

..Spring Terrace Newsletter



Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 4

Week 6

Tuesday 17th November 2020

What's on at STPS

Thursday 19th November

Morning: lunch orders and payments to Shirley

Thursday 19th November

Afternoon: Swimming

Monday 23rd November

School Photo Day

Monday 23rd November

Book Club orders due

Thursday 3rd December

Social night @ 7.00pm – P&C Gingerbread House Making

Thursday 10th December

Presentation night 6.30pm start

Wednesday 16th December

Last day of the school year

Messages from the Principal

Presentation Night

Our end of year presentation will take place on Thursday 10th December starting at 6:30pm and will conclude by 8pm. Students need to arrive by 6:20pm ready to begin formalities at 6:30pm.

COVID restrictions mean that we need to allow enough space for family groups to sit 1.5 metres apart. For this reason we will hold our celebration on the oval.

Term 4 Sport - Swimming

Our next swimming lesson is this Thursday 19th November: Please remember to pack: swimmers, towel and goggles,

Please pickup at the pool at 3:15pm and check that your child has all of their own belongings.

School Photos - Next Monday 23rd November

Our school photographers have requested that we change school photos to Monday 23rd November between recess and lunch. Parents do not need to do anything regarding orders until after the photos have been taken, **unless you want a family photo**. If you would like a Family/Sibling photo, please contact Mrs Chapman to arrange an order form prior to photos being taken, there is now the option to pay for these online as well.

Kinder Orientation 2021

We had our second 2021 Kindergarten Orientation in Miss Hutchison's room this morning. Next Tuesday, 24th November will be a full day with Shirley joining us straight after assembly to organise school hats and uniforms.

Attendance & Absences

Please remember that one of the best things you can do to assist with your child's education is to ensure they are at school every day and that they are well enough to attend.

Also, please remember it is important for all absences notes, including the reason, need to be sent to school within a week but preferably on the day of the absence or the first day the student returns to school.

This can be done via phone, absence slip, email, verbally or text.

See contact at the top of the page or text me on 0404 200 651

Garden News

Thank you for the fantastic pictures of food prepared by our students. Today we picked our first carrots and strawberries.

Attendance Awards

It was a draw last week between K-1 and 3-6 both with 91.7% attendance. Our attendance for the whole school last week was 89.3%



Mr Peter Scott

Principal

Reorganising our day

During Week 8 we are going to trial breaking our class sessions into blocks of 40 – 60 minutes each, that will see our class and break times change. The time spent in class and in the playground will not change, it will just be broken up differently.

If this trial is successful we will run a longer trial during term 1, 2021.

See the attached sheet for further explanation and the 'current and possible trial timetable' on the back.

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

K/1 had an exciting couple of days last week and enjoyed doing our S.T.E.M activity, making boats. Each group was very successful as all the boats did float and all creators were very proud of what they achieved!



In Maths, we are looking at mass and the term hefting. I encourage the children to have a go at this at home to determine their findings about which object is the heaviest and which is the lightest. I would like them to share their findings with the class during our maths sessions for the rest of the week. Have a great week Miss Hutchison.

1/2 Classroom

Having finished our last major literacy unit for the year (persuasive writing), we have started a fun and engaging 'mini-unit' on interview writing and skills. This will help us brush up on our listening, speaking and writing skills and will be followed by some descriptive and Christmas themed writing to end the year.

For Maths, we have started the week with a general revision on all things measurement (length, date/time, mass and liquid measurement). We will finish with extra focus on Mass.

Some important end-of-year assessments over the next week (or two), a chance to extend our drawing skills we have started in the last fortnight and plenty of 'brain-breaks' to enjoy some fun in the sun and work on our movement and teamwork. Have a wonderful week!

3-6 Classroom

This week the students will continue with research and report writing by investigating part of the human body and how it works. They will be researching either the heart, lungs, eyes or ears and writing a report on how it works. This will include looking at how we can use diagrams to explain things.

In maths we will be reviewing algebra, this is an important topic to cover for year 6 so that they are ready for high school maths.

STPS News

Spring Into School:

For our students starting kindergarten in 2021 we had a great session today and the next orientation is Tuesday 24th November, this is a whole day session – 9.15am to 3.15pm. Straight after assembly, our uniform manager Shirley will be organising uniforms and hats. For our younger children, 'Spring Into School' will operate as usual.

P&C News

Meeting: Our last P & C meeting for the year will be the 1st of December at 2pm

End of Year: Wonderful news that we will be able to hold our end of year celebration this year, a great way to sign off on a very testing year and farewell our year six boys onto their next chapter!

More updates for the end of year celebrations will be coming out in the next couple of weeks keep an eye on our FB page and newsletter!

New Enrolments: We would like to welcome our new family to the school! Gracie and Harvey are in our Infants classes.

Bunnings BBQ: What a fantastic effort from those who were involved in the Bunnings BBQ last Sunday.

Your donation of time or drinks was very much appreciated and helped to raise a profit of \$1193.99

Thank you!

Bec Robinson - President

Community News

Cabonne Council

Have your say on the review of the Cabonne Settlement Strategy, please refer to the Newsletter copy on Facebook and the School website.

Why we want to trial a change in the way we organise our day!

Why we are trialling a change!

90 to 120 minutes is a long time for anybody to concentrate and do their best work let alone 5 - 12 year olds. By the end of a long session students are flat and find it difficult to engage with their work. We hope that by having shorter sessions, students will have more quality learning time.

Playground incidents often happen towards the end of playtime when students are playing a competitive game or are becoming bored. We hope that shorter play times broken up throughout the day will assist students in managing their behaviour.

The challenges!

Some of the challenges we can see with this change include:

Coming up with a timetable and organisation that is workable and fits our needs, and

Ensuring that time is not wasted getting in and out of class.

How we'll know if it makes a difference?

Over the next 2 weeks we will be collecting data on the time students are disengaged throughout the day. We will collect this data again during the trial and compare the two.

We will collect similar data during break times in regards to students' playground behaviour.

The Research

Research suggests there are better ways to organise and run schools that are much more conducive to learning. Finland have been doing things differently in education for some time and have a highly regarded education system that achieves some of the best results in the world. One of their leading researchers and advisors is Pasi Sahlberg.

Pasi Sahlberg

Pasi Sahlberg is a Finnish educator who has worked as a school teacher, teacher-educator, researcher, and policy advisor in Finland and has studied education systems and advised education leaders around the world. He has written and spoken widely about teaching and learning in school, teachers' work and school improvement, educational change, international education issues, and the future of schools. His book "Finnish Lessons: What Can the World Learn from Educational Change in Finland" won the 2013 Grawemeyer Award for an idea that has potential to change the world.

Regards

Peter Scott

Principal

Current Timetable			
60	Session 1	9:10-10:10	Assembly Fitness Spelling & small group support
Fruit break-Not an official break			
60	Session 2		English
30	B 2		Recess
90	Session 3		Maths
45	B 3		Lunch
75	Session 4		Art/Science/PE/ Geography/History Sport/Music

Possible Trial Timetable			
50	Session 1	9:10-10:00	Assembly Fitness Spelling & small group support
10	B1	10:00-10:10	Fruit Break
60	Session 2	10:10-11:10	English
15	B2	11:10-11:25	Play
45	Session 3	11:25-12:10	English/Maths
15	B3	12:10-12:30	Lunch& Play
45	Session 4	12:30-1:15	Maths
20	B4	1:15-1:35	Play
45	Session 5	1:35-2:20	Maths/Art/Science/PE/ Geography/History
15	B5	2:20-2:35	Recess& Play
40	Session 6	2:35-3:15	Art/Science/PE/ Geography/History Sport/Music



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: 10 NOVEMBER 2020 – FOR IMMEDIATE USE

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE REVIEW OF THE CABONNE SETTLEMENT STRATEGY

Cabonne Council has engaged iPlan Projects to undertake a review of the Cabonne Settlement Strategy. The current settlement strategy was adopted in 2012 and informed the preparation of the Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012. The plan has now been in effect for eight (8) years, during which time Cabonne has experienced growth in both population and number of dwellings.

The review will identify land use strategies to identify an appropriate supply of land for growth in residential areas and settlements for the next 20 years. The strategy also seeks to include the R5 Large Lot Residential areas into the strategy that were previously considered under the *Councils of Blayney, Cabonne and Orange Sub-Regional Rural and Industrial Land Strategy 2008*.

As part of the review, Cabonne Council will be holding pop up engagement sessions in Canowindra, Eugowra, Molong and Mullion Creek:

Monday 30 November outside the Old Vic Inn, Gaskill Street, Canowindra

10am – 12pm AND 4pm – 6pm

Tuesday 1 December at the Eugowra Community Bowls & Recreation Club, Hill Street, Eugowra

4pm – 6pm

Wednesday 2 December at the Bank Street Kiosk, Molong, Molong

10am – 12pm AND 4pm – 6pm

Thursday 3 December at the Mullion Creek Recreation Reserve, Long Point Road, Mullion Creek.

4pm – 6pm

In the event you are unable to attend one of the engagement sessions, you are invited to contact Council's Development Services team on 02 6392 3265 to arrange a suitable time.

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