

## TERM 1 - NEWSLETTER

### CONNECT

#### Fortnightly visits to Springhurst Primary School -

We started our fortnightly visits to Springhurst on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their first sessions of Art and Bluearth for the year. It was great to see each student participating and making / renewing friendships with the students from Springhurst.

**Visit to Rangeview Nursing Home** – After one of our Swimming lessons at Swimtech students will visit Rangeview Nursing Home, offering a chance to connect with older members of our community and share songs, smiles, and kindness.



#### 'When we connect, we build a strong community'

It was absolutely wonderful to welcome Everton into the Art room this week. Hearing students chat and connect as they created their individual artworks filled my heart. When we brought the pieces together, they formed a beautiful reflection of our growing community. I can't wait to see everyone thrive in the Art room this year. **Heather Earles - Art Teacher**

### LEARN

#### • Writing Focus

This term, senior students are exploring writing narratives. They will be focussing on sentence structures, engaging features such as alliteration, similes and word choices to engage reader. Our juniors are focussing on rhyme, oral language and retells. They will focus on punctuation and simple sentences.

#### • Math Focus

Our mathematics program is centred on counting, place value, operations and measurement. Students will explore hands on materials, interactive technologies and ..... to build concepts and consolidate their learnings.

#### • Reading Focus

We are using synthetic phonics and tailoring reading instruction to meet each student's individual needs, ensuring targeted support and growth. All student will be focussing on fluency strategies and reading aloud to others.

#### • Swimming Lessons – Feb 20 & 27<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> March

Held at SwimTech (formally Moore than Swimming), these lessons will help students build confidence and competence in the water, with a strong focus on safety and technique.



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### Wednesdays - No Foundation Students

Our Foundation students will have the first few Wednesday of the term away from school. This gives our youngest students time to adjust to the routines of school. Their first Wednesday at school is the 11<sup>th</sup> March. This falls after the long weekend, which makes it a four day week.

### Italian and Cooking with Mrs Newton

On Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we welcome Mrs Newton back from her leave. The students will have Italian lessons and Cooking with Mrs Newton fortnightly on Monday's throughout the year.

### Marmungan Sports Day

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March we will be participating in our Cluster athletics sports day in Wangaratta. The students are currently practising for the sports. It is a great day and we welcome families to come along to watch and support the students.



## GROW

**New Students-** It is so pleasing to hear the laughter and play during breaktimes with our new students joining in the fun! Three local families have joined us this year, bringing an additional 5 keen learners into our caring school environment. We now have 12 students in our care, and with siblings, and additional playgroup families committing to enrolling next year and beyond, we are excited to watch our boutique setting grow into the future.

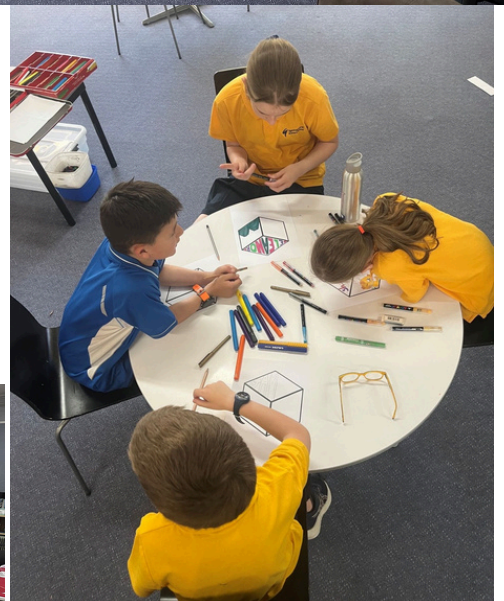
**New Chaplain** - We welcome our new Chaplain Christian .... for 2026. Christian will be spending time at Everton every second Monday and every Wednesday afternoon. Christian brings enthusiasm, experience and knowledge to this role that focuses on student wellbeing and connectedness.

**New Home for our Chickens** - Thanks to the Dobbs family for assisting Andrew with the relocation and upgrade to our chickens home. They have settled in very well and look very peaceful scratching around in their new environment.





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## KEY DATES

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Springhurst ART, Bluearth
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	MARC Library Van
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Springhurst ART, Bluearth
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swimming Lesson at SwimTech
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	MARC Library Van
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swimming Lesson at SwimTech
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Springhurst ART, Bluearth
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Pupil Free Day- Whole Staff learning day- Glenn Pearsall
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Public Holiday- Labour Day- Student Free
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	MARC Library Van
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN commences for Grades 3 & 5 students
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Lesson at SwimTech
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Springhurst ART, Bluearth
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Italian and cooking with Mrs Newton
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	MARC Library Van
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Marmungan Sports Day at Wangaratta
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Term 1 ends - Early Finish 2.30pm