

..Spring Terrace Newsletter



Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 7

Tuesday 24th November 2020

What's on at STPS

Thursday 26th November

Swimming

Thursday 26th November

Date extended for Book Club orders

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.

So that we can follow COVID restrictions we will be holding a picnic style event on the oval so that we can maintain social distancing. We invite families of all students, including those who attend Spring Into School to join us in celebrating 2020 and farewelling our year 6 students.

Term 4 Sport - Swimming

Our next swimming lesson is this Thursday 26th 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 – Orders

Please find attached to the newsletter your 'shoot key' form, which enables you to order your required photo pack. Ordering is available from: **Tuesday 1st December**, please place your order before **Tuesday 15th December 2020** to avoid a late fee of \$12.95 (if you miss this date, your photos will be mailed to your address). Please contact 'Creative School Portraits' directly via web, phone or email rather than our school office.

Kinder Orientation 2021

We had our third 2021 Kindergarten Orientation in Miss Hutchison's room for a full day. Next Tuesday 1st December will be a full day and our last orientation day.

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 they are well enough to attend.

Our target for 2021 will be for our school to have an attendance rate of above 95% and to work with parents to ensure that every child's attendance is over 90%.

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

Sunscreen

As the temperature heats up, could parents please apply sunscreen to their child/children before they get to school? The school has a supply of sunscreen which can be applied again during the day.

Attendance Awards

Last week's attendance award was won by Mr Edwards's class with an attendance rate of 93.8 Our attendance for the whole school last week was 87.9.



Reorganising our day

Next Week we are going to trial breaking our class sessions into blocks of 40 – 60 minutes each, with breaks of 15 to 20 minutes in between. The time spent in class and in the playground will not change, it will just be broken up differently.

Our goal is to ensure that we are spending our class time as effectively as possible. We currently find that at the end of the long sessions we have now, students struggle to stay focussed on their work or tackle new learning. We also find that negative playground incidents happen at the end of long play sessions and students come back to class exhausted.

The challenge with the change will be to ensure that time isn't wasted getting in and out of class. We will be looking at strategies that make this happen as smoothly as possible.

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

Mr Peter Scott

Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

K/1 are studying 3D shapes this week in Mathematics and I encourage the children to find 3D shapes in the environment. We will soon be writing our letters to Santa, these letters will be sent home for the parents to send to the Jolly Fat man in the red suit. Please keep an eye out for these in your child's bags. Fruit - there are quite a few children who do not have fruit for our Fruit break. Please ensure that your child has a piece of fruit in their lunchbox daily. Thank you have a great week. Zoe Hutchison

1/2 Classroom

A busy, busy, busy week for 1-2! We are finishing our mini unit on interview skills, questions, and answers in English and looking at 3D shapes in Mathematics (including drawing, recognising and introducing students to tricky terms like vertex, edge and apex). We are also completing a number of standardised reading, spelling and maths tests to compare against our in-class work.

Our K-1 class is joining us to complete our assessments on healthy living and eating, while we continue to discover natural, managed and constructed places in Geography.

3-6 Classroom

Our class is commencing Geography and PDHPE assessments with Mr. Edwards, designing travel brochures to visit Morocco and creating blogs or advertisements to promote healthy living in our community.

STPS News

Spring Into School:

For our students starting Kindergarten in 2021, we had a great all day session and the last orientation is next Tuesday 1st December 9.00am – 3.15pm.

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.

P&C News

What a fantastic fundraising event we have just had in the form of tea towels, they are great works of art and the children should be so proud. I'm sure there will be a lot of thrilled grandparents on Christmas Day! We raised \$439. Great work to all!

Lastly a couple of reminders -

Tuesday 1st December - final P & C meeting for the year.at 2pm

Thursday 3rd December - Gingerbread Social Night. 7pm @ the school

Thursday 10th December - end of year celebrations 6:20pm for a 6:30pm start @ the school oval.

Thank you and have a great week!

Bec Robinson

Gingerbread Houses

The gingerbread house kits are here and ready to pick up. Miss Paige will take orders out to the gate for parents who are today, picking up their children. Could everyone else please come in TOMORROW and pick up their orders, as we would not like the ants to get them! An additional note from Begs is that if you are not going to use the icing in the kit within a week, it then needs to be placed into the fridge or freezer!

Community News

EOI - Written History of the Orange Regional Conservatorium: Expression of Interest to research and write a history of The Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC). The Board of the Orange Regional Conservatorium has moved to commission a publication documenting the history of the ORC. It is expected that this publication will be available in time for the opening of the new Orange Regional Conservatorium premises.