

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School Small School-Big on Learning



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Term 3 Week 5

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WHAT'S ON!!

Term 3 2018

Wed 29 Aug-26 Sept-Gymnastics every Wed
2.30pm-3.30pm

Thurs 30 Aug-Assembly

Fri 21 Sept- Springside Rural Fire Visit

Fri 28 Sept- Last day of term Big Day Out at Lake Canobolas

Great changes to our School

We received news last week that the proposed 'Covered Outdoor Learning Area' (COLA) is moving one step closer to a reality. The Department provided final approval and has sent the design out to tender this week. The building of the COLA will entail the old weather shed being removed, bins relocated and a new slab laid.

To tie in with these changes the front of the school is to have some improvements in the form of restructuring and replanting of the garden beds and paving. This will not only beautify our school but also allow for better vision and supervision of students when they are being dropped off and picked up.

Work is due to start during the coming school holidays.

Sport – Term 3

The school has successfully applied for a grant towards our sporting program with gymnastics beginning next Wednesday from 2.30-3.30pm. The cost is \$10.00 per student for the term. A permission note and payment envelope are attached, please return these by this Friday 24th August. (If you have paid for the full year disregard the attached envelope). Transport to Gymnastics will be by bus with parents to collect children from the gym at **3:15pm** at 2 Barrett Court Orange.

Uniform Changes

The following has been added to the Departments Uniform Policy;

1.4 All students should have the opportunity to access the full range of school activities, including physical activities while wearing a school uniform, and girls must have the option to wear shorts and pants.

In line with this addition we have looked at the Spring Terrace Policy to see what changes are needed and how we can practically implement them.

The points discussed and suggestions made at last week's P&C meeting included;

- Everybody agreed that girls have a right to the same opportunity to be active as the boys, and not just on sports days.
- Could they wear their sports uniform every day except when we have formal activities on Eisteddfod, ANZAC Day etc.?
- It's expensive to have a \$60 pinafore that will be worn half a dozen times a year.
- Their formal uniform does look very good, especially when attending community events
- All red is very red! Black pants/shorts may be a better option.
- After much discussion and some reservation those at the meeting felt changing to a more practical uniform was the best solution.
- The school policies should reflect the need of the students attending rather than traditions or perceptions of others.

There will be another meeting specifically to make a final decision about the uniform next Wednesday afternoon. It is important that everybody's ideas are heard so that we can go forward on this together.



Canteen: Toni Ramsey-this Fri 24th August



Parent Online Payment System

As previously advised the system is up and ready to go but there has been a couple of issues with the reference section.

Please find attached instructions for use, including what to put in the 'reference section'. Also note; credit card is the only current option.

If you have any queries, see Mrs Chapman in the office.

Voluntary Contributions

Your family voluntary contribution statement is attached along with a payment envelope. This payment is due by Week 9 20th September. 2018. We have not increased the cost for the past 5 years and we are keeping with our lower fees of \$30.00 per student for the year.

If you need to make arrangement to pay later, please see Mr Scott or Mrs Chapman.

Prac Student

Mr Jacob Christofis, a student from CSU, will begin prac teaching with the primary class next Monday 27th and will be with us through until the end of the term.

I'm sure the students and community will make him welcome.

Absences

It is important for our school records that attendances are recorded and the reason for an absence. If you have a note attached to your newsletter this week, please either return the note to the office or ring the school with the dates/reasons for your child's absence.

Student Banking

If your children bank with the Commonwealth Bank through the 'Dollarmite' school banking, you may send bank books in to be processed either Tuesdays or Thursdays.

**Come and try 'Spring Into School' for free:**

Our 'Spring Into School' program offers extended transition to school for children aged 3-5. The program has proven to be very popular over the last few years. We are now looking at possibly extending it to two days a week, Tuesday and Friday. In order to do so, we would need to ensure we have sufficient numbers to make this viable. During weeks 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this term 'Spring Into School' will be free for all students who will be starting school in 2019 or 2020. This is an opportunity for children and parents to see firsthand what a small school has to offer with no obligation. Please feel free to invite families who might be interested. We will need to know how many we are expecting so it is essential that places are booked by phoning the office. If your child already attends, you will only need to let us know if they will be attending one of the additional days. 'Spring Into School' currently runs from 8.30am - 3.15pm on Tuesdays during school term. Stay tuned for extra days. It is worth mentioning there is also a playgroup that runs alongside this program for younger children and their parents from 9-11am with the option of staying on for recess with the rest of the school until 11.30am.

We Are Getting Fit

The primary class have started their morning fitness program by exploring ways that they can get fit and have fun.

They've learnt that exercising with friends and enjoying it makes it much more beneficial for your body and brain. Your body produces more good chemicals like serotonin and dopamine and less cortisol when you are getting fit with friends. You might be able to help! If you have any aerobic exercise machines currently laying around unused we'd love to borrow them.

If you have an exercise bike, treadmill or rowing machine etc that you're not using and would be happy to loan please see Mr Scott.

Term 3 Big Day Out

For the last day of term 3, Friday 28th September we plan to take the students Lake Canobolas to take part in a range of activities including bushwalking, kayaking and games.

Parents and families are welcome to join us.

If you have a kayak or life jacket we appreciate being able to borrow them for the day.

Some more photos from last week's Fabulous Book Parade !!!!!





COMMUNITY NEWS

Bletchington Public School is having a 'Fair Dinkum Farmer Fundraiser' this Sunday 26th August. Gates open from 10.00am-3.00pm with live music, show cars, Elliot the Rocking Dinosaur, Paw Patrol and much more. See the details listed below:

