tulsi very well ... and who has a dark plan for her magic, too.

Tulsi's convinced she's the only one who can stop the rogues, and save magic across the universes. But what if that means giving up her own power?



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