



Newsletter – Term One

Sparkle Chair Person's Welcome

Hi my name is Belinda and I have recently taken up the position of Chairperson for the SPARKLE team.

The SPARKLE team is a parents and friends initiative that aims to foster our school community as well as fundraise to help facilitate improvements across the school. We are very excited to welcome a number of new families into the school community.

On behalf of the SPARKLE team and the school community I would like to welcome you all to SPA, I would also like to invite you to express your interest in joining the SPARKLE team.

You can do this by attending our SPARKLE Open night (Wednesday 27 Feb) or by filling out the form attached and returning it to the office.

We look forward to another wonderful year building an inclusive community and fundraising for our Children at SPA

Belinda



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Our Fundraising Aim

The Fundraising team is looking forward to term one with the goal of raising \$5000 to go towards outdoor play spaces

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Fundraising Telly

TERM ONE DATES

Week one	29.01.2019	Teachers Start
	31.01.2019	Students Year 1 to 6 start
	01.02.2019	Preps Start 9am to 1.30
Week two	04.02.2019 - 08.02.2019	SWELL week
Week three	15.02.2019	Culture of thinking conference
Week four	20.02.2019	Welcome Mass and Family Picnic
Week five	01.03.2019	NEW FAMILY welcome wine and pizza night
	01.03.2019	Easter egg drive boxes out
	05.03.2019	Shrove Tuesday
Week seven	11.03.2019	Labour day Holiday
	15.03.2019	Easter egg drive return
	15.03.2019	Working Bee
Week eight	17.03.2019 - 25.03.2019	Cultural Diversity Week
	20.03.2019	Twilight Sports ??????
	21.03.2019	Harmony Day
Week nine		
Week ten	TBA	Easter raffle



GOALS

SPA is expanding its state-of-the-art learning facilities with numerous new learning spaces including dedicated facilities for art, science and performing arts, along with a new multipurpose outdoor space.

Whilst our school growth and expansion are exciting and welcomed, the necessary building works has left the outdoor spaces a little sad and sorry.

The SPARKLE team on behalf of the school community has recognised the need to ensure the welcoming, safe and engaging spaces for the children to play. As such the SPARKLE team felt it fitting to focus our fundraising efforts towards all things outdoors!

Exciting times ahead... NEW PLAY SPACE!

The maintenance and development team have been working tirelessly on developing a new play space for the children.

This outdoor play space is located between the staff room and the junior building. It will include a playground, rubber matting and synthetic turf under large shade sales.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Maintenance and Development team for their stella effort.



The SPARKLE team operates under a code of conduct. One of the main points of this code is to facilitate a space that is at all times inclusive.

After hearing a number of requests for a friendship seat we felt it fitting for the sparkle team to prioritise this project, as it ties into our values of being inclusive.

The friendship seat is a place for children to go to if they have no one to play with. If a child see's another child sitting on this seat, they can ask the child on the seat if they would like to join them to play.

The seats will be presented to the children who will opportunity to decorate them.

Friendship Seats



Suggestions welcome

We always welcome and encourage positive suggestions and feedback. If you are a little shy in putting forward your suggestions in person, please feel free to write your suggestions down and drop them into the SPARKLE suggestions box, located in the front office.

Please note that this initiative is intended for suggestions and or feedback relating to the SPARKLE committee. This is not a forum for complaints or grievances relating to specific school issues. As always please address these issues directly to school

LUNCH ORDERS

We are very excited to launch our monthly lunch order.

Lunch orders will be held on the first Friday of every month.

Please make sure you return your lunch order with the correct amount by the return date.

No late orders can be accepted.



MEET THE TEAM



Chair Person

Belinda Galloway

Hi my name is Belinda,
My role is to lead the SPARKLE team. THE team is broken up into sub-committees who are amazing and do all the hard work. I run the meetings and try to keep everything on track.
I have two children at SPA. Ava in grade 3 and Cooper in grade 1. I also have Lily at home with me who is 2 years old. I love going to the footy with my mum and Ava and watching our beloved magpies. I also enjoy trying new food and going out for dinner with friends and family. I have played netball most of my life and after a couple of years off am starting playing again this year so hopefully I still walk after my first few matches.
I have a background in social work, education and health promotion. I currently work two days a week doing student wellbeing at a school. I'm also a consultant for the Resilience Project Schools programs and run community education programs for the AFL and Local councils.



Deputy Chair Person

Taigen Hornsby

Hi my name is Taigen,
I am Mum to Alexis grade 3 and Shayla Prep. This will be my 3rd year on the committee here at SPA. This year my role is vice chairperson, I will be assisting Belinda in making sure everything runs smoothly and to support all the sub committees any way I can. I love being involved with the school. My family love spending our holidays and weekends at the beach. I am looking forward to meeting you all over the course of the year.



Treasurer

Rebecca Porteous

Hi my name is Rebecca,
My role is to ensure the finances are on track for the committee. I govern spend allocation across all Sparkle events for the school.
I have two children at SPA. Campbell in grade 3 and Charlotte in grade 1. Myself and the kids are mad Geelong supporters which infuriates my Hawthorn supporting husband Glen.
I love going on camping trips with friends and family and trying new locations on holidays.
I've worked at Target for over 20 years starting as a Business and Merchandise manager and now happily work part time at the Plenty Valley store.



Secretary

Carly Ross

Hi my name is Carly,
My role as secretary is to support the Chair and help facilitate the smooth running of the committee, as well as assisting with communications.
I have three children, two at SPA, Jimmy G2, Maggie G1 and Nellie 1yr.
I love spending time with my family and friends. When I find some time for myself, I enjoy being creative, drawing, making candles and painting. I enjoy boxing/fitness classes and watching an array of TV series.
I have a background in nursing, working across acute, aged care and general practice settings. I have recently moved into project administration within a general practice setting.



Grants

Cindy Mash

Hi my name is Cindy,
My role is to source and apply for Community Grants to assist school development and facilities. I would welcome any suggestions of upcoming grants that the school may be interested in.
I have two boys who keep me busy. Harvey is in Grade 1 at SPA and Zayden is at 4 year old Kindergarten this year. I love spending the weekends having fun with my little family. Socialising with friends is also a favourite past-time of mine.
I am a Primary School Teacher and work two days a week teaching Grade 5 and 6's. I also take care of the administrative and financial side of our family business while my husband does the labour!



Maintenance

Jeremy Oakey

Hi my name is Jeremy,
My role is the head of the maintenance and development team. Our main roll is the organisation of working bees and making sure things are in working order. eg. BBQ's and gas bottles
I have one child at SPA. Her name is Georgie and she is in grade 2. I also have Liam who is turning 4 in March and will start at SPA in 2021. I will watch any sport but love the footy and especially the bombers. I try to get out and play as much golf as I can too. I also love getting into the garden and tinkering.
I am a qualified plumber, currently working as a mechanical plumber. I am also a qualified turf manager. I have been working really hard over the last few months to get the oval and grassed area outside the office looking their best but the new building works have created some hurdles that we are slowly getting over.



MEET THE TEAM



Fundraising

Kate Solyom

Hi my name is Kate,
My role is joint with Karina Beattie and we are responsible for organising the school fundraisers. We are supported by a wonderful team of Parents who volunteer their time to run the different activities. So far we have set the dates for Term 1 and have many more planned for the rest of the year. We would love your support and look forward to seeing you enjoy what we have planned. I have two children, Hudson is in Grade 1 at SPA and Eden who is 3 years old. I enjoy going on family bike rides (while the weather is warm) and walking my Golden Retriever Cooper. I am a very sociable person so enjoy catching up with friends and family regularly.
I have a background in HR and Payroll Software Integrations and currently work 3 days a week in Community Health Payroll Services.



Fundraising

Karina Beattie

Hi my name is Karina,
Our role is to lead the fundraising team and implement fundraising activities to help raise funds to build our school. Our aim is to make the fundraising fun and enjoyable for all.
I have two children at SPA, Kyan in Grade 2 and Noah in Prep, I also have Zayn who is 15 months old at home. We love spending time with family and friends in the outdoors. We love going away in our caravan and finding new camping spots.
I am currently on maternity leave post having Zayn and am about to return to work, 3 days a week. I'm a nurse and work in healthcare at a large hospital and have moved towards discharge planning/care coordination and patient flow. I really enjoy this side of nursing and am looking forward to returning next month.



Fundraising Volunteers / Uniform shop

Donna Gratton

Hi my name is Donna,
I have just stepped into the joint role of working with Emma who has been doing a great job running the Uniform Shop. I'm excited to be a part of helping our little ones with their uniforms.
I have a son named Kye, who is in Grade 3. I have an older son named Mat who is 25. In my spare time I like to write, be creative, build, and I am also a life coach and run a local business.
My hubby and I own and run Appret Cafe in Doreen. We have been making fabulous coffee and delicious food for 7 years now.



Fundraising Volunteers / Uniform shop

Emma Wills

Hi my name is Emma,
Donna and I work together running the uniform shop. This involves ordering the uniforms, stocktake, and organising the grade 6 graduation jackets and shirts. We also coordinate the banking which is also run by our volunteers.
There are a number of events which require volunteer's, a major one being the Whittlesea show sausage sizzle.
I have Milly in Grade 2 and Isaac in Grade 1 and Jasper in 4 yr old kinder. I am married to Ben. I enjoy long walks by the ocean and a well made dry vodka martini.
I am an emergency nurse at the Austin hospital I currently work shift work aprox 30 hours a week.

Community Outreach

Erin Garro

Hi my name is Erin, and I am Sarah,
Together we organise special SPA school events.
These events include:

- St Paul the Apostle Feast Day
- Mother's and Father's day stalls.
- Morning and afternoon tea for parents and carers enabling a chance for everyone to meet and enjoy as a school community.
- Lillies For Hope Day (Supporting kids with cancer)

In the future, 'Social Outreach' will also be active in supporting SPA families who may require a 'hand' during difficult times through providing a the family with meals. This will be an anonymous community support.
We would love to welcome any parents who are interested in supporting 'Social outreach'. Together we can help build a beautiful, loving, supportive school and family community.

Erin has two children that attend SPA Darcy in grade 2 and Justin in Grade 4.
Sarah's daughter Zoe attends SPA and is in Grade 4.
Erin works full time as a disability support carer.
Sarah is an interior designer working part time in the field.



WE HEAR YOU!

YEAR LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE



This year we are very excited to launch a new initiative the commencement of the **YEAR LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE (YLR)**.

The YLR role has been created to give the school community a point of contact to ask questions, offer suggestions etc.

We would like to stress that the YLR is not a grievance officer, the role of the YLR is to assist with communications between families and the school.

If you have grievances around school issues you will be respectfully directed to the right channels within the school.

YLR team

YLR G5&6

Hi my name is Margie, I have Charlie in G6 and Zoe in G2. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming year.



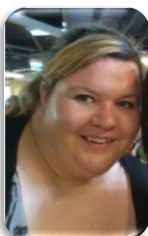
YLR G1&2

Hi my name is Emma, I have Milly in G2 & Isaac in G1. I am always happy to stop and have a chat.



PREP

Hiya. My name is Erin. This will be our 4th year at SPA and we have loved watching the committee and the lovely school community grow! I have a daughter Macy in middle LS and a son Liev in prep SK. I love being a part of the sparkle fundraising sub committee and this year am happy to volunteer as a prep parent Rep. Please come find me if you need



YLR G3&4

Hi my name is Erin, I have Darcy in grade 2 and Justin in Grade 4. Come and say hi if you see me in around. I am always happy to have a chat and answer any questions you may have.





Expression of interest

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child Name: _____ Class: _____

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I am interested in

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Joining the
SPARKLE team

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Volunteering

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I need more
information

I have interest in

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Fundraising

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Event planning, management

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Gardening/landscaping

You will be contacted by our sparkle team and invited to attend a SPARKLE sub-committee meeting.