

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

Welcome Back

Reminders:

Book Club Orders due – Wednesday, 21st October 2020

Footy Colours Day – Thursday, 22nd October 2020

Victorian Government Thank You Day (Public Holiday) –

Friday 23rd October 2020

Mango Orders due – Monday, 26th October 2020

Bendigo Cup Day – Wednesday 28th October 2020

Newsletter 25 – Thursday, 15th October 2020

PRINCIPAL AWARDS – GRADES FIVE AND SIX

Rebecca H - 5/6 Daenke: Rebecca continually amazes with her descriptive and captivating writing. Her latest story about a mysterious train journey had the whole class enthralled and begging for a second chapter. Well done Bec. We love your enthusiasm for writing and look forward to many more of your stories.

Leander P – 5/6 Hartney/Smith: Leander has worked to become a consistent worker in all areas of his class work. He applies lots of effort into finishing and presenting his work to a high standard.

Dante A – 5/6 Lidgett: Dante is a kind and respectful member of our school. He is a hard worker who can be relied on to put his best efforts in at all times. Dante is a very creative writer who has been working hard to raise the overall level of his work. Keep being awesome Dante.

Peppa B – 5/6 Lockett: for the amazing attitude she has towards everything she does. She has such a love of learning and always displays phenomenal responsibility and resilience. You are a superstar Peppa!

Keagan McG – 5/6 Schulz: Keagan displays a responsible approach to both academic and social situations. She understands the importance of kindness, empathy and resilience when working through challenging circumstances. Keagan's enthusiastic greetings each morning really brings a positive start to each day.
You are a star!

SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS

Respect: Eh Taw Lo C, Zoe S

Responsibility: Phoebe B, Grace C, Lauchie C-P, Tyron C, Archie C, Mia M

Resilience: Delaney B, Cooper R

SPORTS AWARD

Jordan M – 5/6 Lockett: for his enthusiastic participation in Physical Education and his outstanding sportsmanship.

ART AWARD

Tilly W – Prep P: Tilly created a fantastic Roy G Biv portrait demonstrating the colours of the rainbow. Roy looked fantastic with great facial features and groovy rainbow hair! Brilliant work Tilly!

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LOTE AWARD

Reagan W – 5/6 Lockett: Reagan created an excellent Powerpoint on a German Invention and presented it to the class with confidence. Reagan is always friendly, polite and attentive in class. Great work, Reagan.

MUSIC AWARD

Jaxson L – 1/2 Rodda/Orr: for showing responsibility in class by helping others, showing musical knowledge through rhythm clapping, and leading by example with excellent behaviour during class. Well done Jaxson!

Diary Dates

2020		
Term 4		
October		
Friday, 16th		School Nurse visit - Preps
Monday, 19th	7.30pm – 8.30pm	School Council General Meeting
Wednesday, 21st		Book Club orders due
Thursday, 22nd		Footy Colours Day
Friday, 23rd		Victorian Government Thank You Day (Public Holiday) – Student free day
Monday, 26th		Mango Orders due
Wednesday, 28th		Bendigo Cup Day – Student free day
Friday, 30th		World Teachers' Day Book Week Dress Up
November		
Monday, 3rd	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Education & Community Development Sub-Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 4th	6.30pm – 7.45pm	Parent information session for confirmed 2021 enrolments
Friday, 6th		Learning Task 1 released - Mathematics
Monday, 9th		Curriculum Day – Assessment and Reporting - Student free day
Monday, 9th – Friday, 20th		School Dental Program – Smile Squad Program
Friday, 20th		Learning Task 2 released - Reading
Thursday, 12th	9.00am -10.00am	2021 Prep Transition Day* (currently restricted but we are hopeful of this changing)
Monday, 16th	7.30pm – 8.30pm	School Council General Meeting
Thursday, 19th	9.00am – 10.00am	2021 Prep Transition Day* (currently restricted but we are hopeful of this changing)
Thursday, 26th	9.00am – 10.30am	2021 Prep Transition Day* (currently restricted but we are hopeful of this changing)
Monday, 30th	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Education & Community Development Sub-Committee Meeting
December		
Tuesday, 8th	9.00am – 12.00pm	2021 Prep Transition Day Step Up Day – Prep- Grade 5 2021 Year 7 Orientation Day* (currently cancelled but we are hopeful of this changing)
Friday, 11th		Learning Task 3 released - Writing
Thursday, 17th		School Reports Semester 2 released via Compass

Every Week –

Monday lunch time – Grades 3-6 Dance Troupe

Tuesday lunch time - Grades 3-6 Coding Club

Wednesday lunch time – Grade 3-6 Ukulele Club & Art Room open to all student

Friday lunch time - Grades 3-6 Chess Club

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Lunch time - Grades Prep to 6 Kids Club

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From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Review Update

Yesterday we held our Validation Day for our School Review. The day was very productive and reaffirming for us about the work we have done at Spring Gully Primary School over the last 4 years. As a panel, we discussed the goals and targets of the Strategic Plan, along with the enablers and barriers to success. This conversation also allowed the school to spend some time talking about our highlights during the last 4 years. The panel also started the process of validating the proficiency status against the FISO Continua for School Improvement. Another significant part of the day was conducting classroom visits. As part of this activity, panel members collectively spent time in 12 different classrooms.

The Validation Day culminated in the development of our Terms of Reference (three focus questions) on which to base the upcoming Fieldwork Days. These Fieldwork Days will be held next Tuesday (20/10) and Thursdays (22/10) and will involve:

- interviews with numerous staff members
- student focus groups i.e. school leaders, Grade 5/6 students, Grade 3/4 students and Grade Prep-2 students
- a parent forum (more details below)
- observing our Professional Learning Community meetings

The findings from these Fieldwork Days will be presented on our final Review Day, which is on Thursday 29th October. A report will then be prepared for the school. This will be presented to staff and School Council on completion. A copy will then be made available on our website.

Parent Forum

The Review Panel will be providing the opportunity for our parents to contribute to the school review via WebEx forum. This forum will be held from 10.00-11.00am on Thursday, 22nd October. Parents will have the opportunity to share what is working well for their children and family, as well as discuss where opportunities might exist to create an even better school experience. WebEx details will be circulated via Compass soon.



Our resident Blue-tongued Lizard came out of hibernation for a quick visit earlier this week.

It's a sure sign that the warmer weather is coming!

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Change of Plans for 2021

Accurate enrolment numbers are crucial when it comes to planning for 2021. If your child/children will not be with us next year, please contact your child's teacher or the office as soon as possible.

Planning for 2021

During the final week of Term 3 all Victorian government schools received their indicative school resource package (budget) for 2021. It is from this base that our school will begin organising staffing, class structures, resources and programs for the coming year. All staff will be involved in the decision-making around these issues and school program budgets will be presented to School Council for approval in November.

The projected school population is what largely determines the amount of funding we receive for any given year, and therefore this determines what staff we are able to employ and what programs we will run. We anticipate our final school enrolment for 2021 will be around 400 students.

Class placements for 2021 will be decided during the second half of the term. As you can imagine this is a huge task for staff who have the unenviable position of having to create balanced, harmonious grouping based on their knowledge of students and relationships, and all the while providing our kids the opportunity to build new friendships

School Bus Travel in 2021

New applications and renewals for school bus travel is now open. If this information is relevant to you, please read it carefully and take action ASAP.

SCHOOL COUNTRY BUS TRAVEL IN 2021

If you have a NEW or EXISTING student/s who requires travel on a rural country bus in 2021, you MUST ensure that their travel is approved.

2021 NEW APPLICATIONS and RENEWAL APPLICATIONS open in Term 4, 2020 online via School Bus Management System (SBMS).

This is what you need to do:

EXISTING TRAVELLERS:

If your child/ren are existing travellers in 2020, you will need to **RENEW** their travel for 2021. Existing families will already have a family account in SBMS. If you do not know your login details, please contact **PTV's Customer Help Line on 1800 800 007**.

Log into your family SBMS account and check that all the contact information is correct and current – this is important during an emergency

RENEW APPLICATION: Click on the RENEW APPLICATION tab beside the student's name
Follow the prompts – be sure to select Term 1, 2021, making sure that the school and year level is correct.

NB. If your student is changing schools/school campus or residential address, please click on NEW APPLICATION, update address (if necessary) and follow the prompts.

NEW TRAVELLERS:

Do you already have an SBMS account? If yes, proceed to Step 2. If you do not know your login details, please contact **PTV's Customer Help Line on 1800 800 007**.

If you are new to country bus travel, proceed to Step 1:

CREATE A NEW FAMILY ACCOUNT: New families will need to CREATE a new family account in SBMS

ADD TRAVELLER/CHILD: Click on ADD TRAVELLER/CHILD and follow the prompts. Repeat this step if you have more than one new child requiring travel in 2021

APPLY FOR TRAVEL: Click the NEW APPLICATION tab and follow the prompts making sure that you select Term 1, 2021. Repeat this step if you have more than one new child requiring travel in 2021.

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- Once you have submitted the renewal/new application request, you will need to wait for SBMS to conduct its main churn in December where your request will be processed. New applications will be assessed against the Department of Education and Training's School Bus Program policy's eligibility criteria and if approved, allocate a bus stop and route to the application.

NB. To be eligible for free travel on a country bus, you must reside more than 4.8km from your nearest attending school of the same denomination (government or non-government). If you have access to public transport within 1.6km of your residential address and it meets your school start/finish times, you are required to use it (if you reside more than 4.8km from your nearest attending school of the same denomination, you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance – please refer to your school for more information).

- Check your account at the end of December for your travel offer.
- **ACCEPT TRAVEL OFFER:** Select MANAGE OFFER, and then ACCEPT the travel offer. If you no longer require travel, please DECLINE the offer.

IMPORTANT: A SEAT ON A COUNTRY BUS IS ONLY SECURED ONCE THE TRAVEL OFFER IS ACCEPTED.

If your student/s no longer requires travel, please decline the offer, or advise your school immediately so the seat can be allocated to another student.

UNAUTHORISED TRAVEL IS NOT PERMITTED ON A COUNTRY BUS

It is the family's responsibility to ensure that their child/ren are approved for travel on a country bus. Unauthorised student travellers will be referred to their school in the afternoon, and the family will be contacted to collect him/her.

If you require any assistance with your student's travel renewal or new application, please check with your school or contact PTV ON 1800 800 007.

CHANGE OF SCHOOL, SCHOOL CAMPUS OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS – EXISTING TRAVELLERS

The following year level students will **automatically be removed** from their 2020 bus roll at the end of the year, on the basis that they have finished their education OR will be expected to move to a new school/campus:

- Year 12 students
- Year 10 students who completed their education at a junior government school i.e. Crusoe College, Eaglehawk Secondary College etc. moving to Bendigo Senior Secondary College
- Year 9 students who attended the Coolock campus (Junortoun) of Catherine McAuley College as they are expected to transition to the St Mary's campus (Bendigo)
- Grade 6 students who completed their education at a primary school and are transitioning to Year 7 at another school

In accordance with the Department's School Bus Program policy, when a student moves schools/school campus or residence, and who still requires country bus travel, a **NEW APPLICATION** for travel must be submitted (due to the change of circumstances) and be assessed against the policy's eligibility criteria. This will also ensure that the student is allocated to the most appropriate route and shuttle (if application).

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From the Assistant Principal

SGPS Canteen – Lunch Orders Open Tomorrow

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, we will be having our first lunch order day next Thursday 22nd October and families have the opportunity to order from tomorrow morning at 9am.

A Compass alert will be sent out by Jayme Hudson when orders open in the morning. Jayme will do this each week to remind families that orders for the new week are open.

I outlined details in last weeks' newsletter relating the opening and operation of our canteen; please refer to the 'Repeat Notices' in today's newsletter for those details.

Key points to be ready if you wish to order, from tomorrow:

- Lunch order day is each Thursday for the remainder of the term.
- Orders for the new week open 9am each Friday and close at 9am the following Tuesday.
- Late orders will not be accepted and families can only order via Compass.
- To order via the Compass App, touch the 3 horizontal lines in the top left corner to reveal the main menu. Then select Canteen.
- If you are logged in through a web browser, you will find 'Canteen' under the 'Community' menu on the homepage.
- Ordering is completed in 5 main steps:
 1. Select 'Place and Order'
 2. Select the lunch-day date, i.e. Thursday 22nd October
 3. Select the 'sitting', i.e. Week 1 (this is Week 1 of the 4 week menu rotation, not Week 1 of the school Term).
 4. Choose your lunch items
 5. Check the order summary and make payment using your debit/credit card.

You will receive an automated email from Compass as the order receipt.

Finally, attached with the newsletter today is the rolling menu for Term 4, so you can look ahead at what food items will be available each week.

If you have any difficulties, please feel free to contact the office or myself. We hope your child/ren enjoy the yummy lunch options and 'Thursday lunch orders' provides a day off from lunch boxes for our families.

Brett Parkes

Assistant Principal

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Book Week 2020

Book week is fast approaching! This year, Book Week will be celebrated from 17th to the 23rd of October with the theme '**Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**'. To acknowledge this, we will be holding a day of celebration on **Friday 30th October** (a week later due to other school commitments). As always children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. Unfortunately due to our current circumstances we will be unable to hold a parade this year, but students will have the opportunity to join in some book week related activities in their classrooms and share their costume with their class and friends.

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P.E. / Sport News

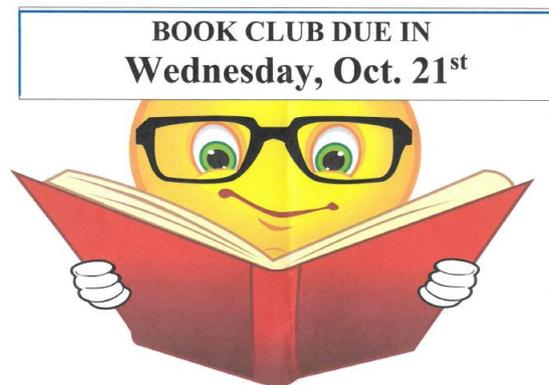
Footy Colours Day

This year our Fight Cancer Foundation's Footy Colours Day will be held on THURSDAY the 22nd of October. Although we won't be able to run the same type of activities that we normally would, we encourage all students to dress up in their favourite team colours.

Footy Colours Day is a national community fundraising campaign that helps kids with cancer keep up with school. We encourage all families to donate to this cause via the following link. You do not need to bring any donations to School.

<https://footy-colours-day-2020.raisely.com/spring-gully>

Michael Smith – PE Co-ordinator



Parent Club News

Mango Fundraiser

We are having a Mango Fundraiser to raise money for our school grounds. Information/order forms have been sent home today so please keep a look out. Don't forget to ask your friends/ family/ neighbours if they'd like to make an order too.

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Please return the form and payment to school by **Monday, 28th October 2020** and please refer to the order form for payment information.

Repeat Notices

SGPS Canteen Opening in Two Weeks

We are excited to announce that our canteen will be kicking off in two weeks. We have partnered with local catering company, Fresh Five, to provide a rolling menu to our community for a majority of Term 4.

Here are the key pieces of information:

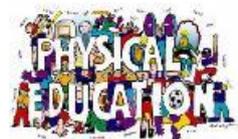
- Lunch orders will be available one day per week, on a Thursday.
- Orders will open each Friday morning at 9am and close at 9am on the following Tuesday morning, with lunches provided to students at approximately 1pm each Thursday.
- The first lunch order day will be **Thursday 22nd October (Week 3)**. Orders will open in Compass on the morning of **Friday 16th October (Week 2)**. A Compass notification will be sent at this time.
- A rolling menu will comprise of one hot lunch option, one cold lunch option and a choice of two snacks each week. The menu will change from week-to-week, operating on a four week rotation.
- All food is prepared off-site in Fresh Five's kitchen and then transported by Fresh Five to our school canteen for distribution to students.
- Families can order and pay via Compass only.
- All food items will include a description of the ingredients and flags for any potential allergens, where applicable.
- Food will be provided in environmentally friendly packaging, including wooden knives and forks (where required).
- The canteen is set up to provide a service to our community. Our School Council are not looking to make a profit for the school. Pricing reflects costs only, including payment for Fresh Five, environmentally friendly packaging and transaction costs associated with Compass.
- Instructions for how to order on Compass via the app or through the web browser will be circulated soon, along with the menu for Term 4.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Curriculum Days

Our school will be holding a curriculum day on Monday, 9th November. This day has been scheduled for some time and is for the purpose of assessment and reporting. Details relating to Semester 2 reports are still being finalised by DET. We will provide an update soon.

We also had another curriculum day planned during Term 3, however, our Mathematics consultant (George Booker – based in Queensland) has not been able to travel to our school due to the COVID restrictions. This was unfortunate, as holding the curriculum day during remote learning would have been less disruptive for our families. We are currently discussing our options at leadership and will working with School Council on an alternative date for this curriculum day later in the year.



P.E. / Sport News

Virtual Athletics Event.

As there will not be any School, Division, Region or State Track and Field events this year, the School Sport Victoria Virtual Track and Field event is available for our students to compete in. There are several ways you can be involved. SSV is not looking for the best performance, they are looking for students to give it a try.

- The Results are filtered into Regions (our Region is Loddon Mallee).

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- The Results data is live and therefore as soon as students enter it populates the results pages, this will be a great way to celebrate as a school community
- The Participation Certificates have been edited to reflect the Virtual events, so students can create something to remember their performance Participation Certificate & Student Resources
- Entries that adhere to the Competition terms and Conditions will be eligible to be selected to win an SSV Gift Pack provided by DMC

The events on offer

Sprint: (60m, 80m, 100m, 200m, 400m)

Run or walk: (800m, 1500m)

Jumps: (standing long jump and standing triple jump)

Throw: (tennis ball shotput)

Combined event: 100m sprint, standing long jump, tennis ball shotput and 800m run.

For more information, please click on the following link.

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/SSVVirtualTrackandField.aspx>

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2020/2021 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 AND REGISTER INTEREST AT: Michael.smith2@education.vic.gov.au

MAJOR SPONSOR:

RayWhite

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BEAVERS BASKETBALL CLUB

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The Beavers Club is planning to enter new teams in the U10 boys in the next Summer Basketball season starting in late October, 3 weeks after the next school holidays .

The Team will be called Beavers Spring Gully. Under 10 boys play on a Friday and are finished by 6pm.

We will have team practice at the Spring Gully school court.

Beavers Club need 8 boys from the Spring Gully Primary School that are 7 or 8 years old wanting to play basketball. Please call the Beavers Club contact below.

Club contact:- Peter Allan 54439370/0419394783

For more club information go to the Beavers Club Web Site

Beavers is the oldest club in Bendigo Basketball & has a long history in developing players to achieve at the highest level.



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SOUTH BENDIGO JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

2021 PLAYER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All existing and new players are invited to register for the 2021 season

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 13/Under & Open Sections 1 - 4

For those intending to try out for the SB BFNL U/17 team you should also register for Section 1

New players to the Club please note we have limited availability in teams for 2021 as follows

Open Sections: Only if teams require players

13/U: Limited numbers based on teams of 10

Grade 3-6: Limited numbers based on teams of 10

**Registration closes
Sunday 18 October 2020**

Enquiries to:

jnrboperations@southbendigofnc.com.au



Character First | Be the Best You Can Be | Be Nice to People

An advertisement for Shine Bright kindergarten vacancies. The background is a photograph of two young boys in a garden, one watering plants with a blue and yellow watering can. The text is overlaid on the image.

SHINE BRIGHT
3 and 4 year old kindergarten vacancies for 2021

To learn more visit www.shinebright.org.au/Bendigo2021



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