

..Spring Terrace Newsletter



Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 9

Tuesday 8th December 2020

What's on at STPS

Thursday 10th December	Swimming
Thursday 10th December	Presentation night 6.30pm start
Friday 11th December	LAST DAY to order photos postage free
Wednesday 16th December	Last day of the school year
Friday 29th January 2021	School resumes for all students
Spring Into School 2021	Commences Week 2 Tues 2nd February

Messages from the Principal

Presentation Night – This Thursday evening 10th December

Our end of year presentation will take place this 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.

Parking will be in the carpark at the front of the school and in the garden, please don't park in the gateway.

So that we can follow COVID restrictions and socially distance, we will be holding a picnic style event on the oval, families are welcome to bring food and drink (non-alcoholic). To hold this event, we have been required to write and submit a COVID Plan, the main points of which are;

The event is restricted to 100 visitors.

All visitors are to sign in.

All visitors must sit in family groups 1.5 metres from other groups.

No food or drink is to be served.

Visitors are to leave at the end of the event and not stay on to socialise.

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.

Last Day Activities

Fine Weather

If the weather is fine our last day of term activities, next Wednesday 16th, will be at Gosling Creek. Students will come to school as normal in the morning and will be taken to Gosling Creek by us at 12. The P&C will provide students with lunch of a sausage sandwich, drink and ice-block and participate in a range of fun activities. Please see the attached note and return your child/children's permission note by Tuesday 15th December.

Wet Weather

Unfortunately, rain is predicted for next Wednesday which would rule out Gosling Creek. If the predictions don't change we will stay at school for the whole day. The P&C will still provide lunch and students will participate in a range of games and activities.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – Start Up School Survey

To assist us to explore the possibility of an OSHC service at our school, parents are asked to complete the survey attached. This is a federal government initiative that aims to ensure that all parents have access to before and after school care. If you are at all interested the school providing such a service please take the time to complete this survey and return it to school by this Friday 11th December..

Term 4 Sport - Swimming

Our last swimming lesson will take place this Thursday 10th 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*

School Photos – orders closing Friday

School Photo orders are to be finalised by **this FRIDAY 11th December 2020** to allow enough time for delivery to the school. Please contact 'Creative School Portraits' directly via web, phone or email rather than our school office.

Stomach Virus

Over the last few days we have had a number of students come down with a stomach virus, if you think your child may have this please keep them home from school. Students need to have not vomited for 24 hours before returning to school.

Time Change Trial

Last week we trialled changing our times so that students had shorter but more frequent breaks. Both the staff and students thought there were positives and negatives about our week. We will go ahead with a longer trial during term one albeit not as dramatically different from our old times as last week was. This would include a 10 minute fruit, toilet and drink break in the morning and another short break in the afternoon with slightly shorter recess and lunch times. Recess and lunch will also be swapped so that students have lunch at about 11:30 and recess at about 1pm.

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.

Mr Peter Scott

Principal



News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

K/1 are getting excited as it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We are endeavouring to complete all our work and revise what we have learnt throughout the year. The children are all reading daily during Literacy groups and I encourage that you do this over the holiday period as well. I did send the children's Santa letters home last week for you to send off. In Mathematics, we will be doing revision and maths games. Could you all send a large sturdy plastic bag with your child as I will be sending home workbooks, artworks and other items. Thank you, Zoe Hutchison.

1/2 Classroom

Welcome to the last full week of a very full-on year! The last week certainly doesn't mean 'tools down', with a lot of review into different mathematical strategies and a range of literacy skills ranging from comprehension, writing and even running over the basics of verbs, nouns, adverbs, adjectives and sentence structure. These are especially important for our Year 2 students as they look to build on their skills in the primary classroom next year. At the end of the week and into the last 3 days of the year we will start letting our hair down and celebrate a wonderful year (but only a little!). - Mr. Edwards 😊

3-6 Classroom

Over the last few weeks the primary class have been learning effective research and presentation skills. To finish off the year and this unit student have a choice of their research topic and how they will present it. In maths this week we are reviewing a number of topics that we have covered throughout the year.

STPS News

MOVIE AFTERNOON FOR THE INFANTS CLASSES – FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

To celebrate reaching our monthly PAX goal for November (and a wonderful year), our Infants classes will be watching the 2004 Christmas film 'The Polar Express' (Rated G) to conclude the day this Friday December 11, please advise by ringing the school beforehand, if you do NOT wish for your child to participate.

Some unsalted popcorn will be provided and students are allowed to bring in a small amount of extra party food for themselves. With some Covid-19 restrictions still in place we would encourage students not to bring in large amounts or items to share.

Well done everyone!

Miss Hutchison and Mr. Edwards

SPRING INTO SCHOOL

- Our Spring Into School students along, with their parents are all invited to our presentation evening on Thursday 10th December, starting at 6.30pm. Due to COVID regulations we do not bring food to share this year, instead pack your own family picnic dinner meal and sit socially distanced.
- Our Term 4 is coming to an end, our last 'Spring into School' will be **Week 10 Tuesday 15th December**.
- Spring Into School recommences Week 2, February 2nd 2021. If we have enough enrolments we will do 2 days per week. Please see Mrs Doherty or Mrs Chapman, if you want any additional flyers to hand out to 'spread the word' on our wonderful 'Spring into School' Transition Program.

DRINK BOTTLES

We are now in summer! Please ensure your child has a drink bottle with them every day.

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

Please do not send your child to school if they display any symptoms of illness or sickness, especially if they are sick in the tummy or have a sore throat and/or runny nose. We are duty bound to follow the instructions and policies issued by the Department of Education regarding any contagious illness.



Note: If your child suffers from hay fever, please contact the school regarding their symptoms and treatment.

P&C News

News for Week 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Uniform Purchases

The P&C runs our uniform shop and the school shirts and jumpers are sold at a very low profit after we purchase them from our clothing suppliers in Orange.

The P&C supplies all our school students with their 1st school hat for free and then as needed.

To purchase school shirts and jumpers please see Shirley (our lovely school uniform lady) when she is at the school on Thursday mornings or see Maxine (our lovely office lady) in the School Office.

The P&C requires the uniforms to be paid for in full at the time of purchase by cash or via direct debit to our nominated bank account.

If you would like to arrange a payment plan of 4 payments over a period of time, please let Shirley or Maxine know.

Alternatively if you are experiencing financial hardship please speak to our School Principal, Mr Scott as we want all our students to be able to have and wear their school uniform with pride in our great little school!

Thank you

P&C Committee

End of year celebration

This Thursday 6:30pm

Grandparents and family welcome for a BYO picnic.

P & C will have cold drinks for sale at \$1 a can

Please return your RSVP with the number attending and children's names

Spring into Growing – this Sunday 13th December

The community garden will be open this Sunday 10am-12pm.

This week will see general gardening but also making some labels for the veggie beds and setting up compost bays and a compost system.

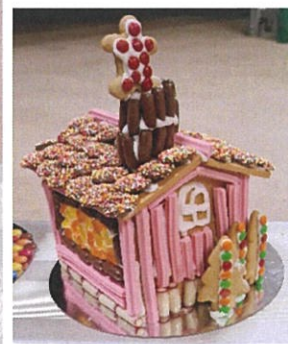
A great morning out for young and old alike, join us for a cuppa too!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Gingerbread social night

A fun filled, chatty, yummy and creative night was had by the Gingerbread Eventers last Thursday and some impressive houses were constructed and decorated, even to the surprise of a few who said they had no artistic bones in their bodies. Two themes emerged:

Less is more and those for whom there are never enough lollies. They look too good to eat!



Community News

Shop Local - Twilight Shopping in Millthorpe (see the Blayney Shire Council fb page for Carcoar & Blayney and further details)

Lots of shops are open until 8.00pm this Friday 11 December including places to snack and dine, also open is the Millthorpe Museum.



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Permission Note:

I give permission for my child/children _____
to attend and participate in the last day of school activities at Gosling Creek on the 16th
December 2020.

- ☐ I understand that travel is by private vehicle - arranged by the school to Gosling Creek
- ☐ If the weather is unsuitable I understand the activities will not proceed at Gosling Creek and will be at school instead.

Name: _____ (please print)
(Parent/Guardian)

Signed: _____ Date: / /
(Parent/Guardian)

PLEASE RETURN THIS PERMISSION NOTE BY: Tuesday 15th December

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – Start Up School Survey

To assist us to explore the possibility of an OSHC service at our school, parents are asked to complete the survey below. This decision about establishing a service will be based on this survey, so if you are interested in using this proposed service, please take the time to complete this survey.

1. Which year group are your children in? – Please indicate how many in each year group.

Kindy – Year 2	Years 3-4	Years 5-6
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2. When do you think you would be most likely to use the OSHC Service? Please indicate number of children. (If occasionally indicate days)

Service required	Regularly					Occasionally (No of days)
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Before School Care						
After School Care						
Vacation Care						
Staff Development Days						

3. Please circle the times you would most likely require the service to be open (From – to)

Before School			
After School			
Vacation / Staff Development			

Please return this note to your child's teacher by: _____

Parent / Carer Name:

Phone number:

Child Name(s):

Class(s):

Thank you

Principal