

# Spotswood Primary School

## Newsletter



Term 1 Week 9 • Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

"Where everybody is somebody"



Dear families,

### End of Term 1 - 2:30pm Finish

Tomorrow is the last day of term, I can hardly believe it has come around already! Families are reminded that we will finish at 2:30pm. There will not be an assembly and students will be dismissed from the classrooms as usual.

### Year 5/6 Camp

Our Year 5/6 students will start Term 2 heading off to camp! They will be going to Camp Jungai in Rubicon, Victoria.

### Harmony Day

Thank you to the families who have sent back the family activity sheet from Harmony Day and shared some of the customs, celebrations and cultural observations that are important to you. We have really enjoyed reading these and hope to get many more! We will email the page out to all families in case some of you missed it.

### Slow Food Market

We had our first Slow Food Market here on Saturday, I came along and was surprised to see how many stalls were involved! What a great market! It was also lovely to see so many of our families (past and present) here and even Sora the Snail paid a visit.

The market donates a percentage of the gold coin donations at the gate back to the school and we are going to dedicate this money to upgrading some of our outdoor tables and seating.

The market will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.



...continued on next page

## Term Break

I hope all of our families enjoy the Easter and school holiday break. I look forward to seeing you again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Jackie Green  
Principal

## Auslan Day

We will be celebrating World Auslan Day tomorrow. We invite students to bring a gold coin donation to raise money to support Deaf Children Australia. Our Junior School Council will also be selling stickers and badges to support the Australian Deaf business 'Auslanity' and \$1 from every item bought will also be donated to Deaf Children Australia.

Badges will be \$3.50 and stickers \$3.00.

### Dressing up this year!

**Preps:** have been learning the signs for animals so are encouraged to dress as an animal, or wear a T-Shirt with an animal picture on it.

**Years 1-6:** This year we are asking students in Year 1-6 to come dressed as a Spotswood teacher. Let's see if we can guess who you are!



## Garden Update

If you have some excess garden enthusiasm and would like to meet up with other parents or guardians to do some light work in the kitchen garden from time to time, please contact Brooke on 0411 387 299.

THANK YOU to the parents who have reached out to Brooke already!



We would like to finish off some weeding, pruning, general tidying up and caring for our fruit trees. This is also a chance to meet other Spotty families and share some knowledge and skills.

Brooke Caddell (Liam's Mum, 5/6E)

## 5/6 Interschool Sport Reports

### Volleyball Girls

Last week we played a really fair game against St Mary's, Altona. We all supported each other and some of the highlights were our serves and hitting the ball back over the net. The other team was really strong with their serving and getting the ball over the net. Now that the season is finished, it was really fun and we can't wait until we can compete in the Winter Sports next term.

By Milli, Olivia V and Zoe Y

## **Volleyball Boys**

Last week we played St Mary's and they were an amazing team because they had strong servers and were generally good at hitting the ball over the net. We showed great teamwork and huge improvement, but unfortunately we could not stand up to their power. We lost 21/10 and 21/10 in both of our matches.

As this is the end of the season, we did really well for our first competition and next year, as Year 6 students, we hope to get most of the team back together for a grand final win!

By Liam H, Ayden and Sid

## **Tennis**

Last week on Friday we versed St Mary's in interschool sports. We had a great time and the students there were nice. On the sidelines Spotswood were supporting each other while we all played the matches, St Mary's did win but Spotswood tried very hard and got a close score. We are hoping that we see them again next year and see that we have improved. Congratulations St Mary's!

By Amali and Layla

## **Basketball**

The basketball team played St Mary's Primary School last week. Unfortunately, both the boys and the girls lost. The boys worked hard but in the end St Mary's were too good. The end score was 48-8. The girls played amazingly against a tough team and walked away with their heads held high after a loss. The scores for the girls' team were 16-6.

Both teams had a great day and showed amazing sportsmanship.

Well done Spotswood!

By Izzy Gillott

## **Tee Ball**

On Friday, the T-Ball Girls and Boys played against St Mary's. The game ended in Spotswood taking home the win, with the scores 8-6 for the Boys and 10-4 for the Girls. Our team showed great sportsmanship and supportiveness for both teams, we are so glad to say that we acted respectfully in every game. The Girls Tee-Ball Team are proud to say that we have won our district final and we can't wait to play again next term. During the game one of our teammates hurt his wrist when batting. Our team cheered him on for being such a good sport about his injury and keeping a smile on his face while cheering us on.

By Frankie and Halle

## **Parent Payments**

Thank you to families who have paid the 2024 Curriculum Contributions, including the Communication Portal, Garden Maintenance and Building Fund amounts.

Families are reminded that these charges can be paid via the Compass App.



To:

Fred B, Tilly, Finlay S, Mala, Liam H, Georgia W, Miles D, Lucinda, George G, Winter S, Bram, Ava, Maddie C, Lennox T, Evan B, Jasper

**Dates To Remember:**

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March..... Auslan Day  
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



**WHAT IS AUSLAN DAY?**

Auslan Day celebrates the rich history, culture, community and language of the Australian Deaf community by honouring the date of first publication of the Auslan dictionary.

Professor Trevor Johnson (sign name: TJ) is a hearing coda (child of a deaf adult) from a large Deaf family. Through his involvement in the deaf community, he began to research the linguistics of Australian Sign Language. In 1989, he received his PhD from the University of Sydney. Auslan is a combination of the words "Australian" and "Sign Language". Trevor published the first Australian Sign Language Dictionary on the 13th of April 1989.

