

## **"SPRING GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL - A PLACE TO BELONG"**

### **Our Values**

**RESPECT** – Valuing self, all others, property and the environment

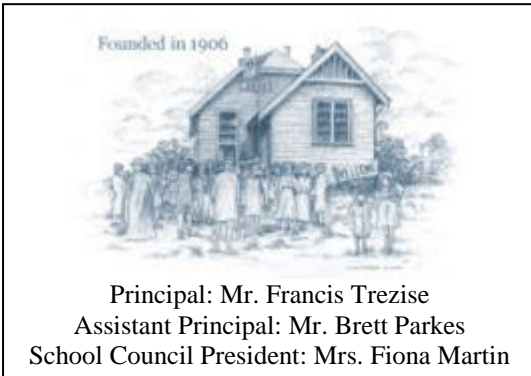
**FRIENDLINESS** – Interacting with all others in an open and welcoming manner

**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



### **Reminders:**

Grade 5 - 6 Girls' Puberty Night tonight  
6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Curriculum Day – Term 2**

**Monday, May 29th**

**Students will not attend on this day**

## **Newsletter 12 – Thursday, 4th May 2017**

### **PRINCIPAL AWARDS – GRADES PREP, ONE & TWO**

**Isabella H-Y** – Prep Floyd: Isabella is a friendly and polite member of our grade. She approaches all tasks in a positive and enthusiastic manner. Isabella happily displays our school values. Keep up the great work Isabella!

**Hunter B** – Prep Haxby: Hunter is working very hard on his handwriting and reading to achieve his best. He sets a great example for all his class mates with his hard work. Keep it up Hunter.

**Joshua R** – Prep Poulton: for reading every night. Josh is becoming a wonderful reader and his commitment to reading at home and at school each day is outstanding!

**Maya D** – 1 Daenke: Maya demonstrates Spring Gully school values every day. Her attitude towards learning and challenging herself sets an example for her classmates. Keep striving for more Maya.

**Justin H** – 1 Yates/Brewer: for showing such deep respect and understanding for the learning we did about ANZAC day and for bringing his dad to school to talk with us.

**Mitch M** – 2 Pesina: for enjoying his learning. Mitch shows a particular enthusiasm towards overcoming challenging mathematical problems and understands the importance of practise. Well done Mitch!

**Ava M** – 2 Stevens: for 'having a go'. Ava has a 'growth mindset' as she is always excited to try new things, doesn't worry if things go wrong and learns from her mistakes. Great job Ava!

### **VALUE TREE AWARDS**

**Fairness:** Lincoln P

**Personal Achievement:** Alana B, Daimeson D, Aaron M, Shannon V, Oliver W

**Team Spirit:** Lulu S, Tomlin D

**Friendliness:** Starsha B, Eoghan R

**Respect:** Frankie S, Mia G-J, Maya T

### **SPORTS AWARDS – GRADES PREP, ONE & TWO**

Prep F – **Isabella H-Y**; Prep H – **Sean M**; Prep P – **Remy K**; 1 Daenke – **Iris H**; 1 Yates/Brewer – **Curtis P**;  
2 Pesina – **Rebecca H**; 2 Stevens – **Xavier S**

### **ART AWARD**

**Taylan T**– 6 Staley: Taylan used willow and compressed charcoal to draw a fantastic half self-portrait.

### **LOTE AWARD**

**Ingrid G** - Prep F: for confidently using her German words to describe her family.

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## Diary Dates

<b>2017</b>		
<b>May</b>		
Thursday, 4th	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Grade 5 - 6 Girls' Puberty Night
Tuesday, 9th - Thursday, 11th		Grade 3 - 5 NAPLAN
Friday 12th		Division Cross Country
Saturday, 13th	9.00am – 1.00pm	Farmer's Market Stall
Monday, 15th	6.00pm – 7.00pm 7.00pm – 7.30pm 7.30pm – 9.00pm	Grounds/Landscape Meeting Accountability & Management Meeting School Council Meeting
Friday, 19th	9.00am	Grade 3 Sovereign Hill Excursion Parent Club Meeting
Sunday, 21st – Saturday, 27th		Education Week
Wednesday, 24th	6.30pm	Prospective 2018 Prep Parent Information Evening
Thursday, 25th	9.00am – 1.00pm 9.00am – 1.00pm	Whole School Open Day Grandparents Day
Monday, 29th		Assessment & Reporting Day – Students do not attend
<b>June</b>		
Monday, 5th	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Education & Community Development Meeting
Tuesday, 6th		Regional Cross Country
Monday, 12th		Queen's Birthday
Wednesday, 7th		Division Soccer
Friday, 16th	6.00pm – 8.00pm	School Disco
Monday, 19th	6.00pm – 7.00pm 7.00pm – 7.30pm 7.30pm – 9.00pm	Grounds/Landscape Meeting Accountability & Management Meeting School Council Meeting
Thursday, 22nd	9.15am – 10.30am	Grade 6 ADP presentation
Wednesday, 28th		Grade 5 - 6 Girls' Football Carnival
Thursday, 29th		Grade 5 - 6 Boys' Football Carnival
Friday, 30th	2.15pm 2.30pm	Assembly End of Term 2
<b>July</b>		
Monday, 17th		Term 3 commences

### Every Week –

**Tuesday and Thursday 8.00am sharp - 8.30am - Early Morning Running Club**

**Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm – German Club**

**Thursday 8.00am - 8.30am – YMCA Breakfast Program.**

**Friday 9am – Fresh Fruit Friday.**

### *From the Principal*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

#### **\$5.17m Confirmed for SGPS!**

I am delighted to confirm that the State Government has allocated \$5,170,000 in capital works funding to our school. We were also allocated maintenance money totalling \$216,000 just over 12 months ago that we have held onto, hoping that we would be successful in our quest for capital works money. This means that we will have a total budget of almost \$5.4m. Lots of work has been done in the last 12 months by our staff and School Council to meet a number of deadlines, ensuring we could be considered for this budget. It is great that we can now proceed with certainty. We will continue to be guided by e+ architecture and DET. We hope to be able to provide a community information session soon.

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### **Mother's Day Breakfast**

We will be holding a special Mother's breakfast Day next Friday. We would love to see lots of mums, step-mums and special friends joining us for a yummy cooked breakfast. Please see the attached document for further details. Please note: A hard copy of this note was also sent home with the children today.

### **Michael Grose Parenting Ideas**

This week I have included an article titled "Fathering Daughters" I hope some of you find parts of this information useful.

*Francis Trezise*  
Principal

*From the Assistant Principal*

***There is no safe number of days for missing school. Every day counts.***

### **Week 2 of Term 2**

**94% total** school wide attendance

**97%** school wide attendance (*not including absences relating to illness or medical*)

There were **21** late arrivals in Week 2. **Wow! This is our lowest for the year!**

**This weeks's e-safe topic:** What can I do about all the ads my kids see online and in games? There's not much you can do without severely restricting your kids' online time. Companies are constantly on the lookout for new and creative ways to reach kids -- and they've increased ads in games and websites. But you have some options. Here are some ideas for limiting the amount of advertising your child is exposed to in digital entertainment:

Spring for the paid app. **Lots of free apps offer paid versions that are ad-free.**

Avoid blatantly branded websites. **HappyMeal, Lego, Lucky Charms, Bratz, HotWheels, and plenty more are basically giant, interactive ads.**

**Stick to non-commercial sites or ones that reinforce your values.** Few content providers are completely ad-free. Disney has announced it's restricting junk-food advertising on all its properties, including TV shows, apps, and games.

**Give kids an allowance.** Whether its real money, an online account, or a gift card, kids who have to use their own money to pay for a download will really consider its value.

- *CommonSense Media.*

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/marketing-to-kids/what-can-i-do-about-all-the-ads-my-kids-see-online-and-in-games>

### **Curriculum Day**

All staff took part in lots of new learning about the new writing program we are implementing at SGPS called **VCOP & The Big Write**. As you can see in the photo below, lots of new learning was complimented with a bit of fun playing some of the writing games that are part of the program.

This one was a variation of *Simon says*, called 'Kung Fu Punctuation'.



*Assistant Principal*

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### **Administration News**

#### **School Photos**

We have group photos of School Captains, House Captains, Student Representative Council, Choir and Grade 6 Muck Up on display at the office. To order these photos, which cost \$10 per photo, go to the website:

[www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au) and use your unique order code. (Contact the office if you require your unique code.)

### **Specialist Staff Information**

#### **PE / Sport News**

#### **Sandhurst Division Cross Country**

Around 80 students from Grades 3 to 6 will be representing the school at the Sandhurst Division Cross Country on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of May at the Bendigo Racecourse (Jockey Club). The students will be traveling by bus in 2 groups:

##### **Group 1**

10 years 2000m Boys

10 years 2000m Girls

8/9 years 2000m Boys

8/9 years 2000m Girls

**Racing starts at approximately 10.30am - Bus leaves S.G.P.S. at 9.10am**

##### **Group 2**

11 years 3000m Boys

11 years 3000m Girls

12/13 years 3000m Boys

12/13 years 3000m Girls

**Racing starts at approximately 12.45pm - Bus leaves S.G.P.S. at 11.20am**

All children need to wear appropriate running attire and must wear the school colours. Children competing in the morning sessions will need a drink and snack. Those competing in the afternoon are to bring their own lunch and drink in reusable containers. **Asthmatic children are advised to pre-medicate, warm up and carry inhalers. I also strongly advise the students to bring a change of clothes, including footwear, as the track may be quite muddy.**

The first twelve place getters (6 boys, 6 girls) in the BLUE section of the 10, 11 and 12/13 year events will be invited to represent the Division at the Regional Championships in St. Arnaud on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

All interested students should have received a permission note yesterday. Please see me if you did not. Good luck!

#### **Swimming Program**

Our Swimming Program commenced this week for some grades and is running very smoothly. Students in grades 3/4, 5 and 1Y/B will start their program on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Could you please ensure that your child has their swimming gear organised – swimming bag, bathers, towel, goggles (if desired) and thongs/sandals. All goggles need to be adjusted and fitting comfortably prior to coming to school. We also suggest that students bring an extra plastic bag to place their wet items in and that all items are clearly labelled. Thongs/sandals are not to be worn to school. Students will be given an opportunity to change into them prior to catching the bus to the pool.

#### **Group 2**

<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Lesson 3</b>	<b>Lesson 4</b>	<b>Lesson 5</b>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>

<b>Time</b>	<b>Grades</b>
9.30 – 10.10	3/4 Mac & 3/4 Lockett
10.10 – 10.50	3/4 Lidgett & 3/4 Murphy
10.50 – 11.30	3/4 Muscatello & 5 Hartney
11.30 – 12.15	1 Yates/Brewer & 5 Crawford

*You may note that this is earlier in the year and more spread out than our usual timeframe, however this has been determined by the availability of the pool. Grade 3 and 5 students will also be swimming after they have completed NAPLAN. Next year, we have secured a 2 week block at the end of Term 4.*

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The students will complete five sessions with a fully qualified Austswim teacher from the Leisure Centre. Each session will be of 40 minutes duration. As this program forms part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum, it is important for all students to attend and take part in the lessons.

### **Early Morning Running Club**

Any student who is interested in improving their fitness, particularly leading into the Zone Cross Country, is encouraged to attend Early Morning Running Club. This will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to 8.30am. Please note: I ask that any student in Grade P-2 is accompanied by an older sibling or adult.

Students will meet me at Foley Crossing (the bridge on the path to our school crossing) and run laps around the creek track.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

**Michael Smith (PE Co-ordinator)**

### ***German Club***

This week in German Club we learnt about German food and made Apfelstrudel. Here is Thomas and his mum busily making their Strudel.

German Club runs from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on Wednesdays in the library. Newcomers are welcome.



***Felicity Woodward (German Teacher)***

### ***General***



### ***Parent Club News***

**Next Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> May 9am in the Staffroom**

**Farmer's Market** – Just a reminder that the Farmer's Market is happening on the 13<sup>th</sup> May from 9am – 1pm, please come along and support the school by making a donation for seedlings. Please tell all your friends and family to come along too!

**Mother's Day Activity** – We are currently completing the activity with students this week and during the following week Parents Club will be busy completing the final tasks, such as wrapping. We have had a massive response to this year's activity which has increased the amount of work to be done, so we are looking for anyone who is able to come along and help please contact Sam on 0401 007 325. Thank you.

**Disco – SAVE THE DATE!** We announced at assembly this week that Parents Club is holding a Disco on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June between 6.30 – 8.00pm that will be held in the BER Building at school. Further details will be provided closer to the event.

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As we are really busy with the Mothers Day Activity this week we will need helpers for **Fresh Fruit Friday**, we will be starting at 8.30 this week. Please come and help.

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

### *Repeat Notices From the Principal*



#### **Education Week**

Sunday, 21st May – Saturday, 27th May

Education Week is a time when prospective parents, family and community members are formally invited to come and visit our school. It encourages current family members to participate in the activities that their child participates in at school, whilst allowing prospective parents the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what Spring Gully Primary School can offer their child. We are offering a range of activities during Education Week this year, and hope that you will be able to join us during this time.

#### **Wednesday, 24th May**

Prospective Prep Parent Information Evening

6.30pm - 7.30pm

The information evening aims to provide parents of children beginning school in 2018 an understanding of Spring Gully Primary School and all that we have to offer. The evening will provide an overview of the curriculum and information regarding the wellbeing and specialist programs that are in place. We will include information about how you can become part of our school community and how you can be involved in your child's education. It is also an opportunity to meet current Prep teachers and myself. The evening will conclude with time to answer any questions that you may have.

#### **Open Day – Thursday, 25th May**

**9.00am – 1.00pm**

Once again we will be formally inviting prospective parents, current families and community members into our school. We are keen to ensure that both new and current families can witness activities that students at Spring Gully Primary School participate in. Please keep an eye out for further information in an upcoming classroom newsletter.

#### **Playground Equipment**

The playground equipment out the front of the school is for the sole use of our Grade Prep – 2 children. This rule is also applicable for the period immediately after school each day.

#### **Kids Club**

Kids Club continues to provide our children with alternative activities during lunchtime. Students are enjoying a variety of activities such as drawing, dress-ups, puppets, lego, billiards, etc.

#### **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is an everyday part of the school calendar and has been since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

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- Writing (May 9th – 40 minutes for both Grades)
- Language Conventions (May 9th – 40 minutes for both Grades)
- Reading (May 10th – Grade 3 for 45 minutes, Grade 5 for 50 minutes)
- Numeracy (May 11th – Grade 3 for 45 minutes, Grade 5 for 50 minutes).

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. The information gained from these tests is used to support the teaching and learning that takes place at our school. All parents will receive a comprehensive report of their child's NAPLAN results.

### **2018 Prep Dates**

The dates and activities below relate to our 2018 Prep intake. Prospective Prep parents are encouraged to partake in these activities.

### **Education Week Activities & Dates**

Prospective Prep Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, 24th May – 6.30pm-7.30pm

For an individual appointment, please contact Mr. Francis Trezise, Principal

### **Whole School Open Day**

Thursday, 25th May – 9.00am -1.00pm

### **Information Evening for 2018 Prep Parents**

Wednesday, 8th November – 6.30pm-7.30pm

Information regarding additional orientation opportunities will be provided at this session.

### **Orientation Program Dates for 2018 Preps**

Thursday, 23rd November – 9.00am-10.00am

Wednesday, 29th November – 9.00am-11.00am

Tuesday, 12th December – 9.00am-12.45pm

### **Lost Property**

The cooler mornings and warm afternoons mean that the lost property pile grows. If students have their names clearly printed on items of clothing, mainly jackets and windcheaters, we can return them without difficulty. A large number of items are not named and this adds to the ever growing pile of lost property.

### **Open Day/Grandparents Day – Advanced Warning**

As part of Education Week celebrations (May 21-27) we will once again be inviting our grandparents to school to celebrate the important role they play in the lives of our children. If grandparents are unable to attend we would encourage a special friend to take their place. This could be an auntie, uncle, cousin, family friend, etc. More information will be available next term but in the meantime please get all grandparents to lock the following date into their calendars – Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May from 9am-1pm. Grandparents are more than welcome to spend longer at school and enjoy lunch with their child/children.

### *From the Assistant Principal*

### **Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) - Positive Behaviour Support Program**

For parents and carers of children and young adults diagnosed with Autism, aged between 6–25 years and living at home. Highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based, autism specific, **3 day** Positive Behaviour Support Workshops.

**Register** ONLINE at [www.autismspectrum.org.au](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au) via the 'Events & Workshops' section of our website.

**Where:** Quest Bendigo Central, 228 McCrae St, Bendigo VIC 3550

**When:** Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th May 2017

**Time:** 9:30am – 2:30pm each day

Aspect PBS Workshops in Victoria are FREE and open to parents and carers who meet the eligibility criteria stated above.

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### ***Community 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.



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Bendigo Kiwanis Club Inc.

## Kiwanis 'Terrific Kids' Award

Thoughtful	Kiwanis is a global service club of
Enthusiastic	volunteers dedicated to improving
Respectful	the world, one child and one community
Responsible	at a time.
Inclusive	The Kiwanis Club of Bendigo will present
Friendly	an award to a 'terrific kid' at the end of
Inquisitive	each term.
Caring	Congratulations to Anthony Mason on receiving the award this term.



### Juniors Oz Squash

Starts 2<sup>nd</sup> week Term 2  
Thursdays 4.30 to 6.00



**FREE**  
oz squash  
starter pack  
valued at \$65

- FREE starter pack with every sign up
- For ages 8-12
- 8 x sessions 70 minutes + free time at end if wanted
- Starts second week of school term
- FIRST TIME PRICE (WITH FREE STARTER PACK) - \$99
- ONGOING PRICE (PER SCHOOL TERM) - \$88
- No club membership required to register for this program

Register online [www.bendigosquash.com](http://www.bendigosquash.com)  
or call Russell on 0417 167 113



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## \$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL\* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2017! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a \$1000 free kids dental benefit\* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In previous years many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free \$1000 benefit\*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if your kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit [pacificsmilesdental.com.au](http://pacificsmilesdental.com.au) for further information.

\*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

### **MOTHER'S DAY/SPECIAL FRIEND DAY**

The special day to celebrate the people in our lives who do so much for us is near!

To help us celebrate this occasion we are organising a Breakfast to allow our special person the morning out of the kitchen.

For \$3.00 per child and \$5.00 per adult we will provide you with your choice of bacon, eggs and toast to be enjoyed alongside a cup of tea, coffee or glass of juice. We will have tables set up in the multipurpose room so you can enjoy the morning together. Breakfast will be served from 7.00am-8.45am on Friday, 12th May. **Please return the slip below by Wednesday, 10th May** so we can cater for everyone. **Please pay as you enter the multipurpose room.**

Regards,  
Francis Trezise  
Principal

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#### **ORDER FORM - BREAKFAST – MOTHER'S DAY/SPECIAL FRIEND DAY – RETURN BY 10/5/17**

FAMILY NAME: .....

CHILD'S NAME: .....

Number of Breakfasts required at \$3 each (child): .....

Number of Breakfasts required at \$5 each (adult): .....

**Please pay as you enter the multipurpose room**

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**FREE KIDS  
DENTAL\***

Eligible kids may be entitled to a \$1000 benefit to be used on selected dental services.

Contact us to see if your child is eligible!

**PacificSmilesDENTAL**

visit [pacifcsmilesdental.com.au](http://pacifcsmilesdental.com.au) to check eligibility

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