

..Spring Terrace Newsletter



Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 4

Week 3

Tuesday 27th October 2020

What's on at STPS

Wednesday 28th October

Wednesday 28th October P&C

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Book Club orders via the LOOP ordering system

Tea Towel orders due

Morning: Lunch orders due

Afternoon: Swimming Lessons

Messages from the Principal

Term 4 Sport - Swimming

Our next swimming lesson is this Thursday 29th October, please:

- Pack swimmers, towel and goggles in a separate bag.
- Be at the pool at 3:15pm to collect children, and
- Check that your child has all of their own belongings before leaving the pool.

Last week after swimming we had a number of items left behind at the pool or taken home by the wrong student. Please check that your child/children have all of their own belongings before they leave the pool.

2021 Kinder Orientation and Enrolment

2021 Kindergarten Orientation will take place each Tuesday for 4 weeks from 10th November until 1st of December, 2020.

Tuesday 10th and 17th November will be half days and Tuesday 24th November and 1st December will be full days. Parents who have enrolled or notified us that their child will be attending our school and those that already attend 'Spring Into School' will receive either a personal invite addressed to your child either by mail or attached to the newsletter next week.

If you know of any families interested in enrolling their children in kindergarten for 2021, please encourage them to contact the school this week.

Parents can now enrol their children online through the Spring Terrace Public School Website and click on the 'enrolment tab' and follow the links. There is a Parents Interface section for the enrolment form to be filled out.

Please note this can only be used if your address is in our school zone. If you are not in our zone or do not wish to use the enrolment online system, we can still give parents the option of the enrolling by the printed enrolment form.

Head Lice Season

We are heading into head lice season and for some reason they are expecting it to be a bad year for them. Please check your children's hair regularly and treat them as soon as possible.

A staff member will contact parents if we find that a student has them. Students won't be sent home but we ask that parents treat them that night before returning to school.

As well as commercial treatments, it is suggested that parents use a nit comb and conditioner to physically remove them.

Please let the school know if your child catches head lice. This information will be confidential but does help us manage this issue.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Miss Hutchison's class on winning the attendance award for last week with 98.3% attendance.

Our attendance for the whole school last week was 92.6%.

Mr Peter Scott

Principal



News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

K/1 will be focusing on subtraction in mathematics this week. Year one will be using concrete materials to model subtraction problems involving one- and two- digit numbers. Kindergarten will combine, separate and compare collections of objects, they will count backwards by ones to subtract from a given number and they will informally record their findings using drawings, words and numerals. In English, K/1 have been completing their literacy rotations. During Literacy rotations their writing involves focusing on a particular word each day and understanding the definition of that word and putting the focus word in a sentence. Some of the words we are looking at this week are *astounded, miserable, lurking, confused and calm*.

For other Key Learning Areas the infants will be continuing with the Bounce Back program and we will be learning 'How to be the boss of our angry feelings' and how we can use strategies to control our negative feelings in a more positive way!

1/2 Classroom

This week sees our class really starting to put our persuasive ideas and arguments into writing. Our focus topic has been "All children need swimming lessons" and this ties in wonderfully with all of our excited students learning to swim every Thursday. Students have been learning to compare good points and bad points, decide on a position and be convincing; now it's time to put our writing down, edit, and work towards an eye-catching display.

Other areas of focus this week include Subtraction in Mathematics and using a wide range of strategies to help us decide the best way to 'take-away', as well as testing and figuring out where to next in spelling for a clever group who continue to excel and master sounds and letter patterns in words.

3-6 Classroom

This week the Primary class are practicing their researching and factual writing by looking at the prehistory of Australia. Some interesting things that we have learnt include:

Dingos arrived in Australia about 4 thousand years ago.

Tasmania was connected to Mainland Australia until about 16 thousand years ago, and

Aboriginal people were isolated from other civilisations for 50 thousand years.

In maths this week we are reviewing fractions and learning more about decimals.

STPS News

Important COVID Reminders

- Students should be kept home if they have any cold or flu like symptoms (and need to get tested).
- A staff member will contact parents to collect their child from school if they have cold/flu like symptoms.
- Students can return to school once they have been given a negative COVID-19 result and are **symptom free**.
- Please send a drink bottle in every day.

Spring Into School

Please find attached the invoice for Term 4, 2020. One-off payments of \$300.00 are due Tuesday 10th November, 2020. If you need to pay by instalment or are having any financial difficulties, please see Mr Scott or Mrs Chapman in the office. We are currently taking enrolments for Kinder 2021. A personal invite, addressed to your child will come home with the newsletter next week. If you know anyone who would be interested in enrolling at our school, please get them to contact the office.

Book Club

Remember to login to the Scholastic site to place your orders via the secure LOOP online system They are due back Wednesday 28th October.

Canteen is BACK!!

Orders are to be placed with Shirley on a Thursday morning. When preparing your child's order, please use a brown paper bag labelled with your child's name, lunch order and the amount enclosed. There are **no IOU's** the money is to be paid with the order, as Shirley drops the orders and money off to Whiteys later that day.

Please note: If you have lost your canteen order price list, it is on face book and the school website under newsletter Term 4 Week 2.

P&C News

P and C News

Just some reminders from me this week!

- Tea towel notes and money to be returned by tomorrow (Wednesday 28th to the office or Begg)
- AGM P and C meeting - 9th November 2pm
- Bunnings BBQ - thank you to those who have indicated their availability to volunteer at this event. We ask if anyone else can lend a hand please return your note ASAP so we can get working on the roster!

And an apology from me - in last week's newsletter I forgot to mention congratulations to Kelly, Alec, Harrison and Sophia on the arrival of Charlie! We hope you are all settling into life as a family of 5.

Hope you all have a great week!

Bec Robinson
P&C President

P.S. from Begg – Don't forget The Gingerbread House making fundraiser on the 3rd December 2020

Community News

Cassandra's Hair Cutting Fundraiser – Live on Facebook this Friday

Education support prac student Cassandra Trengove (aka Xanda's Mum) is finally cutting all her hair off this Friday the 30th of October. Because of current restrictions it no longer can be cut at the school, so Cassandra will be having it shaved off live on her fund-raiser Facebook account 'Diffindo Hair' at 12noon so the students can still watch Cassandra go bald.

Due to the COVID changes, any donations are to be handed into School by this Thursday the 29th October. Since the family who raises the most can no longer do the cutting, Cassandra will be donating one of her stuffed balloons from her business 'Balloons Post' with a Trick or Treat twist, just in time for Halloween the following day.

Since it has been a while since the fund-raiser was announced if you would like to know more the fund-raiser can be found on both Facebook and Instagram under 'Diffindo Hair'. All money raised goes to Variety to help sick kids and the hair Cassandra is cutting off is being donated to Variety's 'Hair With Heart' program to be turned in to a wig for a sick child in need.

Cancer Council – Healthy Lunch Box Website

Need some new ideas to pack your child something different for lunch then visit this site, it is a one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box. For recipes, tips and more visit: healthylunchbox.com.au

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed