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SPENSLEY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday Bulletin 19th November, 2009

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The SSPS Bulletin is published each Wednesday of the school term to notify parents and carers of school events; report and reflect on school events; celebrate student achievement and for staff to notify parents and carers of events in the broader educational community of relevance to school curriculum.

Personal notices, lost property requests and notices of community events can be sent to a parent co-ordinator to be included in the Parent Community News Page (if space allows) or posted on the community noticeboards either at the front entrance to the school or in the courtyard.

Enquiries about the Bulletin should be directed to Anne Nelson.

SIBLING TOURS

This week we have been welcoming lots of children who will start school in 2010 and who have brothers or sisters already at Spensley Street. Year 6 students have been showing these young visitors around the school and talking to their parents about life at Spensley Street. Tomorrow is the last day for prep tours. Please meet in the foyer at 9.30am if you wish to visit with your prep child.

Prep transition begins next Thursday when all of the 2010 prep children come to school for about an hour and a half in the morning. At 9.30am we will all meet in the multi purpose room and then the children will visit Areas 1 and 2. They will return on Friday, again visiting Areas 1 and 2 and on Monday and Tuesday of the following week they will visit Areas 3 and 4. I know the older students will make the visitors welcome.

I hope that lots of Spensley Street parents will be on hand to help welcome new families into the school over a cup of tea and a chat. Parent Association is organising refreshments so please sign up to help if you can.

We have been unpacking lots of new hats and t-shirts in small sizes ready for next year's preps. We would like to offer these for sale during prep transition. If you could look after school sales from 9.00-11.00am on any of the transition mornings as well as during the evening meeting on Thursday night please let the office know.

Prep Transition mornings 9.30-10.30am:
Thursday 26th November, Friday 27th November, Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December

Thursday 26th November—Information Night 7.30pm

YARRA CUP

Congratulations to the Spensley Street senior soccer team who won the Yarra Cup for the third year in a row last Friday. Some of these students are at Somers Camp this week so we will be acknowledging their efforts at assembly on 7th December.

OOSH ENROLMENTS

This is a reminder that 2010 bookings for the Out of School Hours Program are open. Many families still owe money for this term so please ensure that you have paid your bill before you start the enrolment process. Carlee has written about the process later on in today's Bulletin. The greatest of care is taken in ensuring that the available places are divided fairly amongst those who require childcare so please make sure you read what Carlee has written.

SOMERS CAMP

I hear from Gerard that everything is going very well at Somers Camp. Children are participating in lots of adventure style activities and from all accounts they are making the most of their experiences. This Sunday families will travel to Somers to visit their children. Students will return to school on Thursday 26th November.

YEAR BOOKS

This is the time of year that students are working very hard on finishing their Year Books so that they will be ready to present them to their parents on Friday 11th December. Students have started bringing their year books to my office to show me their work. I am always very impressed with the standard of work and enjoy reading the student's Year Books.

Reports and Year Books will be sent home on Friday 11th December. Families are invited to come to school from 2.30pm on that day to look at the student's work and collect the Reports and Year Books.

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER—END OF YEAR PICNIC

The school end of year picnic will take place from 6.00pm in the school grounds on Friday 4th December. Once again this will be a completely self catering event. During the evening we say farewell to all of the exiting year 6 families so we would like to see as many people there as possible. The school band will be playing at the end of year picnic and will start at 6.15pm.

YEAR 6 DINNER—TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

The Year 6 dinner will be held on Tuesday 8th December at the Community Room in the Edinburgh Gardens. At the dinner students speak about each other and share a meal with their peers. Students arrive between 6.15 and 6.30pm and families join the year sixes at 8.00pm for presentations.

PARENT ASSOCIATION TALK

On Monday after assembly I will be speaking at Parent Association about the principles and processes that guide decisions about student placement. Next week I will send out the parent input form so families can indicate their child's needs. Forms will be due in on Monday 30th November.

ROADWORKS

A note to parents who walk or park near the laneway at the rear of 26-36 Dwyer Street. Reconstruction of the laneway will commence on Wednesday 25th November for approximately four weeks. There will be some parking restrictions along Edmund & Dwyer Street with appropriate signs and barricades to indicate this. Car access will be affected into the laneway.

Anne

CANTEEN ROSTER

PLEASE OFFER YOUR HELP AT THE CANTEEN.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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School Councillors welcome your feedback. Our phone numbers are listed for this purpose, or email a Councillor at spensley.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Rob Ryan, President

PARENT ASSOCIATION

Around this time of the year many parents/carers have discussions at home about classroom placements for next year, eg would their child do best by staying together with a few friends, or is it time to meet other children by moving into a new area. This is even more relevant for children facing enforced change i.e. moving from P-2 to year 3. Next Monday 23rd November Anne Nelson will come to our meeting to discuss how the school undertakes classroom placements. Come along for an interesting discussion and to better understand this process.

In a busy week, the SSPS Prep Transition Program also commences on Thursday 26th November at 9.30am. Whilst the new preps-to-be are visiting each area, PA provides morning tea for their parents/carers. Current SSPS parents/carers who are able to come along and mingle are very welcome. Otherwise providing a small cake or nibbles for everyone to enjoy is also very much appreciated. Rosters will be placed in the school office foyer later in the week.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our evening workshop planned for last night on Parenting Tips for Working Parents due to low numbers of registrations. Given it is a very busy time of year we are hoping to reschedule something similar next year.

All parents/ carer and young children are welcome to come to our sessions, so come along, meet other parents over a cuppa and take up the opportunity to about a topic of interest to you and your family. For further details or if you would like to speak to the PA committee members Orania Tokatlidis, Alison Skene, Chris Keogh, Judy Longbottom, Sophie Robson and Dianne Russell contact us directly, through our email at parent.association@ssps.vic.edu.au or by leaving a note in the parent association file near the front office.

Orania Tokatlidis (on behalf of the Parent Association Committee)

Details of next Meeting:

Monday 23rd November

Understanding the Process that Guides Class Placements by Anne Nelson, Principal. Relevant to all parents/carers but particularly interesting to those whose children will be changing classes next year e.g. going from P-2 to 3-5, or 2-4 etc. Multipurpose Room, after Monday morning assembly, for up to one hour.

SCHOOL BAND

We are still rehearsing Wednesday lunchtimes, so would families continue doing the great job of reminding their child to bring along their instruments please!

SSS AND SCHOOL BAND

Students have been given a letter concerning their upcoming performances at Carols By Candlelight (December 10th) and the school picnic (December 4th). Please make sure you fill out the relevant permission slips so I know numbers.

Thanks,
Pam Westwood
Music Teacher

YARRA CUP—SOCCER

Last Friday Spensley Street Primary School won the annual Yarra Cup soccer tournament for the third year in a row in a day-long event at Richmond's Kevin Bartlett Reserve. The team was simply too strong for the other schools, especially in its team play and patient build-up.

In the group stage we beat Fitzroy PS 6-0 and then Richmond West 4-1. In the semi-final we beat St. Johns 6-0. In the final we played Richmond West again and beat them 4-0.

So we had 20 goals for and only 1 against. The Cup and team will be presented at school assembly on Monday 30th November.

Well done to the all the helpers, referees and parents who attended and the squad of Ollie, Eden, Rory, Edith, Andrew, Bill, Ted, Jack, Mia, Adeline, Gaelan, Louis, Miles, Grace, Caleb, Finley, Cosimo, Xavier, Ryan, Declan, Aruna and the captain, Luka.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM

Enrolments 2010 17th Nov-30th

Enrollment forms have been posted to families who were enrolled in OSHC for 2009.

All other families may collect an enrolment form from the multipurpose room or from the OSHC Display in the foyer. All forms contain a letter with information relating to the enrolment process. Please ensure you read this information carefully as OSHC will not be held responsible for errors on your forms.

Of the forms already submitted almost all have indicated Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday as their most important days in Aftercare, with many families requiring multiple places on these days. Nobody should rely solely on getting every place they've indicated as their most important days. I will be working with the OSHC committee to divide them out amongst everybody as fairly as possible. All families need to prepare for the possibility that you almost certainly will need to find alternatives to Aftercare. I will write weekly updates for the school bulletin to keep you informed of how the process is going. Please get your forms in and settle your accounts before the close of enrolments to be considered for the 1st round of offers.

Emails

I am currently having trouble with receiving emails. If you have emailed in the past week you will need to contact me on 94814365 or write your message in the communication book. I apologise for any inconvenience and I hope to have the matter fixed before the end of the week.

AASC

Fencing continues to be popular with Afters kids. Families wanting their child to participate in the Primary School Fencing Champions organised by Blacklords Fencing on 5th Dec may pick up a permission slip from the OSHC Office.

SMITH FAMILY WISHING TREE

It's time once again, to pause during this busy period leading up to Christmas and consider those families who are not going to be in the financial position to share in the giving and receiving of gifts. This is something that most of us at Spensley Street Primary School are fortunate enough to take for granted. As we have for the past ten years, the school community is partnering with The Smith Family to assist these families.

Although physical gifts often seem more tangible (especially to our children), they represent a substantially larger effort to sort, distribute and manage for The Smith Family during an incredibly hectic time for them. More importantly, by providing the recipient with the opportunity to select the actual gift, it demonstrates a greater level of respect. When we select the gift we don't provide the dignity that comes with choice.

Therefore we ask this year that your gifts take the form of vouchers or cash/cheques made out to Spensley Street Primary School (which will turn into vouchers). All gifts over \$2 are fully tax deductible.

Because the recipients will come from many different areas, we ask that vouchers are for major department stores such as Myer, Target and K-Mart. This allows greater choice and accessibility.

A "Wishing Tree" will be placed in the foyer. This tree symbolises the gifts that you give. Please place your gifts in an envelope along with the completed form below and hand in at the school office by Friday 12th December. At the same time, we encourage you to hand in a symbolic decoration on the Wishing Tree. A cut-out for your children to decorate has been included with this newsletter but feel free to make up your own.

Hopefully by **Monday 14th December, the last day for handing in gifts**, the tree will be covered in decorations!

This also represents an excellent opportunity to educate our children in the power of community and the relationship between poverty and the ability to give at Christmas.

One suggestion is to associate part of your gift with a task or chore that your child undertakes or a portion of their pocket money. Please let us know of any stories behind donations by children.

I, _____ (please print the name of the person to appear on receipt) would like to donate \$_____ to The Smith Family for Christmas gifts.

This gift is in the form of cash/cheque/voucher (please cross out the inapplicable items). I understand that any cash or cheque will be used for the purchase of vouchers.

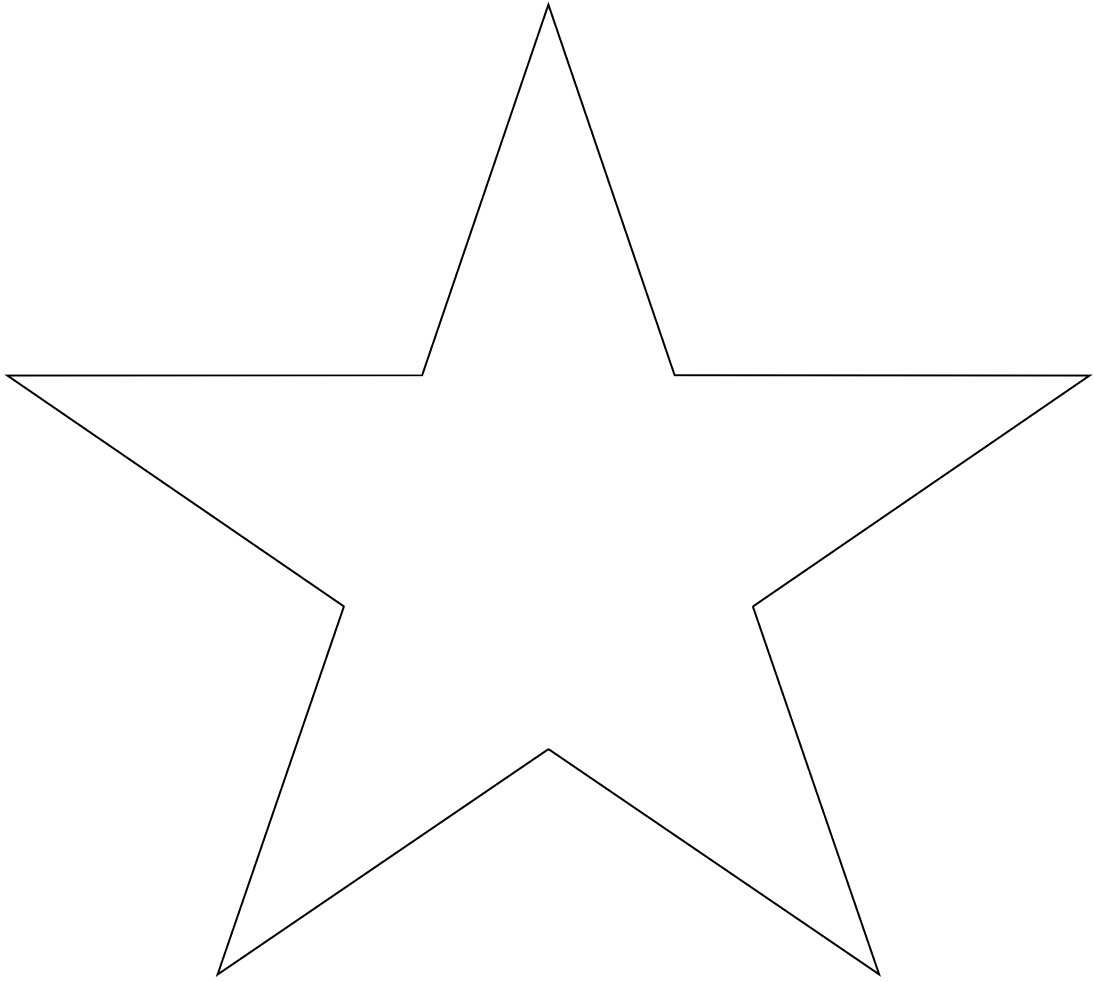
Address: _____

My eldest child is _____ in _____'s homegroup.

Note: All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Receipts will be delivered to the school early term 1 2010 for collection.

Please make cheques payable to Spensley Street Primary School

LAST DAY—MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2009



IMPORTANT DATES AT SPENSLEY STREET

November

Tuesday 17th Nov—Wed 25th Nov (inclusive)
Somers Camp

Wednesday 25th November
Ed Pol meeting—7.30pm staffroom

**26th & 27th November &
30th November & 1st December**
Prep Transition mornings

Thursday 26th November
Information Night for Prep 2020 parents
7.30pm—Area 1

December

Wednesday 2nd December
School Council—7.30pm staffroom

Friday 4th December
End of Year picnic

Monday 7th December
Parent Helper morning tea—11.00am

Tuesday 8th December
Year 6 into Year 7 orientation day
Year 6 Dinner (notice to be sent home)

Wednesday 9th December
Environment meeting—7.30pm staffroom

Thursday 10th December
Final fundraising meeting—7.30pm staffroom
"Planning for 2010"

Friday 11th December
Reports & Years Books sent home

Wednesday 16th December
Out of Hours Music Concert—Northcote Town Hall

Friday 18th December
Last day of term
2.30pm finish

TERM DATES 2010

Term 1

1st February (Years 1—6 students commence)
2nd February (Prep students commence) - **26th March**

Term 2

12th April—25th June

26th April—ANZAC Day public holiday
11th June—student free day

Term 3

12th July—17th September

Term 4

4th October—17th December



PARENT COMMUNITY NEWSPAGE

November 18, 2009

KRIS KRINGLE

The Northcote Town Hall's annual Kris Kringle Night Markets are on again with a focus on local designs and handcrafts. Stallholders will be selling hand-made items such as giftware, small sculptures, leather work, bags, jewellery, textiles, designer fashion, accessories, toys, badges, plants, and other similar items. There will also be a delicious range of food available on site. The market will run on consecutive Thursdays from 5.30pm – 10.00pm on the following dates: 26th November / 3rd December / 10th December / 17th December
Live entertainment will also be featured each week. Any additional queries can be directed to Claudine Edwards on: 94819500 (BH)

FREE PANTS

1 pair of boys formal (poly/cotton) black trousers with satin down outside leg seam - never worn, size 8 - 10.
Linda Rhodes 0402673992. (Geordie A4 and Audrey A3)

MILO IN2CRICKET

The program has commenced at Fairfield park (yarra bend road). Sessions are held on Sat 10am -11am. Further enquiries contact Robert Cowen on 0414 374 597.
Jeremy Watson (Dan A1, Josh A4)

FOR SALE

1: Solid wood bookcase \$60 ono. Currently painted bright yellow. Measures 820 H x 220 D x 1550 L.
Contact Suzie 9481 8401 (friend of Janine and Gabe's A1, and old Spensley St family)
2. Hardwood single futon base. Never really used. \$130. No mattress. Also 3 futon bolsters used to turn futon into lounge. 2 x 1m and 1 x 1.5m, \$60 for all 3.
Call Janine (Gabe A1) 9481 4538, 0438567266

DARTH VADER IS MISSING

The week before the fete Tallulah lost her soft toy Darth Vader in Spensley Street. If you have found him please either return him to *Tallulah Chellew in Sue Beale's class (A2)* or phone *Rachel Boyce on 0437465195*
May the force be with you.

Just a reminder.....

TRASH & TREASURE/CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 22 Nov 2009 : 9 am to about 4 pm
Book your stall or space for \$20.00 (refunds will be given if the event is cancelled) Scouting displays, Scouting activities, Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzle, Tea & Coffee with the Trash & Treasure Stalls at the George Knott Reserve
(Collingwood Harriers Running Track)
Heidelberg Rd Clifton Hill. *John Taglieri on 0432 242 981* or email john.taglieri@bignond.com

PRESS RELEASE: NORTHCOTE KIDS

November 21st Shows: 11am & 2pm

***Short Pants No Holes*, by Barking Spider Visual Theatre**

Ages: Families with children 4 to 12

Northcote Uniting Church Hall, 251 High Street, Northcote

Cost: \$12 per person/\$10 concession, \$10 per person for 4 or more people

Bookings: 03 8682 8577 or curious@curiouslegends.com.au

From Barking Spider Visual Theatre comes *Short Pants No Holes*, a storytelling adventure that the audience helps create. Using object theatre puppets and tales made up on the spot, come and join Penelope and Rachel as they weave storytelling magic with you.

Short Pants No Holes was developed in 2009 by *Barking Spider* artistic director Penelope Bartlan in collaboration with Rachel Edward. The work premiered in March this year at *La Mama for Kids*, was performed during the *Federation Square Puppet Festival* at ArtPlay this past July, and has been invited to perform at *Out the Box Puppet Festival* in South Africa in 2010.

A selection of free passes are on offer for this show. To claim a pass, or to book a ticket, email curious@curiouslegends.com.au or call 03 8682 8577. For more info about the show, and *Northcote Kids*, go to: www.curiouslegends.com.au/northcotekids.html

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