

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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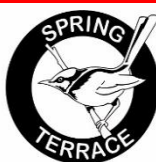


Term 1

Week 1

Wednesday 29th January 2020

Celebrating 150 Years 1869-2019



WHAT'S ON!

Term 1 2020

Thurs 30th Jan: Kindergarten Best Start Testing

Wed 12th Feb: OSSA Swimming Carnival



Canteen: **Trengrove Family**



Welcome Back from the Principal

Welcome to the start of what, I'm sure is going to be another great year for Spring Terrace Public School. We are excited to be running three classes this year. As always our staff work as a team to ensure that we all know and are a part of ensuring every student at Spring Terrace succeeds. Please remember that parents are an important part of this team, we know that students achieve their greatest success when they, their parents and teachers know what their goals are and the strategies that will help them achieve these goals. We are looking forward to a positive year of working with our parents and community. There will be lots of exciting learning, sporting and social events this year with the first of them starting tomorrow with Kindergarten Best Start Assessments. This will be followed by the OSSA Swimming Carnival that will be held on Wednesday 12 February. There are a number of ways parents can play their part in the success of their child and our school. Some of these are by talking to your child in a positive way about their learning and school, attending events, assisting the P&C raise much

needed funds or coming in to school to help with reading and other learning activities. Parents are invited to come in and assist with reading Monday to Thursday from 10:00-10:30am.

2020 Class Organisation

As you'll know this year we will have three classes in 2020. Miss Hutchison will have ten students from Kindergarten and Year 1, Miss Toovey will have ten students from Years 1 and 2 while Mr Scott will have sixteen students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. These will be the students "Home classes." For Spelling and Mathematics students will be split into ability groups and for Science with Mr Scott, Art with Miss Hutchison and Japanese with Miss Toovey students will be split into two groups. The staff have spent considerable time weighing up how we can use our resources as effectively as possible to ensure each child gets the education and positive school experience that they deserve.

Best Start-Kindergarten

Tomorrow, Thursday, Miss Hutchison will complete the Best Start Assessment with each of the Kindergarten students. Best Start lets us know where students are starting when they first arrive at school. Teachers can use this information to plan the most effective program for the students and measure student growth throughout the year. Parents will receive a report that identifies what the next steps are for their child.

Welcome Mrs Doherty

This year we welcome Mrs Doherty to our school. Mrs Doherty will be taking Spring into School each

Tuesday and Friday. Ms Doherty is well qualified for the position being trained in early childhood and primary teaching and having previously run school transition programs. Mrs Doherty has previously done some casual teaching at Spring Terrace so knows many of our students and school routines.

OSSA Swimming Carnival Wed 12th Feb

The 2020 OSSA Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday 12th February at the Orange Aquatic Centre. This carnival is for students from 8 to 12 who can swim 50m in any stroke confidently.

Mr Scott will attend the carnival with those students entering in events. Students not swimming in events will stay at school.

Students will have until Wednesday the 5th February to nominate for events.

School Play - 2020

In 2020, all students will be participating in a musical called *Pirates Versus Mermaids*. Students have selected the characters they wish to audition for and have been sent home a section of the script for their selected characters, to practise over the holidays. All students will have a part in our performance. Auditions will be held Term 1, Week 3. We look forward to seeing our students on stage towards the end of the 2020 school year.

Spring Into School



As in 2019 'Spring Into School' will be held each Tuesday and Friday for pre-schoolers in the two years before they start school.

We currently have places available so if you know of anybody interested please let them know about this great program.

Children attending don't have to be planning to enrol at Spring Terrace. The first 2 sessions are free with the cost being \$45 per session after that. If parents pay for the whole term before the end of week 3, the cost is \$300 for one day or \$600 for two days.

P&C News

Meeting: The first meeting for 2020 will be held on Monday 10th February at 3.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing both old and new faces! Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Memberships: P&C Membership is now due, this is to cover our volunteers for insurance when they are doing school related volunteering. The cost is only \$2.00 per person. Please find attached our membership form, please return forms and payments to the school office or to Shirley also forms will be available at the first meeting.

***** COMMUNITY NEWS *****

Orange Regional Conservatorium

Orange Regional Conservatorium invites you to join us as we launch 2020 with our *Ensemble in Residence*, the acclaimed Acacia Quartet. From 6pm will be serving complimentary drinks and canapés before Acacia perform an intimate selection of works by Dvorak, Gershwin and Australian composer Alice Change.

We can't say too much yet, but this year will be truly exciting. Our visiting artists will include some of Australia's most celebrated songwriters, orchestras, chamber and world music ensembles. The ORC has even been chosen for an exclusive one-off performance to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth. Plus new education programs, workshops, partnerships and much more.

Friday 7th February 6:30pm [Tickets on sale now!](#)