



SPENSLEY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to school for a fabulous Term 3! We know it's going to be a very busy term for everyone.

The good news is, according to our communications survey undertaken by our KidsMatter Action team last term, many family members prefer to receive their information via the Bulletin. So watch out for all the up to date information here each week.

Starting from today, all of the important dates will be right here on the front page. However, we hope that you read on because there is a lot going on!

THE MUSICAL, *FRAMED*

DATES:	Tuesday 13 August (GREEN CAST) Wednesday 14 August (GOLD cast) Thursday 15 August (RED cast) Friday 16 August Pupil Free Day – no school
VENUE:	Renaissance Theatre Kew High School, 826 High Street, Kew
TIME:	Show time - 7.30pm Students need to be at the theatre by 6.45pm and they will be ready to leave by about 9.30pm

Framed will be performed at the Renaissance Theatre on the evenings of 13, 14 and 15 August. Students will also visit the theatre on the day of their evening performance, travelling by bus and participating in a rehearsal on stage. This is NOT a DRESS rehearsal, so no need for costumes until the evening performances!

Friday 16 August is a pupil free day. After Care will provide a limited numbers out of school program on that day. Lisa has included details about how to book in today's Bulletin.

Musical preparations are advancing, with rehearsals taking place almost every day and lots of singing practice. The students have been divided into casts – Green, Gold and Red – and they have started rehearsing in their casts.

Staff and students are involved in all aspects of the production. In addition to writing, playing in the orchestra, acting and singing, older students have opportunities to be part of the backstage crew, choreography, set making, backdrops, costumes and publicity. Thank you to Georgia, Pam, Laurence and all the staff for a mighty effort so far. Thank you also to parents and carers who are assisting with the musical. Stay tuned to find out ways that you can help.

To see some great things that are happening with set design for the musical, you can follow Art@SSPS on Instagram.

MUSICAL TICKETS

This is the most asked question so far this term! Our publicity team has been working hard to spread the word – the musical is coming!

Musical tickets go on sale at 8am next Monday, 22 July. Tickets will be available through Trybooking. You can use this link from Monday <https://www.trybooking.com/BECQF>

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3
15 July—20 September

Tuesday 23 July

Fundraising meeting for Musical
6.30pm

Wednesday 24 July

Ed Pol Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday 25 July

Gaming Info Evening - see flyer

Tuesday 30 July

Fete Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 31 July

100 Days of Prep Celebration

Saturday 3 August 10am-2pm

Props & Sets working bee—more
information to follow

MUSICAL DATES

Tuesday 13 August
Green Cast

Wednesday 14 August
Yellow Cast

Thursday 15 August
Red Cast

Friday 16 August
Pupil Free Day

BOOK WEEK
19—23 August
“Reading is my Superpower”

Term 4

Solar Boat

Saturday 19 October

Fete

Saturday 26 October

Year 6 Dinner

Tuesday 10 December

Tickets cost \$32 for adults and \$15 for children - primary school aged and younger.

To ensure that every family has the opportunity to watch their child perform, we are limiting the sale of tickets to four per family in the first week of ticket sales.

From Monday 29 July, families may purchase additional tickets. This system worked well for our last musical and we ask all families to be considerate with their ticket purchasing.

MUSICAL CATERING

The Fundraising team is getting set to provide refreshments for people attending the Musical. They are having a quick meeting at 6.30pm next Tuesday 23 July. Please join them in the staffroom, and keep an eye out for rosters appearing soon.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday 25 July at 7pm, the school is hosting a parent information evening with Steven Dupon from the Institute of Games. The session is designed to help parents and carers learn more about video games and managing gaming at home.

Steven visited Spensley Street a couple of years ago and we had great feedback about his talk.

We sent home booking details about this session earlier in the week and there is a flyer in today's Bulletin. Childcare will be available.

Steven will also be working with the Year 5 and 6 students during the day next Thursday.

MATHS COMPETITION

Thank you to Julie Liddell and other teachers for supporting fifty students from Years 3-6 to take part in the Australian Mathematics Competition on Thursday 1 August. This is a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves in the area of mathematics.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

School tours are complete and the enrolment period is over for another year. Once again, we have had healthy interest in places for Prep in 2020, receiving enrolment forms for lots of siblings and new families who live within the school's zone, as well as from further afield.

Next week we will write to all of those families and ask them to confirm their request for a place at Spensley Street next year. Following that, we will offer places to 55 students, giving the school 380 students in 2020, similar numbers to our current enrolment.

If there are any siblings out there who have not yet been enrolled, you must contact the office this week!

TEMPTING FETE

The Fete team is coming together with the coordinators working hard to find people to fill the available positions. Thank you to Lori and team for doing a fabulous job already.

Starting from tomorrow, we will be producing a special Tempting Fete Communique each fortnight. The Communique will contain all of the important information about Tempting Fete, so it's important that families keep themselves up to date.

You will receive the Communique in three ways – oldest children in the family will receive a hard copy and it will also be sent via Skoolbag and email.

Watch out for the Communique and put up your hand to help with the wonderful Tempting Fete. The next Tempting Fete meeting is 7.30pm on Tuesday 30 July.

ED POL – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

The Education and Policy Committee is a group of teachers, parents and carers who meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month to discuss school programs and policies. At the last meeting we reviewed three policies – School Attendance, Healthcare Needs and First Aid.

Next Wednesday, 24 July, at 7pm, we will be discussing a suite of policies that come under the Child Safety umbrella. You will find these policies on this page of our school website (the survey told us that not many of you are using the website!) <https://www.ssps.vic.edu.au/policies>

Click on the Health, Wellbeing and Child Safety section and you can read the individual policies including the Child Safety Policy, the Child Safe Community Code of Conduct, the Camping Policy, the Volunteers Policy and the Visitors Policy, and many more!

These are all very important policies for the obvious reason – the safety of children is a school's primary concern. In recent weeks, the staff and the School Council have been discussing the issue of Working With Children's Checks. You can find out our current position here [Volunteers Policy](#)

We are moving towards requiring all volunteers who work with children to have a Working With Children Check – this would be for camps as well as school classroom programs. Come to the Ed Pol meeting next week to learn more about the changes to the Working With Children Checks procedures.

We will also talk about the Edible Garden, so if you are wondering what our plans are for the rest of 2019, this is the meeting for you!

Thanks for a great week and wishing you well for a fabulous Term 3.

Anne Nelson
Principal

PRINCIPAL SELECTION PROCESS

On behalf of School Council, I would like to provide an update regarding the process for Principal Selection at Spensley Street.

As you know, Anne is retiring at the end of Term 3, and School Council has been working closely with the Education Department in recent weeks to co-ordinate the process for her replacement.

The Principal position is about to be advertised on the Education Department's website, Recruitment Online. From tomorrow you should be able to view the position here <https://schooljobs.education.vic.gov.au> link

We are aiming to be in a position to interview shortlisted candidates in late August, with an appointment made by the end of the term. The new Principal would most likely start at Spensley Street from the start of Term 4.

The interview panel will consist of five people: two School Councillors, a nominated staff member, another school Principal and Pauline Rice, Senior Education Improvement Leader, Department of Education and Training.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available, but please feel free to contact Gerard Molan or myself via the school office if you have any questions.

Kylie Doyle
SSPS School Council President

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Every year the Department of Education and Training (DET) seeks parent/carer feedback about the school their child attends. This information forms part of the data that is used to monitor how schools are meeting the needs of their students and families.

The Parent Opinion survey is usually sent out to a sample of 60 families who are selected at random (by DET administration software). As was the case last year, the survey will be conducted online via ORIMA Research and selected families will be sent a link to the survey.

We have decided to open the survey to all families in the school. When you receive the survey please complete it within the timeframe of Monday, 22 July and Sunday, 11 August. The survey is anonymous. We really value parent opinions and feedback so encourage those with a survey to complete it within the timeframe.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSH)

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Co-ordinator: Lisa Heard

This week in Afters we have been painting and making cards along with creating some beautiful jewellery pieces. Outside we have had the red team verse the blue team in soccer and an awesome game of Kings has taken place on the basketball court.

Pupil Free Day

There is a pupil free day on 16 August and we will be offering care. There is a sign in sheet in the Aftercare room. Your child must currently be enrolled in the OOSH program.

Accounts

Due to the holiday break we will be taking the first payment today. This way we remain in the fortnightly flow of payment. You will then receive your Statement.

Have a great Term 3 everyone .

MUSICAL INFORMATION—SETS AND BACKDROPS

Parent Helpers for Sets working bee
Saturday 3rd August – 10am – 2pm.

We welcome help with the following items:

- Parent helpers on Tuesdays (to assist the 5/6s) I'd be happy to have some on Wednesdays too, but not needed.
- Parents with building/carpentry skills and time to help in the next two weeks (please contact Daniel 0434 884 762)
- Old plastic bits and bobs, broken toys etc. There's a box at the door of the art room for these. Other suggestions include texta lids, bread tags etc..
- Any busts or wig stands that we could use to build head-dresses on
- A dummy torso or dressmaker's dummy that's not too precious.
- Kids size suit jackets and ties
- A clam shell kiddie pool.

from the Costume Department

- 8X Black or other matching café-style aprons
- 2x flight attendant uniforms or similar (we can alter to fit Y4 sized children)
- Boilersuit (for a cleaner)
- Small adult or child sized black suit jackets
- Brown fabric pieces and scraps of varied textures
- A white or pale fur coat
- dust coat and overalls - may get paint splatters on them
- coloured (mono-chrome) blazer

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Parent Information Evening

Steven Dupon from the Institute of Games

<http://www.instituteofgames.com/>

Thursday 25 July at 7pm

\$5.00 per adult

This is an evening for adults only.

Childcare will be available.

Have you ever wondered about video games?

Why are video games are so captivating?

How do video games fit in with today's youth culture?

What are the risks and opportunities involved with gaming?

On Thursday 25 July, Steven Dupon, from The Institute of Games, will visit Spensley Street Primary School to help parents and carers learn more about video games and how to best manage video gaming at home.

Steven visited Spensley Street a couple of years ago and his session was very popular. He will also be working with the Year 5 and 6 students next Thursday.

Invite your friends. This is open to parents and carers from other schools, so please spread the word.

Please book on Trybooking using the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BEBKE>

If you require childcare for the evening please indicate in the booking screen how many children require care.

Interview with Annika Filips, Logo Designer for *Framed*



Interviewer: What made you choose this design?

Annika: I thought about what you would see in an art gallery.

Interviewer: How did it feel when it was announced you had won?

Annika: Happy, overwhelmed, proud and surprised

Interviewer: Did it take you long to come up with the design?

Annika: I used a lot of trial and error.

Interviewer: Do you have another job in the musical?

Annika: Yes, I am a speaking part.

Interviewer: Why have you used lots of different colours?

Annika: I thought the logo should be diverse in colour.

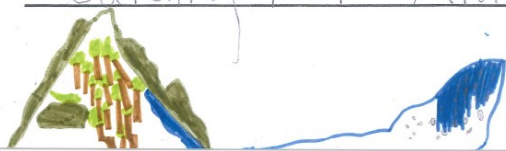
Interview by Angus Habersberger

Karen and Katie's classes have been learning about NAIDOC week. We watched the Playschool "Acknowledgement of Country", which was terrific. We thought about ways that we could care for country too.

Luca

N.A.I.D.O.C Week

I Live on Wurundjeri
country. I will care
for Country by...
Caring for Animal and Plant



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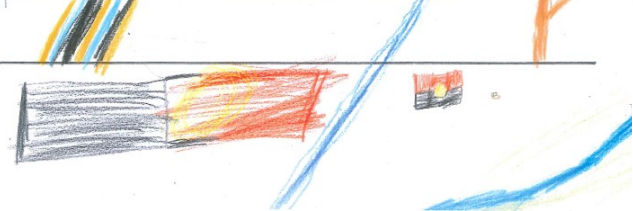
N-A-I-D-O-C Week

I live on Wurundjeri
Country. I will care
for by... Picking up rubbish.

NAIDOC

Week

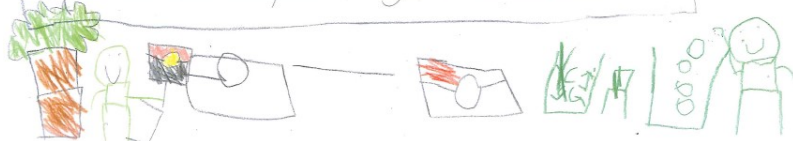
I live in Wurundjeri country. I will care
for country by cleaning up rubbish and planting more
plants and trees.



Riley

NAIDOC Week

I live on Wurundjeri
country. I will care
for country by not littering
and recycling.





Raffi Raffi

N.A.I.D.O.C week



I live on Wurundjeri country.

I will care for country.

I will pick up rubbish.

I will care for natcher



N.A.I.D.O.C. Week!

Jack



I live on Wurundjeri country.

I Will care for country by

looking after natcher.

Because I love natcher.



Bennett

N.A.I.D.O.C Week

I live in wurundjeri country I will

care for country by picking up rubbish

from the river. I will plant more trees. I will

stop climate change and pollution.



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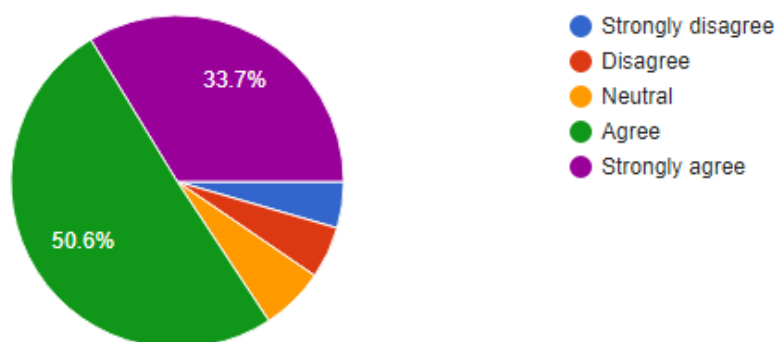
SPENSLEY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDSMATTER SURVEY 2019

Thank you to all the parents/carers who took part in our survey. We had 178 responses which is a tremendous result! We discussed the results at School Council last night and the KidsMatter Action Team will do further analysis when we meet next. One change that we could make immediately based on the feedback was to put important dates on the front page of the Bulletin. Thank you to Jane who made that happen for this edition.

The current component of KidsMatter that we are working on is the third component “Working with Parents and Carers.” This is why the survey was undertaken by the KidsMatter Action Team. The information will be shared with teachers, School Council and the community.

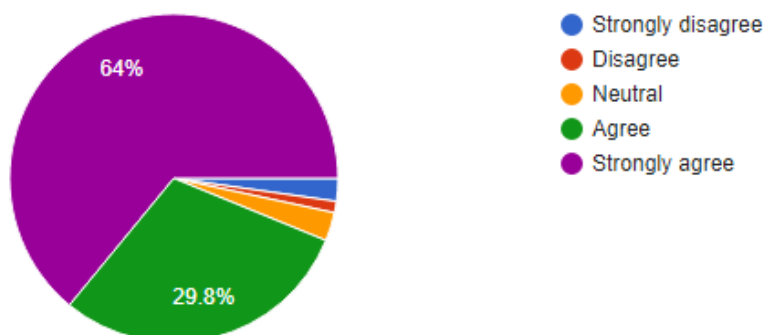
There is effective two way communication between the teachers and parents/carers at this school.

178 responses



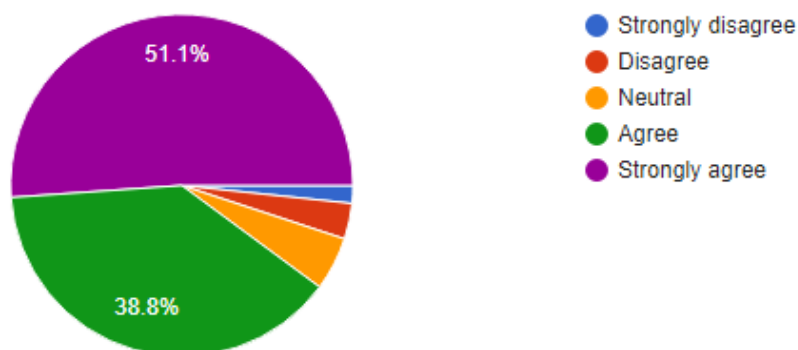
I feel comfortable to approach my child's teacher if I have a question or concern.

178 responses



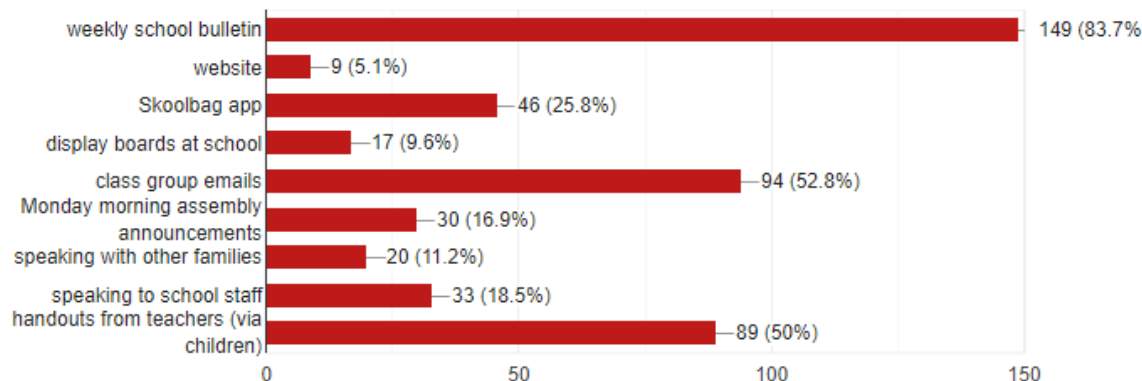
I know how to communicate with my child's teacher if I need to, e.g. letter, phone, email.

178 responses



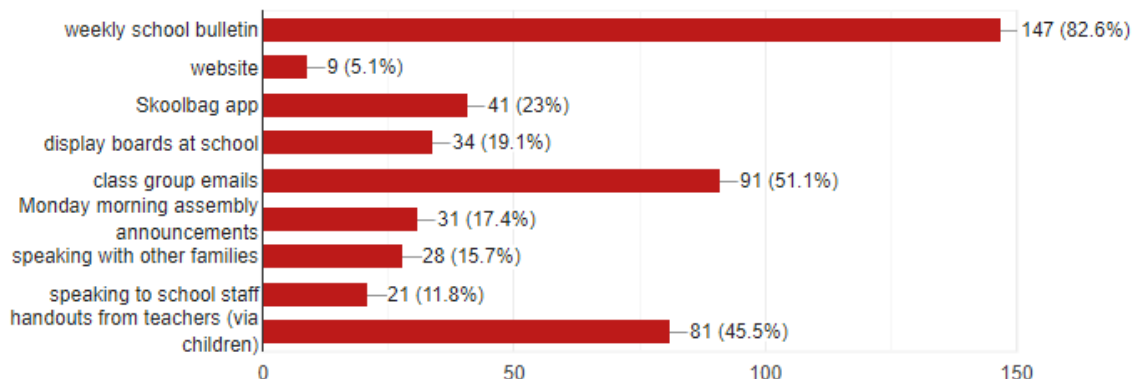
I prefer to find out what's going on at SSPS via: (please choose top 3)

178 responses



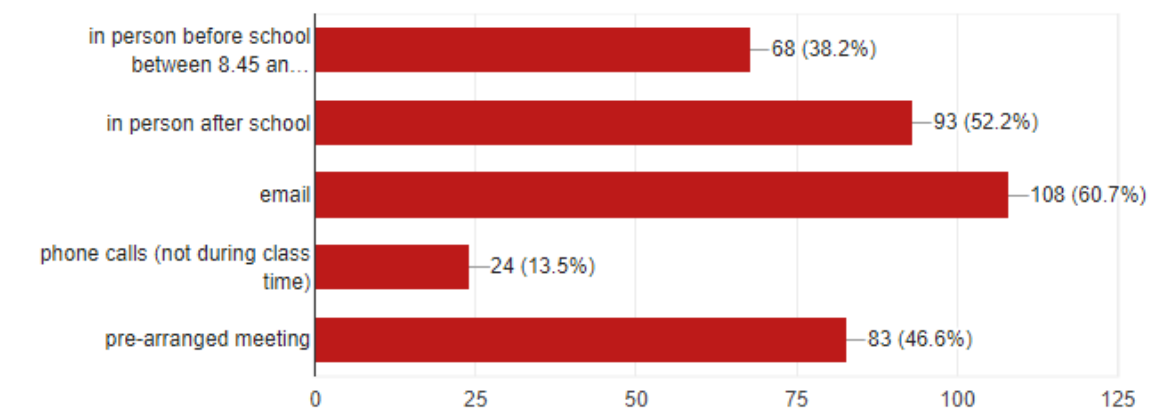
I prefer to find out about volunteering and how to get involved in the school community via: (please choose top 3)

178 responses



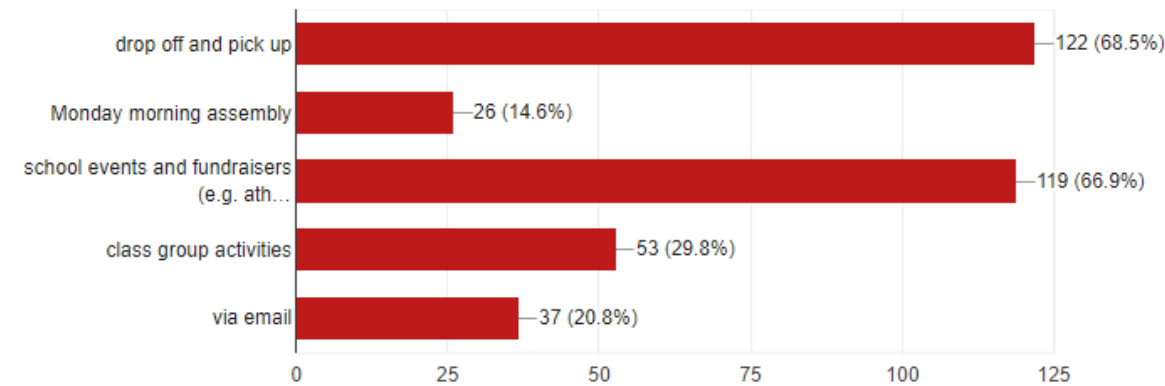
Teachers are available to communicate with parents/carers in different ways. Please indicate your preference.

178 responses



I prefer to engage with other families within the school at:

178 responses



Do you ever visit the school website?

178 responses

