

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter



Term 3 Week 9 • Friday 8th September 2023

“Where everybody is somebody”



Dear families,

Last Day Of Term

It is hard to believe that we are already facing the last week of Term 3! As usual, it has been a busy and active term with many activities to reflect on such as our House Sports Day, 3/4 Camp, Book Week, the launch of ‘Lucey’ the tunnel boring machine named by Clara and Xavier, not to mention the incursions and excursions that have taken place.

Families are reminded that school will finish at 2:30pm on Friday and we will dismiss students from assembly.

Yard Supervision In The Morning

I remind families that our yard is not supervised in the mornings until **8:45am**. Classrooms also open at this time and students are welcome to come inside.

We have noticed that some students are starting to arrive at school quite early, some just after 8:00am. Our Kelly Club morning program is open from **7:00am** and breakfast is available for all students attending.

Lunch Orders – Important Update

Lunch order day will be on Wednesday for the last week of term only. Orders for Wednesday will open later today. Please remember to order your child’s lunch before 8.45am on Wednesday morning.

There will be no lunch orders on Thursday 14th September.

For the first 2 weeks of term 4, there will be no lunch orders for students in Years Prep to 2 due to the Swimming Program. In Week 3, there will be no lunch orders for students in Years 3 to 6 due to the Swimming Program.

Book Week

Yesterday our Book Week activities celebrated the shortlisted books for the 2023 Children’s Book Council of Australia Book of the Year awards. We plan for the activities on this day in smaller multi-aged groups of students to work together. All of our teachers, including our specialist teachers, choose a book to introduce and share an activity with their group. This day is always a highlight for me as I enjoy moving around the school and seeing our students celebrate these quality stories and enjoy activities in a different setting. Here are some photos from yesterday’s ‘Book Week Rotations’.



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Hats

Families are reminded that hats are now required in the yard for students. From 1st September until 30th April we will be ensuring students are wearing their hats when outside to minimise UV exposure at this time of year.



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 close today **Friday 8 September 2023**.

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 received an email last week with a link and pin number to access the survey. Please contact the office if you would like it resent. We appreciate your support in completing the survey.

Jackie Green
Principal

Swimming Program Reminder

Parents with students in Years Prep to 2 are reminded that permission **MUST** be provided using the Compass parent portal by 11.59pm this Sunday, 10th September to ensure your child is included in the final numbers.

If you would like your child to attend but need more time to pay the \$135, please contact Sharon in the office by phone on 9391 1323 or email at sharon.morassi@education.vic.gov.au

Parents of students in Years 3 to 6 will need to provide permission on Compass by 1st October.

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 - Visualising

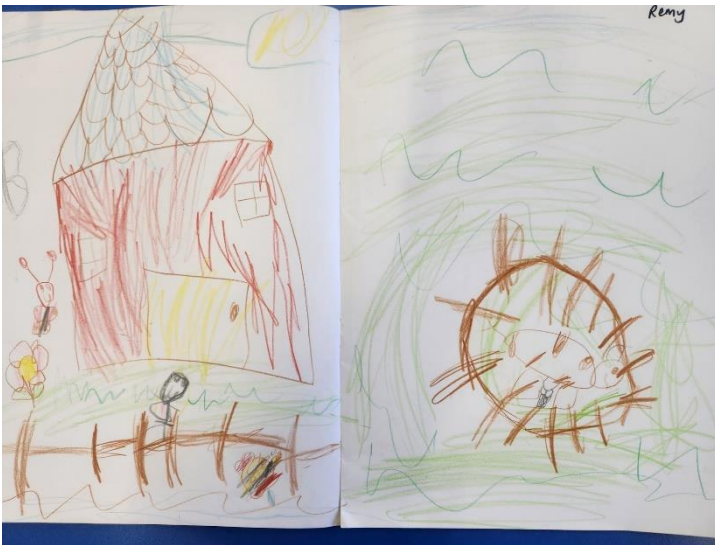
This week in Prep/1 we have had the pleasure of exploring some of the Shortlisted Book Week Books. One of the books we explored was 'Farmhouse' by Sophie Blackall. Students visualised what they thought the farmhouse might look like after reading the blurb - "Over a hill, at the end of a road, by a glittering stream that twists and turns, stands a house with twelve children who eat and sleep and work and play, who get into trouble, and argue and dream, who milk the cows and fish in the stream - a farmhouse where they are growing up, waiting to see what the future might bring.'



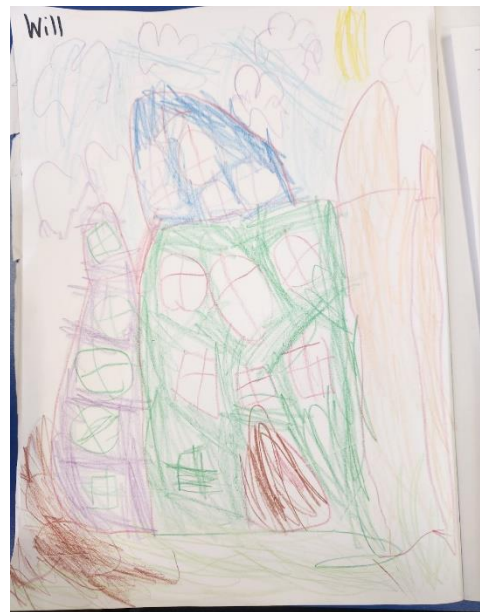
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Melanie Voigt
Prep/1V Classroom Teacher

Year 1/2 Classes – Grade 2 Sleepover

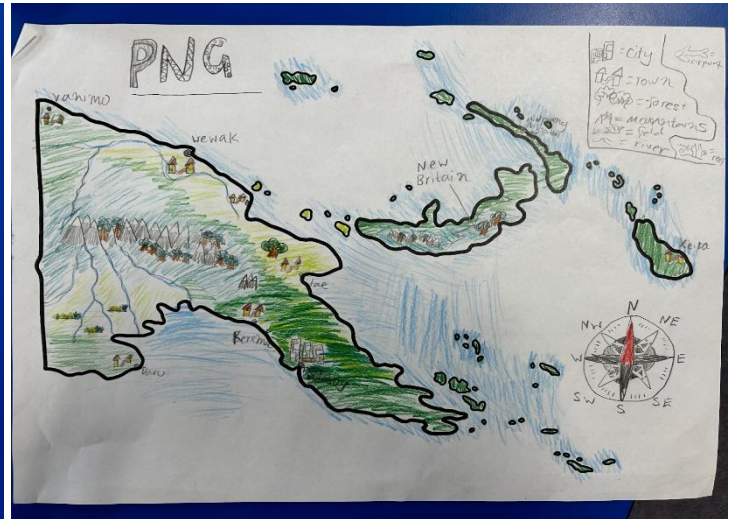
Last Thursday, the Grade Two's excitedly made their way back to school for the Grade Two sleepover. Students filled up on delicious pizza and then set up their beds for the night. A scavenger hunt was a highlight for lots of the Grade Twos. On Friday we woke up and had a nutritious breakfast to fuel us for the day and we went on our way to Funtopia. There was a lot of excitement around the clip and climb with many students braving some big heights. Well done to the Grade Twos for their fantastic behaviour both at the sleepover and excursion.



Ruby Cridland
1/2C Classroom Teacher

Year 3/4 Classes – Inquiry Class Atlas

We are now well on our way to creating pages for our collaborative class atlas of Australia and its neighbours. Students have carefully created maps of their chosen country by including geographical characteristics such as cities, mountains, forests and lakes that are represented by symbols in their key. Google Slides are being used to design a page that provides important and interesting information about either animals, landmarks, plants, climate or population. It is exciting to see all of their learning and research come to life in digital and hand drawn form!



INDONESIAN PLANTS

Rainbow gum eucalyptus tree

Many of these species can be found in Mindanao. Its scientific name is *Deglubia* and it means to peel off a short way to say its name is rainbow gum.

Titan arum

This plant takes three years to grow and is also known as a Crocose Flower and it has a smell of rotten flesh and is very similar to Rafflesia.

Jasmine

Jasmine is a plant in mostly all parts of Indonesia it is the symbol of Indonesia and is a very common plant to find around the world.

DO YOU KNOW?

A Titan Arum takes 3 years to grow.

tokay gecko

The scientific name for a Tokay gecko is 'Gekko Gekko'. A tokay gecko's diet consists of, Moths, grasshoppers, beetles, cockroaches, termites, crickets, mosquitos, spiders, small rats and mice. Tokay geckos live 10 years at max, they weigh 5-14 oz and are 7-12 inches long. You can find Tokay geckos in, East Indonesia, Asia, Southeast Asia and Timor-Leste.

Timor-Leste Animals

Did you know? Tokay geckos only see in black and white? Tokay geckos are one of the largest in the whole entire WORLD!

Green Sea Turtle

The scientific name for a Green Sea Turtle is *Chelonia Mydas*. The diet of a Green Sea Turtle consists of, seagrass, algae, aquatic insects and jellyfish. The lifespan of a Green Sea Turtle is 70 years. A Green Sea Turtle is 3-4 feet long and weighs 300-350 pounds. You can find Green Sea Turtles in The Great Barrier Reef Australia and Nino Konis Santana National Park Timor-Leste.

Did you know? Green Sea Turtles can hold their breath up to 5 hours underwater?

gerbil

The scientific name for a Gerbil is *Mongolian Gerbil*. The diet of a Gerbil is lots of different fruits and vegetables such as, pear, melon, apple, orange, cucumber, carrot, pumpkin, fennel and special gerbil feed. A Gerbil is 5-6 inches long and weighs 2-4 oz. If your willing to purchase a Gerbil, they are found in many different pet stores across Timor.

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The scientific name for a Dugong is *Dugong Dugong*. The average lifespan of a Dugong is 60-70 years max. A dugong's diet consists of, seagrass, jellyfish and shellfish. Dugongs are herbivores which means their diet is mainly plants. You can find a dugong in, Queensland, Western Australia and Timor-Leste. The average weight of a dugong is 595 pounds, which can also be identified as 270kg. A dugong is 12 feet long (4m).

Sally Vaughan
3/4V Classroom Teacher

Year 5/6 Classes – Thinking Routines

Across the school, and in particular in 5/6, teachers have been focussing on Thinking Routines in our classrooms. A 'thinking routine' is a series of questions or steps used to guide and support student thinking and to help make that thinking *visible*. These exercises are not only useful to demonstrate a student's thinking process for their teacher, but it also enables students to understand their own thinking-moves with the hope that they will then be able to apply them to other learning contexts. Below are some examples of some of the thinking routines that have been explored in the 5/6 classrooms recently.

Phineas

Write the meaning of the word Taking part in an activity or game with other people.	Draw a picture of the word every one is participating
List all the synonyms you know (words that mean the same/similar)	List all the antonyms you know (words that mean the opposite)
• Play • cooperate • engage • compete	• observe • direct • obstruct • prevent

WORD
Participate

Write the word in a sentence
All grade 5/6s had to participate in the 200m race at sports day.

equal groups

your choice
I'm good at skip counting by 9's so...

9 18 27 36
45 54

Skip Count
9 18 27 36 45
54
answer = 6

6 in each
answer = 6

Ways to divide:
 $54 \div 9 = ?$

Array

9x6 = 54
6x9 = 54
54 ÷ 9 = 6
54 ÷ 6 = 9

answer = 6

Headline- Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Chapter 12
Termites, Lights and Windmill Fights.
Tilly

Headline- Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Chapter 12
Scary Truth of Seemingly Harmless Windmill.
Andi

Headline- Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Chapter 12
William's large electrical success backfires.
Neil

Headline- Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Chapter 12
Windmill Madness!
Rubber band used to boost Windmill power.
by JACK.S

Behind the News

Story 1: Trump Charges
Think: Donald Trump refused to lose in the election.
Donald Trump thought that the election was a lie.
Puzzle: If Donald Trump run for the election if he got voted and won, why would he not be pressed charges?
Why is he allowed to be president if he is behind bars?
Explore: Use The age newspaper to get information if he is behind bars.
Use google and ask questions.

Story 2: Moon Race
Think: us, Russia, china, India, Japan are racing to the moon because to discover resources on the moon.
India was the first on the luna south pole.
Puzzle: Why was these resources so important to get? Why was there no one in the rockets?
Explore: use youtube to watch information on the topic. Read books about space.

Story 3: Snow Season
Think: There is a lot more greenery than snow which is happening because of global warming.
It has been a warm snow season, quit often in Hobart.
Puzzle: Why is global warming impacting the snow? How can they fix this situation of global warming?
Explore: look up on snow came in different areas of the world and see if this is similar to Hobart.

Story 4:
Think: A 17yr old boy is now an ambassador of unicef which helps kids and women with their problems.
unicef gives kids a say what they feel passionate about.
Puzzle: How can unicef help with people in the future? How can unicef impact younger peoples lives?
Explore: Visit the unicef site. Read books on how young people can change by people encouraging them to.

Aaron Turner
5/6T Classroom Teacher

Specialist – PE

Our junior Boomers and Opals have been strutting their stuff on the basketball courts for the last couple of weeks, practising their dribbling, passing and shooting. Whether they are playing basketball for the first time or are a seasoned pro, all of the students have been enjoying the drills and games that are helping develop their skills.





Chris Lamb
PE Teacher

Division Athletics

Congratulations to our 9 athletes who competed at the Hobsons Bay Division Athletics Carnival at Newport Athletics Track on Wednesday.

This was the third stage for Isabelle G, Oliver J, Hannah, Wilco, Owen, Seth, Clem, Leroy and Fox who excelled at the House Sports Day and then the Altona District Championships to make it through to the Division event. We are very proud of all of you!

Congratulations to Leroy who won the Year 12/13 Discus Event. Leroy will now compete at the Western Metropolitan Region Track & Field Carnival on 17th October. What a great achievement!!



Student Awards:



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

P/1 S	Kruze M - for his engaged learning during our time unit and being able to tell the time on an analogue clock to half and quarter past. Well done, Kruze!
P/1 V	Joshua Studley - being a helpful and thoughtful class member of Prep/1V and for being kind to his classmates. You are a superstar!
1/2B	Nate Picone – for thinking of and writing interesting questions during our lessons on letter writing. I am sure you will receive an interesting reply! Well done!
1/2C	George Hurley - for being a great role model for his peers at the Grade 2 sleepover and making sensible choices on our excursion. Great work George!
1/2J	Daniel Slade - for being a responsible and a fantastic listener during our Author visit and Book Week performance.
3/4K	Zoe Yasmine - for the growth in her confidence and ability to read, enjoy and think deeply about the texts she is reading. Excellent effort Zoe!
3/4M	Rosie Gillard - for being a kind and caring member of the class who is always willing to jump in and help others when they need it.
3/4T	Rose Elmore - for your determination to overcoming the challenges you faced when publishing your Inquiry writing.
3/4V	Brooke Kelly - for being friendly, inclusive, respectful and kind to others. You are someone that makes our Spotty community a great place to be.
5/6M	Arianna Williams - for working enthusiastically and offering a positive and thoughtful perspective to our learning.
5/6P	Rose Harrold-Bear - for her outstanding work as team captain during our debate this week.
5/6T	Winter Hall - for being dependable in upholding our Safety values, ensuring she and her peers are following teacher-instructions, and moving respectfully around the school grounds. Well done.
PE	George Green - for always being a safe and respectful student during PE lessons. You always display great listening skills and follow all instructions. Well done George!



To:

Angus C, Fenton, Amber, Zoe R, Lucy G

Dates To Remember:

Friday 8th September Assembly (3.15pm)

Wednesday 13th September LUNCH ORDERS TODAY INSTEAD OF THURSDAY (THIS WEEK ONLY)

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

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)