

# The Slate



## Thank you to a true legend!

A huge thank you to a true legend of our Springhurst school community. Donny has been involved in the school for many, many, many years. He has served on School Council as a community member, has been our gardener keeping our school beautiful and has kept our spirits alive with his quirky sense of humour and fun. He has decided to hang up his secateurs and have a rest. I know he won't be a stranger and invite him to visit the school any time he desires. Our doors are always open to you.

## Playground News

Yippee!! The area is almost finished – the decking is finished and the hand railing should be finished by the end of today. Tomorrow I have a meeting with the builders and architect for a final inspection. We are looking forward to showing it off at the welcome back BBQ.

## Welcome back BBQ and opening of our new outdoor area

**22 February @ 5.30pm**

Our welcome back BBQ had been organised to occur on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet our new families and reacquaint ourselves with old and to see our new outdoor area. At this stage we only have a few responses. Could you please let me know by tomorrow whether you will be attending as we need to organise catering?



## Kids Council News

Zooper Doopers will be on sale this term. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 50 cents.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will once again operate this year. We have decided to keep it at one day per week. This will be held on Wednesdays with entry times from 8.30 to 8.45am. We will need volunteers once again. Please let me know if you are available to help out. Even once per term will be a help.

## For Your Diaries – No students at school

Friday 11 March (Curriculum Day) and Monday 14 March (Labour Day)

## Absence Reminder

As a part of our student absence policy, all parents/carers must notify the school before 11.00am. on the day of the absence. Thank you for your support in this.

## More Kids' Council News

We had a meeting this week and brainstormed some fundraising ideas for the year. Traditionally our first fundraising activity has been the Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Childrens' Hospital. One suggestion which was quite popular was to have a 'Colour Run Day'. We are in the early stages of the organisation for this. Over the next couple of weeks, the students will research the product, purchase the product, plan the timetable for the event, publicise the event, and many other tasks that enable a successful 'Colour Run Day.' If you have any suggestions for the event, please discuss with your child and they can present it to the group for consideration. This will help to increase the opportunity for student leadership and agency.

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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 22 Mar @ 5.30pm

## Curriculum Day

Friday 11 Mar

## Labour Day Holiday

Monday 14 Mar

## Welcome Back BBQ

22 Feb @ 5.30pm

**Remember  
Hats for  
Term 1**

### ***We need you!***

We have 6 parent vacancies for our School Council for 2022. Have a think about nominating - it is a very rewarding job. We have 8 meetings a year and they usually go for around an hour. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our retiring council members. Nomination forms can be found at the office.



Just a reminder about our covid safe practices.

#### **Free rapid antigen tests**

Free rapid antigen tests have been made available for the first 4 weeks of Term 1 2022 and will continue to the end of Term 1 2022. Twice-a-week testing will be strongly recommended for both students and staff. The department have supplied the tests to our school – you do not need to buy your own.

Students and staff will do the tests at home; they only need to report their result if it is COVID-positive. They must report a COVID-positive result to:

- the school by phone or the [RA Test Portal](#); this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms
- the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) or call centre on [1800 675 398](#).

Information about how to do a test and how to read RAT results, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is [available online](#).

#### **Vaccination requirements**

Parents and carers must have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception (with limited exceptions) to enter school buildings.

All staff working in schools need to be fully vaccinated or have a verified medical exception.

COVID-19 vaccinations for students are not required for them to attend school but vaccination for students is highly encouraged. For more information on how to book a vaccination, including important information about vaccination for children aged 5 to 11, visit [Vaccination information for children and teenagers](#).

#### **Ventilation**

We will also make sure that classrooms are well ventilated by opening windows and doors, to minimise the risk of infection. We have received air purifiers, which are being used in the classrooms as an added safety measure.

#### **Vital COVIDSafe steps**

Hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing will continue wherever possible in Term 1.

#### **Staffing our school**

I know many of you will have questions about what happens if your child's teacher gets COVID-19. We will be able to bring in extra teachers and other staff if we need them, and we will be doing everything that we can to make sure our school stays safe and open.

#### **Other information about school operations**

Schools can allow parents to enter buildings onsite for student pick-up and drop-off if they are double vaccinated. Where this is not the case, schools should not allow parents to enter buildings for pick-up or drop-off.

There's no doubt that this term is going to be challenging for all of us, but we are also very excited to kick off the school year and welcome back all of our students.

Updated Operational Guidelines are expected to be released later today. I will keep you informed.



## WELCOME BACK!

MACC is back and so happy to be in the classroom again!

This week in Art, students discussed colour and line, focussing on the concepts of contrast and portraying emotions or ideas through their artwork. Students created a piece that represented themselves as an individual; junior students completed a self-portrait and senior students used line and colour to portray their personality.

- Miss Turner





## February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21	22 Girl Guides Welcome Back BBQ 5.30pm	23 Breakfast Club Senior Room Kids' Help Line	24 ART	25	26

## March

27	28	1 Girl Guides	2 Breakfast Club	3 Library	4	5
6	7	8 Girl Guides	9 Breakfast Club	10 ART	11 Curriculum Day	12
13	14 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	15 Girl Guides Somers Camp	16 Breakfast Club Somers Camp	17 Library Somers Camp	18 Somers Camp	19 Somers Camp
20 Somers Camp	21 Somers Camp	22 Girl Guides Somers Camp School Council	23 Breakfast Club Somers Camp	24 ART	25	26
27	28	29 Girl Guides	30 Breakfast Club	31 Library	1	2

## April

3	4	5 Girl Guides	6 Breakfast Club	7 ART	8 Last Day Term 1 Dismiss 2.30pm	9
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