



SPRINGSIDE NEWS

October 29th, 2020

Dates to Remember:

2nd November - Curriculum Day

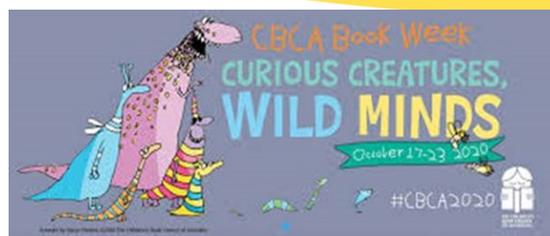
3rd November - Public Holiday

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Principal Team - Kate Newitt, Chris Gatt and Trish Wan

CELEBRATIONS - BOOK WEEK

Book Week 2020 was a different affair this year, with parades kept within our cohort bubbles and a lack of \$2 shops to help us find those interesting bits and pieces for outfits! Of course, that didn't stop our enthusiastic readers from using all their creativity to put together the most fabulous range of costumes.



Ms Wan, Mr Gatt and Mrs Hogan had a ball visiting classes and with the help of classroom teachers, choosing the 'best-dressed' in each.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

COVID-safe rules no longer prevent students from bringing their own play equipment to school for safe play outside in the yard and on the oval. Students are welcome to bring their own balls to school and maintain current COVID-safe practices of washing hands after play and using hand sanitiser on entry to classrooms. As always, please label equipment clearly with names to ensure no equipment goes astray.

TRANSITION

We know it is a significant time for the students transitioning from Kindergarten to Prep and Grade 6 to Year 7 in 2021. We are well underway with planning transition programs within current Department of Education guidelines which support all students in these year levels. Details will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

More information to support discussions relating to the transition to secondary school can be found via the following [link](#). This includes a Department of Education fact sheet with 10 tips in the following languages: English, Arabic, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Punjabi, Chinese (simplified), Sinhalese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Plans are also underway for Year 6 graduation. As with all our annual events, this will look slightly different this year in order to comply with Department of Education guidelines. Rest assured it will still give our graduating students every opportunity to celebrate their primary school years and allow parental involvement, albeit online. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.



REMINDERS

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

It has been wonderful to see our students slip straight back into routine and manage staggered drop offs and pick-up times and locations with patience and flexibility. Please continue to stick to these times and gates to support our safe practices. We also encourage adults not to bring children right up to the gates where practical and safe to do so, in order to support the reduction of intermingling of adults at school gates.



HATS

Thank you to all our SunSmart students wearing hats to protect themselves outside during Term 4. Please remember, all children are required to wear a broad-brimmed navy-blue hat during all break times and outdoor activities. This term both Physical Education and Performing Arts classes will be taken outside, so it is even more imperative that all children have a hat at school.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Thank you so much to parents and guardians who have already completed the 2021 Parent Opinion Survey. We warmly welcome as many families as possible to complete this. To provide some context, the feedback we received during remote learning via our own surveys directly led to the positive changes adopted during remote learning 2.0. Likewise, the annual Parent Opinion Surveys are vital for informing the direction and vision for our long-term planning. The results support us to set and evaluate school goals on an annual basis as well as for our 4-year Strategic Plan. Please see the post by Mrs Newitt on Compass for instructions on how to access the survey which is online and is available in multiple languages.



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).

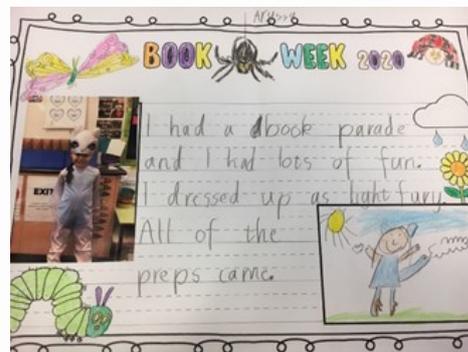
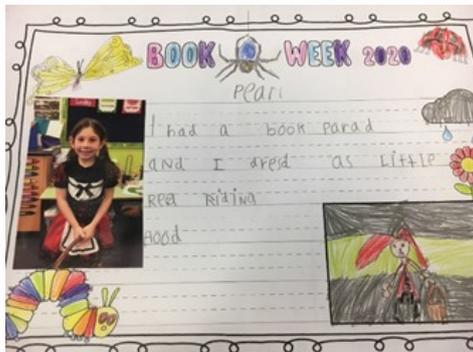
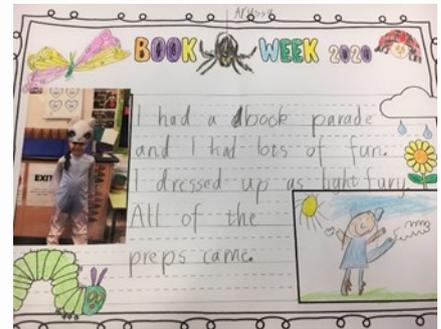
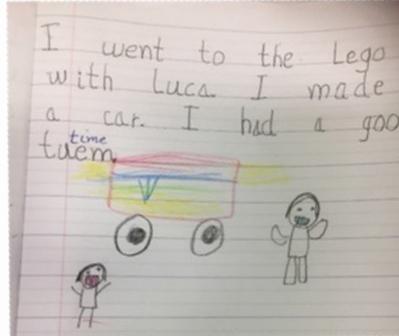
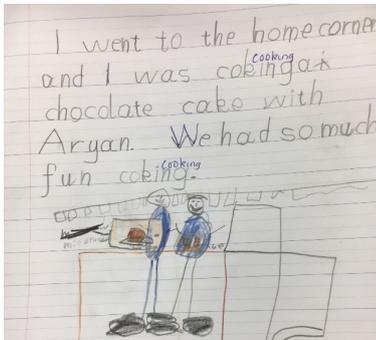
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Prep



Prep A have done an amazing job settling back into onsite learning and have produced some fantastic writing. Last week we focused on writing a recount of our book parade and our investigations sessions. Here are some of our recounts.



Grade 1

For almost 2 weeks, we have had 7 baby bunnies and a mama bunny. The mum's name is Dena. The babies are too young to be held yet, but we got to give Dena a pat. Dena licks her paws to give herself a bath. The babies are slowly getting bigger and growing fur. At first, the babies were bald! The babies still can't open their eyes or jump out of the nest yet. They rest all the time! We feel happy to see them grow.

By 1A and 1B



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Book Week 2020

During Week 3 of this term (November 19th – November 23rd), Victorian schools celebrated Book Week.

Springside students and teachers embraced this year's theme of 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' by starting off the week with a costume party. Year level cohorts hosted their own outdoor parades to showcase the wonderful book inspired costumes.

The week also consisted of a range of classroom activities aimed at encouraging a love for reading. Some of which incorporated the use of this year's shortlisted books.

Congratulations to the following students from each class who have been selected as 'best dressed'. Mrs Hogan will be in touch as soon as your prizes arrive in the mail!

Prep A- Pearl

Prep B- Marley

Prep C- Namya

Prep D- Summer

Prep E- Harley

1A – Arhaan

1B- Natalie

1C- Chloe

1D- Levi

1E- Ryan

2A- Oliver

2B- Alessia

2C- Marcus

2D- Alexa

2E- Mia

3A- Cole

3B- Annalise

3C- Malavika

3D- Callum

4A- Ashton

4B- Bailey

4C- Tahlia

4D- Archie

5A- Tamia

5B- Jasleen

5C- Marcus

5D - Phoebe

6A- Tori & Tara

6D- Emily & Leena



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STEPtember Challenge 2020

Last month from the 1st to 28th of September, staff at SPS aimed to take 10,000 steps a day to raise awareness for Cerebral Palsy -a life-long condition that affects a person's movement, muscle tone and posture. The STEPtember Challenge raised much needed funds for upcoming research & various means of assistance for those living with the condition, through the generous donations given from not only the individual staff member's family & friends but also from our fellow colleagues and the SPS Community.

Gerri, Amanda, Mel, Mrs K, Afroditi, Daena-Leigh, Enza, Mrs Slopak, Sue, Ms Wan, Ms Williams, Mrs Zorko & Cathy would like to thank everyone for their encouragement as they strived to complete their daily step target, and for the kind donations.

We are super excited to announce that collectively we completed **3,716,288 STEPS & raised \$3429.29!**

Thank you for your amazing support!

The STEPtember 2020 Springside Challenge Team



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



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FOR 2021!**

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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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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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