THE SPARKES FAMILY TRUST

DISCO FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser disco will be held tomorrow Friday 21 March from 5 pm to 7 pm at Rumble Tumbles Indoor Play Centre (1/919 Calimo Street, Albury North). Cost is $5 per child, adults free. This event is being organised by Lions District 201V6 and all proceeds go the Sparkes Family Grant, Chelsea, Kirsten and Ella who is 11 months old and needs our help.

At six days old Ella was rushed to Melbourne with a hole in her heart, she has a fused skull and Foetal Valproate Syndrome, an extremely rare condition brought about by Chelsea taking an anti-epilepsy drug during pregnancy. Kirsten is also suffering from Foetal Valproate Syndrome. Ella is currently in Melbourne undergoing cranio-facial reconstruction, she and her parents will be there for a month and this will be repeated until she grows to adulthood. This is the ninth trip the family has made to Melbourne. Ella will probably require heart surgery before she starts school.

Grant works as a fire fighter and process worker and his wages will not be enough to cover the increasing costs of medical bills, travel and accommodation.

Kirsten and the Sparkes Family have been at our school for four years and we would like to ask the Springdale Heights Community to support this worthy fundraiser.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - TUESDAY 25 MARCH

Most students have returned their school photo envelopes for next Tuesday’s School Photos. If you have not yet returned your child’s order, please do so before Tuesday.

All students are asked to come in a clean full Summer uniform. Summer dresses or navy shorts and red polo shirt. If the weather is a bit ‘fresh’ on the morning, navy polo jumpers or jackets can be worn, but will be taken off for the short period whilst photos are being taken. If students come in long winter pants, please have shorts on underneath so trousers or track pants can be removed for photos.

- Photos will start at 9 am and finish before recess
- All envelopes are individually barcoded specifically for each child. If you lose or damage it, please ask at the office for a new envelope
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- NO CREDIT will be given
- The school collects envelopes on behalf of the photographic company. We do not handle any money or give any change at the front office.
- Your envelope and money must be handed to the class teacher BEFORE PHOTO DAY.

BORAMBOLA EXCURSION APRIL 1 & 2

Borambola excursion for Years 3 & 4 is only 11 days away. Any outstanding money owing for Borambola must be paid by tomorrow. Final note to parents was sent home this week explaining what to bring etc.

BORAMBOLA EXCURSION MUST BE PAID IN FULL

BY TOMORROW

FRIDAY 21 MARCH

IMPORTANT
FROM THE CLASSROOM

Kinder Smurfs
In Library Kinder are looking at the author, Mem Fox and the book ‘Where is Green Sheep?’ We have learnt lots about Mem Fox and have created an attribute chart all about her book. We also watched a clip on a funny version of ‘Where is Green Sheep?’ In Maths we have been learning how to do addition, as well as 2D shapes. In sport we are continuing to practise for the athletics carnival. We are focusing on the Fundamental movement skill of sprinting. Emma Carroll

K-1
K-1 have begun a new literacy key concept about belonging. We will be exploring this concept through two books written by Margaret Wild, ‘Piglet and Papa and ‘Lucy Goosey’. Our learning continues in numeracy and this week focus is subtraction. Thank you for your on-going commitment to home reading, we have nearly mastered one-to-one matching for all Kinders! Keep up the great work! Trish Rawlings

1-2
Year 1-2 have enjoyed measuring the lengths of different objects using their feet, cubes, popsticks and metre rulers. We also compared our heights. As part of HSIE we made paper bag fire-fighter puppets and wrote how we made them. Verna McGrath & Karen Pontt

Year 2
In Maths we have been looking at 3 digit numbers and using the terms hundreds, tens and units. We have been comparing numbers to see which is the largest and the smallest 3 digit numbers. Our focus for writing this week has been snake facts and grouping our information to write a report. Did you know that snakes shed their skin so they can grow bigger!! Also a snake can swallow a whole deer by unhinging its jaw!! Yum!! Louise Purss-Semple

Year 3
It is hard to believe we have nearly finished Term One! We are working so hard and time certainly flies when you are having fun! Year 3 are loving the maths games and learning their times tables. The literacy café is a big hit and I am introducing new ideas each week to keep them interested. Not long now until we go on our Borambola excursion. Joanna McAlister

Year 3-4
This week we have completed class speeches on an animal. Everyone did a very good job with their speech and there was a great range of information and presentation techniques. We have also been working hard on our item for the assembly which is poems, plays and jokes on ‘FROGS’. Our newsletter item this week is also on ‘FROGS’. The Borambola excursion is getting very close now, so everyone needs to finalise their payments. Bill Giese

Year 4-5
In computer lessons we have been using the program Raz Kids for reading and Mathletics for revision of the weekly focus. These programs, plus Reading Eggs, are available for your children to use at home. Our big overnight excursion is fast approaching and you need to be finalising payments. Student homework and home reading this term has been positive, so keep up the hard work! If there are any parents who would like to volunteer their sewing skills to make costumes for our production this year (Term Three) please come and see me. Emma Wilson

5-6
Great news!!! We have the numbers!!! Our Canberra excursion will be going ahead. Dates are yet to be confirmed and payment plans will be sent home next week. Now that the weather has cooled off, Year 5-6 will be replanting out the vegetable garden. We are all very enthusiastic about getting our hands dirty, which is great to see. All students were given information about a 3-4 minute speech that they need to present in Week 10 (in two weeks time), so please ask them about it. Today we had fun reading to the preschool children and doing a Harmony Day activity. They were so cute. Janelle Doust

Library
Next week the students will be treated to an afternoon with author/illustrator Michael Salmon. Michael has written numerous books related to Australia. It should be an interesting session as some teachers have already begun reading the texts to the students so they will be familiar with Michael and his books. Congratulations to the following Library monitors: Addyson E Year 1-2, Darcy B Year 2, Shaylah PH Year 3, Amelia B 3-4, Mackenzie F 4-5 and Savannah B 5-6. Happy reading - Mrs Kay
The fundraising committee of the P & C is again running the Annual Easter Raffle and are looking for donations for our prizes. In the past, families have been very generous with their support of this 100% profit raffle and the school always appreciates their contributions.

Suggestions for donations can be Easter bunnies, dozen chocolate eggs, whole blocks of chocolate, Bilbies, gift boxes of chocolates and lots of individual Easter eggs.

😊 Tickets go home to families next week
😊 Please start sending your donations to the school office
😊 All donations due in by Wednesday 9 April 2014
😊 Your ticket book will be attached to an information sheet being sent home next week
😊 Tickets are $1 each or whole book $8
😊 Raffle tickets and money are due back in by or on Wednesday 9 April
😊 The raffle will be drawn in the hall Friday 11 April 2014.

SPRINGDALE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE
The Springdale Heights/Lavington Community Centre (40 Cardo Drive) will be having two school holiday activities. This will be for children in Years 5 & 6. Wednesday 16 & 24 April is Fabric Art Dyeing from 1 pm to 3 pm. Cost is $20 per session. All fabric dyes (non toxic) will be supplied. Our qualified tutor will have the children dyeing their socks, T-Shirts, caps and much, much more. Bookings are essential as numbers will be limited. For the requirements list please phone Raelene or Sue on 60 253 988.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE
PCYC Vacation Care is operating during the NSW School Holidays commencing Monday 14 April to Thursday 24 April 2014. Cost is $40.00 (CCB claimable) includes excursions except paid visits/outings @ $5.00, morning and afternoon tea, lunch is only included if stated. To make a booking please email albury@pcycnsw.org.au or phone 0260217437.

LAVINGTON PANTHERS BASKETBALL
Have positions in their Under 10 and Under 12 Boys and Girls teams for the nex competition beginning 29 April 2014. Games will be played after school at Lauren Jackson Stadium. Interested children DO NOT need to have played basketball before. Coaching is provided. Contact Lorraine email barraine77@gmail.com or phone mobile 0428 638 124.

Friday 21 March
Final payment for Borambola excursion. All students must be paid in full by today.

Tuesday 25 March
School Photos 9 am

Wednesday 26 March
Visiting author Michael Salmon 1.30 pm
Parents welcome

Thursday 27 March
Questacon for Years 3 to 6 in the hall 1.30 pm

Friday 28 March
Gold Cup Half Day holiday.
School closes at 12 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 & 2 April
Borambola overnight excursion Years 3 & 4

Thursday 3 April
Whole School Athletics Carnival

Friday 4 April
Year 3-4 Rugby League Tag Day 9 am to 2 pm

Disco - Monday 7 April 2014 - Theme ‘CRAZY’
The Junior Disco (Kinder to Year 2) will be held in the hall during school hours from 1.30 pm to 3 pm. Junior students can wear their disco clothes to school for that day.
The Primary Disco will be held after school hours from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm.
Primary students will wear their normal uniform for that day.

Canberra Excursion for Years 5 & 6 is going ahead!
We got our numbers! Woo Hoo!
Proposed dates have been sent to excursion organisers and will be confirmed next week!
Notes and payment plan will be sent home as soon as information becomes available!
Mrs Doust

CANBERRA EXCURSION $300 - TERM 4 2014 (3 DAYS)
Students at Springdale Heights will celebrate Harmony Day in various ways tomorrow with each class completing an activity celebrating diversity in our society.

During the week Year 4-5 visited Banjora to do activities about diversity and share some amazing multicultural food prepared by staff at Banjora.

Year 5-6 visited the Springdale Heights Preschool to undertake some activities about sharing and saying it’s okay to be different.

Last week the SRC held a Crazy Hair Day fundraiser. The total amount raised was $166. This amount will be sent to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Next Wednesday 26 March 2014 the school will have a visit from Michael Salmon, author and illustrator. He is a creative and entertaining man who inspires children to believe in their own creativity. Michael does lightning fast sketches and caricatures and shows how he gets ideas to make his books. All students will be attending and parents are more than welcome to attend this fantastic workshop in the hall from 1.30 pm.
Year 3-4 students researched topics on Frogs. They researched in pairs and presented a short information report on facts about frogs.

POISONOUS FROGS
By Hayley and Kianah
Some frogs can produce poison from their skin. The poison will kill insects and even a bigger animal like a monkey. The poisonous frogs are usually a bright colour and their enemies know to leave them alone. The brightly coloured frogs can hop around in the day knowing that they won’t get eaten by other animals.

KINDS OF FROGS
By Amelia and Cody
There are more than 2500 kinds of frogs in the world. Frogs range in size from the little tree frog that is only two centimetres long up to the goliath frog that weighs three kilograms. Some frogs use poison as a defence like the poison arrow frog. All frogs are good for the environment because they eat insects.

FROGS AND TOADS
By Lachlan H and Royce
Frogs and toads are amphibians. They spend some of their life in water. Frogs have smooth skin but toads have rough skin. Toads have a fatter, wider body than a frog. A frog hops along while a toad crawls along the ground. There are a lot of cane toads in Queensland and they are a big problem.

WHERE FROGS LIVE
By Chloe and Luke
Frogs are found all over the world except for the North and South Poles. They are cold blooded so they must live in warmer areas. All frogs start their life in water. Some stay in or near water but others live on land and never go near water again. There are many different frogs living around Albury and we can hear them at night.
PARTS OF A FROG
By Justin and Marissa
Frogs have a very big mouth and they often have a long tongue to catch insects. They have bulging eyes that allow them to see things all around them. Frogs have short front legs for resting and landing and long hind legs for jumping. They have webbed toes to help them when they swim. The skin of a frog is fairly smooth.

HOW FROGS SOUND
By Ashmeet and Cassandra
Not all frogs croak. Some make other noises like a whistle, click, squeak or groan. It is the male frog that makes most noise. The frog keeps its mouth tightly shut and forces air back and forth from its lungs to its mouth. As air passes over the vocal chords a sound is made. Some frogs can make the sounds louder by blowing up their throat.

LIFE CYCLE OF A FROG
By Montana and Mitchell
Frogs lay hundreds of eggs in a type of jelly in the water. Tadpoles hatch from the eggs in about ten days. Tadpoles swim like fish and breathe through gills. The tadpoles soon develop legs and lungs and they lose their tail. They are now an adult frog and they can breathe air on land.

HIBERNATION AND ENEMIES
By Matt and Chrystal
Frogs are cold blooded and so they can't survive in cold winters. They will bury themselves in the dirt and they will not move or eat. Their heart hardly beats and they get oxygen through their skin. The frog seems like it is dead but when the weather warms up again it will come back to life. The frog's main enemies are water insects, birds, snakes, turtles and small mammals.

SUMMARY OF FROGS
By Rachael and James
Frogs are amphibians because they spend time in water and on land. In their life they have gills and lungs. They are born from eggs and they hatch into tadpoles. The tadpoles change into frogs when they develop legs and lose their tails. Frogs live in all parts of the world except for very cold places. Frogs eat insects, worms and spiders. Most frogs do not have teeth and eat their food whole. Frogs are very important for the environment because they keep a balance. They eat insects and don't allow pests to reach big numbers. If frogs are in a habitat it is usually healthy.
### Library Awards

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Our annual senior’s morning tea was well attended and students enjoyed having their family members visit the school. Thanks goes to the P & C for serving a delicious spread!
Gazetted Half Day Holiday

Friday 28 March 2014

Albury Gold Cup

The school will close at 12 noon on

Friday 28 March 2014

All students must be collected by this time.

There will be no supervision and no staff on site after this time.

This is a half day holiday gazetted for the whole of Albury City and not by Springdale Heights Public School.

With this prior notice we trust that you will be able to organise alternative care for your children.