



SPENSLEY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PREPS AT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the Preps – they have been at school for 100 days now!

They did a great job at Assembly on Monday and seemed to be very comfortable on the stage!

MUSICAL PREPARATIONS

Musical preparations for *Framed, the Musical* are in full swing. The art room and the multipurpose room are at the epicentre of an enormous amount of activity.

This week each cast has rehearsed the whole show with the orchestra. Well done to everyone, especially the students who are involved in each show – speaking and lead parts, orchestra and backstage crew – rehearsals are physically very demanding for you and we think you are doing a great job!

PARENT AND CARER HELP

We are having a Musical Working Bee on Saturday!

Please come to the art room to help make sets and props: Saturday, 3 August from 10am – 2pm.

It will be fun – and your assistance will be much appreciated.

The art room is alive with musical activity, from Prep to Year 6. Their motto is “prop ‘til you drop”. You can come in to the art sessions and help kids create again next week –all day Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, for the Year 5/6 classes, and anytime on Monday and Thursday for the Prep-2 classes. Thank you to everyone who has been helping this week.

Art@SSPS has a great following on Instagram. Check it out to see the great things that are happening in the artroom every week.

MUSICAL TICKETS

Make sure you have your tickets for *Framed, the Musical*.

A few tickets are available. Trybooking on <https://www.trybooking.com/BECQF>

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

Thank you to families for being considerate of others with their ticket purchasing.

MUSICAL CATERING

Rosters are filling up!

Check the courtyard noticeboard and sign up to offer your help with preparing food, or serving food and drinks on the performance evenings.

We are after volunteers to cook food to be sold before the show and at interval – little quiches, zucchini slice, muffins, a plate of sandwiches (simple is fine!). See last week's Bulletin (on the school's website) for some recipe suggestions.

Thank you to the Fundraising team for organising this important part of the musical experience.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3
15 July—20 September

Saturday 3 August 10am-2pm

Props & Sets working bee

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”

**Saturday 14th—Sunday 15th
September**

Glen Forbes working bee

Tuesday 17th September

Camp information evening

Term 4

Solar Boat

Saturday 19 October

Fete

Saturday 26 October

Year 6 Dinner

Tuesday 10 December

MATHS COMPETITION

Fifty-five students took on the Australian Mathematics Competition this morning. Congratulations to all of you for being such impressive risk takers.

Thank you to Julie Liddell and other teachers for organising this for students from Years 3-6.

TEMPTING FETE

The next Fete Communique will be out tomorrow, containing up to date information about Tempting Fete on Saturday 26 October.

We had a great meeting this week - thanks to all of our fabulous volunteers. We are still looking for some new faces, so make sure you read the Communique tomorrow.

The next Tempting Fete meeting is in the staffroom at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27 August.

EDIBLE GARDEN

The school is looking for a gardener who can take care of the edible garden, and have students help them during their break times. We'd like this to happen one day a week, with the possibility of extending the hours through the Aftercare program.

Expressions of interest, with relevant gardening experience, can be sent to the school email at ssps@ssps.vic.edu.au by Friday 9 August.

The school has a strong commitment to the garden and we want to keep it going into the future. Spread the word that we are looking for a staff member with the skills to take this on.

ONLINE GAMING

Thank you to the parent and carers who attended the information evening with Steven Dupon last week. It was a highly informative evening. Steven's website is the Institute of Games; it's well worth a look at his resources <http://www.instituteofgames.com/about-the-institute-of-games/>

Steven was unable to work with the Year 5 and 6 students last week and we are arranging another date for his visit.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Recently we have been discussing Working with Children's Checks at School Council, Ed Pol and staff meetings. Thanks to those who came to the Ed Pol meeting last week to add their voice to the discussion.

Many of our parents and carers already have a WWCC. Currently we require one if you are volunteering to work with children in an activity where your own child is not participating, for example, Morning Maths, and the school

maintains a register of parents and carers who hold a current card.

School Council will make a decision about any changes to our current procedures at its August meeting.

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 used to monitor how schools are meeting the needs of their students and families.

The survey is conducted online via ORIMA Research and it is anonymous.

In the past we have randomly selected 60 families to complete the survey. This year we want to give every family the opportunity to be included.

Please complete the survey before it closes on Sunday, 11 August. This is how you can participate.

1. Click on the link <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>, or copy and paste it into your browser.
2. Select the School and Campus name: Spensley Street Primary School
3. Enter the School PIN: **269823**

When complete, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

We would appreciate you taking the time to participate. We value parent and carers' opinions and feedback.

Thanks for a great week.

Anne Nelson
Principal



Our First Camp

Prep – 2 teachers have begun planning for Year 1 and 2 students' Camps in term four.

Heading off on their first Camp is a much-anticipated big step for most Year One students. We want them to be well prepared and ready to enjoy this new adventure.

Lots of preparation will happen at school through looking at photos and discussions in class, but families play a vital role in preparing children to sleep away from home. Children need to be confident to settle to sleep by themselves. The first night at camp is not the time to see if they can!



So.... now is the time to plan for a sleepover for your child with friends or relatives. (Test out sleeping in a sleeping bag if this is the first time your child may have done this!)

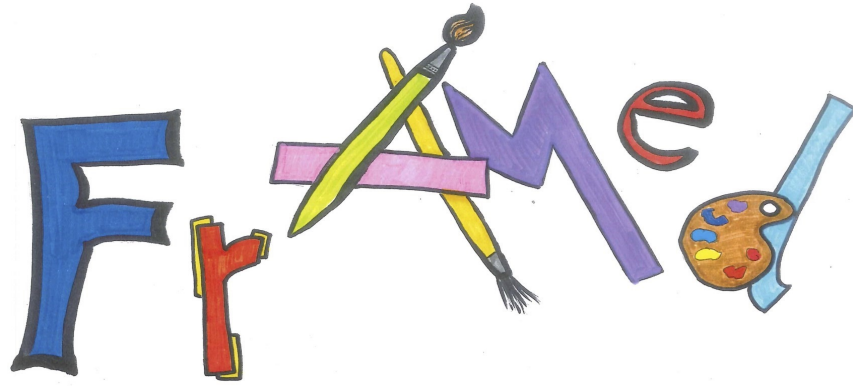
Planning a visit to our school camp at Glen Forbes is a good way to help your child feel prepared. The camp can be booked through the office at school.

Even better – come and help at the **Glen Forbes working bee**! This is a perfect way to meet other families and for children to have time to play together at the camp. The next working bee is on **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September**. You can come and stay overnight, or come just for part of one day. No previous D.I.Y experience needed – there are lots of jobs – big and small – to maintain the schoolhouse and have it ready for the P – 2 camps. If you can wield a duster, mop, paintbrush, broom or weeding trowel you are perfectly qualified.

If you are interested in finding out more about the working bee, please speak to Gerard or Karen (in Area 1).

If you have questions about your child's readiness for camp this year, please speak to your child's teacher soon. There will be an information session about camps on Tuesday 17th September at 7.30, but don't wait until then to discuss any concerns or questions.

Karen and the Year P-2 team



Props and Sets Working Bee!

This Saturday 10-12 in the art room
All welcome .

Drop Sheets Required

If you have any large painters drop sheets that we can borrow, please bring them along, Thanks

T-Shirts

If you missed the order for a souvenir Framed t-shirt, its not too late. Get a T-shirt directly from Das Automat in Fitzroy. Email fitzroy@dasautomat.com to place an order. Ask for 'Spensley Street Framed' T-shirt. T-shirts will need to be collected from Das Automat
152 Johnston St, Fitzroy.

Letterbox

Even the letterboxes in Clifton Hill are ready for the musical!



Thanks to Katie Eury for the photo.

Rehearsals are underway!



Sets and costumes being created!





PARENT NEWSPAGE

Looking for a babysitter?

My name is Ruby, I'm a year 10 student at University High School and an ex-student of Spensley Street. I have 3 younger sisters (2 of which still attend SSPS) and subsequently have lots of experience in caring for children. I am looking for part time and casual babysitting work (preferably locally – I live in Fitzroy North)


I am available from Mon-Wed after school hours and on Weekends

Please contact for further information:

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