**Assembly Performances**

**Friday 6th November**
Erian G 12A wrote a fabulously descriptive story ‘Puffy and the Cupcakes’. This won first prize in Port Phillip Library’s Spring Writing Competition for the age group 7-8 years. We have published this in our next newsletter for you to all read.

**Friday 13th November**
Arabelle E 56T played ‘Hot Chilli Rock’ on the piano.
Kathryn B 34C playing ‘Innocence’ and ‘Thin Ice’ on the piano.
Jake S 56S playing ‘Gigue’ and ‘Jewish Song’ on the piano.
Xavier W 56J to play ‘I would like a little violin’, ‘Study’ and ‘What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor’ on the cello with Rosie (Hilary’s mum) accompanying him on the cello.

**Notes Home**
05/11 Yr 5 Sailing Program Excursion
06/11 Yr 56 Big Day Out Excursion
13/11 Gasworks Holiday Program

**Important Dates**
- 16-18th November  Year 3/4 Camp Manyung
- 17th November  Yr 5 Sailing Program
- 24th November  Transition (Foundation 2016) Session 1 9:30am-12:30pm
- 2nd December  Transition (Foundation 2016) Session 2 9:30am-12:30pm
- 3rd December  Parents social night at St Kilda Bowls Club with the SKIPPS band
- 4th December  Yr 5/6 Big Day Out Excursion
- 8th December  Transition (Foundation 2016) Session 3 9:30am-12:30pm
- 15th December  Yr 6 Graduation
- 18th December  St Kilda Town Hall from 5pm
- 1st February  End of Term 4—Early Finish 1:30pm
- 5th March  SKIPPS FETE 11am-6pm

**Library News**
Last day of borrowing in the library for 2015 is 27th November.
Can parents and students please return ALL books to the library by Tuesday 1st December.

Thanks,
Prue.
Hi, I’m Shylie, I’m Esther, I’m Ruby, I’m Harrison, I’m Max, and we’re from the Kitchen Garden Leadership Team.

**About** – Our team encourages students at SKiPPS to eat healthy and care for the Kitchen Garden. Throughout the year we have successfully contributed to the school’s garden and kitchen. We ran two stalls that helped support Peppi, our Kitchen Garden and Italian teacher, in the garden. We also participated in the Sustainability Festival, contributing to the local ecosystem. Our team helped out in the Kitchen Garden and helped Peppi a lot.

**Main Jobs** – Our main jobs were to help Peppi in the Kitchen Garden and Dining Room. We helped grow the plants in the Kitchen Garden by watering and harvesting the crops. We also cleaned up and organised the Kitchen Dining Room when needed.

**Community** – We ran two stalls after school, selling various fruits, vegetables, and sweets. Our team spent time in the garden and dining room preparing for the stalls, making cakes, and preparing vegetables. These stalls ran in term three raising money for the Kitchen Garden.

**Sustainability Festival** – We participated in the sustainability festival last term, on the 10th of September. Our team showed students from many different schools how to make bio-degradable pot plants. They were also showed how to make different versions of the sustainable pot plant. The pot plant was made out of newspaper or just normal paper.

**Overall** we believe that our team has helped the garden and the school. Thank you for listening.
Principal's Report

It’s been such a busy fortnight at SKiPPS. Students are working so hard in their Learning Areas, it’s great to see such high levels of engagement and the quality work that is being produced. Once again I have been so impressed with how inquisitive, knowledgeable and respectful our students are when we have visitors to our school or when we go on excursions.

A highlight today was our Year 5/6 students who had organised such a wonderful Market Day for all our students and teachers. It was so much fun. As part of their Inquiry topic, ‘Think It, Make It, Do It’, all of our Year 5/6 students worked in groups to develop different stalls such as: Watermelon Wonder, Slushies, Disco, Fish for Candy, Can and Candy Toss, Popcorn and Ice Cream, Basketball Arcade, Choco Fruit Kebabs, Crazy Colours Salon and Sponge the Teacher.

Here’s a photo of Matt enjoying a lovely sponging on such a beautiful day.

The students have looked at the idea of ‘supply and demand’ and how best they can make a profit, bearing in mind the customers that they will be serving on the day.

We are all so very proud of your children!

2016 FOUNDATION INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday evening we welcomed parents of Foundation students who are beginning their SKiPPS journey in 2016. It gives me joy to see many excited faces that are entrusting their little ones to us for the next seven years. This made me reflect on our Year Six students who are only five weeks from graduation. I became Principal in Fourth term of 2008. Our Year Sixes were in their first year of school in 2009. It’s been such a privilege to see them grow into the smart, courageous, funny and beautiful leaders we interact with every day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday we held a one minute silence on 11th November because it marked the end of the First World War. This day is now recognised in Australia as a day to remember those who died or suffered for Australia’s cause in all wars and armed conflicts. Our students observed a minute’s silence and discussed the significance of this day with their teachers.

Jennifer McCrabb, Principal
On Tuesday 10th November SKiPPS held an information evening for parent and carers of the new Foundation students for 2016. It was a fantastic night with new (and some old!) families getting together to discuss the transition of their child from kinder to school. As a parent of a child who is beginning school next year, I thought it might be timely to share some handy transition tips prepared by the Department of Education and Training. I know I will be using them in the coming weeks and months! There are also some great reminders for current students those moving into Secondary School.

**The year before school**
- Ask your child what they think about starting school.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about going to school.
- Encourage your child to try to do things on their own such as dressing, going to the toilet, washing their hands, unwrapping their food and opening and closing their drink bottle.
- Talk to your child’s early childhood educator about things you can do at home to help your child prepare.
- Talk to the school about how you can engage in your child’s learning and development at school.

**During the summer holidays**
- Show your child where the school is and talk about how you will get there.
- Arrange play-times with other families whose children will be going to the same school as your child.
- Practise the things your child will need to do to get ready for school (e.g. putting things in their bag, remembering to take a hat).
- Confirm your before or after school care arrangements. Show your child where the outside school hours care facilities are and talk about how they will get there.
- Be positive about starting school and enjoy your child’s excitement.
- Visit your local library and read books with your child about starting school.

**The first day of school**
- Make sure your child knows who will take them to school and pick them up on the first day.
- Help your child to organise their clothes, hat, shoes and socks the night before.
- Help your child to pack their school bag with a snack, drink, lunch and a hat.
- Pack a spare pair of underpants and a change of clothes. Let your child know these clothes are in their bag in case of any accidents at school.
- Put sunscreen on your child in the morning if it is needed.
- Show your child where you will meet them at the end of the school day.
- At the end of the day talk to your child about the positive things that happened at school.

**The first year of school**
- Find out about what your child is learning at school. By doing this, you can support your child’s learning and find out how your child is adjusting to school.
- If your child is having difficulty at school, talk to their teacher.
- Keep talking to your child about school. Ask them about their new experiences, what they like and what they find hard– stay positive!
- Share feedback about your child’s experience of starting school with the school and early childhood service.
- Organise time for your child and their new friends to play together outside of school.

Thank you to Emma and Tim who organised the night and to Jenny, Nova, Rose and Wendy in the office for their contribution. Special mention to Mette (our School Council President) who talked about the importance of the parent community involvement at SKiPPS. Thanks to all!

**Hooptime Regional Team**
Earlier this term I mentioned in my newsletter article about the year 3/4 students who participated in the Hoop Time Regional competition. Unfortunately I forgot to acknowledge our fabulous 5/6 team who also represented the school so well! Congratulations on your achievements in the competition. I can see by their faces that they had a great time!

Andrew Schneider- Assistant Principal
Once upon a time there was a cat called Puffy. He had black fur, white feet and puffy cheeks.

Puffy worked at Snuffles Bakery which was owned by the mean Mr. John Snuffles.

Snuffles Bakery was known for making the best cupcakes in the world and Mr Snuffles told everyone he made them himself…but really, actually, it was Puffy who made the cupcakes.

No one knew that. No one knew Puffy worked hard all day and all night…

- Shaking (the flour),
- Cracking (the eggs),
- Stirring in (the butter),
- Adding (the sugar),
- Mixing (the batter),
- Baking (the cupcakes),
- Icing (the top)

Over and over and over again; shaking, cracking, stirring, adding, mixing, baking, icing, shaking…And that was the rhythm of his day, every day

One day the Queen and her Prince came to town to try the cupcakes - they had heard how good they were.

Mr. John Snuffles was at the counter to greet them. "Come in, come in, come try my cupcakes I make them myself!" Poor Puffy knew this wasn't true but he never told anyone and let them believe it was Mr. John Snuffles who made the delicious cakes.

For the queen's and the prince's visit, bossy Mr. John Snuffles had told the cat to make a special cupcake good enough for royalty.

The special cupcake had royal blue icing with a golden crown on top that you could eat.

Mr. John Snuffles was just telling the Queen and prince how good his cupcakes were and how hard he worked day after day to make them just right when, suddenly, the cupcake boxes that had hidden Puffy working in the kitchen tipped over and everybody saw Puffy putting a golden crown on to royal blue icing. They all knew it was not Mr John Snuffles who'd been making these delicious cupcakes.

The Queen and Prince said that the bakery was now to be called ‘Puffy’s Bakery’, not ‘Snuffles Bakery’. They ordered 12 more delicious cupcakes and drove off back to their castle.

Congratulations Erian! His fabulously descriptive story ‘Puffy and the Cupcakes’ won first prize in Port Phillip Library’s Spring Writing Competition for the age group 7-8 years.
Hi parents / friends and carers, further on from last week’s newsletter, we are now starting to request items for our Beauty Parlour / Face Painting, so if you have any unwanted nail polish or any face paints that you would like to donate to the fete, please hand them into the school office (in the entry area there will be a box) and we will collect them. In the new year we will be asking for Lucky Jars, so stay tuned. Any questions regarding the SKiPPS Oval, please email kcdon1977@gmail.com

Again, if you have any children’s books, household items (non-electrical) and pre loved toys (no fluffy toys). You can drop items off to the cubby room (Portable’s, room next to the Italian Room) in the left hand side corner. Please no adult books as we have had some wonderful donations from Rotary. We would ask that all items need to be clean and sellable. Any questions regarding the SKiPPS Fete Op Shop, please email: catherine_sharples@bigpond.com

Please like our Facebook Page: St Kilda Park Primary School Fete and visit our website: www.skippsfete.com where you can pre-purchase your all day ride ticket and see what we are doing at the fete.

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A Huge Thank-You!

Celebration of the Arts was a few weeks ago but we would like to extend a further thanks to all of our parents who offered their time on the roster for food preparation, BBQ cooking and food serving on the stalls throughout the evening. We couldn't do it without you!

Money Well Spent

Small events throughout the year (cake stalls, footy breakfast, Sushi, Skipps Mini Markets) allow SKiPPA to raise funds to purchase equipment requested by teachers to enhance the learning experience of all Skipps students. We’re excited to let you know of a few upcoming purchases that students will see in the classrooms later this term and into term 1 2016:

- Readers Theatre Scripts, costumes and props for use in library sessions to support teachers in ‘Speaking and Listening’. These activities will give students essential practice in reading fluency and public speaking while also providing opportunities for group work.
- Multi-use sports mat to replace the much-loved and very well used one currently in the sports cupboard!
- Kapla blocks, lego, sea-life animal sets and classroom counters for use in the Foundation space.
‘Do It In A Dress’ at SKIPPS

Felix, Wolf, Cuba, and I will be wearing school dresses at SKIPPS and DOING IT IN A DRESS! - from Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November,

‘Do It In A Dress’ is a campaign that raises money for scholarships for girls to go to high school in Sierra Leone, Africa. Here, girls get are taken out of school at a young age. Many are forced to get married and have children. They are at risk of dying in childbirth, getting AIDS, or being victims of violence. It is not safe to be a girl in Sierra Leone.

We are raising money so girls’ can stay at school. An educated girl is a powerful girl. $300 is enough for a scholarship for a girl to go to secondary school. This year our target is to raise $600, enough money for 2 scholarships!

If we’re successful, expect to see teachers in dresses! Andrew our vice principal Tim (FT), Matt (1/2M), Joe (5/6J), Taylor (5/6T) Luke (3/4C)and maybe more, will wear a dress all day on Friday the 27th of November. I think this is Really Good!

When you donate money you could also be saving a girl’s life.

We will be going around school and to classes to collect your donations from the 23rd of November – You'll see us – and our teachers! -in our school dresses. Change a girl’s life by supporting us to “DO IT IN A DRESS”!

Thank you,
Willoughby, Felix, Wolf, Cuba Grade 4
Looking for a dog sitter during summer holidays (2 gorgeous Labradors).
If you are interested please call Claudia 0407544152

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