Pathways to the future
Wednesday 2nd March, 2016

Hi Everyone
We have had a very busy fortnight since our last newsletter. For those who haven’t heard Mrs Presti is taking two weeks sick leave as she has an issue with her back, so Mrs B is working full time in the Junior Room. We hope the rest will fix the problem. The students performed brilliantly in the cross country run even though the weather was a little challenging with the heat. Once again the behaviour of our students was exemplary – we are so proud of them.

School Council Elections
Congratulations and welcome to our new school council members – Keren Fryar, Emma Keys, Emily Manly and Bek Nash-Webster (re-elected). We also welcome Julie Bowers as our new staff member representative on council. A huge thank you to Kaylene Holmes (parent representative) and Jo Presti (staff representative) who have served the school on council for a number of years. We appreciate all the work you have done for the school.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that CD will be held on Friday 11th March. We will be working on our Strategic Plan, Annual Implementation Plan and our Annual Report. Fun times!

Have a great fortnight!
Wendy

Playgroup
We had our first playgroup session for the year last Monday. It was great to see Jess out and about with her new baby Amber. Congratulations – a fabulous addition to the Springhurst community. Everyone is welcome to come along – a fortnightly basis every Monday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.30 at the school.

If you know of any new families to our community, please let them know and invite them along.

Junior Room
It has been a busy couple of weeks with our foundation students shining and settling into school routine beautifully. They are currently learning the letter “Gg” and then we will be learning “Ff”. At home if you would like to reinforce letter knowledge and sound that would be a great help. The letters we have learnt so far are “s, m, p, t, c, k, b.” The other students are learning letter blends and are learning patterns in words to support them with their spelling. It is wonderful to see all of our students keen to write and learning to “have a go.” They are building their writing stamina and writing more and more each week. Well Done Kids! We have mastered recounts and are now learning to write narratives.

In maths we are continuing to look at counting patterns, place value of numbers, more and less than, and correct formation of writing all the digits. We have learnt some great games that are simple to play at home, all you need are some cards and dice, a fun way to learn!

Cluster Day
We attended our first cluster day at Whorouly Primary School yesterday. It was quite a hot day but all the students coped well with lots of drinks, sunscreen and shade. The performance was called ‘You can do it too’ – all about having a go and learning from it. The stars from our school were Tilly and Declan who were invited on stage to perform some juggling.
**Senior Room**

We have been busy learning about ‘recalling facts and details’ in reading. This adds to learning about the main idea. Our spelling program is underway with some of the children learning how to spell our states and capital cities. We hope by the end of this term, all the students in the senior room will be able to locate the states and their capital cities on a map of Australia and to be able to spell them correctly.

In maths we are continuing to work on place value – from negative numbers to hundreds, tens and units. We had most students complete their homework this week which was great to see.

**Resilience**

Cluster Day yesterday was a perfect match to the work we are doing on ‘resilience’. As a follow up to this, we did some work on ‘analogies’ today in class. Here are some examples the students wrote:

- Practise is to juggling like learning is to making mistakes. Darby
- Resilience is like bounce back like persistence is to not giving up. Emily
- Practise is to juggle like never practise is to not succeed. Brialeigh
- Resilience is to bounce back as getting along is to help. James

**Artists of the Week**

Fantastic effort from our AOTW winners - Sam for his fantastic effort in Art and James for his great use of colour with his sensational ‘close up’ insect.

Mrs Earles

**Students of the Month**

Congratulations to all the Foundation students and to Declan for achieving our Student of the Month for February. They have all settled into the year fabulously! Well done!

**Kids’ Council**

**Easter Raffle**

We are planning once again to have an Easter raffle. We have the eggs – which were kindly organised and delivered to us by Annette Lewis. Tickets will be sent home next Thursday. Some of the money raised will be donated to the Royal Childrens’ Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

**Zooper Doopers**

The cost is 30cents each and they are on sale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Athletics Sports**

We have been busy practising for the sports. The students have run their sprints and recorded their best times. A program for the day will be sent out next week.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. Go Springhurst!!!

**Safeway Stickers**

After all our hard work collecting stickers and sending them in, we received our prizes last week. We have printed a ‘collage’ of the children playing with the ‘aqua play’, the ‘squishy foam’ and we also got ‘kinetic sand’. Thankyou to everyone who assisted in collecting the stickers – particularly Ellie’s family. Awesome!

*Remember to wear your hats in term 1*
Dates for your calendar:

3rd March – ART
7th March – Japanese
8th March – Sport with Mr Pod
9th March – School Council
10th March - Library
11th March – Curriculum Day
14th March – Labour Day Holiday
15th March – Athletics Sports
17th March – ART
21st March - Japanese
22nd March – Sport with Mr Pod
24th March – Last Day Term 1 dismiss 2.30
11th April – First Day Term 2.

Corowa Rutherglen United Hockey Club
Un10’s Hockey Development Program
Commencing: Wed 2nd March 4-5pm  - 4 weeks only
Where: Ball Park Corowa – synthetic field
Cost: $15 per child
A program recommended for the child who has previously attended HookIn2Hockey and is interested in learning further skills and game play required for future Un 12’s competition.
Compulsory: Mouth guard, shin pads & hockey stick
If you require any further information please contact Louisia 04076921051

2016 AUTUMN COMPETITION
Muster Nights : 2nd & 9th of March, Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.
Free Come ’n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.
Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.
For further information call
Robert (Seniors) : 0407228280, Andrew (Juniors) : 0498954081.
Where: The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.
(First building on the left side as you enter the main gates).