



Newsletter – Term One

Sparkle Chair Person's Welcome

Hi my name is Belinda and this is my second year as Chairperson for the SPARKLE Parents' Team.

The SPARKLE Parents' 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 Parents' 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 our team.

You can do this 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



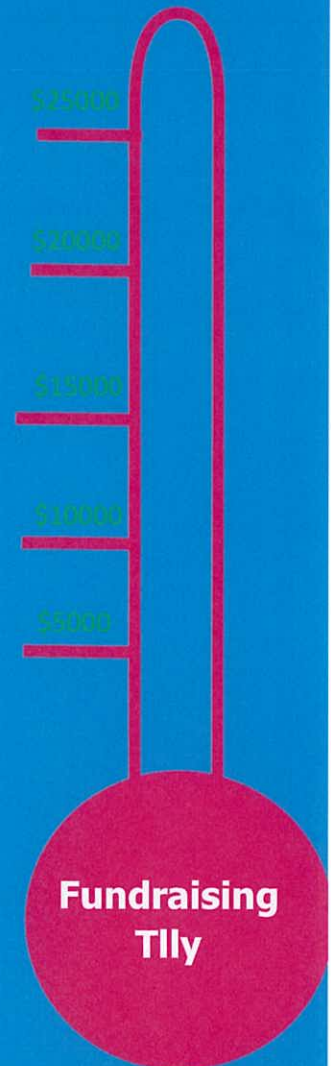
Our Fundraising Aim

The Fundraising team is looking forward to term one with the goal of raising \$5000

GOALS

In keeping with our goals of 2019, we continue to focus our fundraising efforts towards all things outdoors! In 2019 we set a fundraising goal of \$5000 per term, we are thrilled that we met our goals and look forward to purchasing our electronic sign. 2020 will see similar goal setting for our fundraising team.

Our Maintenance Team shares the outdoor focus, and is looking forward to improving the look and feel of the current and planned outdoor spaces.



MEET THE TEAM



Exciting times ahead...

NEW Synthetic grass

The Maintenance Team is working hard to create a new synthetic space, beside the administration building. We expect this to be complete by the end of the school term holidays.

The multipurpose synthetic space, (lower level space beside the new Middle Level Building) has unfortunately seen some delays. This space requires some attention to ensure the compaction levels are within guidelines for the synthetic grass to be laid. At this stage we do not have an ETA for completion.

Please be assured that this issue is at the top of the priority list and is being addressed by a committee. The school will communicate updates with families.



Suggestions welcome

We always welcome and encourage positive suggestions. 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 positive suggestions and or feedback relating to the SPARKLE Parents' Team. This is not a school issues.



YEAR LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE

This year we are excited to continue **YEAR LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE (YLR)** initiative. The YLR role was created in 2019 to give the school community a point of contact to ask questions, offer suggestions and build a sense of community. 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, in addition this role is to create a community where families can come together and get to know each other.

If you have matters relating to school issues you will be respectfully directed to the right channels within the school.

Prep
Kerryn Lou

Junior Level
(Years 1&2)
Hayley Monterosso

Middle Level
(Years 3&4)

Senior Level
(Years 5 & 6)



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 Year Four and Cooper in Year Two. I also have Lily at home with me who is 3 years old. On the weekends I love going to the footy with my mum and Ava and watching our beloved maggies. I love travelling with the family and am always planning the next escape. I have a background in social work, education and health promotion. I currently work three days a week as Education Manager at The Resilience Project.



Deputy Chair Person

Taigen Hornsby

Hi my name is Taigen,

I am Mum to Alexis Year Three 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 Year Three and Charlotte in Year One. 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 Year Two, Maggie Year One 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.



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 Year Two. 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.

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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 Year One 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 Year Two 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 Year Three. 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 Year Six 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 Year Two and Isaac in Year One 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 approximately 30 hours a week.



Catering/Community involvement

Denise, Rebecca and Viktoria

Hi we are Denise, Rebecca and Viktoria. Together we organise special events at SPA which include: - Coordinating large catering events at the school such as Mothers' day and Fathers' day Supporting families in need at our school who may need a helping hand Involving the school in events such as Parish events, Anzac Day, Community Fairs, Whittlesea show Involving the school in giving back to the community through supporting local charities We welcome any parents who are interested in supporting Community Involvement to help build this new committee.

If you or someone you know in our community who needs a helping hand, please speak to the office as this will be a anonymous community support. Or if you can assist with helping families in baking or any form of support, please leave your details at the office or speak to one of us.

Denise has two children who attend SPA Chanelle in Year Three and Charlie in Year One. Rebecca has three children who attend SPA Aiden in Year Five, Jaxon in Year Three and Lara in Year One. Viktoria has two children who attend SPA Ruby in Year Four and Jessica in Year One. We look forward to meeting you all.



School Community Development Team

Margie Standford

Hi My name is Margie, Mum of Zoe in Junior NM. I am leader of the School Community Development team. The purpose is to build the school community and provide opportunities for families to make connections. Examples of our events include parent cuppa and bickies, Grandparents morning teas and family events. I joined the Sparkle team because I'm happy to help out. It's also a great way to meet new people and make new friends.



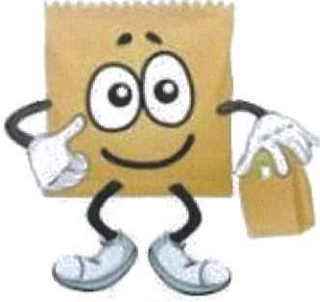
Volunteer Coordinator

Nicole Haberman

Hi, my name is Nicole Haberman and I lead the Volunteers Group. I have 2 children Jack in Year Four and Lucy who has just commenced kinder. I work full time in Oncology Research and travel a bit interstate so can't always be at school functions, but by joining the SPARKLE team I feel I can still help in same way without the dreaded mother's guilt!

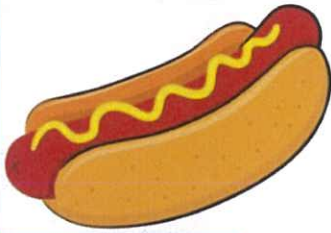
As Volunteers we work to help many of the SPARKLE groups from helping with Mothers/Father's Day Stalls, Special Lunch Days, Upcoming Colour Run, Whittlesea Show, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Grandparents day, Banking, Book fair and so much more! It's so rewarding seeing their little faces light up on these special parent initiated/run days! We would love to have you on the team!

Lunch Orders



Last year we successfully introduced our fundraising lunch orders. Each term we hold one lunch order and one donut and prima day. The Children all enjoy this special day at school and enjoy having a little treat with their friends.

We have listened to the school community and will now be introducing a family lunch order payment. Families with three or more children will get the third and any additional children free.



We would like to take this opportunity to educate the new and existing parents of the lunch order process.

Each term the SPARKLE team with the help of our wonderful volunteer families organise and coordinate two lunch order days.



Lunch order dates are set at the beginning of term, and communicated through the newsletter as well as FLEXIBUZZ calendar and flyers. Parents are asked to order through CDF by the closing date.

If you miss the date you run the risk of your child missing out on their lunch order. If you have any trouble with this process please speak with our fundraising committee leaders who will happily advise you.



We are very grateful to all the VOLUNTEER parents who have assisted with the lunch orders and encourage anyone who is interested to get involved.

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Colour Explosion Fun Run

WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED!

Well done to all involved in organising and facilitating the fantastic colour run, I think we can all agree it was a success!!

The children enjoyed being sprayed with water by our wonderful DOREEN CFA VOLUNTEERS (Thanks Lucie Hanley) at the beginning of their run outside of the school grounds. The children ran to a reserve not far from the school where they enjoyed a number of obstacles supervised by a number of volunteer parents. When the children arrived back at the school, they enjoyed a party atmosphere with music, and fruit donated by the **SCULLI BROTHERS** (Andrew and Corrine Sculli).

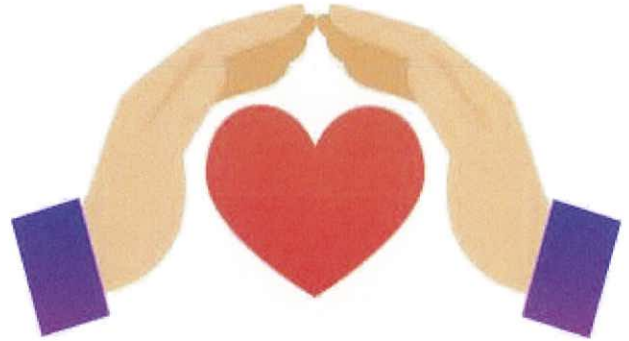
The children and their families collectively raised \$28,500 which will result in a \$17,000 profit. A stellar effort for our first Colour Run. We look forward to building on this wonderful event for next year.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Community Involvement Group to our Sparkle committee.

A group of SPA Mum's offering support to our SPA families who may be experiencing a difficult time (everyday struggles, illness or the passing of a loved one).

Support in the form of cooked meals, hampers or simply a friend to chat to. Pop in to the SPA office & reach out if you know of a SPA family who is currently doing it tough. The Group will be there to offer support.



SAVE THE DATE

Welcome night for new families

Wine and Cheese Night

The Sparkle team on behalf of the school community would like to welcome our new SPA families to a wine and cheese night.

24 April (Term 2)

7pm to late TBC

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Expression of interest

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child Name: _____ Class: _____

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I am interested in

Joining the
SPARKLE team

Volunteering

I need more
information

I have interest in

Fundraising

Event planning, management

Gardening/landscaping

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

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