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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Teacher chats:

If you have requested a meeting with your child's teacher, then you will receive your allocated time very soon. Please look in your child's bag for your interview time over the next week or so. If for some reason, you need to change the appointment, then please contact either Office and there might be an opportunity to move it to another time. We're looking forward to

seeing as many families as possible on Wednesday, March 8th. Please go straight to your child's classroom where the chat will take place. This is a normal school day for students, as they will be supervised in the afternoon by our specialist teachers.

Diary dates: 27/2/2023

27/2: Parent session at West Campus on cybersafety at 9.15 a.m.

School Council via webex: 6 p.m.

28/2: Census day

01/3: SSG's at Valley Campus

02/3: Assembly at 3 p.m: all welcome!

06/3: SSG's at West Campus

08/3: Meet the teacher chats: 2.30 p.m.

10/3: Assembly at 3 p.m: all welcome!

13/3: Labour Day Holiday

Student Support Group meetings:

If your child receives funding from the PSD program, then you will be having a separate meeting with either Mrs Harry or myself and the classroom teacher. Valley Campus will have their meetings on March 1st and West Campus on March 6th. You have been allocated a time and once again, if you need to change it, then please contact either Office and ask to speak to Mr Tran.

School Nurse Questionnaire:

Usually the School Nurse hands out questionnaires to our Foundation families in term 1 each year, but our school will be hosting Glasses for Kids in term 2, and Smile Squad – which is a free dental service for children funded by the Department of Education. So, the questionnaires will be handed out in term 3 instead. More news about these two exciting initiatives later in the term.

Playgroup at West Campus:

Playgroup has started again for 2023! We would love to see some of our families at West Campus on Tuesdays from 10 – 12 with a trained facilitator from the Council. Her name is Ayan and she would love to meet families with young children each week. This doesn't have to be just families from our school, so invite your friends along too!

CAMP 2023:

All year 5/6 students and their teachers will be going to Camp Gundiwindi for 3 days of fun and adventure on April 3rd, 4th and 5th. Most families are on track with payments, but if you are having difficulty with financing the camp, then please come and see Mrs Harry or myself about a payment plan. There is also a reduction if you have 2 children attending, as some of our families do. We understand that this is a huge financial commitment, but we are happy to help out where we can

Enjoy the next two weeks.

 Julie Fisher
Principal

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Long Service Leave:

All staff members accrue long service leave after 7 years of working, so I'm advising the community that Mrs Rakic will be taking all of term 2 off on LSL, but we have Mrs Dounis replacing her for the whole time she is away.

We are very fortunate to have a teacher as experienced as Mrs Dounis who is willing to teach a class for the whole term. Thank you Mrs Dounis! Also, Mrs Ary will be taking LSL from May 12th until the end of term. We don't have a replacement teacher as yet, but we are working on it! Parents will be notified as soon as we know.

Mrs Lyons will be taking LSL for the last 2 weeks of term 1 and the first 2 weeks of term 2. We have employed a replacement Art teacher from our agency – anzuk.

Her name is Jo Stewart, and she has worked for us before in the Art position. Finally, Mrs Wirrick will be taking LSL for the last week of term 1, and the first week of term 2.

NAPLAN Timetable

NAPLAN test	Date
Wednesday March 15 th	Writing
Thursday March 16 th	Reading
Friday March 17 th	Conventions of Language
Monday March 18 th	Numeracy

All year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests listed above, unless exempted. If a child misses one of the tests, then we are allowed to have them do the test on another day, as long as all testing has been completed by March 27th. The order of tests cannot be varied, as determined by the Department of Education. Year 3 students will be handwriting their Writing test (either a narrative or persuasive text), but Year 5's will be typing theirs on a school laptop. Please talk to your child/children about NAPLAN and assure them that this is one piece of assessment that all schools gather to gain more information about each child. Some children can become quite nervous, so we will work with families to try and allay these fears.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT

A DETECTIVE MYSTERY



*Who stole the
cookie from the
cookie jar?*

**We need your help to
solve this mystery!**

**A FUN AND ACTIVE AFTERNOON
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**Children team up with their parents to
look for clues in the school grounds.**

Wednesday 29th March at West Campus

3:30 to 4pm - free BBQ

4:00 to 5pm - Who Stole The Cookie Mystery

WIN PRIZES HAVE FUN

Foundation students at Valley Campus enjoying time in the art room





WHERE EDUCATION MATTERS

21st March
BANKSIA CAMPUS

8–20 Janine Road,
Springvale South (03) 9546 4144

23rd March
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28 Isaac Road, Keysborough (03) 9798 1877

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Mobile Phone Policy

Dear families,

As you may be aware, a new mobile phone policy for all Victorian government schools came into effect in 2020. This policy requires students to switch their phones off and securely store them during the school day.

The policy is designed to support teaching and learning, promoting learning environments that are free from unnecessary distractions. The policy also aims to increase physical activity and socialisation at recess and lunch times. A recent Review of the policy has found that it has reduced the use of mobile phones during school hours, with a range of benefits noted by principals and teachers.

The Department of Education and Training has also published a parent/carer support page on mobile phones in schools on its website. This website includes links to supports for parents/carers on safe and responsible technology use at home.

Our school has its own, local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context. A copy of our policy is available at: <https://springparksps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Mobile-Phones.docx>. I encourage new members of our school community to read our policy, as it outlines the school's expectations of staff, parents/carers, and students regarding the use of mobile phones by students at school.

I ask for your support as a new family to the school to implement our local mobile phone policy.

If you have further questions about our local policy, please contact the administration office.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Fisher

Principal

CHILDREN FLIPPING THEIR PANCAKES ON PANCAKE TUESDAY



STARS OF THE WEEK

WEST CAMPUS

Grade	Week 3
FA	Thomas & Khuab
1/2 A	Emily
1/2 B	Mila
3/4 A	Jayton
3/4 B	Morokot
5/6 A	
5/6 B	Derreck
Art	
PE	Allen
Spanish	Orson

VALLEY CAMPUS

Grade	Week 3
FA	Maaki
1/2 L	Acil
1/2 M	Dixon
3/4 L	Theo
3/4 M	Joe
5/6 L	Dararoth
5/6 M	Jenny
Art	Mandy
PE	Harvie
Spanish	Alycia