

Prep Students - 2019

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. As the Spellathon occurs so early in the year all Prep children have a modified list of skills instead of spelling words. There will be lots of fun prizes awarded. Prizes will be based on sponsorship collected and skills completed. In addition, children who complete all their skills successfully will be entered into a prize draw for their year level.

This fundraising event is second only to the Fete in terms of revenue raised for the school. In 2018 we raised over \$18 000 - an amazing effort! Last year funds raised by the Spellathon contributed to resources for the teaching and learning of writing, and this focus will continue this year. 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 2019 a great success.

IMPORTANT SPELLATHON DATES

Tuesday 19 March Spellathon Test Day - Bring sponsorship forms

but no money.

Tuesday 2 April Money collection - Return sponsorship forms

and money raised by this date so prizes can be

determined.

Thursday 9 May Presentation Assembly - All prize winners will

be presented with their prizes.

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Spellathon test day will be **TUESDAY 19 MARCH.** The skills 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 19 MARCH so that the class teacher can enter the total number of skills your child completed. 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 19 March.

Sponsorship forms and money are due back to the office by TUESDAY 2 APRIL 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 is offered as an easy and safe option for Spellathon donations from 20/3 until 7/4. 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 completes all their skills 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 gift 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 skills completed correctly and the amount of sponsorship raised. Prizes will be awarded to the children on a points basis i.e. 1 point per skill completed and 1 point per \$ raised.

Example: 20 skills completed = 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 complete all their skills successfully 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



