



Year 1 Students - 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's SPELLATHON time! Spellathon is a fundraising event designed to be both a fun and an educational activity for our children.

Spellathon is a literacy based way for our children to help fundraise for our school. The spelling words that your child will be asked to learn are all from the current curriculum. The teachers in the school have selected the words and all the children will benefit academically from their participation. There will be lots of fun prizes awarded. Prizes will be based on sponsorship collected and also every child who spells all their words correctly will be entered into a prize draw where they could win one of two fun prizes in each year level.

This fundraising event is second only to the Fete in terms of revenue raised for the school. In 2016 we raised over \$18,000 - an amazing effort! Last year funds raised by the Spellathon contributed to refreshing the school's technology equipment (laptops and some desktops). Projects like these are of great benefit to all students in the school. Please encourage your friends, relatives and neighbours to sponsor your child and help us make Spellathon 2017 a great success.

IMPORTANT SPELLATHON DATES

Tuesday 14 March	Spellathon Test Day - Bring sponsorship forms but <u>no money</u> .
Tuesday 28 March	Money collection - Return sponsorship forms and money raised by this date so prizes can be determined.
Thursday 27 April (tbc)	Presentation Assembly - All prize winners will be presented with their prizes.

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Spellathon test day will be **TUESDAY 14 MARCH**. The spelling list for your child is attached. Teachers have selected words that are appropriate for your child's year level.

The sponsorship form is included for students to begin seeking sponsorship or donations from family, friends and neighbours (giving due consideration to your child's safety).

Sponsorship forms need to be returned to school on TUESDAY 14 MARCH so that the class teacher can enter the total words your child completed correctly. This form will then be sent home again with your child so you can include the sponsorship money. **Please do not send any money on 14 March.**

Sponsorship forms and money are due back to the office by TUESDAY 28 MARCH for your child to be eligible to win prizes. To minimise the possibility of cash being misplaced we have a credit card payment option. Please note we can only process one credit card payment per child.

PRIZE LIST

There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awarded for each year level as well as an opportunity for every child who spells all their words correctly to be entered into a prize draw where they could win one of two fun prizes in each year level.

1st prize	Value \$100	\$40 Bim Bam Boom gift voucher \$40 Australian Geographic gift voucher \$20 Smiggle gift voucher
2nd prize	Value \$75	\$30 Bim Bam Boom gift voucher \$25 Australian Geographic gift voucher \$20 Smiggle voucher
3rd prize	Value \$50	\$30 Australian Geographic gift voucher \$20 Smiggle gift voucher

The main prizes will be awarded to students based on a combination of correctly spelt words and the amount of sponsorship raised. Prizes will be awarded to the children on a points basis i.e. 1 point per word correctly identified and 1 point per \$ raised.

Example:	20 correct words identified	=	20 points
	\$10 raised	=	10 points
	Total	=	30 points

The students who accumulate the maximum points by this combined method will be awarded prizes at an assembly early in Term 2. The exciting prize draw for students who spell all their words correctly will also be done at this assembly.

Please encourage your children to be involved and support their efforts. No matter how small the amount of sponsorship, your child should feel proud that they have contributed.

If you have any queries please get in touch by emailing: gracevillespellathon@gmail.com

Thank you,
The Spellathon Team

