

## ***SPRING GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL – BE AWESOME***

### **Our Values**

**RESPECT:** valuing self, all others, property and the environment.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** being relied upon to be honest, and do the right thing for yourself and for the community.

**RESILIENCE:** we are dedicated and focused learners, who persist when things are challenging and use feedback to improve our future efforts.

Founded in 1906



Principal: Mr. Francis Trezise  
Assistant Principal: Mr. Brett Parkes  
School Council President: Mr. Ronnie Lowe

### **Reminders**

Monday, 26th July and Tuesday, 27th July  
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews via phone**

### **Newsletter 20 – Thursday, 22nd July 2021**

#### **Principal Awards - Grades Prep – Two (and Grade 5/6)**

**Lotti A** – Prep Greer: Lotti is a bubbly student who is always very excited and engaged in her learning. She works hard, loves a challenge and consistently displays all of our School Values. Well done, Lotti! Keep being awesome!

**Katelyn G** – Prep Pesina: Katelyn shows all 3 of our School Values; Resilience, Respect and Responsibility, in everything she does. Thank you, Katelyn, for being a wonderful role model for your classmates and such as great helper to your teacher.

**Sonny R** – Prep Vernon: Sonny is a kind and helpful member of Prep Vernon. He sets an excellent example to his peers by the way he shows our School Values. I've never seen Sonny without a smile on his face! Thank you for being so helpful in Prep V, Sonny – you are awesome!

**Manus K** – 1/2 Coatsworth: Magnus helps to make our classroom a fun place to be with his hilarious jokes, kind nature and positive attitude. He shows all of our School Values and makes the most of each day. Magnus has also been a wonderful buddy to our new class member by happily showing him around the school and checking in on him throughout the day. Mag, you are a true friend and we are all lucky to have you in our class. Keep being awesome!

**Isabelle McK** – 1/2 Floyd: Isabelle has come back to school this term, ready and eager to get back to begin the second half of the year! She is the first to get started and always completes every task to the best of her ability. Keep up the great work, Isabelle!

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**Russell H** – 1/2 McClellan: Russell demonstrates enthusiasm in all class activities. He always makes valuable contributions to class discussions and tries to complete his work to the best it can be. Keep up the great work, Russ!

**Nihira G** – 1/2 Rodda/Brewer: Nihira demonstrates all our School Values inside and outside of the classroom. She always works hard and contributes to class discussions sharing her learning and understandings with her peers! You are awesome Nihira!

**Hannah J** – 1/2 Schulz: Hannah is a very helpful, engaged and creative member of our grade. She has a particular talent for creating outstanding written pieces and assures me that she will dedicate her third published book to me. Hannah takes time out to help other people and goes about showing kindness to others each day. You are an absolute rock star Hannah! Keep up the awesome work.

**Jessica L** – 5/6 Byron: Jessica has a positive and caring influence on everyone in our class. She puts 100% effort into all aspects of her schooling life and always strives to produce work to a high standard. Jessica also encourages others to actively participate in our class and helps them to do their best. For this Jess, we commend you!

**Cade Mc** – 5/6 Daenke: Cade has recently been making better choices in the classroom that allow him to achieve success in his learning. His writing in particular is always a pleasure to read, loaded with humour and high-level vocabulary. I look forward to seeing Cade finish his Grade 6 year strongly, maintaining these work habits and still finding appropriate times for a joke with his peers.

**Fabian G** – 5/6 Lidgett: Fabian has shown great resilience and responsibility during this round of remote learning. His writing efforts have been especially commendable with the creation of a gripping tale about alien abduction completed over several days. Awesome work Fabian.

**Arlie C** – 5/6 Lockett: for her outstanding attitude towards everything she does. Arlie works hard, displays great sportsmanship, shows compassion for others and always has a smile on her face. You are a fantastic friend and classmate Arlie, we are so lucky to have you!

### **Gugu Value Award**

**Bronze Award: Maddison B, Lottie M, Reuben P**

### **ART AWARD**

**Charlie M** – 1/2 McClellan: Charlie painted a superb ocean background using blue and white paint to create a range of tints. Fantastic work Charlie.

**Toby P** - 1/2 Coatsworth: Toby designed and created superb finger-puppets during remote learning. His care and attention to detail was stunning! Fantastic work Toby.

### **LOTE AWARD**

**Lachlan M** – 5/6 Daenke: Lachlan has put in a concerted effort to learn his poem for the German Poetry Competition. Keep practicing and perfecting your pronunciation!

**Cooper R** – 5/6 Lockett: Cooper has put in a concerted effort to learn his poem for the German Poetry Competition. Keep practicing and perfecting your pronunciation!

### **MUSIC AWARD**

**Pania H-P** - 1/2 Schulz: Pania worked hard in Music class to learn to read B, A and G on the musical stave and she also performed these on the glockenspiel. Well done Pania for taking the first steps in learning how to read music.

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**Alyssa F** – 5/6 Lockett: Alyssa contributed positively to the class discussion and was able to accurately use musical terminology in her answers. Well done Alyssa and keep up the great work!

### **SPORTS AWARD**

**Charlie F** – 3/4 Staley/Alexander: for his outstanding effort at the Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country.

**Zac W** – 5/6 Daenke: for his outstanding effort at the Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country.

#### **Diary Dates**

<b>2021</b>		
<b>Term 3</b>		
<b>July</b>		
Monday, 26th		Parent/Teacher Interviews via phone
Tuesday, 27th		Parent/Teacher Interviews via phone
<b>August</b>		
Monday, 2nd		Tennis clinics commence (TBC)
	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Education and Community Development meeting
Wednesday, 4th	2.00pm – 3.00pm	BSE ACA performance
Tuesday, 10th	11.00am	Regional German Poetry Competition (Selected students Grades 4,5 & 6)

#### **From the Principal**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

#### **Remote & Flexible Learning**

Many thanks for your support since the lockdown was announced. Once again, I am very proud of our staff and the way they immediately shift their attention to supporting our students and families. I know this is a very challenging time for a number of our students and parents. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

DET has made some minor changes to the rules regarding onsite learning. All children will continue to learn from home, except for students in the following categories:

***Children where both parents and or carers are considered authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:***

- where there are two parents/carers, both must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.
- for single parents/ carers, the authorised worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.

#### **Children experiencing vulnerability, including:**

- in out-of-home care
- deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
- identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service)
- where a parent/carer indicates that a student with a disability is vulnerable because they cannot learn from home, and/or informs the school the student is vulnerable due to family stress. This may apply to students enrolled in specialist schools and students with a disability enrolled in mainstream schools.

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### **Prep Enrolments and Transition**

Prep enrolments closed at the end of last term. We accepted 60 children for 2022 and placed the remaining families on the waiting list, in case a vacancy becomes available between now and the start of next year.

Until recently we had hoped things would have settled enough to establish a clear way forward for the remainder of 2021, with regard to our transition program. Unfortunately, that may not be the case. Miss Vernon, our Prep Transition Coordinator, will keep all families informed over the coming weeks and months. Fingers crossed that we can provide a standard transition program later in the year.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Our scheduled Parent-Teacher Interviews will continue as scheduled next Monday and Tuesday, however, they will obviously need to be conducted over the phone. The timing of these interviews will still be very tight so please ensure you are available to answer the call from your child's teacher at the time booked via Compass.

Although our teachers are busy supporting their students and families during remote learning, they may have a few opportunities to reschedule interviews over the coming days, if your current booking is no longer suitable. If this applies to you, please make direct contact with your child's teacher (there is no need to rebook via Compass) and find a mutually convenient day/time for this interview. Most of our classroom teachers will have some limited opportunities to accommodate interviews during the day on Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Please bear in mind that most teachers will be calling you from their personal phone, so it may show 'no call ID'. If their call isn't answered, they will call a second time shortly after.

**Francis Trezise**

**Principal**

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*From the Assistant Principal*

### **This week's e-safe topic: Tips for Remaining Safe Online During the COVID19 Pandemic**

The Australian e-Safety Commissioner is the premier resource for information, resources and support for all matters relating to internet safety. They have a page dedicated to online safety during the pandemic. I encourage all parents to take the time to check it out: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/covid-19>

### **Canteen**

Orders placed prior to the lockdown will be carried across to next week. Families have until next Tuesday morning at 9am to place an order for next Thursdays' lunch. Please select the sitting date of Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July when placing an order.

### **Events**

Some events had been released prior to the lockdown announcement last week. If possible, we will seek to reschedule these events at a later date when DET stipulate that we are allowed to do so. We are required to obtain permission again from families if the date of any external sporting event, excursion, incursion or camp is changed.

*I would like to echo Francis' sentiments by also offering my support to families during this challenging period. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance. We look forward to seeing all students back as soon as possible.*

**Brett Parkes**

**Assistant Principal**

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## Specialist Staff Information



### PE / Sport News

#### Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country

Congratulations to Charlie F and Zac W who represented Spring Gully Primary and the Sandhurst Division at the LM Regional Cross Country on last Tuesday. This event featured the best distance runners from North West, North Central and Central Victoria and was held on a particularly challenging St Arnaud course. Charlie finished 21st in the 10 Years Boys race and Zac 17th in the 12 Years Boys race.

Both boys should be very proud of their efforts.



#### Hot Shots Tennis Clinics

As part of Phys Ed this term, (depending on Lockdown), all students will be participating in four Hot Shots Tennis Clinics. These clinics will be run by myself and Jim Widdowson (Spring Gully Tennis Club Coach) and will take place at the Spring Gully Tennis Club courts during your child's usual Phys Ed time.

There is no cost for the clinics as all expenses are covered by our Sporting Schools grant.

The students will be walking to the tennis courts for their sessions. All equipment is provided; however, students may bring their own racquets if they wish. They will need to ensure that they have their drink bottles and suitable footwear. As we will be leaving the School grounds, all students require consent via Compass. We request that all families complete this as soon as possible. If we need to change these dates due to pandemic related DET restrictions on events such as this, we will inform you via Compass.

#### Sporting Events Postponed

Unfortunately, due to the recent lockdown, our Senior School Athletics that was rescheduled from last term (to Friday the 30th of July), will now need to be postponed again.

The most likely date for this will be Monday the 16th of August. The District Athletics is Tuesday the 24th of August.

The Sandhurst Division Netball and Football tournaments will also have to be rescheduled.

We will provide more information for these events via Compass once they have been confirmed.

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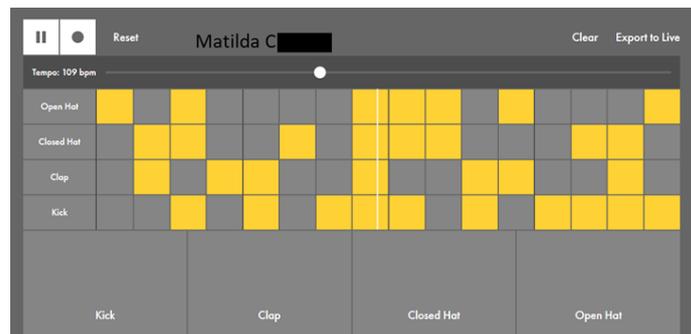
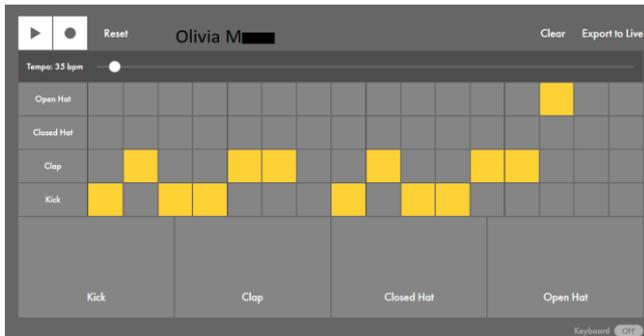
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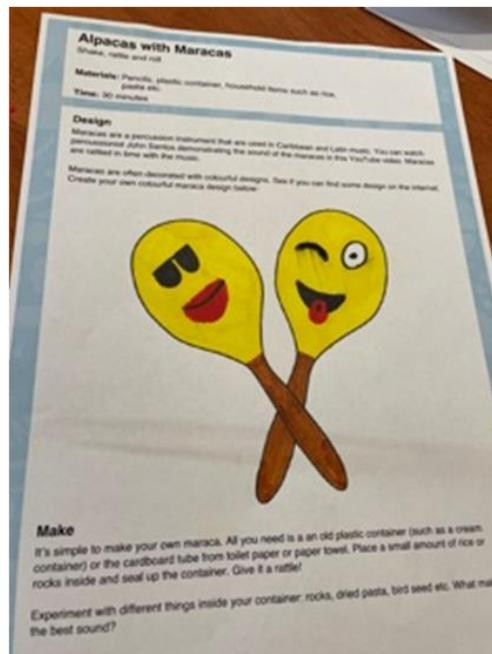
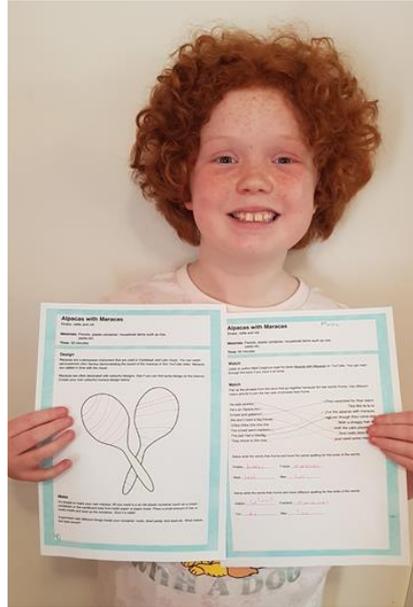
### Music Remote Learning

It's been wonderful to see photos come in of students' fantastic homemade maracas this week, as part of the Alpacas with Maracas Activity. Well done!

The 5/6s have also shared photos of their "beat making" compositions using the Ableton Learn Drum page. Keep up the awesome work!



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Effie Hamilton – Music Teacher

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### School Chickens

I would like to thank the Bradley, Campbell and Amalraj families for their help in caring for the school chickens over the holidays.

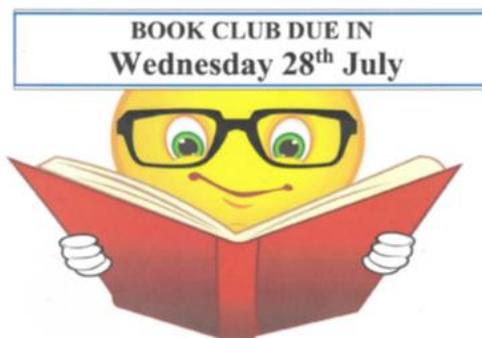
We would really like to add to our flock so if you have any spare egg-laying hens that you could donate/sell to the school please contact [Felicity.Woodward@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.Woodward@education.vic.gov.au) or leave a message at the school office. We only need two or three hens and would prefer to get them all at the same time.

### Environmental Team Cooking

In Week 1 of Term 3 the Year 5/6 Enviro Team cooked omelettes and made fresh lemonade using some of the ingredients we have growing in our school garden. Here is Cooper, Peppa and Gemma enjoying their omelettes.



Felicity Woodward – LOTE Teacher



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