

# The Slate

## Parent Opinion Survey

It is that time of the year again where our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

**All families are invited to participate in the survey.**

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages.

Last year we used the survey results to plan curriculum and resources for our school.

**To complete the survey, I will send you a text message with a link for you to access.**

Click on the link, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

Please speak to us if you would like more information.

## Athletics Sports

Festooned with yellow feathers and streamers, the Springhurst school cohort trekked to Chiltern last week to compete in athletics. The weather was kind and the day was impeccably planned, allowing all students to participate in every event. There were many strong performances that contributed to the overall results, but there were some stand out efforts including Erica who won most of the events in her age group, Ruby who won lots of ribbons and Lenny, Savannah, Shannon and Wynter who all ran, threw and jumped enthusiastically in their first-ever inter-school athletics. The most impressive effort, though, was the team spirit and encouragement shown to support others. Well done to all students on their diligence in training and their willingness to give their best.

## CATERING @ SPRINGHURST

This morning the school kitchen was buzzing in a spiralling and whisking way as students busily prepared desserts for Friday's dinner at the hall. Zayden, Savannah and Wynter crunched numbers for quantities of Frog in a Pond (or maybe they're Shrek in a Swamp or Koala in a Tree?) while a large team slinkied apples for some freshly cooked, completely home-made apple crumble. During baking, the open oven emitted a most flavourful smell and Aiden's astute vocabulary gives us this week's ...

## Word of the Week

**Fragrant** - the sweet scent of lemony jonquils or a sumptuous, tummy-warming apple and cinnamon crumble. Yum!

\*\* Thank you to the Petch family for your donations.

**We are excited!**

We are planning a trip to Melbourne on the 7 September. More details to follow.

## Building Works

Please note that, currently, the school can only be accessed by the front door or rear decking. Plumbing work has started at the side steps and will be blocked off until further notice.

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## FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Term Dates 2022

Term 1: 28 Jan – 9 Apr  
Term 2: 26 Apr – 25 Jun  
Term 3: 11 Jul – 17 Sep  
Term 4: 3 Oct – 21 Dec

## School Council Meeting

Tuesday 18 October  
@ 5.30pm

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SCHOOL  
FEES  
DUE  
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August						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7	8 Girl Guides	9 Breakfast Club Playgroup	10 ART	11	12
13	14	15 Girl Guides School Council	16 Breakfast Club Library Playgroup	17 HOT DOGS	18	19
20	21	22 Girl Guides	23 Breakfast Club Playgroup	24 ART	25	26
27	28	29 Girl Guides	30 Breakfast Club Library Playgroup	31 HOT DOGS	1	2
September						
3	4	5 Girl Guides	6 Breakfast Club Playgroup	7 ART	8	9
10	11	12 Girl Guides	13 Breakfast Club Library Playgroup	14 HOT DOGS	15 Last Day Term 3 Dismiss 2.30pm	16
School holidays						

### Play Group

Play group has resumed and any toddling youngsters are welcome to join in on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm. Snacks, games and conversation provided.

### Hot lunches

Hot lunches – we continue to have hot lunches available for the students. A pie warmer, sandwich maker and microwave are available for the students to use. Next Thursday will be Hot Dogs. Order forms attached.



### Microwave

Free to a good home. Microwave. An oldy but a goody. Contact the school to arrange pick-up. First in, first served.

**“At Springhurst Primary School, we teach for progress not perfection”**