SPELLATHON

Year 5 and 6 Students - 2018

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. There will be lots of fun prizes awarded. Prizes will be based on sponsorship collected and words correctly spelt. In addition, children who spell all their words correctly will be entered in a prize draw for each year level.

This fundraising event is second only to the Fete in terms of revenue raised for the school. In 2017 we raised over $19,000 - an amazing effort! Last year funds raised by the Spellathon contributed to school resources with a Humanities and Social Sciences focus. 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 2018 a great success.

IMPORTANT SPELLATHON DATES

Tuesday 13 March	**Spellathon Test Day** - Bring sponsorship forms but <u>no money</u>.
Tuesday 27 March	**Money collection -** Return sponsorship forms and money raised by this date so prizes can be determined.
Thursday 26 April (tbc)	**Presentation Assembly -** All prize winners will be presented with their prizes.

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Spellathon test day will be **TUESDAY 13 MARCH.** The spelling list for your child is attached. 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 TUEDSDAY 13 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 13 March.**

Sponsorship forms and money are due back to the office by TUESDAY 27 MARCH for your child to be eligible to win prizes. To minimise the possibility of cash being misplaced we offer payment via School24, credit card or cheque.

School24 is the online ordering system used for tuckshop and fete purchases, and this year is offered as an easy and safe option for Spellathon donations from 14/3 until 27/3. If you don't have a School24 account yet, go to school24.net.au to register and follow the prompts. Use Graceville School ID code 25314963.

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	$50 Coles/Myer voucher
		$30 Movie voucher
		$20 Australian Geographic voucher
2nd prize	Value $75	$30 Movie voucher
		$25 Dymocks Bookstore voucher
		$20 Coles/Myer voucher
3rd prize	Value $50	$30 Coles/Myer voucher
		$20 Dymocks Bookstore 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