

DATES TO REMEMBER

Harmony Day

6th March 2024

Sensory Day

13th March 2024

End of Term 1

28th March 2024



Message from the *Principal*

Dear Parents and families,

We are excited to welcome all our students back into the classroom. You and your children are an important part of our school community. Being at school is critical for your child's learning and for their mental, physical, and social wellbeing. Every day of attending school counts. We are helping all our students to establish friendships and routines and to meet their needs.



School attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's development. A student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses' school can result in affecting the educational outcomes for our students. Coming to school every day and on time is vital unless your son /daughter is unwell. **Every Day Counts**



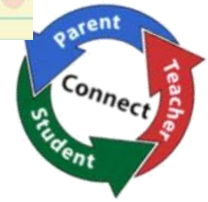


School entrance gates

Please make sure that you **shut** the school gates when you leave the school grounds. This is for safety purposes, and we would appreciate your support in this matter.

School Support Group Meetings (SSG)

In week five we will conduct our SSG meetings with parents and carers. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss the priority goals for your child's learning and we highly value your input into these meetings.



Contact Details

If your contact details have changed over the holidays, please advise the school as soon as possible so we can update any changes. Having up to date details means that teachers can contact you when they need to. It is also especially important to have the correct details to contact you for any medical issues.

Crown Bus service

Our school transport is provided by Crown Coaches and all families using the service have been provided with pick up and drop off times and locations. Please contact Bronwyn Lokan, the Assistant Principal if you have any questions throughout the year.

The contact number for Crown Coaches is 98451400. If your child is absent from school, please contact this number directly. Please also call the school to let us know they will not be attending. Buses wait for 3 minutes at the designated pick-up location. Please ensure your child is ready for their allocated pick-up time. Bus staff do not come to the door to collect or drop off students: this responsibility is the families. It is also crucial you ensure someone will be at the designated point at your child's allocated drop off time.



Private property

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for private property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.



Parents or guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers if they wish to do so.

The first couple of weeks at school has been great, and we look forward to sharing our school news and updates in our newsletters. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the office or myself if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working in partnership with all members of our school community and seeing how our students progress in their learning journey.

Principal's Award



This month my Principal's Award goes to Ibrahim, Rm 6.

Ibrahim has settled in to his first year at Springvale Park SDS and his first year of school very well.

He has eagerly engaged in various classroom activities and has happily taken the bus every day since starting school.

Well done Ibrahim.



Jackie Lowther

Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY -TO YOU-

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Room</i>
<i>Jamieson T</i>	<i>1st January</i>	<i>Rm 29</i>
<i>Anaqy M</i>	<i>2nd January</i>	<i>Rm 17</i>
<i>Charles L</i>	<i>3rd January</i>	<i>Rm 24</i>
<i>Obaid H</i>	<i>3rd January</i>	<i>Rm 26</i>
<i>Raili N</i>	<i>8th January</i>	<i>Rm 01</i>
<i>Jiya R</i>	<i>9th January</i>	<i>Rm 06</i>
<i>Vanessa S</i>	<i>16th January</i>	<i>Rm 04</i>
<i>Cooper R</i>	<i>17th January</i>	<i>Rm 21</i>
<i>Ayden N</i>	<i>18th January</i>	<i>Rm 19</i>
<i>Sui F</i>	<i>18th January</i>	<i>Rm 28</i>
<i>Mona H</i>	<i>19th January</i>	<i>Rm 04</i>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY -TO YOU-

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Room</i>
<i>Elina D</i>	<i>23rd January</i>	<i>Rm 18</i>
<i>Ronald T</i>	<i>24th January</i>	<i>Rm 06</i>
<i>Jayden B</i>	<i>24th January</i>	<i>Rm 20</i>
<i>Jaycee P</i>	<i>25th January</i>	<i>Rm 22</i>
<i>Zara M</i>	<i>26th January</i>	<i>Rm 33</i>
<i>Henry D</i>	<i>29th January</i>	<i>Rm 07</i>
<i>Jane S</i>	<i>29th January</i>	<i>Rm 20</i>
<i>Mikael S</i>	<i>3rd February</i>	<i>Rm 34</i>
<i>Thera P</i>	<i>5th February</i>	<i>Rm 21</i>
<i>Mercy L</i>	<i>6th February</i>	<i>Rm 23</i>
<i>Mary A</i>	<i>7th February</i>	<i>Rm 01</i>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY -TO YOU-

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Room</i>
<i>Abdallah H</i>	<i>19th January</i>	<i>Rm 15</i>
<i>Matthew L</i>	<i>19th January</i>	<i>Rm 24</i>
<i>Zayed J</i>	<i>8th February</i>	<i>Rm 11</i>
<i>Sharman M</i>	<i>10th February</i>	<i>Rm 34</i>
<i>Jayden Q</i>	<i>11th February</i>	<i>Rm 13</i>
<i>Hadi H</i>	<i>11th February</i>	<i>Rm 14</i>
<i>Jalal A</i>	<i>13th February</i>	<i>Rm 06</i>
<i>Leon C</i>	<i>13th February</i>	<i>Rm 27</i>
<i>Rose T</i>	<i>15th February</i>	<i>Rm 15</i>
<i>Louis S</i>	<i>16th February</i>	<i>Rm 19</i>
<i>Isir H</i>	<i>28th February</i>	<i>Rm 28</i>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY -TO YOU-

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Room</i>
<i>Alexander N</i>	<i>17th February</i>	<i>Rm 09</i>
<i>Nicholas K</i>	<i>18th February</i>	<i>ArtRm</i>
<i>Hilda T</i>	<i>20th February</i>	<i>Rm 16</i>
<i>Ilyas N</i>	<i>29th February</i>	<i>Rm 13</i>
<i>Manny T</i>	<i>1st March</i>	<i>Rm 22</i>
<i>Kathleen K</i>	<i>6th March</i>	<i>Rm 20</i>
<i>Thiago M</i>	<i>7th March</i>	<i>Rm 08</i>
<i>Jesse E</i>	<i>7th March</i>	<i>Rm 15</i>
<i>Afraz G</i>	<i>11th March</i>	<i>Rm 22</i>
<i>Hadiya D</i>	<i>15th March</i>	<i>Rm 08</i>



Having Fun in our new Garden



More photos to come in our next newsletter



Rm 11 are slowly settling

in to their new room!



Room 11

2024



Room 15 has had a great start to Term 1. We have all settled into a routine of learning, play and setting up and cleaning up our meals each day.





Junior Room 18!

We are so excited to be back at school. We are enjoying cooking, bike riding, playing, colouring, maths



Room 34



Room 34 welcomes the new year with a set of fresh faces as well as some familiar ones. The Seniors are back with Chris and we welcome Lynette to the room as our ES for 2024. Our students this year are Christian, Mikael, Patrick, Cooper, Janet, Sharman, Aiden, Ryan and Dawood.

We have started the year with some housekeeping including re-arranging the seating plan so that we can all learn in the safest and most distraction-free environment. We have started decorating our spaces with alphabet, number and personal art, beginning our school journey once more.

This term we will be engaging in Community Access, Literacy and Numeracy, PE, Music as well as independent living skills by way of the ASDAN modules we explored last year. We are looking forward to new experiences, knowledge, excursions and excitement as we take some important steps toward adulthood. We cannot wait to share our successes with you.





Kitchen Garden

The return to school greeted us with an abundance of beautiful vegetables. We have already picked loads of tomatoes, green beans, zucchini, cucumbers, and beetroot. Very soon we will also pick eggplant, chillies, sweetcorn, spring onions and pumpkins. Our herbs have loved the summer and we have sweet basil, thyme, sage, rosemary and mint to name just a few. When cooking classes commence this week we will use these herbs and veggies in our weekly homecrafts classes.



Wellbeing

NOBLE PARK COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Enjoy a day of free entertainment for the whole family at the Noble Park Community Fun Day 2024. For people of all ages and abilities, this event will have something for everyone to enjoy – from live music and cultural performances, various workshops, sports, and art activities.

Program and Activities

Air Brush tattoo, tie dye and bracelet making. Arts and crafts by Noble Park Community Centre Soccer and table tennis clinic by Reclink, and AFL by South-East AFL Sports activities . Leisure Henna and giant games, skate and grip art workshops Rides (\$6-\$8) and many more. We have giant bubbles and a skating Pikachu.

Date and Time Saturday 2 March, 11am - 3pm

Location Noble Park Skate Park Memorial Drive, Noble Park

Contact Details Festivals and Events 8571 1000
events@cgd.vic.gov.au



Wellbeing

MyTime Group Springvale



- MyTime Springvale is here for **Vietnamese-speaking** parents and carers like you! Join us for **free peer group support**, where you can connect with others facing similar challenges caring for a child with disabilities, chronic medical conditions, or any additional needs, including developmental delays. You're not alone in this journey!
- At MyTime Springvale, we're all about support and growth. Our members come together to **unwind, share** their experiences, and **connect** with people who truly understand what they're going through. But that's not all - we also focus on self-care. You'll have the chance to **learn self-care skills** and **engage** in self-care practices, because taking care of yourself is just as important. Plus, we're here to **provide you with valuable knowledge and information about services** for both you and your care recipient. Join us and let's navigate this journey together.

NOTE: MyTime only takes place during school term.
Activity schedules will be announced each term.

SCAN TO REGISTER:



OR CONTACT:

Ms To-Chau Truong: 0414 719 218
To-Chau@extendedfamilies.org.au

Ms Nghi Trinh: 0416 173 484
Nghi.trinh@extendedfamilies.org.au

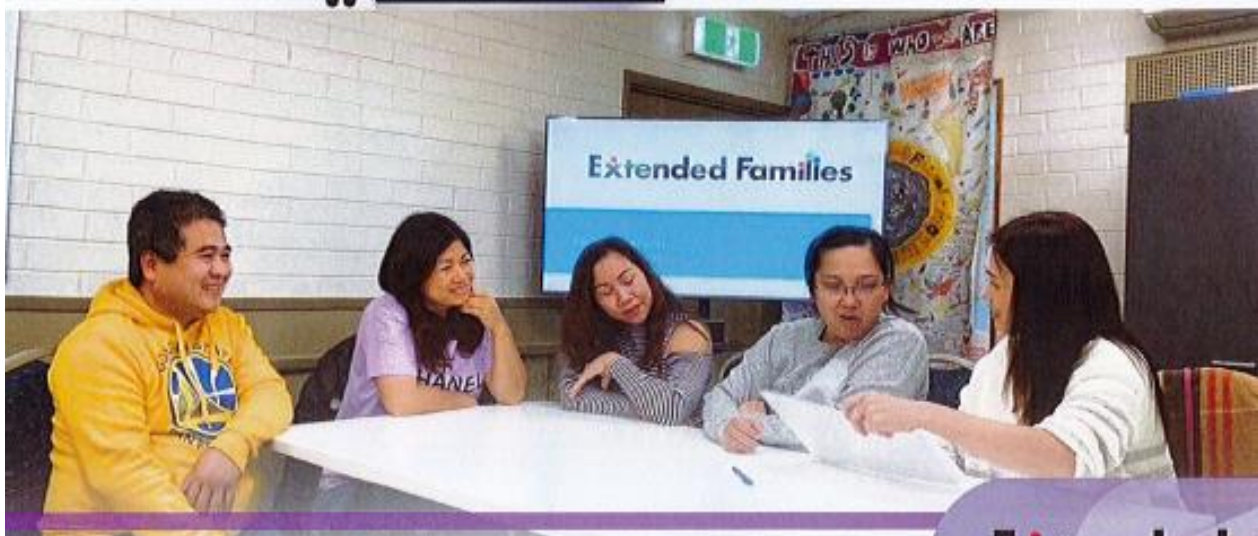
Time:

11 am to 01 pm
every Wednesday
in school terms

Place:

Noble Park Community Center

Memorial Drive,
Noble Park VIC 3174



The MyTime Springvale group is funded by the Australian Government, delivered by not-for-profit organization Extended Families Australia and coordinated by Down Syndrome Victoria.

Website: mytime.net.au

**Extended
Families**

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CSEF FUNDING?

I have one of the two cards below.
The card is in a parent's name (not child's name).
The card is still currently valid.

If you answered yes to the above,
please come in to the School Office to enquire further.

Please ensure you have the relevant card
on you when you visit the office.



Pensioner Concession Card



Health Care Card

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If you applied for CSEF Funding in 2023
and your circumstances have not changed,
you do not need to do anything further.

Appendix A

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions

comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

standing for election as a member of the school council

encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nomination)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

SPRINGVALE PARK SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

8/3/24 (insert day, month and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:

19/3/24 (insert day, month and year).

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>24</u> to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 20 <u>26</u>	4
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>24</u> to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 20 <u>26</u>	2
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 20	N/A

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Principal signature



Cranbourne East Primary School

is proud to present
a **FREE** community event.

Supporting Resilience in Children

A presentation from two of Australia's most highly regarded Children's Psychologists.

+ an opportunity for Q+A.



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

As seen on the top-rated Morning Show on 3AW with Neil Mitchell



Dr Justin Coulson

As seen on Channel Nine's Parental Guidance



Scan QR code or click the link [HERE](#) for tickets

Thursday 7th March 2024
6.00pm-8:30pm

Location: Cranbourne Community Theatre
Brunt Street, Cranbourne 3977

Join us from 5pm for coffee and an opportunity to meet our local wellbeing supports.

*Please note this is an **adult only** event.*

**For more information please contact:
David Muzyk or Jenni Kelly
PH: 5990 0400**

This event cannot be live streamed



Communities for Children is an initiative supported by the Australian Government



**GREATER DANDENONG
OPEN AIR
MOVIES**

THIS WEEK

Friday 16 February - 7pm

**Springvale Community Hub
5 Hilcrest Grove, Springvale
greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/open-air-movies
8571 1000**



Family camp for children using Communication Aids

This specially designed three day camp for children 7 - 14 years of age is the perfect opportunity to connect with other families and learn how to use your child's Communication Aids, in a friendly and supportive environment.

You and your child will:

- Meet other children that communicate in a similar way (often the first time!)
- Learn from an experienced Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) mentor
- Practice their communication skills in an intensive and supportive environment
- Work on your child's communication goals

The camp is organised and run by Scope's experienced and knowledgeable speech pathologists and allied health professionals.

Dates and location

🕒 5pm, Friday 26 April 2024
to 3pm, Sunday 28 April 2024

📍 Lady Northcote Discovery Camp, Glenmore, Victoria.

Places are limited, so register your interest today.



Contact us

- 📞 1300 472 673
- 🌐 scopeaust.org.au
- ✉️ contact@scopeaust.org.au

“It was truly one of the best things we have both ever done. It really helped my son to see that there are others who use devices just like him.”

Lisa

As Australia's leading disability service provider, we're here to work with you, your family and your support network, so you can be whoever you want to be.

Please

KEEP THE GATE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES



For the safety of all our students,
please close the front gate after yourself.

If you prefer, there is a pedestrian gate
immediately in front of the School Office.

Please drive slowly through the carpark
and beware of students and staff.

