

# Spotswood Primary School

## Newsletter



Term 1 Week 5 • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

### Class Captains

This week students have had the opportunity to nominate for their Class Captain roles. We were so delighted to see how many of our students value this opportunity and have put their hand up to have a go and share their motivation and reasons for wanting to be a leader in our school. We acknowledged that it takes courage to have a try knowing that only 2 students will be chosen. Today classes finalised their process and we are pleased to announce our Class Captains who will form our Junior School Council.

Our 2024 Class Captains are:

Prep S..... Muhammad Abdo & Bridie Lesich

Prep T..... Nora Curovic & Billy Bedford

Prep V..... Maddy Ung & India Berry

1/2B ..... Frances Smith & Jacob Sidgwick

1/2K ..... Bodhi Anderson & Maddie Bremner

1/2P ..... Abby Napier & Percy Finlay

3/4C ..... Chloe Govic & Harvey Barker

3/4K ..... Finn Thompson & Rose Elmore

3/4M..... Molly Mawson & Tom Spiteri

3/4V ..... Abdul Abdo & Olivia Rotteveel

5/6E ..... Miles Doxey & Ruby Miller

5/6M..... Phineas Soussan & Clara Eckardt

5/6O ..... Jack Power & Grace Clark

### Staffing Update

It is with sincere congratulations that I share the news that Mrs Emma Vasilevski has been appointed to an Acting Principal position at Kingsville Primary School until the end of Term 2. This appointment is a great recognition of Emma's leadership and we will miss her next term whilst she is undertaking this role.

Emma will start at Kingsville on the 12<sup>th</sup> March and return to us at the beginning of Term 3. An Acting Assistant Principal position process is underway to fill Emma's position during this time.

### School Review

Today we had a very busy day at Spotswood with our field work day taking place. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to be part of the process as a focus group and thank you also to the groups of students who shared their experiences of being a learner and member of our school community. We are learning so much along the journey of this review and are excited to start building our new Strategic Plan at the end of this term.

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## Evacuation Drill

Each term we practice an emergency drill as part of our OH&S protocols. Yesterday we practiced an evacuation drill to the basketball court by bring the whole school, including any visitors, out to line up, mark our rolls and practice the routine together. Staff and students followed all instructions and it was a very quick and seamless event and we were back in class focussed on our learning again within minutes.



## Prep Update

Next week our preps will be here 5 days a week! The Wednesday free weeks have flown by and we look forward to our preps being here full time. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm we will be holding an information evening for our Prep parents now that their children are settled into school to talk about what learning looks like in Prep at Spotswood Primary School. Prep families will receive communication about this evening separately.

## School Council

Families are reminded that nomination for parent members on School Council close tomorrow at 4:00pm. Please see last week's newsletter for full details.

## Working Bee – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm -6:00pm

Thank you to those who have sent an RSVP to our call out for our first working bee this year. We are looking forward to a productive afternoon!

Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing us at [spotswood.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:spotswood.ps@education.vic.gov.au) so we can plan for both the catering and the tasks list.

Include how many adults and children are attending in your email and whether you can bring equipment with you, ie. rakes, brooms etc.



## Silent Auction

Ampol in Newport are supporting our fundraising activities this year by donating tickets to various AFL games throughout the year.

We will put the tickets up on our Silent Auction website as details are received.

You can bid on the first 3 items from 8pm tonight by going to <https://www.32auctions.com/spottypsafiltickets24>

Jackie Green  
Principal

## Curriculum Update – Term 1 Week 6

Prep	
Reading	WALT : discuss what is happening in the story
Writing	Recount Special Prep Book Cut and Paste Handwriting Smart Spelling
Spelling	Revision Week all sounds/ letters and common words as covered in the previous 4 weeks
Maths	100 Days of School Measurement & Geometry Shape & Space 2D Shapes
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Emotional Literacy: Mirror Mirror on the wall, how are you feeling overall? SWPB - Learning Spaces
Grade 1 / 2	
Reading	Mentor Text: Boy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make predictions based on information and illustrations</li> <li>• Infer meaning from a text by looking at the pictures</li> <li>• Make inferences about where the story takes place</li> </ul>
Writing	Narrative Writing
Spelling	e as in bed
Maths	Addition & Subtraction Represent and solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on, partitioning and rearranging parts Explore the connection between addition and subtraction Solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of efficient mental and written strategies
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	SWPB eLearning

Grade 3 / 4	
Reading	Mentor text: Way Home Reading skill: QAR: Question-Answer Relationship
Writing	Genre focus: Persuasive - Working through the writing process during the week Generating Ideas Planning Drafting Edit and revise
Spelling	<u>l</u> e as in table
Maths	Topic: Addition and Subtraction Recall addition facts for single-digit numbers and related subtraction facts to develop increasingly efficient mental strategies for computation
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	RRRR identify and describe personal coping skills and explain how these contribute to family and school life • Discuss the ways in which students can use self-calming strategies to manage themselves in stressful situations.  Students identify and describe personal interests, skills and achievements and reflect on how these might contribute to school or family life
Grade 5 / 6	
Reading	Class Novel- The Happiest Refugee • Identifying key ideas • Making inferences about characters' actions.  NAPLAN preparation - 'Author and Me' and 'Think and Search' questions.  Literature Circles- rotation 4
Writing	Naplan Preparation Persuasive writing Peer editing  Early Harvest- Writing Incursion Narrative- create your own adventure
Spelling	'gh/g' as in gherkin/gate
Maths	Number and Algebra: Subtraction  -Solving Subtraction word problems involving whole numbers.  -Selecting and applying appropriate mental and written strategies  -Explaining how an answer was obtained for a subtraction problem and justifying
SWPB / Respectful Relationships	Respectful Relationships: Stress Management -A Guided Relaxation Activity 3  Students recognise that we may need ways to calm our body when we feel intense emotions. Students identify a range of ways to calm and relax our bodies. Students practise some calming strategies

SWPB = School Wide Positive Behaviour

RRRR = Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships

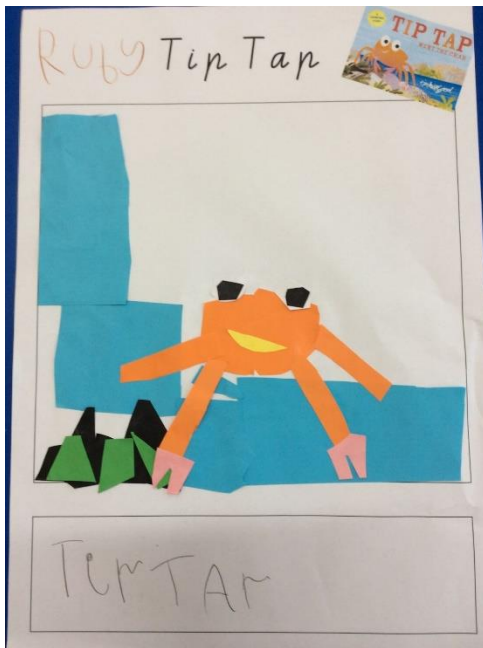


Emma Vasilevski  
Assistant Principal

## What's Happening In Our Classrooms

### Prep – SMART Spelling

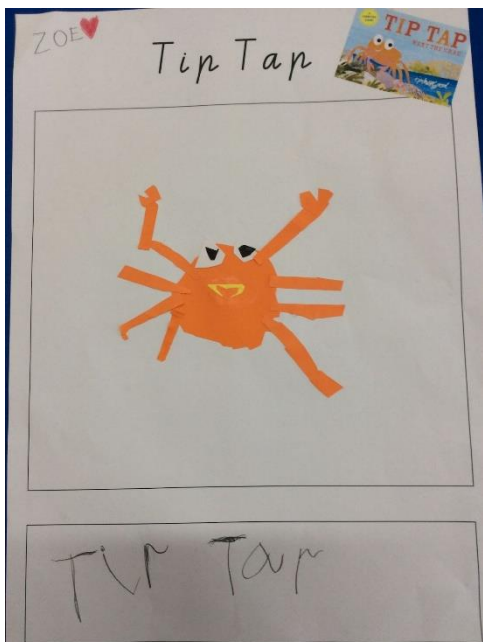
In Prep this week we have been exploring the sounds /t/, /a/ and /p/ in our focus word 'tap'. We have been talking in our classrooms about what a tap is, why we use it and how it helps our lives. We have also explored the different meaning of tap as in when we tap something to make a sound, such as tap our fingers, tap on the table etc. We read a story called 'Tip Tap' about a crab who 'tip taps' out of her rockpool to go exploring. The students created an art piece from the story with the extra added challenge of only being able to use paper, scissors and glue. No drawing! Students also then had a go at writing 'tip tap'. We are so proud of how the Preps are already taking risks with their learning!



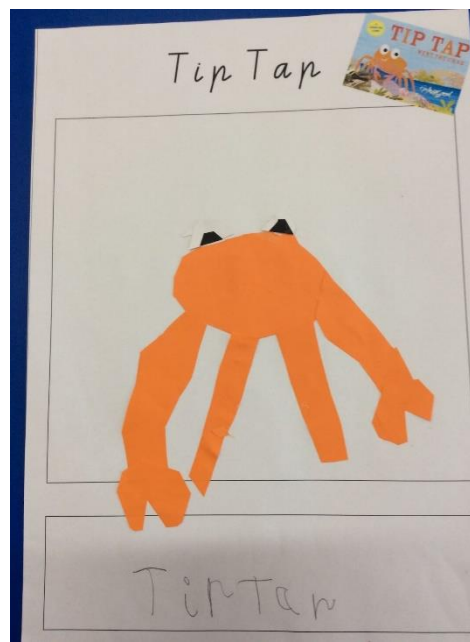
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Oscar



Zoe

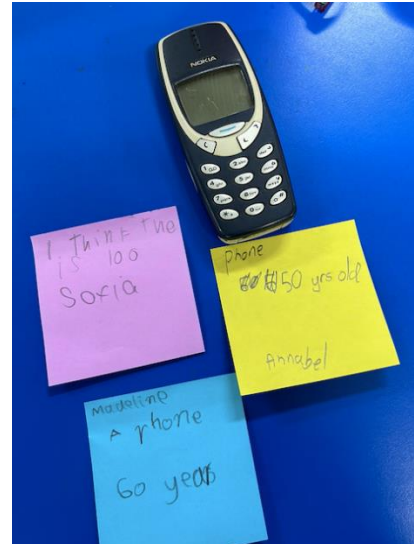


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## Year 1/2 – Inquiry ‘Now and Then’

In 1/2 we have been busy learning about technology from the past and present. We began by exploring some technology from the 'olden days' and learning about its purposes! We learned about timelines and identified what made some pieces of technology older than others. We used clues such as their size, colour, and whether they had a screen or not!

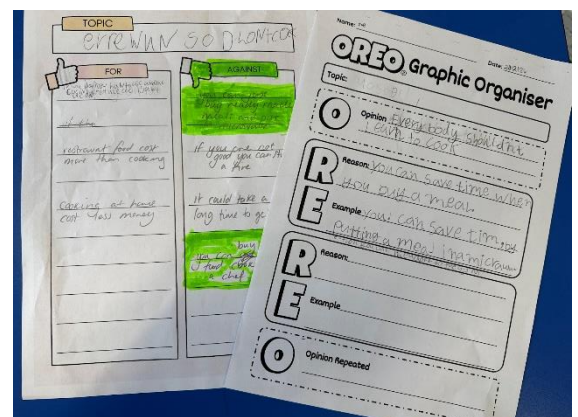
Finally, we investigated why technology changes and how it helps us in our lives! We wonder if you can recognise some of this technology and even take a guess at how old it might be?!

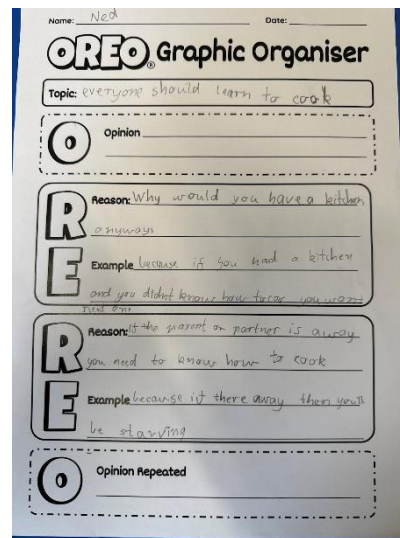
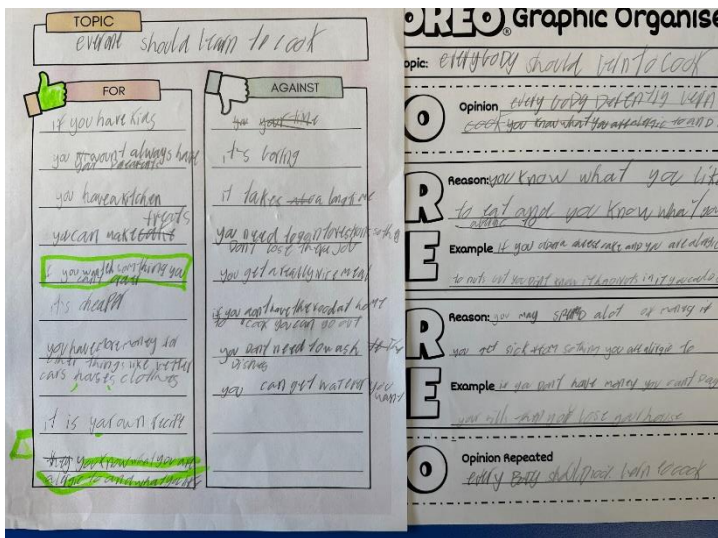


Tianne Ball  
1/2B Classroom Teacher

## Year 3/4 – Writing

This week in 3/4 we started our writing to persuade. We began the week by analysing a text, looking at its structure and what the author did to try and persuade the reader. We then started to develop our own ideas 'for' and 'against' the topic 'everyone should learn to cook'. We showed some creative thinking, stretching our thinking beyond our own viewpoints to develop our own ideas into arguments with supporting evidence. Watch out! We are a very persuasive group!





Justin Canny  
3/4C Classroom Teacher

### Year 5/6 – Leadership Summit - Inquiry

This week, to coincide with the culmination of our Inquiry unit, the students were involved in a Leadership Summit. Each student presented a short speech about an inspirational leader, addressing their admirable qualities and achievements. The Summit offered an opportunity for the 5/6 cohort to listen to their peers and gain a deeper understanding of leaders both past and present, along with reflecting on personal leadership qualities and responsibilities.

Images below -

Several students in 5/6M dressed up as their favourite leaders- do you know who they are?



Gabrielle Mullins  
5/6M Classroom Teacher and Learning Specialist

## Specialist – Visual Art

Preps have started their self-portraits with an explosion of colour. We have been learning how to draw fish using oil pastels and shape knowledge. We have also been learning about 'cool colours' and the reaction that happens when oil pastel meets watery paint. There were lots of excited emotions! We can't wait to share them all with you.



Grace Prep T



Madeleine Prep V



Jasper Prep S

Cindy Asp  
Visual Art Teacher

## 5/6 Interschool Sport Reports

### Volleyball- Boys

Last week we played our first match against Altona North and the competition was very hard, as they were a great team. Our team demonstrated good sportsmanship and there were some great rallies and points. Our standout players were Ayden and Liam H. Next week we hope to play well and it will be a bonus if we win!

By Sid and Liam B

### Volleyball- Girls

Last week we played a game against Altona North. It was definitely a good learning match because both teams hadn't played before. As a team, we tried to pass the ball, encouraged others and gave tips. Next week we hope to get more points and serves over the net. We were looking forward to playing against a new team.

By Mabel, Tabitha, Zoe Y and Hagir

### Tennis - Boys & Girls

At tennis this week, we played Altona North Primary at the Donald McLean Reserve. We overcame the challenge of setting up the tennis courts by working together and problem solving. As we played, we had people from Spotswood and Altona North Primary scoring points fairly. It was a really fun time, and it was a very close game with a difference of just two points - 156 to Spotswood and 154 to Altona. All the tennis stars had fun whether they won your game or not!

By Winter Hall

## Division Swimming Championship

Our Swimming Team is all set to compete in the Hobsons Bay Division Swimming Championships next Wednesday at the Werribee Outdoor Pool. Good luck to Millie B, Liam B, Emily, Rose, Liam H, Sid, Alex I, Molly, Xavier, Tyler, Zoe Smith, Mabel S and Georgia T.



## Student Awards:

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



- Prep S** ..... Asli Rashid - for always joining in with class discussions. Keep up the great work, Asli!
- Prep T** ..... Milly Russell - for showing great effort towards her writing tasks this week, and producing great work. Well done Milly!
- Prep V** ..... Noah Dean - having a great enthusiasm for learning and for always having a go. You are a superstar Noah!
- 1/2B** ..... Frances Smith - showing focus and determination during guided reading. You did a fantastic job at following along with the story!
- 1/2K** ..... George Green - for putting 100% effort into all of his learning tasks and always setting his work out neatly. Keep up the great effort George!
- 1/2P** ..... Oliver Ung - being self-motivated and showing initiative during his memoir-writing work.
- 3/4C** ..... Alyssa Barclay - showing initiative when working towards your reading goal by setting up your book to collect your evidence! Well done, very organised.
- 3/4K** ..... Atticus Butler - for his enthusiasm and determination to continue solving complicated mathematical problems when completing an assessment task. Awesome effort Atticus!
- 3/4M** ..... Georgina Ward - for using your maths knowledge to develop a strong understanding of how to use the split strategy for addition and helping others to fully understand the strategy.
- 3/4V** ..... Arabella Devlin - for the persuasive arguments she developed and expressed during a mock debate about a local issue during Inquiry.
- 5/6E** ..... Georgia Tucker - for your thoughtful contributions to our class discussions. You always bring a new perspective that makes us think. Thanks Georgia!
- 5/6M** ..... Sid Ilett - writing and presenting an impressive speech about Abraham Lincoln. Your attention to detail and costume design, certainly highlighted this inspirational, historical leader.
- 5/6O** ..... Harris Dauti - for always being a leader in 5/6O. We appreciate how inclusive and caring you are for everyone! Well done Harris!
- Art** ..... Madeleine Ung - for your wonderful use of shape knowledge to create your fish drawings. Awesome effort Madeleine!



**To:**

Rihaan, Alex W, Georgia S

## Dates To Remember:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March ..... Year 5/6 Summer Sport Round 2 (Home vs St Martins)

Assembly (3.15pm)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March ..... Preps attend school full-time

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March ..... Hobsons Bay Division Swimming Carnival

Prep 2024 Information Night (7pm)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.....Year 5/6 Summer Sport Round 3 (Away vs Altona College)  
Assembly (3.15pm)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.....Labour Day Public Holiday (no children at school)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.....Year 5/6 Summer Sport Round 4 (Away vs Bayside College)  
Assembly (3.15pm)  
Working Bee (3.30pm-6pm)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.....Year 5/6 Summer Sport Round 5 (Away vs St Mary's PS, Altona)  
Assembly (3.15pm)

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March .....Slow Food Market (8am – 1pm)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.....School Council meeting (6.15pm)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.....Auslan Day (more details to follow)  
Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.....First Day of Term 2  
Year 5/6 Camp

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.....Year 5/6 Camp

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April .....Year 5/6 Camp