

..Spring Terrace Newsletter



Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 4

Week 8

Tuesday 1st December 2020

What's on at STPS

Thursday 3 rd December	Swimming
Thursday 3 rd December	Social night @ 7.00pm – P&C Gingerbread House Making
Thursday 10 th December	Presentation night 6.30pm start
Wednesday 16 th December	Last day of the school year
Friday 29 th January 2021	School resumes for all students

Messages from the Principal

Presentation Night

Our end of year presentation will take place next 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 and socially distance, we will be holding a picnic style event on the oval. 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.

Miss Paige

Miss Paige is delighted to share her exciting news with everyone, that she and her partner Brock are expecting a baby in May 2021.

Term 4 Sport - Swimming

Our next swimming lesson is this Thursday 3rd December. Please attend to the following listed below:

- Pack - swimmers, towel and goggles
- Please check all clothing and swim accessories are clearly labelled with your child's name
- Remember pickup at the pool is **3:15pm** and *check that your child has all of their own belongings*
- If you elected to pay for the term and haven't done so, a swimming payment envelope will be attached with the outstanding amount, please see me if you unable to pay the full amount.

School Photos – Orders

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 rather than being sent to school). Please contact 'Creative School Portraits' directly via web, phone or email rather than our school office.

Kinder Orientation 2021

We had our final 2021 Kindergarten Orientation in Miss Hutchison's room today. We are looking forward to seeing their smiling faces every day in 2021.

Attendance Awards

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



Time Change Trial

Yesterday was our first day of trialling our new time structure. During the week we will be looking at any changes we need to make before we run a longer trial in Term 1 2021.

2021 Class organisation

In 2021 we will continue to have Miss Hutchison taking our third class, she will have 10 students in Kindergarten and year 1 while Mr Edwards will have our 13 year 2 students. I will have 18 students in years 3 to 6.

Mr Peter Scott

Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

K/1 will be busy this week finalising our letters to Santa and making sure that we are on our best behaviour. We have Santa's helper 'Elf' visiting from the North Pole until the school holidays. Feel free to come in and chat to see if your child has been Naughty or Nice! We will be busy making sure all our work has been completed in both Maths and English. We are focussing on chance and data in maths and using some new language and discussing events that are likely, very likely and unlikely. Have a great week *Zoe Hutchison.*

1/2 Classroom

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..... literally!! Our cheeky elves Buddy and Rudy have returned and our class is very excited to include some of their happenings in our writing and engage in some extra Christmas activities and art and craft which we really enjoy.

Elsewhere, we are finishing the year strong, revising things such as nouns, verbs and adjectives to make our writing stronger and engaging in some fun, interactive ways to discover data, statistics and chance.

Have a great week... P.S. It's December!

3-6 Classroom

Over the last two weeks the primary class has been researching how a body part works (eyes, ears, heart lungs or muscles) and producing a slide show that explains as a part of our unit on report writing. The students will be presenting these explanation reports to the rest of the class this week.

In mathematics we will be revising a number of topics and picking up on any topics students need some extra support with.

The primary students are currently running some experiments in the garden looking at the effect different variables have on how plants grow. Some of the things being studied include sun verses no sun, manure verses purchased fertiliser and constant drip watering compared to one a week watering.

STPS News

Spring Into School:

- Today was our last kinder orientation, our 2021 Kindergarten students along with the rest of the classes will resume on Friday 29th January.
- Our Spring Into School students along, with their parents are all invited to our presentation evening on Thursday 10th December.
- Our Term 4 is coming to an end, our last 'Spring into School' will be **Week 10 Tuesday 15th December.**

General reminder: Please don't send your children to school if they are displaying any symptoms of being sick. This time of the year, children are quite susceptible to the gastro bug. Also please inform a staff member if your child is suffering from hay fever.

Drink bottles: We are now in summer! We cannot stress how important it is for children to have a drink bottle with them every day. If you have a spare or two at home, please send in labelled with your child's name on it, even if it is just an emptied bottle of water that you have purchased e.g. Mount Franklin spring water.

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.

P&C News

End of year celebrations: Thursday 10th December 6.30pm-8pm. Could you please RSVP with how many people are attending and the names of the children attending who are not STPS students. Please return the attached note by: **Tuesday 8th December.** We look forward to celebrating the Year 6's end to their primary school journey and the year of 2020.

Our final P & C meeting: was held today, minutes will be available in the next coming days for those interested!

Gingerbread house social night: For those attending on Thursday night, we hope you have a great night filled with laughs and don't forget to bring a plate of something to share.

Those that purchased the take home kits, enjoy creating those with you children or families and we would love to see some pictures of the creations!

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

Have a great week! *Bec - President*

Community News

ROTARY CLUB OF ORANGE – VISIT WWW.ROTARYCLUBOFORANGE.ORG.AU

Inaugural online silent auction-Amazing once in lifetime experiences including...private brewery tour and tasting, signed sports memorabilia, helicopter ride, art prints, a game of ten pin bowling with Jason Belmonte and so much more. Closes 13 Dec!

End of Year Celebration Night-10th Dec 2020

Family Name:

Number of People attending:

Names of Children attending (first and last):

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Please return this note by: **Tuesday 8th December.**

Thank you

Bec Robinson – PELC President