

## ***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**

Friday, 3rd September 3pm to 5pm  
or  
Monday 6th September from 7.30am  
**Collect Learning Packs  
from the Art Room.**

### **Newsletter 23 – Thursday, 3rd September 2021**

#### **Principal Awards - Grades THREE – SIX**

**Hunter A** – 3/4 Crawford: for demonstrating responsibility, maturity and organisation throughout the challenges of remote learning. Hunter has continued to motor along and he has been able to complete some great work! It's a challenging time but you're doing an excellent job, Hunter!

**Jed K** – 3/4 Feldtmann/Smith: for attending our Google Meets each day and actively participating and completing all of his remote learning tasks to a high standard. Well done Jed! Keep up the great work!

**Ethan E** – 3/4 Murphy: Ethan has been working brilliantly during Remote Learning. The amount of work that he has completed has been outstanding and his writing is as entertaining as ever.  
Keep up the great work, Ethan.

**Ursula A** – 3/4 Murphy: Ursula has consistently produced brilliant work even when working from home. Her commitment to remote learning has shown her dedication to her own learning and she is always happy to contribute to our classroom Google Meets. Keep up the great work Ursula.

**Tobias B** – 3/4 Staley/Alexander: for his enthusiasm and positivity in our Google Meets. Tobias has been keen to share and join in with all of our activities. I have also been impressed with the effort he has put into his writing activities - which are not always his favourite tasks! Great resilience, Tobias!

**Charlie F** – 3/4 Staley/Alexander: for his excellent effort during our remote learning program. Charlie engages in our morning meetings, participates well in in our online reading and has completed all his book work to a high standard. An awesome effort given the challenges of remote learning.

**Eli B** – 5/6 Byron: Eli has shown a wonderful commitment toward his remote and flexible learning. He has enthusiastically applied himself to all areas of learning, particularly within our current Science: Space unit. He has also been a great contributor to our daily online class discussions. Well done Eli, your demonstration of resilience throughout this time is to be commended.

**Eoghan M** – 5/6 Daenke: Eo has worked hard to display our School Value of Responsibility by showing greater independence with his learning, working hard to improve across the curriculum. In particular, Eo is producing writing of a high calibre, adapting our classroom VCOP lessons into his own work.  
Well done Eo!

**Kylan McA** – 5/6 Lidgett: Kylan should be very proud of the efforts he has put in during our time learning remotely. He has a go at all set activities and strives to improve.  
Keep up the awesome work, Kylan.

**Ava McC** – 5/6 Lockett: for her outstanding work ethic during remote learning. She displays fantastic resilience when it comes to trying to keep herself motivated throughout this challenging time. Ava always attempts all activities and has taken great responsibility for her own learning.  
You are a champion, Ava!

### **Gugu Value Award**

**Bronze Award:**

**Prep:** Sasha H

**Grade 1 – 2:** Archie C, Kingston M, Hugh P

### **ART AWARD**

No awards.

### **LOTE AWARD**

**Rebecca H** – 5/6 Lidgett: Rebecca did a great job of learning the poem for German Poetry Competition all by herself. Rebecca, you are a star at German and I am very proud of you.  
Keep up the motivation and the excellent work!

**Thomas C** – 5/6 Lockett: Thomas demonstrated resilience and determination to nail learning his German poem off by heart for the German Poetry Competition. You can learn anything you put your mind to, Thomas! I am very proud of you.

### **MUSIC AWARD**

**Mackenzie M** – 1/2 Floyd: Mackenzie did a wonderful job completing her remote learning Music activities this week and created a beautiful, artistic interpretation of Mozart's music.  
Well done and keep the fantastic work.

**Thomas A** – Prep Vernon: Thomas did a wonderful job completing his "Body Percussion Performance" remote learning Music activity. Well done putting all of this together so nicely.  
Keep up the awesome work!

### **SPORTS AWARD**

**Evelyn C** – Prep Pesina: for her enthusiastic participation in Physical Education and her outstanding sportsmanship.

**Oscar McC** – Prep Pesina: for his enthusiastic participation in Physical Education and his outstanding sportsmanship.

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## Diary Dates

<b>2021</b>	
<b>Term 4</b>	
<b>October</b>	
Monday, 4th	Term 4 commences

### *From the Principal*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

#### **Mental Health & Wellbeing**

The following message was posted in a recent Compass alert. It was well-received by many parents so I thought I would repeat in this week's newsletter, in case you hadn't seen it yet.

Over the coming weeks, you may see an increase in behaviour issues with your child/children. Whether it's anxiety, anger or some form of protest because they can't do 'normal' things. You may also see meltdowns, tantrums and oppositional behaviour in the coming weeks. This is normal and expected in the coming weeks...even for adults!

Don't worry about them regressing in their learning. Every single child is in the same boat. When they return to class, our staff will do an amazing job as usual. They will support each child at their point of need and get them back on track. Get the balance right between work expectations and maintaining good mental health. We certainly want our children to engage in remote learning and complete all of their tasks, however, it is more important that they return to us in good mental health. This is much more important than their academic skills. Please keep this in mind during the rollercoaster that many of you are currently experiencing.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions or require support.

#### **NAPLAN Results**

This week, NAPLAN results are scheduled to be delivered to school for students in Years 3 and 5 who sat the assessment this year. This year students right across the country resumed the national assessments in literacy and numeracy, after missing out on sitting these assessments in 2020 due to the ongoing disruption COVID lockdowns were causing.

As I write this message, they have not yet been delivered. If they arrive in the morning, they will be placed in your child's Home Learning Pack. If not, they will be placed in next week's pack. Please keep an eye out for the reports and keep them in a safe place in case you need them for secondary school applications or other future use. Over the coming weeks, the school will spend time analysing the NAPLAN data to identify positive learning trends and those which require focus in the future.

As always, the NAPLAN assessments are a one-off assessment and should only be considered as one small part of the bigger picture.

Should you wish to discuss your child's NAPLAN results, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher once the reports have been delivered.

#### **Parent Surveys**

We'd love to get lots of surveys completed by parents. If you received an invitation to complete the survey, you now have until September 3 (tomorrow) to get it done as the closing date has been extended.

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### **Smile Squad Dental Program**

Recently your child/ren would have received a Smile Squad Dental Program application and pack.

This means all children that return these applications by **Thursday 16 September**, will receive a dental check-up, preventative dental care and other general treatment for **free** at school.

Smile Squad dental Program will be visiting in Term 4. Dates to be confirmed.

**Francis Trezise**

**Principal**

[Francis.Trezise@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Francis.Trezise@education.vic.gov.au)

### ***From the Assistant Principal***

#### **This week's e-safe topic: Using the Notes App on your iPhone as a Scanner**

Did you know the Notes app on iPhone can be used to scan documents? Very handy to use during remote learning to share work with the teachers. This scanning function is a much better way of sharing documents, as opposed to taking a photo. If you would like to learn more, please watch this 2min YouTube clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16nwB3P78GQ>

#### **Learning Task Update**

Due to the extension of remote learning we are unable to provide a Reading Learning Task this term. The Reading Learning Task that was planned for Term 3 is unable to be completed without the students onsite. The Writing Learning Task is linked to a Cold Write completed before we resumed remote learning, so this will be released next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

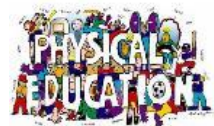
***Please feel free to contact me if I can provide support to your child or family during remote learning.***

**Brett Parkes**

**Assistant Principal**

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### ***Specialist Staff Information***



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

##### **Former SGPS student participates in Paralympics in Tokyo**

Bree Mellberg was a student at Spring Gully PS in the 1990s. (She went through school with Miss Floyd!) When her teacher Mrs Thomson asked Bree for a class assignment what she would like to be when she grew up, Bree wrote 'An Olympian and a scientist'. Bree went on to be a national gymnastics champion at 9, followed by a national diving champion. After an accident, Bree broke her neck and her rehabilitation required her to use a wheelchair. This week you will see Bree compete in the Gliders Wheelchair Basketball team in Tokyo at the Paralympics! Some of our students wrote letters of encouragement to send to Bree as she pursues a gold medal with her team. Students at SGPS discussed the possibility of dreams coming true as Bree is now a Paralympian and she commenced a PhD in Science with focus on genetics and cell biology! She aspires to be a University lecturer. An incredible effort from a past SGPS student!

We wish Bree all the very best - GO BREE!

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## Senior School Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who won their Age Group at our recent Athletics Sports. All of these students will be presented with medallions when we are able to return to school.

All students who participated will receive a ribbon based on their score for the day.

As you will be aware, the District and Division Athletic Sports have been postponed until further notice.

### Athletics Age Champions and House Results 2021

Age Champions	12 Years	11 Years	10 Years
Boys	<b>Cooper R</b> 	<b>Noah P*</b> 	<b>Harvey L*</b> 
Boys	<b>9 Years</b> <b>Charlie F*</b> 	<b>9 Years</b> <b>Hadley G*</b> 	
Girls	<b>12 Years</b> <b>Ameliah B</b> 	<b>11 Years</b> <b>Maya D</b> 	<b>10 Years</b> <b>Alana *</b> 


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Girls	<b>9 Years</b>		
	<b>Pearl T</b> 		

\*Perfect Score (24 Points)

### House Results

House	Points	Place
<b>Ashby</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Savage</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Godber</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Tingay</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>Pollock</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Harley</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>6th</b>

Michael Smith – PE Co-ordinator



### *German News*

#### **German Poetry Competition**

Last week students from Spring Gully Primary School competed in the Regional German Poetry Competition against students from East Loddon P-12 College. They had to learn a German poem by heart and recite it for the judges. For the first time, this was an online competition.

The students involved were:

Year 4: Alana B, Tas C, Will D, Remy K, Ruby Mc, Lincoln P and Alexis R F.

Year 5: Thomas Ca, Emily E C, Alyssa F, Memphis S, Frankie S, Ella J, Kaitlyn S and Lexi O.

Year 6: Rebecca H, Lachlan M, and Cooper R.

Congratulations to all students that took part in the competition. Here are the results.

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## Winners of the German Poetry Competition for 2021

### Year 4

**Gold Medal:** Alana B SGPS



**Silver Medal:** Will D SGPS



**Bronze Medal:** Remy K SGPS



### Year 5

**Gold Medal:** Ella J SGPS



### Year 6

**Gold Medal:** Cooper R SGPS



Cooper and Ella were also eligible to enter the State Final that was held on Saturday.

### Language Nut

A banner for Language Nut. On the left is the Language Nut logo with two blue speech bubbles. To its right is the text 'Primary Spring Gully Primary Scho...' followed by 'World Ranking 91' and 'Words Learned 8984'. On the right side of the banner are three medals: a gold medal with the number 301, a silver medal with the number 171, and a bronze medal with the number 118.

Year 3 & 4 students have been trialling a new online program for learning German called Language Nut. According to Toby B, 'Language Nut is great!'

This fortnight's top 'Language Nuts' are Calvin J-M, Harry K, Alana B, Toby B, Harvey L, Hunter A, Joshua R, Vegas B, Alex R and Emma McC.

The top ranking class is 3/4 Staley Alexander.

### Felicity Woodward - Languages Teacher

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### **Sunsmart Hats**

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

In previous years, the implementation of our Sunsmart Policy has meant that school hats need only be worn in term 4 and term 1. This year the Cancer Council Sun Smart recommendation is that hats be worn from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September until late April the following year.

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

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](http://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.

**Mrs Leed (Sunsmart Representative)**

# Newsletter



## EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Bookings now open for Mission III

[www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers)



### *A message from your Coordinator*

This Week at Out Of School hours Care we have been enjoying Lockdown activities including Board Games, Discussions on how you are feeling during lockdown and ideas about fun things you can do at home.

We are looking forward this week to Father's Day activities including Scratch art, Cards and some other exciting things for Father's day, we are also creating craft for significant people in children's lives as an alternative.

### *Activities coming*

- Dodge Ball
- Father's day Scratch Art
- Father's Day Cards

### *What's on the*

- Damper
- Pancakes
- Sakatas

### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



### *Visit our blog*

*New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families*

[Visit our blog](#)



2021/2022 JUNIOR SEASON  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



U11—U18



ALL GIRLS CRICKET



Master Blasters Junior Blasters

JUNIOR COORDINATOR: MICK SMITH 0427219940  
SEASON STARTING DATES ARE YET TO BE CONFIRMED AND WILL BE  
SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

ENQUIRE AT: [Michael.smith2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Michael.smith2@education.vic.gov.au)

Online Registration :<https://play.cricket.com.au/club/kangaroo-flat-cricket-club/9f6dd175-87d8-eb11-a7ad-2818780da0cc?programId=4>

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