



SPENSLEY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear SSPS Community,

Today we had our first Prep transition session. This is such a special and exciting time of year and it was a very successful morning. Our 2020 Prep students were warmly welcomed to the school with a musical performance by some Year 5 & 6 students singing 'Hats'. Be sure to not miss another rendition of this performance at Assembly on Monday 2nd December. There will be no Assembly this coming Monday due to the third Prep transition session taking place that morning. There are currently 57 Prep students enrolled and we can't wait for them to start next year on Friday 31st January.

Thank you to all of our students and staff who helped our new students and their families to settle in. Special thanks to the buddies who worked with the new students in the Areas, and the Year five students who acted as guides. Thank you, also, to our parents and carers who greeted the new families with cake, coffee and reassuring smiles. If you can help over the next three transition sessions we love to have lots of SSPS parents and carers around to welcome our new families. We know this makes a difference to people who are joining our community for the first time. All sessions run from 9.30-10:30am.

The 2020 Prep Parent and Carer Information session is on Monday 25th November at 7.30pm in the multi-purpose room. Childcare will be provided.

Please help us to remind students about walking with bikes and scooters in the yard. For safety reasons, students are not permitted to ride their bike / scooter / skateboard on school grounds. Bikes must be walked to and from the bike enclosure on to the footpath and across the school crossings. Helmets should be worn for riding to and from school. A reminder is also necessary about our community using the designated school pedestrian crossings.

Wishing everyone another great week at Spensley Street!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4 2019

7 October—20 December

Prep Transition

November 21-26

OOHMP Concert

Tuesday 3 December

Farewell Picnic

Friday 6 December

Year 6 Orientation

Tuesday 10 December

Year 6 Dinner

Tuesday 10 December

Year Book and Report Day

Thursday 19 December

Last Day of School

Friday 20 December 2:30pm

2020 TERM

DATES	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	30 January : Yr1-6 31st January : Preps	27 March
Term 2	14 April	26 June
Term 3	13 July	18 September
Term 4	5 October	18 December

2020 Student Free Days

28 and 29 January

9 June

3 November

Information about School Charges for 2020

All schools in Victoria are funded by the Department of Education and Training (DET) based on the number of students who attend the school, and according to socio-economic criteria (the Index of Community Socio Educational Advantage- ICSEA).

As Spensley Street ranks very high on the ICSEA Index, this impacts directly on our school funding- the higher the ranking, the less government funding we receive.

A free public education in Victoria means that Victorian government schools must teach the standard curriculum to all students for free. This covers prep to year 12. Each school receives funding from the government to teach the standard curriculum. This funding pays for:

- staff to do the teaching and run the school
 - the basic building and current facilities
- extra support for children with a disability

In order to provide students with a wider variety of programs and resources along with ensuring that our school facilities are up to date and well maintained, locally raised funds are very important to our school budget.

School Council has approved the following school payments for the 2020 school year. Families will be invoiced in early February.

Essential Payment Levy \$408 per student

The Essential Payment Levy covers the cost of materials used by students in the class and specialist programs, most excursions and cultural art activities within the school.

Educational Levy \$400 per student

The Educational Levy covers additional costs not covered by the DET funding and is allocated to extra classroom and teaching equipment, training and specialist teaching materials. It supports all of our school programs- maths, science, reading, writing, art, music, Italian, physical education and the edible garden.

Ancillary Fund (tax deductible donation) contribution \$300-\$1500 per family

This Tax Deductible Donation is used to fund extra resources including library books and supports ongoing maintenance and building projects.

Spensley Street prides itself on being an inclusive community where all children are provided with the best education despite their financial circumstances. If your family is experiencing financial hardship and holds a means-tested Centrelink card please speak with the school about payment options once the parent payment invoices are issued in February.

Out Of Hours Music Program (OOHMP) at Spensley Street

At Spensley Street we offer a broad and exciting instrumental program that provides students with opportunities to learn to play musical instruments. Lessons are held at school - a convenient, familiar environment for students. The program also prepares students for ensembles both here at primary school and later for secondary school. The school band runs throughout the year and there is an orchestra every second year for the school musical.

Students are able to complete A.M.E.B. (Australian Music Examinations Board) and A.N.Z.C.A. (Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts) exams in the program if they choose to.

There are two concerts held at school during the year.

Each year we offer lessons on a wide range of contemporary and classical instruments. The following instruments will be available:

Woodwind – Recorder, Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone

Keyboard – Piano

Guitar – Acoustic, Electric and Bass

Percussion – Drum kit and Hand drums

Strings – Cello and Violin

Our teachers

Our staff are experienced and qualified music teachers. All have completed tertiary courses in music performance, are seasoned performers, and have a wide range of professional musical experiences. The following staff will be a part of the Instrumental Music team in 2020:

Lauren Mullarvey – clarinet, saxophone and recorder

Marc Gillet – piano

James Dulfer – piano

Sid Brommer – guitar

Mick Power – guitar and woodwind

Chris Lewis – percussion

Daniel Brates – percussion

Carla Tomisich – violin and cello

Sophie Weston - flute

Before enrolling your child in the instrumental program, please consider the following information:

- **Individual** or **Shared** lessons are available.
- Lessons are 20 or 30 minutes in duration, depending on the age of the child.
- Each student has one lesson per week.
- Shared Lessons: Teachers will pair students of similar playing ability together.
- If a suitable partner is not available, shared lessons cannot be offered.

Fees

In 2020, fees will be \$40 per half hour lesson. Families are invoiced by the teacher each term.

Waiting Lists

There are waiting lists for all instruments. If you would like to place your child on a waiting list, please email Pam Westwood on westwood.pam.p@edumail.vic.gov.au or call the school on 9481 4666.

Out Of Hours Music Program (OOHMP!)

End of year CONCERT

Tuesday 3rd December

LIBRARY *(please note change
of venue)*

6.15 – 7.15pm: Students from Marc,
Daniel, Lauren and Sid.

7.15 – 8.15pm: Students from Sophie,
Chris, James, Carla and Mick.

PARENT NEWSPAGE



2nd Clifton Hill Scout Group

invites you to the opening of our new Scout Hall on 24 November 2019.

Activities start at 11:00am, speeches start at 1:00pm.
95 Walker Street, Clifton Hill

Race around our treasure hunt orienteering course! Climb the rock climbing wall! Traverse our rope bridge and obstacle course! Make damper on a fire! Eat a sausage! Do other things that Scouts do!

All are welcome (not just Scouts!)

gl.2ndcliftonhill@scoutsvictoria.com.au



Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy
Community Bank® Branch



JOIN US THIS JANUARY FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

Melbourne University Sport welcomes your children to join us for multi-sport and sport specific programs during the school holidays. These programs take place in Parkville at the Melbourne University Sport Precinct.

Date:

13 - 24 January

Drop-off is from 8am

Activities from 9am - 3:30pm

Aftercare from 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Sports include:

Athletics Tennis Cricket
Basketball Soccer Football
Netball Table Tennis Robotics
T-Ball Dance Drama Hockey
Taekwondo Squash Science

For more information and to sign up,
please visit sport.unimelb.edu.au/sportcamps
or contact sport-camps@unimelb.edu.au



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