

# The Slate

**Welcome Back!!**

I hope you all had a fabulous break. As you can see we have a new format for our newsletters—I hope you like it.



**Henry Otis Duursma** was welcomed into the world on December 30th by a very excited Eleanor and James. And of course Gemma and Kai. From all here at the Springhurst school community we wish you all the best.

## Birthdays

We had a number of birthdays during the holidays. Happy birthday to Eli (11) Dusti (10) Esther (8) Amber (5). Hip, hip, hoorah!!



## School Council

It is that time of the year again when we have school council elections. Firstly, I would personally like to convey my appreciation for all the work our current school council members do. The school would not run as well as it does if it wasn't for all of your hard work. So thank you. I would like to officially thank our current members – Mel and Darren - whose membership expires in March. Your work has been much appreciated.

Attached to this week's newsletter is information regarding our upcoming elections for School Council. We have 2 parent vacancies. Have a think about nominating - it is a very rewarding job. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our council members.

## New Staff Member

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Fenella (Fen) Elsom. Fen will be with us every Tuesday taking poetry, Science and Music for the school. She had her first lesson this week and was very positive. Welcome Fen!

## New Preps

It is my pleasure to welcome our new Foundation students and their families to Springhurst Primary School. Amber Holt (Jess and Cam) and Will Spence (Georgia and Ben). They have fit in beautifully and we really enjoy having them as a part of our school.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will once again operate this year. We had a vote at the end of last year and the students decided they would like breakfast club 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.

## Welcome back BBQ



At the beginning of each year we have a welcome back BBQ. Our welcome back BBQ had been organised to occur on Wednesday 24th February @ 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet our new families and reacquaint ourselves with old. We will supply all the food but ask you to byo drinks. Hope to see you there.

## Kids Council News

A slight increase for our zooper doopers. This year they will be 50c and for sale each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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## FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Term Dates 2021

Term 1: 27 Jan – 1 Apr  
Term 2: 19 Apr – 25 Jun  
Term 3: 12 Jul – 17 Sep  
Term 4: 4 Oct – 17 Dec

### School Council Meeting

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 5.30pm

### Curriculum Day

Friday 6 Mar

### Labour Day Holiday

Monday 8 Mar

### Welcome Back BBQ

24 Feb @ 5.30pm



## Thank you

A huge thankyou to the Yeomans family for looking after Princess in the holidays. It was greatly appreciated.

**Remember  
Hats for  
Term 1**

## Sporting Schools

This term for Sporting Schools, we are very lucky to be going ten pin bowling. We are having four sessions at the Wangaratta Supa Bowl at the Co-store . Each of these sessions is on a Friday – we will leave school at 10.30 and our lessons will be from 11 – 12. Following bowling, we thought we might have lunch in at King George Gardens. There will be no cost for students.

## Foundation/One

We have made a great start to the year with all the students settling in really well. By next week, we should have our new reader covers and reading log books ready for the students to take home. Each week, students take home 5 readers to read during the week. We don't expect every book to be read every night – just the one will do. It would be great if you could initial and write a comment if you want to let us know the reader has been read. We hear the students read each day – by you listening to your child read it reinforces what we have done at school.

Also in the reader cover is a list of sight words. These are common words found in their readers and it is vital for the students to be able to read these words automatically to become proficient readers. When they have successfully read the words about 5 – 6 times, they will get a new list. We would like these practised each night as well.

The strategy in reading this week is 'Chunky Monkey.' This is used when a student comes to an unfamiliar word and is able to break it into syllables to work out the word.

In Maths we are doing some revision from last year with the Foundation students doing the numbers from 1 to 5.

Show and Tell will be on Fridays. Your child can bring along something to share if they like.

If you have any questions, please contact me or jot a note down in your child's reading log book.

Wendy

## Grade 3/6

We're back! As per usual the summer holiday came and went and we are now back into a busy Term One.

The students have settled back in well and have been working extra hard to ensure that our new Foundation students are included in as many activities as possible. Term One sees the Senior Room students work on narrative and report writing in English, whilst in Maths they are working on addition and subtraction facts and understanding numbers up to 10,000.

Springhurst students can look forward to Ten Pin Bowling which begins in late February. Please keep an eye out for more information and permission forms.

This month's focus in the classroom is manners, something that we are working towards as a whole school.

Mr S

## Tutor Learning Initiative

Many Victorian students spent much of Terms 2 and 3 last year learning remotely and Victorian schools and their communities have made an exceptional effort to provide continuity of teaching and learning to our students during this time.

We know that the remote learning experience was different for every student. While some students thrived, some students may not have engaged as fully with remote learning. For most of our students, regular high-quality teaching in 2021 will be enough to help them progress to the expected level of learning. Some students will benefit from additional intensive learning support in 2021 and this will be provided.

## Parent Payments

Jan will send out details next week of what fees are owing, once adjustments have been made for swimming not taking place last year, and CSEF funds. If you hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card, you should be entitled to claim the Camps, Sports & Excursions Funds (CSEF). If you could please provide a copy of your card to Wendy or Jan if you have claimed for this in the past. If you are applying for this for the first time, please pop into the office on a Thursday and Jan will have a form to fill out, or email her and she can send one to you. [Janine.cashen@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Janine.cashen@education.vic.gov.au)  
If cards and applications could be finalised by the end of February please.

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Breakfast Club	4 Library	5	6
7	8	9	10 Breakfast Club	11 ART	12	13
14	15	16	17 Breakfast Club	18 Library	19	20
21	22	23	24 Breakfast Club Welcome Back BBQ 5.30pm	25 ART	26 SS Bowling	27
28	1	2 Hockey Clinic	3 Breakfast Club	4 Library	5 Curriculum Day	6



It's very exciting that once again we have Lynne from Girl Guides volunteering to come to take sessions with our girls. These will take place on Mondays – start date to be confirmed.



**Media Invitation**  
**Official Opening of Tom Roberts' Shearing the rams**

**What:** Official Opening of Tom Roberts' Shearing the rams

**Where:** Wangaratta Art Gallery, 56 Ovens Street Wangaratta

**When:** Friday 5 February, 11am – 12 noon. The exhibition runs until 28 February 2021.

**Who:** Join Minister for Creative Services Danny Pearson, along with representatives from the National Gallery of Victoria and Rural City of Wangaratta for this event.

**RSVP:** With all Council events we are asking that media RSVP so that we can have an understanding of numbers. Please RSVP by replying to this email by 10am, Thursday 4 February if you plan to attend.

 Rural City of Wangaratta

**Steven Burke**  
Media and Communications Coordinator

**Wangaratta Library**

We would like to know if our regular late opening on Wednesday evenings until 8pm remains the best option for you.

Please help by completing our quick survey.

<https://forms.gle/jUVcyME3GcWr7drd7>

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 Rural City of Wangaratta

4 February 2021

**Media Release**

**Community Connection Events**

 Rural City of Wangaratta

Community groups keen to reconnect can now apply for funding for events.

The Rural City of Wangaratta has established the Community Connection Events Fund and is encouraging groups to apply. Events that promote groups, connect community members or help build resilience and social connections are eligible for the funding of up to \$1000. Mayor Dean Rees said this was an effective way of getting people and community groups back together.

"Community Connections have suffered over the past year, and it's our connections that help to make us resilient," he said.

"Ties to our family, friends and community provide a sense of security and belonging, and it helps give us the capacity to handle difficult life events.

"To all the community groups out there we really encourage you to come forward with ideas and help take the lead in rebuilding connections."

Applications are open until 19 February 2021.

The application form and more information can be found at [www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/communityevents](http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/communityevents)

For further enquiries regarding this media release, please contact Steven Burke, Media and Communications Coordinator on 03 5722 0862.