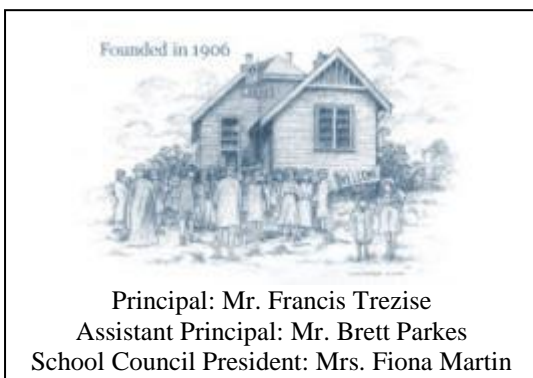


“SPRING GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL - A PLACE TO BELONG”

Our Values

RESPECT – Valuing self, all others, property and the environment
FRIENDLINESS – Interacting with all others in an open and welcoming manner
PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT – Striving to be the best we can
TEAM SPIRIT – Working together so we can learn from each other and all do our best
FAIRNESS – Being fair in everything we do
RESPONSIBILITY – Being relied upon to be honest, and do the right thing for yourself and the community



Term Dates 2017

Term 1 – 30th January to 31st March
 Term 2 - 18th April to 30th June
 Term 3 - 17th July to 22nd September
 Term 4 – 9th October to 22nd December

Broad brimmed hats are compulsory.
 We have a policy of ‘no hat, no play’. For the safety of students we enforce this policy strictly. Please ensure your child has an appropriate hat to wear

Newsletter 1 – Thursday, 2nd February 2017

Awards will commence next week

Diary Dates

| 2017 | | |
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| February | | |
| Friday, 3rd | 8.45am | Prep children commence Welcome morning tea |
| Monday, 6th | | Spring Gully Connects Program |
| Tuesday, 7th | | Spring Gully Connects Program |
| Wednesday, 8th | | Spring Gully Connects Program Prep students not required at school |
| Thursday, 9th | 9.00am | Parent Club Meeting Spring Gully Connects Program |
| Friday, 10th | 2.30pm | Spring Gully Connects Program – Whole School Performance |
| Wednesday, 15th | | Book Club Orders due Prep Students not required at school Welcome Family Picnic – Spring Gully Primary School bottom oval |
| Wednesday, 22nd | | Prep Students not required at school |
| Thursday, 23rd | 12.00pm – 3.00pm | Senior School Swimming Sports (Grades 3 – 6) |
| Tuesday, 28th | | Census Day |
| March | | |
| Monday, 13th | | Labour Day Holiday |
| Wednesday, 15th | 5.00pm | Grade 6 Urban Camp Information session |
| Monday, 27th– Wednesday, 29th | | Grade 6 Urban Camp |
| Tuesday, 21st | 9.00am – 11.00am | Harmony Day |
| Wednesday, 22nd | | School Photos |
| Friday, 31st | 2.15pm 2.30pm | Assembly End of Term 1 |

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**Every Week –
Tuesday and Thursday 7.45am sharp- 8.15am - Grades 3-6 Early Morning Swimming (First
4 weeks of Term 1)
Thursday 8.00am - 8.30am – YMCA Breakfast Program.
Friday 9am – Fresh Fruit Friday.**

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome!

Welcome to 2017! It was great to see everyone's smiling faces this week. We are very excited to be back at school. I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holidays and managed to catch up with family and friends. A very big welcome to our new Foundation (Prep) students who will commence school life at SGPS tomorrow. Welcome also to all of our new students across the school and their families. I hope your time at SGPS is very positive. A special mention also to our Year 6 students who are completing their last year of primary school. Have a wonderful year and I look forward to working with everyone at different stages throughout the year.

A big note of appreciation for the time and effort that our staff have put in to ensure everything was ready for the new school year. It was such a smooth transition and we are fortunate to have such a wonderful team.

School Captains for 2017

Billy M and Ellie T will be our School Captains for 2017. They are very excited to have been chosen as our leaders and I am very confident that they will do an outstanding job.

Student Leaders

This year student leaders will consist of two School Captains, six House Captains and an SRC President and Secretary. House Captains and SRC leaders will be elected by their peers in the next couple of weeks.

Monday Morning Assembly

The normal Monday morning assembly time of 8.45am will commence next Monday. Parents and family members are always welcome to attend our whole school assemblies on a Monday morning.

2-Minute Parking

Please note the 2-minute parking spaces to the southern side of the crossing. Please use this area as intended, for short stays only. Also, please remember that the speed limits in designated school speed zones during specified times (8.00 - 9.30 am and 2.30 - 4.00 pm) are now back in force.

Preps – Non-school days February

Parents of Prep children are reminded that for the month of February Prep children do not attend school on a Wednesday.

Supervision of students

A teacher is on duty from 8.30am in the morning. In the afternoon, two teachers are on duty until 3.30pm, one teacher at the back gate and one teacher at the front gate. At 3.30pm all children remaining (including those who are still at the back gate) will go to the front steps where they will be supervised until 3.45pm. If these times are not suitable, Camp Australia Outside School Hours Care is available every afternoon.

Booklist Collection Day

I would like to thank parents for their positive approach to booklist collection day. I would also like to acknowledge JI Paper and Office Products for their professional collating and delivery of books.

Newsletter Electronically

Parents are asked to ensure that they receive the newsletter each Thursday as it is an important form of communication between school and parents. An electronic version is available on the school web site and the school app also contains a copy of the most recent newsletter.

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New Staff

This year we have a number of new faces at our school –Mr Sam Muscatello, Ms Bethany Haxby, Mrs Peta Dougall and Ms Julie Robertson. We will also have Dina Pigan working as a German Language Assistant.

I wish all new staff and returning staff well for the coming school year.

Grade Structure for 2017

Class Teachers:

Prep – Ms Madie Floyd
Prep – Ms Bethany Haxby
Prep – Ms Amy Poulton
Grade 1 – Mr Rohan Daenke
Grade 1 – Mrs Kerrin Yates / Mrs Jenna Brewer
Grade 2 – Mrs Kristy Pesina
Grade 2 – Mr Mark Stevens
Grade 3/4 –Mr Daniel Lidgett
Grade 3/4 – Ms Ashlea Lockett
Grade 3/4 –Mr Chris McClellan
Grade 3/4 – Ms Kate Murphy
Grade 3/4m – Mr Sam Muscatello
Grade 5 – Mr Luke Crawford

Grade 5 – Mrs Evelyn Hartney / Mrs Jane Rodda
Grade 6 – Mr Nathan Philpotts
Grade 6 – Mr Luke Staley

Specialist Teachers:

LOTE – Mrs Felicity Woodward
Art – Mrs Shannon Leed
Music – Mrs Merle Hopman
Reading Recovery – Mrs Jan Alexander
Language Assistant – Ms Dina Pigan

Welfare Staff:

Chaplain - Mrs Barb Miller
Play Therapist – Kim Collins

Leadership:

- Principal: Mr Francis Trezise
- Assistant Principal: Mr Brett Parkes

Administration Staff:

- Business Manager: Ms Judy Turner
- Mrs Wendy Sloane

Library:

- Mrs Gen Rodda

Integration Staff:

- Mrs Gen Rodda
- Mrs Cheryl Watson
- Mrs Wendy Sloane
- Mrs Sophie Smith
- Ms Emily Ludeman
- Mrs Peta Dougall
- Ms Julie Robertson

Crossing Supervisor – Carmel Pollock

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Students Absent from School

A reminder to parents of arrangements for children absent from school:

- Please ring the school between 8.15am and 8.45am to advise that your child will be absent (54437230) or text a message only to 0427 840 915. Please do not leave a voice message on the above mobile number. Absences can also be submitted via our school app
- Parents of children absent without notification will be contacted by SMS, phone, or a note sent home to verify their child's absence from school on that day.

If parents know in advance of a child's absence from school on a particular day/s, then a note prior to the absence will suffice.

Working with Children Check Forms

Spring Gully Primary School insists that all volunteers have a current WWC Check. Forms to apply are available online – www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

Leaving Early

If for some reason your child needs to be collected during school hours it is our responsibility to ensure that procedures are in place for the collection of your child. The procedures determined by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development are as follows:

Students must only be collected by their parents (subject to any specific court orders) or by a person who has been authorized by you to pick up your child. We will record when the student has been collected early from school, the reason for the collection, the person who received the child (including signature), and, if the person is not known to the school, verification of identity using suitable photo identification (eg. Driver's licence).

We ask that you come, or the person authorized by you, to the office and complete the sign out slip form. These requirements are necessary to comply with Department regulations, minimize legal liabilities, and assist with emergency management and to provide adequate duty of care.

School Times

A reminder that school times are:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 8.40am | First bell |
| 8.45am | Lessons commence |
| 11.00am – 11.30am | Recess |
| 1.00pm – 2.00 pm | Lunch |
| 3.15pm | Dismissal |

School Crossing Times

The school crossing is supervised from 8.00am-8.45am and 3.00pm-3.45pm by our friendly crossing supervisor, Carmel Pollock. Please make sure your children use the crossing at all times if they are crossing Spring Gully Road.

Student Contact Details

To assist us with our preparedness and the accuracy of our data, we ask parents to check and return the contact details we currently have on record that were given out on booklist collection day. Please return by Monday, 6th February even if there are no changes.

We appreciate your assistance in helping us to ensure the safety of your children through correct record management and communication.

Uniform Policy

Footwear should be chosen so that your child is appropriately and safely prepared to engage in a range of school activities e.g. sport. Sandals may be worn in summer provided that the foot is securely held and toes and heels are protected. Scuffs, massage sandals, thongs, shoes with high heels or platform soles, clogs and Ugg boots are not acceptable. Stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Cosmetics and nail polish should not be worn at school. Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back for safety reasons and to reduce the risk of infestation with head lice.

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Children's Photos for the Media or Web Page

On occasions, we have journalists attend the school who wish to photograph children for articles; we publish photos in the newsletter or on our Web Page. We are currently seeking information on students whose photographs are **NOT** to be published. If you do not wish your child's photograph to be included, please complete the slip and return to school as soon as possible, alternatively reply via email at your earliest convenience. It is assumed that if you do not complete this form then we have permission to 'responsibly' use your child's photograph.

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Therefore, bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school is discouraged.

Kids Club

'Kids Club' classroom will continue again this year. This room is made available to children to use during lunchtime each day and provides an alternative to traditional playground activities. Kids Club is fully supervised and a range of stimulating activities are made available. Current activities include chess, air hockey, foosball, painting, construction and drawing. Kids Club will be held in the portable next to the Junior Building and will open next week.

Help Wanted – Sick Bay Linen Laundering

We would like to have a roster of parent volunteers who will take responsibility for laundering the linen from the sick bay. This will involve collecting the linen from the sick bay on Friday afternoon, laundering it over the weekend and then remaking the sick bay bed on Monday morning. With enough volunteers this will require you being prepared to launder the linen perhaps once per term. If you are able to assist, please fill in the slip on today's newsletter and return it to the office. Last year we had many volunteers enabling each volunteer parent to be on two or three times for the year. It would be great if we had a similar response in 2017.

Family Law Courts & Intervention Orders

Families that have Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders are requested to provide a copy to the school so that the school can act in accordance with any orders. Family Law Court Orders stipulate the rights of both parties and enable us to act appropriately and lawfully. It is also appropriate that the school is in possession of the most recent Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders.

Student Accident Insurance

As a school we do as much as we can to protect and care for injured students including first aid, notifying parents and emergency contacts if students are injured or hurt, and if necessary, an ambulance is called. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refunded by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from that fund. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector and these can be obtained by parents for their children.

Late Arrivals and Punctuality

If your child does arrive late we ask that you come via the office and sign a late note. This is necessary as class rolls are marked by 8.50am and if your child is not in class at this time they will be marked as absent. By signing the late note we are able to adjust our records so your child is then marked as late rather than absent. Punctuality is very important. Please assist your child by having them to school on time.

Money Sent To School

All money sent to school should be in a sealed envelope with child's name, grade, teacher's name, name of activity being paid for and the amount enclosed, written on the front of the envelope. Correct money would be appreciated. These envelopes are to go to the child's class teacher by 8.45am each morning.

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Weekly Awards

Principal Awards – Principal Awards are nominated by the classroom teacher. This year student awards will follow the schedule/cycle below:

1. Preps, Grade 1 and Grade 2
2. Grade 3 and Grade 4
3. Grade 5 and Grade 6

The Principal Awards are based on the school values.
Principal Awards are presented at assembly the following week.

Value Tree Awards – These awards are also nominated by the teachers. The Value Tree Awards are also based on the school values. When nominated, students received a raffle ticket with their name and value they have demonstrated. The ticket is then placed into a box in the foyer. Tickets are randomly drawn from the ‘Value Tree’ box. These students receive a Value Tree leaf with their name and value which is presented at assembly. Students place the leaf on the Value Tree in the foyer.

Sports Star Awards – These awards are nominated by Michael Smith (Health & PE Co-ordinator). Sports Star Awards are designed to recognize ‘Active Participation’ (Prep-1), ‘Sportsmanship’ (Grades 2- 3), and ‘Most Disciplined Player’ (Grades 4, 5 & 6). Sports Star Awards are presented at assembly the following week.

YMCA Breakfast Program

Starting Thursday, 9th February and will continue each Thursday before school

The YMCA will be providing breakfast for our school community again in 2017. Staff, students and their families are invited to attend our breakfasts held by the YMCA.

The breakfast program is a time for the children to eat a nutritional breakfast, have fun, meet new friends, and relax in an environment that is going to provide a great start to their day. The breakfast is for you and your children at no expense to families.

In providing this program the YMCA aims to nurture a great school community and one that will provide fellowship.

Sunsmart Hats

All children at Spring Gully Primary School are required to wear a Sunsmart hat during recess, lunch, P.E, Sport and any other outdoor activity.

The Cancer Council Sun Smart recommendation is that hats be worn from the 2nd of September until late April.

The only acceptable hats at Spring Gully Primary School are plain green or black Sunsmart hats, consistent with our Sunsmart Policy.

When choosing your hat, remember:

- a hat should shade your face, head, ears and neck
- a broad brimmed hat should have a brim of at least 7.5 cm
- a bucket hat should have a deep crown, angled brim of at least 6 cm and sit low on the head

To best support our Sun Smart policy, please clearly and permanently label your child’s name on the inside of the hat. Tracing ownership in a school of this size can be an impossible task if articles are not named. An identifying sign is not sufficient to enable us to trace owners.

Children who do not have an appropriate hat will only be permitted to play in allocated shaded areas.

You can obtain more information on the following website sunsmart.com.au where you can check the SunSmart UV Alert for daily sun protection times and find a free SunSmart app and website widget.

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Booklist Items

ALL children must provide **ALL** items on the booklist and bring them to school, regardless of whether parents have ordered through the school, purchased elsewhere or are using carry over items from previous years. If your child still has some outstanding items, please ensure they are provided by Monday. If you are having any difficulty in sourcing these items, please contact the office.

Families that have collected and paid for their stationery items and levies will have already paid for the Spring Gully Connects incursion. This incursion was included on the booklist.

Those families that did not have a booklist through the school and are still to pay their levies, will need to pay for this incursion by Monday, 6th February. All other outstanding levies need to be paid for by Friday, 10th February. If you are unsure, please contact the office.

Bushfire-At-Risk-Register Policy

The Department of Education and Training (DET) in association with Emergency Management Victoria have worked closely to develop new policy that will ensure Victorian schools are prepared for bushfire season. Currently when a Code Red Fire Danger Rating (FDR) day has been determined, schools on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) are required to pre-emptively close.

Now, under a new policy developed by DET certain schools in exceptional circumstances may also pre-emptively close or relocate on days where an Extreme FDR day has been forecast.

A decision to close or relocate will only be made in extreme circumstances and through close consultation with the Department of Education and Training, and advice from Emergency Management Victoria.

Parents will be notified of any closure or relocation by 3.00pm the day prior to the forecast Extreme (FDR) day.

Our highest priority is the safety of all of our students and staff, and the Department and Emergency Management Victoria have worked closely on this policy to ensure that all schools are prepared for the bushfire season.

School Review

Having completed our School Self-Evaluation in 2016, the School Review will now take place on Wednesday, 15th February and Tuesday, 21st February. These two days will involve the input of myself, Mr Parkes (our Assistant Principal), Damien Jenkyn (Senior Education Improvement Leader), Fiona Martin (School Council President), two Challenge Partners (usually Principals), Mike Rowland (our Reviewer) and a number of SGPS staff members.

These panel days will allow us to acknowledge our areas of success, clearly identify the areas that need to be strengthened and to begin to put in place a new plan for our school. The end result will be a new Strategic Plan that will guide the work that we do for the next 4 years.

BSE Uniforms

A former parent of our school, Nicole Franzi, has generously donated some second-hand BSE uniforms for us to give to our SGPS families. We have the following items for a boy:

- 1 x Sports Shorts (size 12)
- 2 x School Shorts (size 12-14)
- 1 x Rugby Jumper (size 12)

If you currently have a child/children at BSE and could benefit from Nicole's generosity, please let me know.

Francis Trezise
Principal

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From the Assistant Principal

Medical information

Welcome to the 2017 school year!

In order to provide a safe and secure school environment, it is very important for you, as parents or guardians, to inform the school of any medical issues relating to your child, or children, that you feel we should know about. Thank you to those who have already done so. If there are any changes, or new medical conditions arise throughout the year, the school should be informed.

If your child suffers from asthma, we do require an **up to date** Asthma Plan specific to your child. If you think it necessary, relevant asthma medication can be kept in our security room in a labelled container.

If your child carries their Asthma medication with them each day, their classroom teacher needs to be informed.

If your child suffers from any allergies we do require specific information and 2017 action as required.

All Anaphylactic students need to provide an **up to date** Anaphylaxis Action Plan and relevant medication to be kept at school. All staff are trained in the use of Epi-Pens each semester.

If you require any information about medical issues please see Wendy or myself.

Student Medication

On occasions it is necessary for children to take medication while they are at school. In line with Department Guidelines, we keep a Medications Book at the office. If your child requires medication to be administered during school hours, a signed medication request form needs to accompany the medicine, and this medicine is to be left at the office. For safety reasons, it is not advisable for medication to be sent along with your child or left in school bags. The student will come to the office for the medication at the designated time, and may collect the medication at the end of the day. Only asthma medication can be kept in classrooms or schoolbags.

Social Worker & Barb Miller

Kim Collins, social worker and play therapist, will continue to work in our school each Thursday.

To access this service free through Medicare, a current Mental Health Plan is required.

Kim may have some time available for new clients. Please contact Kim on 0431047322 or if you have any questions about what the service involves please see Francis or myself.

Barb Miller is our School Chaplain who provides invaluable support to a number of families at our school. Barb works on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Please contact Barb through the school office or myself.

'Spring Gully Connects' Program

The *Spring Gully Connects* program will run during Week 2 and is wonderful way to begin the 2017 school year.

Like *'Let's Get Moving'* in 2016, students and teachers will work together to learn performance routines throughout the week in readiness for the whole school performance on **Friday 10th February at 2:30pm** on the basketball court. This program promotes the importance of an active lifestyle, resilience, teamwork and a love of music and dance. It plays a significant role in helping establish classes for the year and encouraging students to *'connect'* with each other. We would like to thank (in advance) Natalie Hannaford for providing this program in 2017 and look forward to seeing as many families as possible in attendance next Friday.

Head Lice

Schools have ongoing issues with head lice. Anyone can get head lice. People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice.

Teachers will be providing a flyer from Victoria Health in their first class email about the treatment and control of head lice. This information includes finding head lice, treating head lice, the life cycle of head lice, regulations and prevention. I encourage all parents to read this information, and to regularly check your child's head.

Grade 3-6 Netbook Program

Families will have received information from Grade 3-6 teachers on Interview Day regarding the 3-6 netbook program. For your child to receive a brand new netbook to support their learning at school and at home the school requires a parent contribution of \$120 per year. This contribution makes funding the program possible for the 215 in Grades 3 to 6.

Parents also need to have signed the netbook lease agreement and read through, discussed and signed the User Agreement with their child. This is an important document that outlines the responsibility that each child is taking on by having their own netbook. Teachers will focus firmly on protocols, internet safety and ethical use of the internet in class before netbooks will be allowed home. We want to ensure all students understand their

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responsibilities and know how to be safe in the online world. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Brett Parkes

Assistant Principal

parkes.brett.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Administration News

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Application forms should be completed and lodged at school by 28th February 2017, as payments are made from March.

Application forms are available for download or printed copies are available at school.

Thank you to those parents that completed their application form on Booklist Collection Day.

Specialist Staff Information

PE / Sport News

Early Morning Swimming

During the first 4 weeks of the school year, Spring Gully Primary School will conduct an optional Early Morning Swimming Program for students from Grades Three to Six. Students will participate every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:45am to 8:15am at the East Bendigo Swimming Pool, commencing today Tuesday, 7th February. The cost of the program will be \$2.10 per day for children without a season ticket. Children with a season ticket will be free of charge.

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from this activity.

The focus of the program will be to improve fitness, stroke development and general participation in swimming. This is particularly beneficial for those preparing for our swimming sports and for those wishing to be selected to represent SGPS at the Bendigo School's Swimming Carnival. Children will participate in lap swimming and parents are encouraged to join in. If your child is not a confident swimmer and cannot swim across the pool with ease, parental **supervision is compulsory.**

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Senior School Swimming Sports

On Thursday, 23rd of February we will be conducting our **Senior School Swimming Sports** for all children in grades 3 to 6. The Sports will be held at Bendigo East Swimming pool from approximately 12pm to 3pm. A bus has been organised to transport the students. They will participate in their age group in a number of timed or untimed swimming races, varying in lengths (depending on the child's competency level).

Fun and participation will be the main focus of the day and students do not need to be confident swimmers, nor display correct stroke technique to take part. They will be able to choose the races that they would like to go in.

Novelty games in the small shallow pool will be organised for less confident swimmers to allow for maximum student participation.

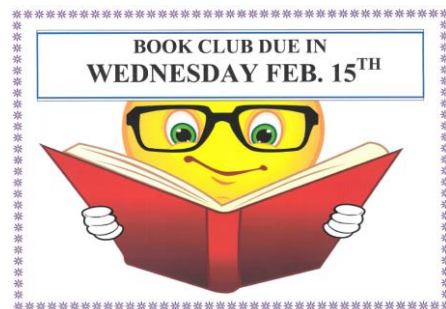
House points will be awarded for each event your child participates in, including novelty games. Winning students of the timed, full length (50m) races may then be selected to represent the school at the upcoming Division Schools Carnival (depending on their time and correct stroke technique). Students will also have a 'free swim' if time permits.

An information sheet will be sent home soon. All return slips on this note need will need to be brought back to school as soon as possible.

Michael Smith – PE Co-ordinator

Library News

I ask parents to help their kids look after Library books by making sure they have a library bag(a greenbag or shopping bag is fine), and encouraging kids to put their books in a safe place at home away from pets and little brothers and sisters. Parents are also welcome to borrow, just see Gen to arrange this.



Gen Rodda – Librarian

I encourage parents to use the online loop order option rather than sending cash to school. If cash is the only way of payment, then by all means send your order along.



Music News

Instrumental Music Tuition - Drums

David Dewar (ANZCA EXAMINATIONS INSTRUCTOR GR 1-8)

David can prepare students for exam preparations from beginners to advanced levels in the ANZCA system, incorporating study of pieces, technical work and aural training.

But the main thing David likes to teach students is to have fun.

The only requirement for new students is a set of drumsticks and a clear display book.

David currently teaches at Catholic College& his own Music School at 198 Queen Street, Bendigo.

He has been playing drums professionally for 15 years in several current top 40 cover bands doing regular work every week.

His current cover band is Clockwork Orange.

Drum Lessons are \$20 for a half hour lesson.

Please contact David on 0409 452 732 or 0408 691 835 for further information.

Lessons will commence 2nd week of term.

Merle Hopman (Music Specialist)

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General



Parent Club News

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome. We hope you all enjoyed the festive season and are excited for a sensational 2017!

To kick off the new school year we would like to invite parents, grandparents and guardians to come along to our **Welcome Morning Tea** tomorrow morning. So why not come along, relax, have a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

Parents Club will also be hosting their annual **Welcome Family Picnic**, it's a great chance for everyone to get to know each other and/or catch up on what happened during the holidays. The picnic will be held on Wednesday 15th February on the Bottom Oval at the school, a flyer with further details will be sent home soon.

Our first meeting of the year will be at 9am, Thursday 9th September 2017 in the staff room. We are looking for new members so please come along to see what we're all about, share some of your great ideas and make some new friends.

Stay in touch with Parents Club activities through the newsletter, the school app and via facebook:
www.facebook.com/SpringGullyParentsClub.

Parking Safely around Schools

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

Return Slips

Sick Bay Laundry Roster

I am willing to be added to the Sick Bay Laundry roster for 2017.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

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**Children's Photos for the Media or Web Page
No Consent for 2017**

This form needs to be returned only if you want your child's image restricted.

Parent Name: _____

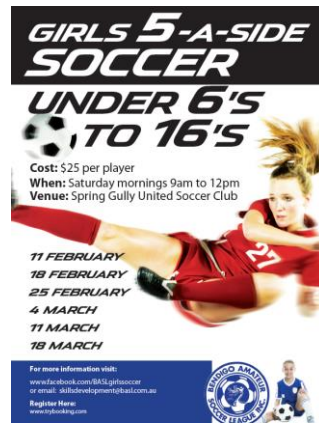
| Name of child/children | Grade |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1: _____ | _____ |
| 2: _____ | _____ |
| 3: _____ | _____ |
| 4: _____ | _____ |

I do not want my child's image to be included in the following media (**tick as appropriate**);

- School Newsletter
- School Web Site
- Local Publications eg. Bendigo Advertiser, WIN TV.

Signature: _____

Community News



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