



SPENSLEY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear SSPS Community,

It has been a busy few weeks at Spensley Street. The Year Six students have been on camp this week and I know they were delighted by a visit from Anne yesterday. I also met with them last week about the upcoming end of year events. It is a special time for our Year 6s as they begin preparing for their transition to high school. I am looking forward to the farewell picnic on the 6th December and the Year Six Dinner on the 10th.

A reminder that tomorrow is the last day to fill in the parent form if you have any requests for class placements. This form can be found at <http://bit.ly/2020classplacement>.

A big thank you again to Lori and all involved in the Fete committee, if you haven't already, please make sure you provide feedback about this year's 'Tempting Fete'. You can provide feedback using this survey monkey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3PT8M9N>.

As mentioned previously, Compass, a web-based school management system that is accessible on any modern web browser or through the Compass iOS and Android apps will be making its way to Spensley Street Primary School next year to replace Sentral. As we are beginning the set up of this, please make sure your contact details, including email addresses, are up to date at the office.

Prep transition sessions will begin next week. I am looking forward to welcoming our new students to Spensley Street along with their families. A Prep parent information evening is also being held on Monday November 25 at 7:30pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

In staffing news, I would like to congratulate Julia and Dima who were successful in obtaining positions at SSPS for 2020 with some more teaching positions to be finalised in the coming weeks. On Wednesday, I let the community know via email that a new Assistant Principal has been appointed and will begin at Spensley Street next year. Andrew Williamson who is currently working at Bell Primary School was the successful applicant. I do acknowledge that this news may have come as a surprise to many members of our school community. It was an extremely competitive and rigorous process and the panel is confident that Andrew will have a positive impact on SSPS moving forward and become an exceptional member of our school.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Georgia and Gerard through the last few weeks. Coming into a busy term in a new school as a principal whilst both rewarding and amazing, has its challenges. Both Gerard and Georgia have been an amazing support to me during this transition time. Whilst SSPS prepares to say goodbye to Gerard and wish him well in his impending retirement, it is important that the community know that Georgia will continue to be a well respected, valued and integral member of our school leadership team.

Wishing everyone a great week.

Bec Spink
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4 2019

7 October—20 December

Year 6 Camp

November 11-15

Prep Transition

November 21-26

OOHMP Concert

Tuesday 3 December

Year 6 Orientation

Tuesday 10 December

Year 6 Dinner

Tuesday 10 December

STUDENT WORK

While the Grade 6 students were away at camp, the Grade 5 students (and some of Emma's students) undertook a coding club session with the Grade 2 students from Karen and Katie's classes.

"We spent an hour with our big code buddies learning how to code on [code.org](#) and [Hopscotch](#)" explained Aristotle.

"We learned how to debug a block of code and run repeat operations in a chain" noted Oscar.

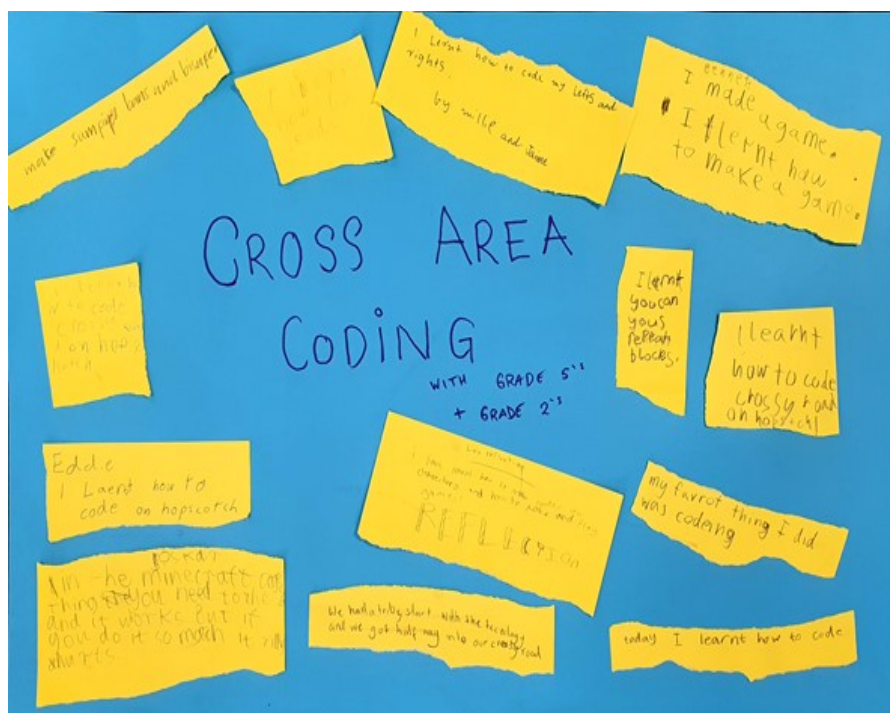
"I made a game of Crossy Road and others created a game of Flappy Bird" said another student.

The grade 5 students modelled their best ICT behaviours and loved learning from their code pals.

A short reflection later and the Grade 2 students are super keen to code again.

Thanks to our all the Grade 5's who helped out.

Written by Jess T, Henry S and Erica St Clair.



STRAWS SUCK

Recycling is very important: it helps stop many of our plastic objects from spending thousands of years causing trouble. Unfortunately, your straws always end up in landfill.

Reasons straws suck:

They harm marine wildlife and ecosystems.

They expose us to unhealthy toxic chemicals.

Used for minutes, Here for centuries, pilling up daily.

Ways to stop:

**Skip the straw and sip the drink
Switch to reusable steel, glass
or bamboo straws.**

Use paper straws.

By the Green team.



CONGRATULATIONS SPENSLEY ST CHESS TEAM

FOR MAKING IT TO THE STATE FINALS!

GREAT JOB!



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSH)

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Bulletin Notice 14th Nov

Hi to all families, we have begun our re-enrolment process for 2020. I have emailed the EOI form and this has to be filled out and returned to me in order for your enrolment to be recognised. I have already had a prompt response from many families so please don't wait or forget that this is the only way to book a place for next year. If you cannot re send the form back to me via email, I have a pile of them in the office that will only take a minute to fill out.

Accounts: in order for your place to be secured your account must be up to date for 2019.

Lisa and the OSHC Team.



OUT OF HOURS MUSIC PROGRAM

Dear Families,

Our end of year concert is coming up for students in the Out Of Hours Music Program. It is on **Tuesday 3rd December**. Please pop this date in your diary!

Please let your child's instrumental teacher know your plans for next year. Would you like to continue lessons? Teachers will be starting to sort out their timetables soon and there are many families waiting to join the Program.

Thanks,

Pam

*Calling all the amazing bakers of
SSPS!*

*(yes, we saw all of your amazing
fête contributions)*



We have lots of new preps coming to discover their new school next week at prep transition, and we'd love your help in making their families feel welcomed into the SSPS community.

We will be providing teas, coffee and sustenance for parents and carers in the afters room while the preps sing and craft. Can you help with set up and/or clean up (between 9am and 11am each day) or with some baking or chopped fruit?

There are sign up sheets on the notice board next to the canteen – please fill them up!

We're always keen for feedback and ideas, too. How was prep transition for you? What went well? What could we do better? If you have any ideas or would like any more information on how to help, we'll be meeting in the courtyard after assembly on Monday or you can get in touch with Katriona on 0406 105 540.

Thank you!

The Anne & Gerard Party

***Because we love all things Anne and
Gerard and we will miss them***



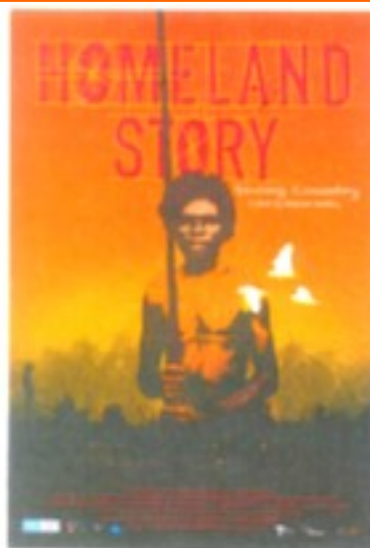
Saturday 30 November

**7.30pm Multi-purpose room
Spensley Street Primary School**

ADULTS ONLY

**Drinks available from the bar
DJs playing Anne and Gerard's favourite tunes
Come share some Spensley Street memories**

If you can help out on the bar or with decorating, please contact Marion 0408402115



EXCLUSIVE ROTARY SCREENING

IN A REMARKABLE STORY OF CROSS-CULTURAL COOPERATION, SINCE THE EARLY 1970'S HISTORY INCLUDING THE SUPPORTED DEVELOPMENT IN HOMELAND AN INDIGENOUS HOMELAND IN ARNHEM LAND, THE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN FOUNDED NOT BY VETERANS RETURNING HOME BUT BY THE YOUNG MEN OF DONDYI.

THE FILM CAPTURES THE COMMUNITY'S TRANSITION FROM TRADITIONAL LIFE TO THE MODERN AGE AND THE WORK OF GENETIC ANTHROPOLOGIST AND RETIRED VETERAN DR NEVILLE WHITE.

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2019

PRICE: \$40

PALACE BALWYN CINEMA
231 WATTEHOUSE ROAD, BALWYN

INCLUDES LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS

6PM REFRESHMENTS 8:30PM SCREENING

Q&A SESSION TO FOLLOW

BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/8GLUTC>

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It tells the story of Dondyji, an Indigenous Homeland in East Arnhem Land. It focuses on the work of Dr Neville White, a 2 RAR Veteran and genetic anthropologist who has worked there since 1974. The immense number of photographs (20,000) and videos (120 hours) he has taken of community life from the 1970's to the present day allowed the history of the Homeland to be told.

Part of that history includes the work of Veterans, friends of Neville's from Vietnam, who he took to the Homeland from 2003 to 2018 to work with the young men of Dondyji. Together they built a school, houses, a workshop (where vocational training could be taught to equip the young men for trade work in the future), outdoor kitchens and ablution blocks. Melbourne 5 RAR Vets David Bryan and Wally Magalas took part in the development work which was funded by the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

As the flyer says: it is the story of a remarkable cross-cultural partnership, one that benefited both the Veterans and the Dondyji community.



Fitzroy Junior Football Club



Registrations for 2020 open when school returns (late January) for boys and girls of all ages and skill levels.

Join the 30 teams - 680+ players and their families from your community and be a part of real grass roots footy.

Fitzroy Junior Football Club prides itself on its culture of fairness and sportsmanship above on field success, with the safety and well-being of the players being paramount.

There's a team for everyone!

Now including Under 8's
(New in 2020)

Mixed/Boys teams

Under 9 mixed
Under 10 mixed
Under 11 mixed
Under 12 mixed
Under 13 mixed
Under 14 mixed
Under 15 (boys)
Colts Boys (U16/17)

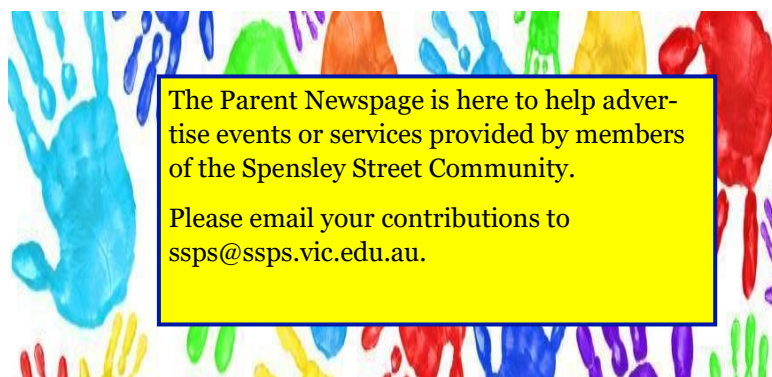
Girls only teams

Under 10 girls (incl U9s)
Under 11 girls
Under 12 girls
Under 13 girls
Under 14 girls
Under 15 girls
Under 16 girls
Youth Girls (U17/18)

Under 8's (**NEW FOR 2020**), Under 9's and Under 10 girls play modified rules including smaller ground size, playing zones and modified tackling, so it's a great entry point to 'Real Footy'! Our volunteer parent coaches are guided by the core values of

Teamwork, Respect & Mentoring.

Registration enquiries, email: registration@fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au
For further information visit: www.fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au or like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/FitzroyJuniorFootballClub](https://www.facebook.com/FitzroyJuniorFootballClub) for updates.



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