

Spotswood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 • Friday 8th December 2023



"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

What a windy day it is here at school today! I have just come in from watching Mr Lamb teaching tennis with our Year 5/6 students as they faced the additional degree of difficulty as the wind has buffeted the nets and lobbed the balls a little higher than expected!

Year 6 vs Teachers Soccer Match

In what has become an annual tradition, today we faced off on the oval for the end of year teachers vs Year 6 students soccer match. Last year it was the teachers who were victorious. This year the winners were..... It was a draw!!!!

This is a fun event our whole school enjoys with the rest of the school cheering from the sidelines. I would like to thank the teachers for taking on this challenge on a hot windy day in their lunch break and giving our kids this exciting experience.

Lunch Orders

We would like to remind families that there will be no lunch orders next week, lunch orders will resume in 2024.

Tinsel Party – Monday 18th December – 5:30pm – 7:30pm

We are getting excited about our Tinsel Party! The main entertainment will be the outcome of our whole school dance incursion that students will participate in during next week. Mrs Papafotiou is also coordinating a few musical performances to share on the night. We hope you are able to join us to celebrate the end of a very busy year at Spotswood Primary School.

Step Up Session

Our 2024 class step up session will be held on **Tuesday 12th December**. This will be an opportunity for students to spend a session in their next year's class groups with their 2024 teacher. Students will bring home a letter at the end of the day with their class, teachers and room information for 2024. Families are reminded that classes are finalised by this day and no changes will be made.

End Of Year Reports

Teachers have been busy finalising end of year reports and they will be available to families on Friday 15th December from 12:00pm on Compass.

Last Day Of School

Wednesday 20th December will be the last day of Term 4 and families are reminded that school will finish at 1:30pm.

Jackie Green
Principal

School Photos 2024

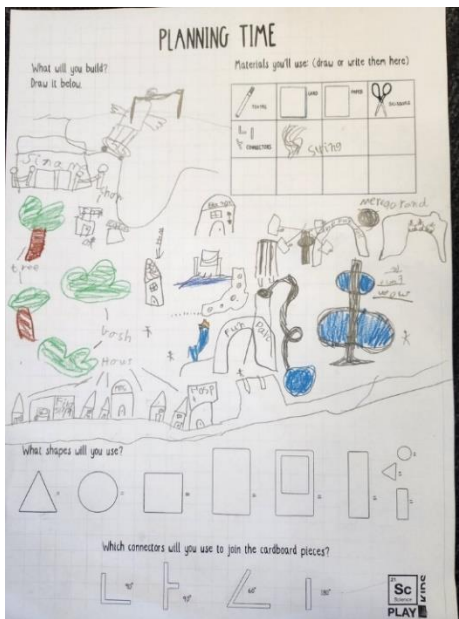
School Photo Day in 2024 will be held on Thursday 8th February. On this date, students will have their individual photo and class photo taken. Families will receive an email from MSP Photography in January with details of how to order your child's photos. Orders and payment can be made via the Compass Portal.

Families will have an opportunity to order sibling photos in Term 2 as the photographer will return on Thursday 20th June to take these as well as our group photos. Our group photos are School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council.

What's Happening In Our Classrooms

Prep/1 Classes – Location, Location, Location!

This week as we build up to 'Going Further' with our inquiry learning, our students have begun planning for a city. We have explored what a city needs, the places we go in a city, services we need, how we get there etc. Students have worked with a partner to begin visualising what our city is going to look like by planning and organising their ideas. We can't wait to then put our plans into action and actually build our cardboard cities. Stay tuned, we can't wait to share them with you when they are finished!



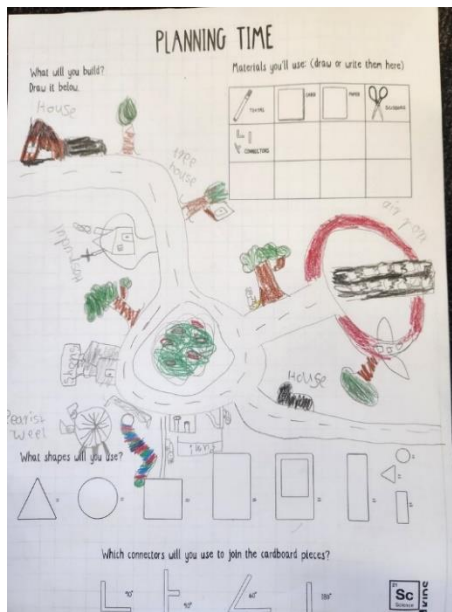
Harvey & Jess



Will & Josh



Zoe & Lottie



Frances & Madeline

Melanie Voigt
Prep/1V Classroom Teacher

Year 1/2 Classes – Diamante Poems

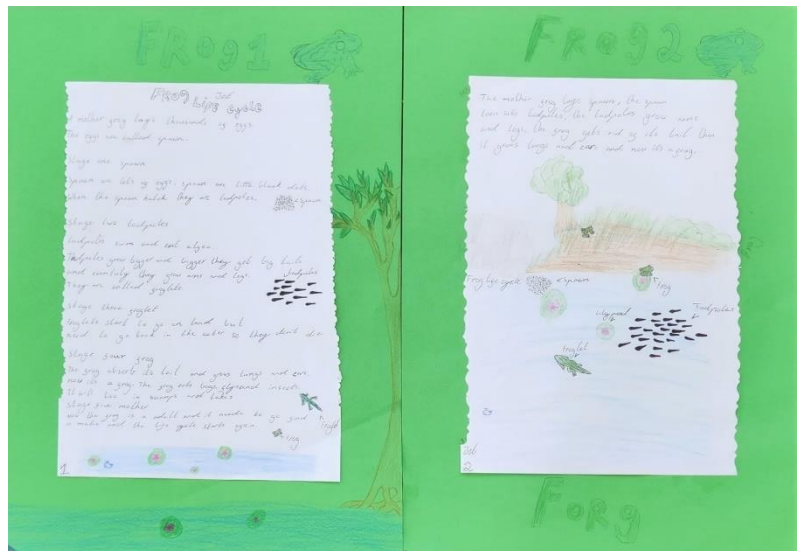
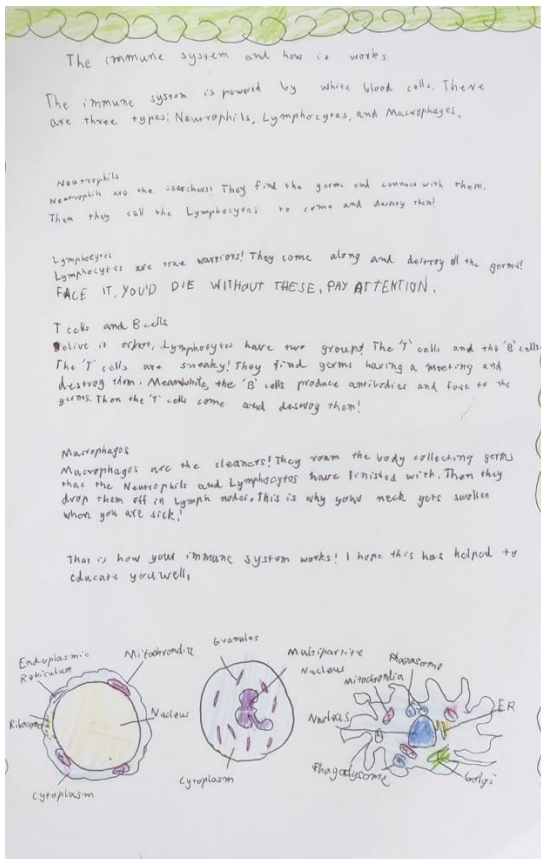
Over the past few weeks we have been exploring poetry. This week our focus was on 'Diamante Poems'. These poems compare two contrasting topics by using nouns, verbs and adjectives. We spent some time brainstorming different 'opposite' topics and then listed all the different verbs and adjectives we could use to describe these topics. The students enjoyed producing a good copy and adding pictures to match!

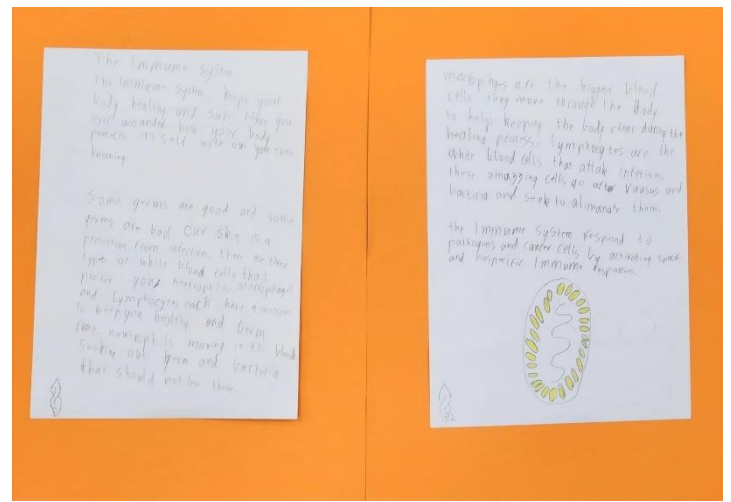
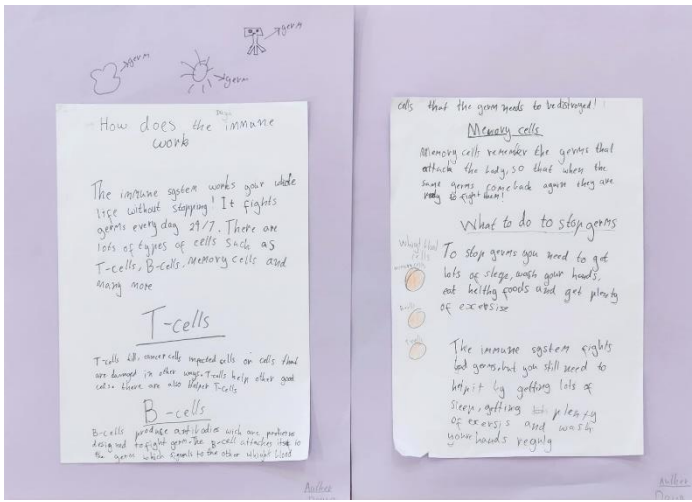


Tianne Ball
1/2B Classroom Teacher

Year 3/4 Classes – Writing – Explanation Texts

This week students have been putting the finishing touches to their explanation texts. To gather their notes students practised taking notes while watching explanation videos about the immune system, volcanic eruptions and the lifecycle of frogs and butterflies. Using these notes students planned, drafted and published some fantastic explanation texts. Students used some fantastic language to describe the process and included diagrams with labels to further add to their writing.





James McKimmie
3/4T Classroom Teacher

Year 5/6 Classes

Our Year 5/6 newsletter item will be shared next week and will feature our end of Term learning expo held this afternoon.

Students proudly shared their work with families and fellow students and we look forward to sharing photos with you next week!

Specialist – Music

POP STAR DAY!

We had such a fun day celebrating Pop Music at Spotswood Primary School last Thursday! It was wonderful to see the students and teachers dress up as their favourite Pop Star. At recess Ruby Miller, Halle Hitch, Frances Hogan Rose Elmore and Milli Sugimoto performed some Pop songs for the students. The students rehearsed during their lunchtime for the past three weeks leading up to Pop Star Day. It was a wonderful performance! I was so proud of each of them.

At assembly our Spotty Choir performed a beautiful rendition of the song "I'll Stand By You". We were also very lucky to have Andi Chisholm accompany the choir on the drums.

Here are some photos from Pop Star Day:



Remi & Gus 1/2B



Spotty Staff

Michelle Papafotiou
Music Teacher

Student Awards



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

P/1S	Sofia Sarantis - for her great effort towards our subtraction unit and using a number line to count back. Well done, Sofia!
P/1V	Freddie Turner - doing a great job reflecting on his learning this year when preparing for the Prep Celebration. Well done!
1/2B	Victoria Menuci-Leutz - setting an example to your peers of what it looks like to be a focused and independent worker. Well done on a fantastic term Victoria!
1/2C	Ned Calbert - putting in a huge amount of effort into his poetry unit this term and using great word choices. Well done Ned!
1/2J	Mya Kelly - for always being so thoughtful and considerate of others, offering her support and assistance without being asked.
3/4K	Layla Mellor - for her consistency and hard work in every aspect of her learning
3/4M	Liam Boyer - for your amazing enthusiasm and effort this week. It has been fantastic to see you working well in a team, and supporting your peers with problem-solving. Well done!
3/4T	Cassian Roberts - for being a fantastic problem solver when working independently to create your Rube Goldberg Machine. Well done Cass!
3/4V	Mia Abu Bakar – for being a responsible ICT monitor, following our classroom routines and applying consistent effort to all your classroom learning.
5/6M	Fox Wityk - for completing your Inquiry summative task with much confidence and determination. I hope you enjoy celebrating your great accomplishment.
5/6P	Sophie Clark - for developing excellent ideas and deftly applying writing conventions to her hybrid writing text set in Melbourne’s dust storm.
5/6T	Ava Holder - for including wonderful voice and genre knowledge in developing her hybrid text on tornadoes. It was a pleasure to read Ava.
Music	Ruby Miler - for being so brave and confident to sing at recess on Pop Star Day! You sang the chorus of “Titanium” beautifully! Keep up the great singing Ruby!



To:

Finn Taylor, Syila, Fatouma, Lulu, Marwa, Sofie A, Max H, Tahli, Ayden

Dates To Remember:

Tuesday 12th December Year 7 Orientation Day (Government High Schools)

Step Up Day – 2024 Grades

Whole School Dance Program

Finance Meeting (5.30pm)

School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Wednesday 13th December Whole School Dance Program

Thursday 14th December Whole School Dance Program

Year 6 Graduation

Friday 15th December Year 5/6 Incursion

Whole School Dance Program

Assembly (3.15pm)
Monday 18th December Year 6 Big Day Out
Whole School Dance Program
Tinsel Party (5.30pm – 7.30pm)
Wednesday 20th December Last Day of Term 4 (1.30pm finish)
Assembly (1.10pm)

2024

Monday 29th January Teachers return to school
Tuesday 30th January Pupil Free Day – teachers planning and professional learning
Wednesday 31st January Years 1-6 students return to school
Thursday 1st February..... Prep students commence school
Thursday 8th February School Photo Day (Individual & Class Groups)