



Caring



Optimism



Respect



Excellence

Friday 12th May

“Our school vision is to empower everyone to learn and grow in an inclusive environment.”

## School Council

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Cindi Bruechert

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## Principal's Report

**Do it for Dolly Day** On Friday 12 May, our students joined the thousands of community members who participate in Do It For Dolly Day - a day dedicated to bringing the community together, spreading kindness and helping break the silence around bullying. Our students wore blue clothes and gave a gold coin donation to help support the important anti-bullying work and share the Dolly's Dream message to be kind and speak even if your voice shakes. Our Happy Active Healthy Kids Team Leaders supported their peers to write encouraging messages to each other and made some amazing displays, including this beautiful butterfly tree in the Office foyer...



**Community Market** I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to help out at our very first Community Market on Sunday 30 April. It was so exciting to see more than 20 stall holders selling their produce and craft items and so many community members browsing through all the specialty stalls. Thank you also to our amazing team of Gr 6 students and parents who helped out on the SPS BBQ and Cake Stall. We raised just over \$1200 for new classroom resources. **Our next Community Market will be held on Sun 28 May** and we will be asking our Gr 5 students and their parents to lend a hand on the day, so please pop the date in your calendar and let us know if you are able to help out.

**Education Week Activities** In May each year, we join with schools across Victoria to celebrate Education Week. Education Week is a great opportunity for us to showcase all the great learning experiences that our students participate in each week, so we would love you to come join us for one or more of our special activities. This year, our Education Week activities will include the following:

- **Information Session for 2024 Foundation Parents - Tuesday 16 May** Our first session will run from **9.30am to 11.00 am**. This will include an information session, school tour and then time to chat while enjoying morning tea. Our evening session will run from **6.00pm to 7.00pm**. Parents can choose to attend the session that is most convenient for them.
- **Open Classrooms Session - Thursday 18 May** Families and community members are welcome to visit classrooms to see our regular classroom programs in action from **9.00am - 11.00am**.
- **Australia's Biggest 'Afternoon' Tea - Friday 19 May** To help raise money for cancer research, we will be hosting a special afternoon tea from **2.00pm-2.30pm** on Friday 19 May and all grandparents, special friends and other family members are welcome to join us. Students and family members are asked to pre-order their afternoon tea (lamingtons or donuts) via our Compass Canteen orders to help us cater for this worthwhile event. **Orders close Weds 17 May at 9.00am**.
- **Grandparents and Special Friends Day - Friday 19 May** Grandparents and special friends are invited to spend some time in their student's classroom from **2.30pm-3:30pm** on this day after enjoying a donut or lamington at our Biggest Afternoon Tea.

**Trivia Night for Grown Ups** On **Friday 16th June**, we will be holding our annual 'Trivia Night for Grown Ups'. Doors open at 7pm with trivia kicking off at 7:30pm. \$10 per person/up to 10 players per table. There will be lots of great prizes up for grabs. Remember to add this date to your diary, get a team of friends together and come along ready to enjoy a great, fun filled evening!

**Recycle Earn and Play** Our school is participating in the Wonder Bread recycling rewards program. We are collecting ALL bread bags, please bring them in and pop them in the designated box in the Office foyer so we can collect points to earn our school some free sporting goods.

## 2023 Curriculum Days and Student Learning Interview Days

Term 3 Week 1: Wednesday 12th July - Student Learning Interviews (students only attend at interview times)

Term 3 Week 7: Monday 21st August - Teacher Professional Learning Session (pupil free day)

Term 4 Week 8: Friday 24th November - Report Writing Day for Teachers (pupil free day)

Kind Regards, Cindi Bruechert [Cindi.Bruechert@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Cindi.Bruechert@education.vic.gov.au)



## Important Dates

May 15th - 19th	<b>Education Week</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation information sessions (Tues May 16th 9.30am – 11am &amp; 6 – 7pm)</li> <li>• Open Classrooms (Thurs May 18th 9am – 11am)</li> <li>• Australia's Biggest Afternoon Tea (Fri May 19th 2.00pm - 2.30pm)</li> <li>• Grandparent / Special Person's Hour (Fri May 19th 2.30pm – 3.30pm)</li> </ul>
May 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Athletics</li> </ul>
May 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Biggest Afternoon Tea raising funds for the Cancer Council 2-2.30pm</li> </ul>
May 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 2.35pm</li> </ul>
May 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Market 9-1pm</li> </ul>
June 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Cross Country</li> </ul>
June 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 2.35pm</li> </ul>
June 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kings Birthday– Public Holiday</li> </ul>
June 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior School Council Casual Clothes Day raising funds for First Responders</li> </ul>
June 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canteen Special Lunch</li> <li>• SPS Trivia Night for Grown Ups</li> </ul>
June 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 9.15am</li> <li>• Term 2 Finishes at 2.30pm</li> </ul>
June 24th - July 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Holidays</li> </ul>
June 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Market 9-1pm</li> </ul>



## 2023 Term Dates for SPS Students

Terms	From	To
2023 Term 1	Monday 30th January	Thursday 6th April
2023 Term 2	Wednesday 26th April	Friday 23rd June
2023 Term 3	Monday 10th July	Friday 15th September
2023 Term 4	Monday October 2nd	Wednesday 20th December

## Class Awards

1	Lily J James M	For working hard to stretch out sounds for words in her writing. For working hard to write sentences using tricky words and stretching out sounds.
2	Zendi A Demi B	For working hard to improve her writing by sounding out words and using tricky word lists. For always listening attentively and joining in during our InitialLit lessons.
3	Georgia M Bass P	For working hard on learning her letter-sounds and reading words For working hard on learning his letter-sounds and reading words
4	Matthew H Novalee N Cooper K	For being organised and completing all his morning jobs then practising his words and sounds. Keep up the great work! For being organised and completing all her morning jobs then practising her words and sounds. Keep up the great work! For stretching out the sounds hearing in words to write words. Also stretching out sounds and learning his tricky words, to read his daily decodable sentences.
5	Charlie M Molly O	For always giving 100% to all work tasks and challenging himself to do his best. For challenging herself mathematically to increase her understanding of addition.
6	Luca D Ruby M	For starting his tasks straight away and maintaining his focus. Well done Luca. For adding lots of detail in her writing and going back over and editing. Well done Ruby!
8	Nixon B Francesca S	For working hard to make his handwriting smaller and correctly placed on the lines. For displaying some wonderful reading skills, including blending and segmenting unknown words
9	Reggie K Ayla D	For improving the description he uses in his writing pieces For consistently having a positive attitude towards school
10	Grace C Noah H	For working confidently and independently during maths lessons! For confidently sharing his ideas during focus lessons!
11	Ryder G Max P	For showing enthusiasm in all areas of his work. For great focus and participation in all areas of his learning
13	Bonnie D Otto L	For consistently sharing thought provoking ideas during reading and writing focus lessons. Keep it up Bonnie For actively seeking assistance in the classroom and always using his beautiful manners
15	Ollie H AJ M	For being helpful and positive on camp. For being helpful and positive on camp.
16	Lucas B Xander F	For a great effort in his number talk activities. For always demonstrating genuine kindness to others.
17	Ryan L Bray V	For displaying a positive attitude on Grade 4 camp and trying many new activities! For showing our CORE values of optimism and excellence when writing her camp recount!
18	Sonny L Frankie D	For always displaying a positive attitude in the classroom. For always displaying a positive attitude in the classroom.
21	Annabelle T Tom O	For demonstrating care and optimism in the classroom For demonstrating care and optimism in the classroom
22	Harper C	For an excellent start to term 2 and trying hard at all his work! Well done Harper!
23	Noah K Jasper R	For improving his organisation skills in the classroom. For the enthusiasm and detail demonstrated towards his animal adaptations research.
24	Angus H Sienna O	For showing a positive attitude and persisting with all of his work tasks For consistently being organised and demonstrating excellence.
25	Kyden G Daragh M	For making a positive return to SPS. Welcome back Kyden. For his positive involvement during maths thinking time
26	Adam H Jordan S	For showing improvement in effort and growth in Term 2. For showing improvement in effort and growth in Term 2.
27	Mason R Harrison K	For completing all tasks within the classroom. For completing his research task to a high standard.
28	Aaliyah G	For supporting our new student on the school excursion to the Fauna Park
STEM	Aurora C	For being an enthusiastic and hard worker in STEM sessions.
PE	Evie O	For always being a positive role model for her other classmates
LOTE	Vishal Sophie B Ryley O	For the consistent engagement and participation in LOTE. For being actively involved in all our learning experiences in LOTE For the active participation and enthusiastic attitude in LOTE.
Perf Arts	Kacie H	For always trying her best in Performing Arts
Library	Sam D	For listening attentively in Library and completing all tasks to a high standard. Sam is keen to participate in class discussions about a story

## MP Lisa Chesters' Visit to SPS

On Thursday 4 May, we had a visit from the federal member of Bendigo, Lisa Chesters. When she came in Mrs. Bruechert and the school captains welcomed her. We walked over to sit around the table in Mrs Bruechert's office and we had a look at items we found in the 150<sup>th</sup> school anniversary time capsule. Lisa was hoping to come to the anniversary celebration but she was working in Canberra on that day, so she couldn't make it. We went over items in the capsule and read through future plans that people back in 1998 thought they would be doing. Things such as being a famous basketball/netball player or an engineer. Then Lisa showed us some library books she was donating to school library, which was very generous. Once we looked through everything we went over to the grade 5/6 building to talk to all the grade 6's.

Once we arrived at the grade 5/6 building, Lisa, Mrs Bruechert and the school captains all got chairs and sat out the front. All of the school captains had some questions prepared to ask Lisa. Our first question was. "Where did you grow up?" "I grew up in Maroochydore in QLD" she said. "What was your first job?" "Cleaning up at the movie theatre; the kids movies were the worst when you had to clean up the vomit!" "How many times did it take for you to pass your driving test?" "First time, but I got my license at 24 because I didn't need it until I had my job." "What advice would you give to your grade 6 self?" "To be kinder to myself is the biggest thing."

Lisa then asked a question of the grade 6's and it was "If you all of a sudden had to step into the spot of Prime Minister, what would you do?" There were answers like build a library or a swimming pool, but her favorite answer was the one that Wes shared which was "Find out what I am actually meant to do!" She said it was the most practical answer she had heard from any school. She then showed everyone the library books she gave us. As she left to go, we gave Lisa a quick tour of the school. We went up to the STEM room and surprisingly she knew Mr Hague because they were old friends. After we went to the STEM room, we went back to the front of the school and said our goodbyes and thanked her for coming. It was a wonderful experience and it was amazing to meet her.

### *Reflection by Piper P.*





### Grade 3 Camp

The Grade 3 students had a wonderful time at camp week away. The students and teachers experienced a number of activities including hut building, a maze activity, archery, the flying fox and damper making. It was a fantastic experience and enjoyed by those that attended. Also a big thank you to our parent helpers.

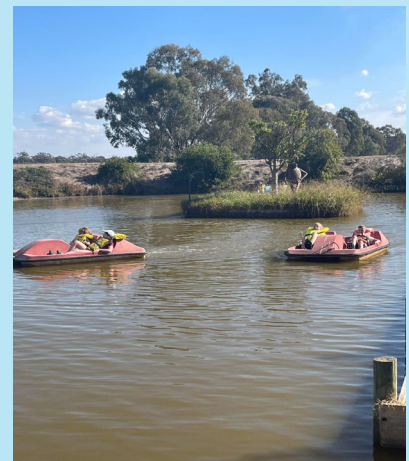
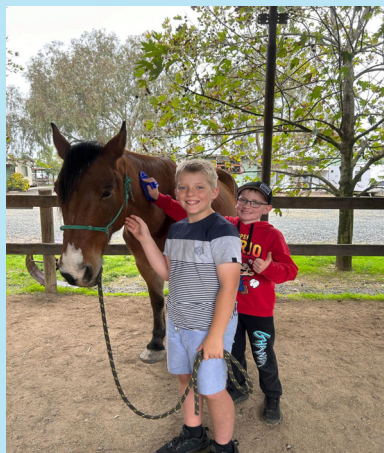




## Grade 4 Camp

The Grade 4 students had a wonderful time at the Billabong Camp . The students and teachers experienced a number of exciting activities including camel rides, bungee trampoline, pedal boats, rock climbing and horse grooming

It was a fantastic experience and enjoyed by those that attended.



## Grade 5 Excursion

### Kyabram Fauna Park

On Wednesday our grade 5 students travelled to Kyabram to visit the Fauna park. While we were there, we participated in an education session to help us learn more about animal adaptations and how these help animals survive in the wild. We saw a range of animals including Meerkats, quolls, birds and kangaroos. A highlight was getting up close with the kangaroos!





## Performing Arts News - Week 3

### Wakakirri

An eager band of over 30 students have embarked on our Wakakirri adventure for 2023.

The Aboriginal word Wakakirri means 'to dance'. It was chosen to give the festival a uniquely Australian Feel.

Created in 1992 Wakakirri is Australia's largest national performing arts event for schools. For Wakakirri students have to create a story dance.

A Wakakirri Story-Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a group of students that theatrically tells a story using a combination of dancing, creative movement and acting to pre-recorded music.

The theme for 2023 is Change. Students will spend one hour each week rehearsing their story dance and will perform at the Clock Tower Centre in Moonee Ponds in Week 4 of Term 3.

The students are showing great enthusiasm and are eagerly working on learning the choreography.



## COLOUR EXPLOSION RUN4FUN EVENT

Thank you to all those who raised funds during the Color Explosion Run4Fun event. Our school raised approximately \$20,000 which will be used to purchase new sporting equipment for each class, upgrade the GaGa Pit, enhance the outdoor areas for the school and contribute to the upgrade of the front netball court.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- Classroom who raised the highest amount – Room 4
- Highest fundraising student – Atlas R Room 4
- Winner of the Monty Backpack – Molly O Room 5





## Student Wellbeing

To help promote student wellbeing across our school we have decided to include the article titled 'The Parenting Revolution.'



For further information please visit: [www.happyfamilies.com.au](http://www.happyfamilies.com.au)

## A Message from The City of Greater Bendigo

### Increased Mosquito Activity and Threat of Arbovirus in Greater Bendigo Region

The City of Greater Bendigo region has been identified as having increased Mosquito activity through its mosquito surveillance program. Some of the mosquitos identified by the surveillance program are capable of carrying infectious diseases. Over the coming weeks, we expect the population of mosquitos to continue to increase, resulting in a higher risk of exposure to these infectious diseases.

Management of mosquitos requires a community effort. You can protect yourself by doing the following:

- Wear loose fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use effective mosquito repellents on exposed skin containing DEET or picaridin.

You can increase your protection by:

- Ensuring your buildings are fitted with well maintained flyscreens or other physical insect barriers.
- Checking any rainwater tanks and water storage devices are sealed or fitted with mesh screens.

If you have identified increased mosquito at your premises, I encourage you to engage a licensed pest controller to assist you identify and apply appropriate chemical controls at your site.

Should you identify areas in your neighbourhood supporting the breeding of mosquitos, please do not hesitate in notifying the City. Together we can minimise the spread of mosquito borne disease in our community.



## School Canteen Information

- The school canteen operates on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 11-12pm
- Canteen orders and payments, by credit card, can be made through the Compass portal. The Canteen link is accessible under the 'Community' icon (the 2 people) on your Compass home page
- **Online orders close at 8:40am each day, except for Friday when orders close at 8:00am**
- Lunch wallets are available from the school office for \$8
- Volunteers are always welcome to help collate the orders and prepare the lunches.
- If you are willing to assist between 9 -11:30am on either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday please contact Marcella, our Canteen Manager, on **0409 795 170**

## VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 2023

DAY & DATE	9.00am — 11:30am	
Monday 15th May	Jo March	
Tuesday 16th May	Jill Hayse	
Thursday 18th May	Jo March	
Friday 19th May	Meagan Hitchcock	
Monday 22nd May	Jo March	
Tuesday 23rd May	Jo March	
Thursday 25th May	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Friday 26th May	Michelle Hicks	Kellie Martin
Monday 29th May	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 30th May	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED

*Thank you*

We would like to say a big thankyou to all of our wonderful volunteers that have helped in the canteen this term.

## Community Notices

**S** Strathfieldsaye  
Primary School

# Community MARKET

*Stall holder bookings open now!*



**Next Market: Sunday May 28th**

[www.trybooking.com/CHWHX](http://www.trybooking.com/CHWHX)



## RAISING 'DOUGH' FOR THE COMMUNITY



Domino's will be donating \$1 from every large or XL pizza sold on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May to support Strathfieldsaye Primary School in re-surfacing their sports courts.

**What:** \$1 from every large or XL pizza sold

**Where:** Domino's Strathdale

**When:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Goal:** \$500





**Our school\* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.**



Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school\* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school\* earns!

**Collections close 7th July.**

**Tip for collecting:**

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

**Did you know?**

Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

**LET'S GET COLLECTING!**

\* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.



Tag [@wonder.australia](#) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!





# BECOME AN AUSKICK CENTRE COORDINATOR

To acknowledge the selfless work that our Auskick Coordinators contribute to NAB AFL Auskick, we are pleased to offer the following exclusive coordinator incentives in 2023:



**Discounts on your child's 2023 Auskick registration fee**



**Auskick Coordinator Ticketing Program**



**Guaranteed Half time experience**



**Win a Medallion Club dining experience**

For more information on the above, including how to become an Auskick Centre Coordinator, contact your local Participation Coordinator or Participation Officer [here](#).

NEANGAR PARK GOLF CLUB

# JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

ONLY  
\$100!



UNDER 18'S - VALID TILL 31ST MARCH 2024





FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

# Kangaroo Flat Family Fun Day

Sunday May 21, 2023



- Pony rides
- The Zone rock climbing wall
- Activities with AFL Central Vic
- Art and craft
- TZR reptiles and wildlife display
- Face painting
- Circus activities
- Entertainment, lucky door prizes and FREE giveaways!



**BBQ sausages, soup and bread roll, veggie burgers and chicken sticks – all \$2 each**

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat, Kangaroo Flat Primary School and Hazeldenes

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## Welcome

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## 12pm - 3pm

### Kangaroo Flat Primary School yard

60 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat





## Community Notices



# PLAYERS WANTED FOR 2023

Mounts teams  
in Bendigo JFL,  
new players  
welcome

U10s  
U12s  
U12s (girls/Friday nights)

For more details  
contact  
Sonya Browne  
0438 904 611

## Thank You!

A huge thank you to the Strathfieldsaye Bakery for their donation of bread each week; to Strathfieldsaye Champions IGA for the cheese they donate; and also to the McKern Foundation for donating fresh fruit. We really appreciate your support.



### FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!

Proudly funded and supported by:



mckern steel™ foundation

