



SPRINGSIDE NEWS

October 15th, 2020

Dates to Remember:

23rd October - Public Holiday

2nd November - Curriculum Day

3rd November - Public Holiday

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Principal Team - Kate Newitt, Chris Gatt and Trish Wan

WELCOME BACK

Our first week back to onsite learning has been nothing but exceptional. Our students and staff have transitioned back to onsite learning in such a positive manner.



I know we have mentioned this many times but we sincerely thank our students for their resilience and commitment during remote learning, thank you parents and carers for your support and patience and thank you to our staff for your dedication and true commitment to our students. We are one exceptional team and community at Springside Primary School.

HATS

Just a reminder, in Term 4, all children are required to wear a broad-brimmed navy-blue hat while outside. Hats are to be worn during all break times and outdoor activities. This term both Physical Education and Performing Arts classes will be taken outside, so it is imperative that all children have a hat at school.

CONGATULATIONS TO MR TAN

A massive congratulations to Mr Tan and wife Olivia on the safe arrival of their baby boy Remy. We are so happy for you all and wish you all the happiness now and all the years to come.



PLANNING FOR 2021

Planning is well underway for 2021. As we work through our planning for next year, it is really important that we gather as much information as possible.

ARE YOU LEAVING AT THE END OF 2020?

If you believe that your child/ children will be leaving Springside at the end of this year, please contact Reception for an Exit Form. Please do so by phone or by email (springside.ps@education.vic.gov.au). Even though we would hate to see you go, early notification really assists us with our planning for next year. **Please note: this does not apply for our current Year 6 students.**

ENROLING AT SPRINGSIDE IN 2021?

Just a reminder to all families that if you have a child of school age, who will be 5 years of age by the 30th April 2021, please ensure that you have completed an enrolment form and submitted to Reception in preparation for Grade Prep.

Additionally, if you know of any families who are planning to enrol their children at Springside and have not yet, please remind them to do so.

2021 CLASS PLACEMENT CONSIDERATION

We are soon going to begin the complex process of formulating classes for 2021. The class placement process takes a great deal of time, careful consideration and planning. In order to assist our planning, we invite parents to provide any additional information they would like us to consider about their child/ren. Any additional information provided by parents will be considered as an aspect of the overall process, yet it must be remembered that it is **not** always possible to accommodate all parental requests. This is not an opportunity to request specific teachers, and these requests **will not** be considered. Once classes are finalised, there is **no** opportunity for changes to be made.

If you would like to provide information to assist us with this process, please apply in writing to the Principal By **Wednesday 4th November 2020**. This can be emailed to the school email (springside.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

TERM 4 AND STUDENT PROGRESSION TO THE NEXT YEAR LEVEL

Our focus for Term 4 is to make sure that each student is supported in their wellbeing and learning needs and can finish the year with the confidence to progress to the next year level in 2021.

We want to assure you that we will respond to the unique and individual learning and wellbeing needs of all of our students, to prepare them for the transition and continue to build their knowledge, skills and resilience. Some parents may be worried about their child's progress during the period of remote learning and wondering whether their child would benefit from repeating a year of school.

Research shows that repeating a year level is not recommended and can lead to poorer outcomes for students. It's understandable that parents may think that another 12 months at the same year level will give their child an opportunity to catch up or mature, however this is only the best option for a student in exceptional circumstances. In most cases, research tells us that repeating a year level is not an effective strategy as it often negatively impacts academic achievement, wellbeing, engagement, and school completion.

We have support available to help identify and meet the individual learning needs of each student. Our school will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students close any learning gaps and meet their learning needs.

If you have concerns about your child's progress, please contact the school where we will be able to set up a parent meeting via Zoom to discuss how our school can work with you to support your child to complete this year and progress to the next year level in 2021 with confidence and optimism.

The Victorian Government has committed \$250 million to support pre-service teachers, teachers on leave, teachers working part-time who are looking for more hours, recently retired teachers and casual relief teachers to become a tutor to support every student who has missed learning due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This is the largest initiative to support individual student learning in the history of the state.

More than 4100 tutors will be recruited to partner with schools.

Teachers not only in our school but across the state of Victoria have done a remarkable job this year and with the additional support of on-site tutors, these teaching teams can ensure that students have dedicated and Individualised support throughout 2021.

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TRANSITION

We know it is a significant time for the students transitioning from Kindergarten to Prep in 2021 and our students transitioning from Grade 6 in to Year 7.

We are well underway with planning transition programs within current Department of Education guidelines which support all students in these year levels.

COVIDSAFE PRINCIPLES FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Below are the guidelines from DET and the Deputy Chief Health Officer regarding students returning to school in term 4.

The measures bring together Victoria's COVIDSafe principles for business while acknowledging the unique school setting as both a place of work for staff and a learning environment for children and young people.

COVIDSAFE PRINCIPLES FOR SCHOOLS

- Practise good hand hygiene
- Students should practise physical distancing where possible
- Bring your own water bottle to school- no access to drinking fountains. Taps may be used to refill water bottles.
- No sharing of food
- Use non-contact greetings
- Face masks for staff, however they are not required to wear face masks while teaching
- Limit school access of outside visitors to essential only - parents to drop off students at the gate
- Parents & carers are required to wear face masks for school drop off and pick-up
- Parents & carers are encouraged to maintain physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up outside of the school
- **Students and staff should stay home if they are unwell**

If staff or students are experiencing compatible symptoms of corona virus (COVID-19) while at school, such as fever, cough, sore throat, they will be isolated in an appropriate space with suitable supervision and students will be required to be collected by a parent or carer as soon as possible.

For a more comprehensive guide to returning to school please go to the department of education website at: www.education.vic.gov.au or for up to date Corona virus information go to the DHHS website at: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

PARENT OPINION SURVEY - WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.



All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Wednesday 14th October to Friday 13th November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

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The survey results assist to inform the school of our areas of strength and what actions we need to implement for future improvement. The annual survey results are communicated to parents through annual reporting. Over the past two years we used the survey results to plan initiatives such as implementing ongoing reporting platforms (SeeSaw) to build a greater connection between home and school.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the survey please contact the school on 9449 6400.

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Student *Attendance*

Please ensure you notify the school by ringing the attendance line or logging the absence on Compass every time your child is absent from school. It is a legal requirement that all absences are explained and documented. When leaving messages **PLEASE SPELL SURNAME AND PROVIDE HOMEGROUP**. The line is open 24/7 for your convenience. You may also leave prior notification of upcoming appointments and absences. The direct phone number to the Attendance Line is 9449 6401. Thank you

Enza Russell
Attendance Officer



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Every child's achievement, engagement & wellbeing is our priority!



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**ENROL NOW
FOR 2021!**

Phone: 9449 6400

Email: springside.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

What makes us unique....

- o Facilities that enhance our learning program, such as a Gymnasium, Science and Robotics labs, Food Technology room, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and Inclusion Hub
- o Specialist program including Physical Education, The Arts, Indonesian, STEAM and Food Technology
 - o Embedded whole-school Social and Emotional Learning Program
 - o School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program
 - o Ongoing reporting of student learning to parents
 - o Learning Through Play in the junior area
- o Synthetic & Systematic Phonics Instruction in Prep/Year 1

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FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids will produce amazing art!
- The classes are so much fun we had to start a parents' class – Art Play for Adults. Why should kids have all the fun??
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Statement of Values and School Philosophy

Motto: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Vision Statement: At Springside we deliver excellence.

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Springside Primary School is dedicated to the protection of all children from all forms of child abuse. At Springside Primary School we demonstrate this commitment through the implementation of a comprehensive Child Safe Program which is tailored to keep children safe at all times. The program is endorsed by the school governing authority and will be periodically reviewed for its effectiveness. We encourage external scrutiny enabling the identification of opportunities for improvement. We have clear and high expectations of behaviour for all staff and students and our wider community members.

At Springside Primary School we have zero tolerance for any forms of child abuse and are dedicated in acting in the child's best interest and in keeping them safe from harm at all times. The school regards its child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance and as such, is committed to providing the necessary resources and training to guarantee compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations.

We maintain a child safe culture that:

- has zero tolerance for child abuse
- actively works to listen to and empower children
- has protocols and policies to protect children from abuse and will take all allegations and concern seriously
- responds to children consistently in line with the schools policies and procedures
- is committed to promoting the physical, emotional and cultural safety for all children
- is committed to providing a safe environment for all children at all times.

From the Springside Primary School Community who value:

- Respect; Optimism; Responsibility; Excellence

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