

# The Slate

## Welcome Back!!

It is certainly great to be back and to see all students refreshed after a holiday break. We have a lot to look forward to not only this term, but across the whole year and hopefully the days of remote learning are well behind us and that we can have a level of consistency this year. We all need to remain vigilant in regards to combating Covid however I have every confidence in our school community to keep us all safe.



I would like to introduce **Olivia Curtis**. Olivia will be taking the Junior room on Tuesdays and be involved in our tutoring program on Wednesdays. Please introduce yourself to Olivia and give her a warm welcome.

## Birthdays

We had a number of birthdays during the holidays. Happy birthday to Eli (12) Dusti (11) Amber (6). Hip, hip, hoorah!!



## New Preps

It is my pleasure to welcome our new Foundation students and their families to Springhurst Primary School. Lenny Griffin (Georgina and



Matthew), James Duursma (Gemma and Kai), Savannah Young (Jo) and Shannon Tazzyman (Kritstie and Damien). We also have Harry Tazzyman joining us. They have fit in beautifully and we really enjoy having them as a part of our school.

## Playground News

During the holidays the school was a hive of activity. The area is almost finished – we are waiting on the bolts for the decking to come. Once they arrive, the decking will be installed and all will be finished. We are looking forward to showing it off at the welcome back BBQ.

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

At the beginning of each year we have a welcome back BBQ to welcome our new families to the school and catch up with our old families. 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 acquaint ourselves with old and to see our new outdoor area. We will supply all the food but ask you to byo drinks. Hope to see you there.



## 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.

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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

## Thank you

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

## Thank you

A special thank you to Tanya for coming to the school during the holidays for the delivery of the air purifiers. Much appreciated.

Remember  
Hats for  
Term 1

## 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, Deasy, Keren, Simone, Irene, Jono and Donny - 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 6 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. Nomination forms can be found at the office.

## Junior Room

We have made a great start to the year with all the students settling in really well. All students have received their reader covers and reading log books. 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 we will put 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, and the rest of the students working on place value.

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*

## Senior Room

We're back!

It's great to have all TEN students back again for 2022. We have started the year by revisiting some basics in Maths and doing some fun spelling activities. We also set ourselves some goals. Let's see how resilient we are!

In the coming weeks, we will be starting some new subjects which include cooking, AUSLAN and kitchen garden.

I hope you had a fantastic summer break and I look forward to seeing you and your families throughout Term 1.

*Mr S*

## Ms Curtis

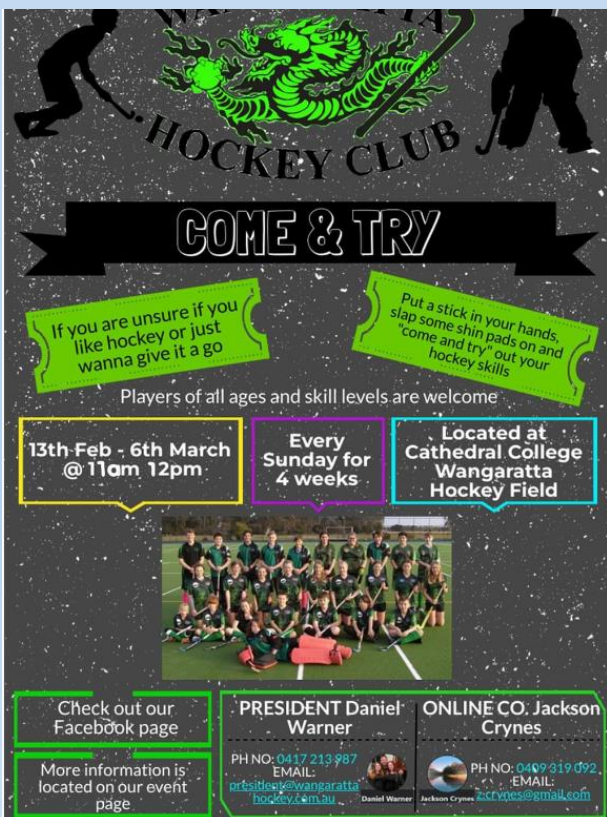
Hi Springhurst families and community. I'm Olivia Curtis and up to this year, have been a teacher and parent at Old Orchard Primary School, found in Melbourne's eastern suburbs. My happy tree-change brings the wonderful opportunity to teach and learn with the Junior School, here, one day a week (Tuesdays). I'm also looking forward to getting to know students across the whole school with a day of lessons and activities on Wednesday that will include Kitchen Garden, Respectful Relationships and Science. I feel delighted at the kindness and warmth I've already enjoyed from the teachers and children in this community and it's been lovely to meet a few parents already. Feel free to contact me at the school through the year.

*Ms Curtis*

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Girl Guides	9 Breakfast Club	10 ART	11	12
13	14	15 Girl Guides	16 Breakfast Club	17 Library	18	19
20	21	22 Girl Guides Welcome Back BBQ 5.30pm	23 Breakfast Club Senior Room Kids' Help Line	24 ART	25	26
27	28	1 Girl Guides	2 Breakfast Club	3 Library	4	5



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 Tuesdays – start date 8<sup>th</sup> February.



**HOCKEY CLUB**

**COME & TRY**

If you are unsure if you like hockey or just wanna give it a go

Put a stick in your hands, slap some shin pads on and 'come and try' out your hockey skills

Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome

13th Feb - 6th March @ 11am 12pm

Every Sunday for 4 weeks

Located at Cathedral College Wangaratta Hockey Field

Check out our Facebook page

More information is located on our event page

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### Parent Payments

At the end of last year I sent out details of what fees are owing for 2022. The total per student is \$195 which includes swimming. If you hold a valid **Health Care Card or Pension Card**, you should be entitled to claim the Camps, Sports & Excursions Funds (CSEF). This will pay for the swimming portion of the fees (\$45), that will leave a remainder to pay of \$150 to cover everything else. If you could please provide a copy of your card to Wendy or Jan if you have claimed for this in the past as soon as possible. If you are applying for CSEF 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. Our bank details are on the front of the newsletter. Thanks, Jan