



Springside Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 6th
April 2023



We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the past, emerging and ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 6th April: last day of school for Term One:

End of Term Assembly and Captains' Badge Presentation 9am by the Hon. Natlie Hutchins (Minister for Education)

Easter Bonnet Parade at 9:40am

School finishes at 2pm

School resumes on Wednesday 26th April

2023 School Year Important Dates



Important Dates for 2023

Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff return Friday 27th January (state-wide Student Free Day) • Student Free Day Monday 30th January 2023 • All students return Tuesday 31st January 2023 • School Photos 23rd February and catchup day 2nd March • Labour Day (public holiday) Monday 13th March 2023 • Last day of school for Term 1 on Thursday 6th April 2023 at 2pm
Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Free Day Monday 24th April 2023 • Anzac Day (public holiday) Tuesday 25th April 2023 • Students Return Wednesday 26th April 2023 • Queen's Birthday (public holiday) Monday 12th June 2023 • Last day of Term 2 on Friday 23rd June 2023 at 2pm
Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students Return Monday 10th July 2023 • Last day of Term 3 on Friday 15th September 2023 at 2pm
Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students Return Monday 2nd October 2023 • Student Free Day Monday 6th November 2023 • Melbourne Cup (public holiday) Tuesday 7th November 2023 • Last day of Term 4 (students) on Monday 18th December 2023 at 3pm



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Website: <https://springside.vic.edu.au/>

Compass Link: <http://springsideps-vic.compass.education>
(updated link)

Welcome to Springside Primary School:

<https://springside.vic.edu.au/welcome-to-springside/>

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Principal Team - Gab Zorko, Caroline Slopak and Jen Murasawa

A huge thank you to our committed staff who have allowed Springside to have an amazing transition to the new school year and a super successful Term One.

Don't just take my word for it, check out a sample of our Masterclass (Learning Intervention) data that shows significant growth:

PVAT A Pre Assessment					PVAT related questions Post Assessment					
10 more than 31	100 less than 3927	10 more than 3791	100 less than 3027		10 more than 42	10 less than 872	100 more than 2942	100 less than 2042	1000 less than 10342	1000 more than 18293
Y	Y	Y		Student 1	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
				Student 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y		Y	Student 3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y		Student 4	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Y	Y			Student 5	Y	Y			Y	
Y	Y		Y	Student 6	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
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Y				Student 8	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Y	Y			Student 10	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
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Y				Student 12	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y

Our students continue to inspire and energise us each and every day with their leadership skills and initiative. 'Persuade the Principal' has really exploded this year as student-led projects shift from a wish to reality. Due to the sheer volume of items, we will be grouping items together for action in Term Two and beyond.

Our school captains have done a tremendous job leading the school whilst crafting individual, school and community impact goals. We had a blast at GRIP training last week at the Convention Centre. We were bursting with pride as we watched our School Captains in action.

We are so very grateful for the Honourable Natalie Hutchins (Minister for Education) who upheld a tradition at our school as she presented our school captains with their badges. We understand how busy our education minister is and truly appreciated her attending assembly.



Our parent community has continued to support us and offer our community lots of little extras like fruit slushies, Second Uniform Shop and amazing **Easter Raffle Baskets** (thank you Stephanie, Anita and Tiffany for wrapping these) and thanks to all in our community who donated. We raised **\$1693.80** for student-led projects.

Special thanks to DeMarco Lawyers for the **Guess the Easter Eggs** fundraiser for RCH Good Friday Appeal that raised a whopping **\$400.00**. What selfless students we have (Sailor, Isabella, Kaydence, Parnia, Sienna, Inaya, Pearl, Milla and Charlotte) who created **Loom Bands** in their own time to sell to the community in support of RCH. These legends raised **\$130.20**.



<https://fundraise.goodfridayappeal.com.au/fundraisers/springsidekinderprimaryschool>

We know many families in our community have been touched by the work RCH has provided to their loved ones. If you are thinking of donating why not use the link above to donate? Maybe the principal will be slimed again by students who donate to this worthy cause?!?!?!?!?

We are so proud of all achievements and celebrations such as Harmony Day, Meet the Teacher, School Photos, Turkish & Syrian Fundraiser and our very first Easter Bonnet Parade.

Next term we look forward to Kaboom Sports! And our first Community Festival to be held on May Thursday 11th after school.

Please join me in congratulating Michelle Berthet on her recent PE appointment a speedy 12 minutes from her home. We have enjoyed having Michelle back briefly from maternity leave and know this will give her more precious time with her gorgeous little family. We respect the emotion Michelle expressed that was attached to this decision as she will be taking leave until the end of the year. Thank you to Kayley who will be taking Michelle's PE load until Semester Two so there will not be any timetable changes.

A black and white poster for the Springside Fair. The text includes: "SPRINGSIDE FAIR", "CELEBRATING LOCALLY", "THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023", "4:00PM - 7:30PM", "SPRINGSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL", "WAY CAROLINE SPRINGS 3823", "94496400", "ART STALLS", "LIVE MUSIC", "STAGE PERFORMANCES", "DEMONSTRATIONS", "WORKSHOPS", "FOOD TRUCKS", "SPONSORED BY: DEAN'S ART", and "ARTWORK BY NATALIA SA".

Please join me in congratulating Elpis on securing a position with Home Affairs in the visa and immigration area. Elpis has studied over the years to secure her qualification and now she can shift workplaces. Elpis will commence her new role on 26th of April and has been approved for LWP until 2024. We wish you every success Elpis!

Welcome to our new ES integration aides Eve Bauer, Nicholas Matheson, Mariah Mercieca and Jordan East to support students new the Program for Students with Disabilities

This term has been choc-a-block with accountability and review requirements. We have our 2023 AIP endorsed, 2022 Annual Report endorsed and held both the 2023 School Council AGM and Parents' Association AGM. We are so grateful for the feedback and support of our families and community.

GRIP TRAINING

How wonderful it was to take our school captains to the GRIP Leadership training last week. We proudly joined 216 other schools learning about what makes a great leader.

Our Fab 4 School Captains



Our House Captains and House Vice-Captains



Thank you so much to the fabulous Class Captains that we had this term. To celebrate we had a Zooper Dooper party

0A	Mila	3A	Liana
0B	Paige	3B	Claire
0C	Zahra	3C	Dilan
0D	Cooper	3D	Aadith
0E	Giselle	4A	Nada
0F	Isaac	4B	Nellie
1A	Alyssa	4C	Eknoor
1B	Tasreen	4D	Charlie
1C	Chloe	4E	Harper
1D	Casey	5A	Inaya
1E	Hazel	5B	Alahna
1F	Zainab	5C	Emma
2A	Aveer	5D	Ayman
2B	Bethany	6A	Lincoln
2C	Selina	6B	Thalia
2D	Arya	6C	Oreva
2E	Oliver	6D	Ashwin
2F	Peter	6E	Ali

ATTENDANCE

Having your child at school is crucial to success and wellbeing. If your child is absent, we kindly ask for a same day notification of absence.

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Compass:** log the absence directly using the Compass app.
2. **Telephone 9449-6400:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent, and you need to know if your child isn't at school. Since the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained. This system also promotes daily school attendance.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in

the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day. Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.

Congratulations

Congratulations Mark Cunningham on your award from School Sports Victoria for 2022 Teacher Contribution. We appreciate your commitment to our school!



Mark Cunningham
Springside Primary School

Physical education teacher Mark began working at Springside Primary School in 2020 during a challenging period of remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this, Mark was determined to engage his students in the benefits of physical activity by enlivening the teaching of physical education at Springside.

For Mark, this meant creating enjoyable and inclusive lessons with explicit learning intentions and achievable success criteria. Completing tasks alongside his students, Mark's positivity and encouragement through physical education extends to extra training sessions and initiating sporting events including a Colour Fun Run and House Colours Day. Mark also organises the school's athletic and swimming carnivals and attends many district events, held on weekends and evenings, in support of his students' community engagement in sport.

Mark's positive and inclusive extra-curricular sporting activities have been central to bringing students and families together and supporting the whole school community's wellbeing and engagement.

WHAT OUR AMAZING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN UP TO

Prep C

A big congratulations to the preps on finishing their first ever term at school! They have had a fun-filled term meeting their classmates, their teachers and celebrating lots of milestones.

During this term in Integrated Studies the preps have been learning about how people grow and change as we get older. We invited Grandparents and other special adults to join us for a morning picnic. Here are some of Prep C showing off their picture frames they made for their "Special Persons Day".



Ivy

Bodhi

Aadhvik

1C

Hi I'm Chloe P. and I am 1C's class captain. Let me tell you a bit about the things we do in class. In maths we have been learning how to tell number sentences and have been doing our daily reviews. For writing we have been learning about how to write sentences and have been learning about pronouncing our words correctly. In reading we have been reading lots of fun books! We have been playing fun games such as guess my number.

We love to learn and in 1C we RORE!

3C

During Term 1 Grade 3C has been doing a lot of learning!! We have achieved a lot and we are proud of everything we have done. Lots of students have reached their goals.

For Literacy, we have learnt about nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. We have also practised writing narrative and persuasive writings. In Maths, we have learnt about place value, telling the time, addition and subtraction. In Integrated we have been busy learning about the difference between rules and laws, the different people in our communities and the importance of volunteers. We have created a poster about the different volunteers in our community.

For Harmony week we celebrated the diversity in our class by wearing orange and creating a poster about the importance of different community groups. It has been a busy and fabulous term.
3C's Class Captain Dilan Duskić

SENSATIONAL SCIENCE with Mr Beszelzen and Mrs Brooker

In Science this term, the Preps have been introduced to the science room and the rules that apply. They have also been learning how to work in teams when doing practical investigations. The topic of investigation this term has been motion. Using toys, students explored how a push or pull force is needed for objects to move. They have also investigated the way objects move, specifically roll and slide, and how this depends on a variety of factors such as the shape of the object. Students were able to use their knowledge to describe their movements as they played on the playground, as push or pulls. The students were also introduced to the concept of gravity and how it assisted objects to roll or slide down ramps. The students enjoyed exploring the science of motion which culminated in them making a moving Humpty Dumpty toy.



In science this term, the Grade 1 students have enjoyed learning about sound and light. They investigated sound using musical instruments and were able to observe vibrations that are created when sound is produced. The students explored how the vibrations can travel through different medium such as the air, water, string and a table to get to our ears for us to hear.

Students also investigated light and its many sources and how light is needed for us to see objects and their colour.

The students enjoyed exploring the science of sound and light and especially enjoyed making a musical instrument to take home.

CAMP AUSTRALIA DETAILS

<p>OPERATING HOURS:</p> <p>BEFORE SCHOOL CARE - 7:00 - 8:45 AM</p> <p>AFTER SCHOOL CARE - 3:00 - 6:30PM</p> <p>VACATION CARE - 7:00AM - 6:30PM</p>	<p>CONTACT NUMBERS:</p> <p>1300 105 343 - CUSTOMER CARE</p> <p>0434276349 - SERVICE MOBILE</p>	<p>ABBY RUEDA</p> <p>OSHC COORDINATOR</p> <p>SPRINGSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL</p>
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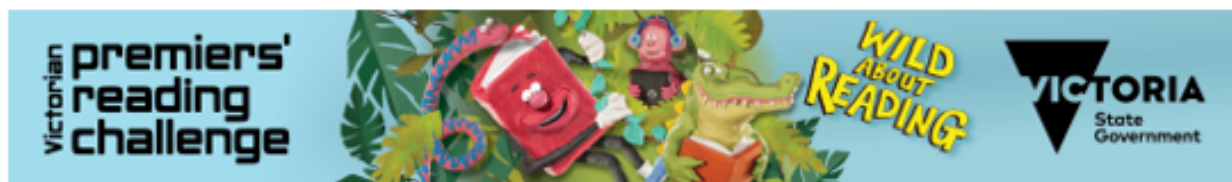
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Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Springside Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge,

visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>