

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 3

Week 3

Tuesday 4th August, 2020

What's on at STPS

Tues 4th Wed 5th & Thur 6th August

This Week 3rd - 7th August

Thurs 6th August

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Wed 19th August

3-Way (Parent/Student/Teacher) Interviews

Education Week

Wear Red Day for Ronald McDonald House

P&C Meeting

Scholastic Book Club is due today!

Life Education

Message from the Principal

Education Week and 3-Way interviews

Despite not being able to invite parents to participate in Education Week activities as we have in the past, we will still be celebrating the great things that happen in our school. On Thursday afternoon we will be live on Facebook, we will be sharing some of the great activities happening in the school and would love for you to join us.

Thank you to those who have arranged an interview with the teachers. If you haven't been able to do that yet your child's teacher will give you a ring this week.

COVID Update

Thank you to the parents who kept unwell students home this week and have had them tested. All the COVID-19 tests have thankfully come back negative but that doesn't mean we should become complacent. It is important that we continue to do our part.

The key points for us include remain:

- Regular hand washing and sanitizing,
- Students and staff staying home if they are unwell,
- Limited number of people on site that don't have to be there,
- Students bringing a drink bottle to school and not using the bubblers, and
- Social distancing where practical.

Years 3 and 5 Literacy and Numeracy Check-in.

As you will be aware NAPLAN was cancelled due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19 earlier in the year. The department has developed a year 3 and 5 check-in to support the assessment that schools already undertake. Students in these years will sit these on-line numeracy and literacy assessments later in Term 3.

2021 Enrolments

This term we will, as much as possible, finalise our enrolments for 2021. If you have children starting Kindergarten in 2021 please contact Mrs Chapman or myself to get the process underway. If you know of anybody who might be interested in their child starting Kindergarten in 2021, please invite them to contact the school to discuss this.

Ronald McDonald Wear Red Day

This Thursday we will hold our Ronald McDonald Wear Red Day. Students are asked to wear something red and bring a gold coin donation which will go to the Orange facility. It's up to the students if their "something red" is school uniform or not.

School-Home Communication & Newsletter Survey

Thank you to those who completed the survey via the P&C Facebook page link, the results have been included on the last page of today's newsletter. Findings from the survey concluded:

1. Almost everybody reads the paper copy of the newsletter that comes home each Tuesday but about 30% would happily opt out of a paper copy and access it in a digital form.
2. The majority are happy with the current format of the newsletter.
3. 30% of respondents felt that we could communicate school events and information in a clearer and timelier manner.

Some suggestions included;

1. Returning to the old format.
2. Removing the calendar at the top.
3. Printing in black and white to save money.

Resulting actions will include;

1. Giving parents the opportunity to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter.
2. Investigating the cost savings that would result in printing the newsletter in black and white.
3. Ensuring that events are advertised well in advance and that the required information is provided.
4. Posting a draft newsletter on the P&C Facebook page on Monday evening so that parents have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions with any changes to be included on the final draft for Tuesday.

Mr Peter Scott

Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

K/1 students are continuing their 'Where the Wild things are' unit. In Mathematics, students are looking at multiplication.



1/2 Classroom

In the Year 1/2 Classroom, students are focusing on all aspects of multiplication. Students will be learning about repeated addition, arrays, groups and multiplication facts.



3-6 Classroom

The Primary class have begun reading a fun novel called Going Banana by Australian author Maxx Dann. The students will be studying how the author developed interesting and lovable characters. In Mathematics this week we are continuing with multiplication and division.

PAX Good Behaviour Game - FOCUS

This week's PAX GBG focus:

1. **Beat the Timer-** Beat the timer is a strategy that reduces the amount of time to complete a task. In turn, Beat the Timer decreases the dawdling, trouble-making and procrastination that can occur between activities or during transitions. It increases engagement in activities.
2. **PAX Stix-** PAX Stix help create a nurturing environment by promoting trust and predictability between the teacher and students, and among the students themselves.

STPS News

Scholastic Book Club

Please place any orders online through the LOOP system by this Thursday 6th August.

P&C News

The P and C meeting is being held this Thursday August 6th @ 2pm at the school. We will be holding the meeting outside under the COLA. Those attending will need to sign an 'External Visitors Form' also sign our 'School Visitor Book' - as well as sanitizing hands and social distancing accordingly. I hope to see you there! if you are unable to make it but have any issues you wish to have raised please let me know.

Thank you to all the parents for making the pie drive collection a success.

Welcome to our new family!

We hope you settle in well and enjoy our wonderful school

Bec Robinson

P&C President

Community News

Orange Regional Conservatorium Term 3 - Welcome Back Everyone

We are very pleased to be welcoming back onsite the majority of our ensembles, students and staff this term. Although we are unfortunately still restricted in the running choirs, most instrumental ensembles kicked off last week! The health and safety of our students, staff and the wider community are of the utmost importance to us and we have put in place many new procedures to protect everyone's well-being. We have implemented strict limits on the number of people allowed in each room, set up sanitising stations at entrances, moved certain programs into larger spaces, implemented a digital sign-on for visitors and much more.

Group Classes for Kids

Group classes are a great way to get young kids involved in music. We are currently offering a selection of singing, violin and early childhood music classes for children aged anywhere from 0-10 years.

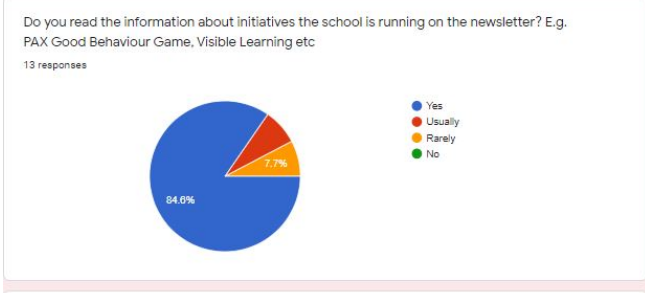
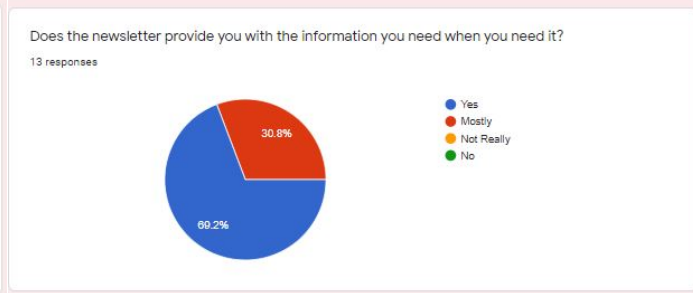
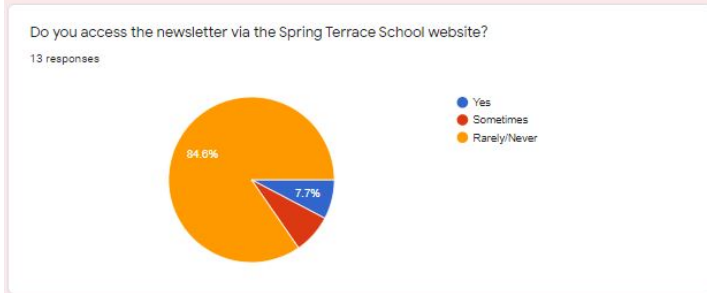
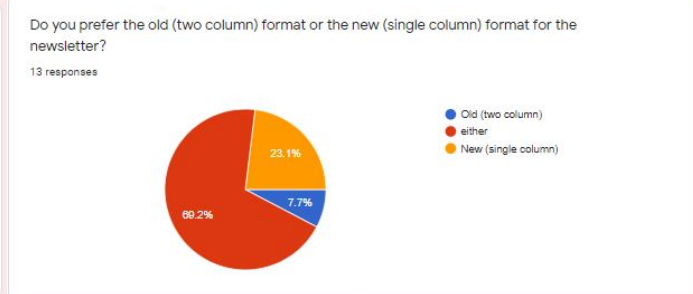
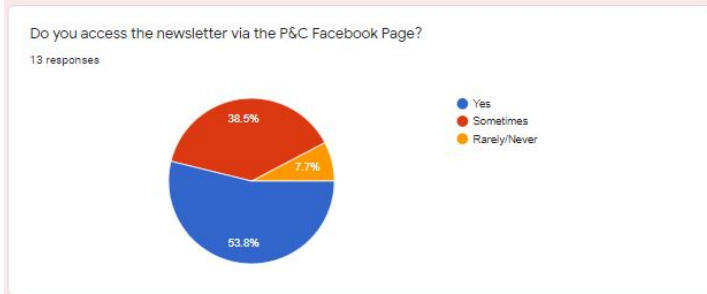
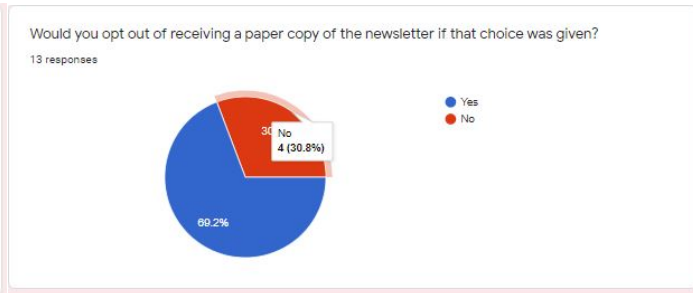
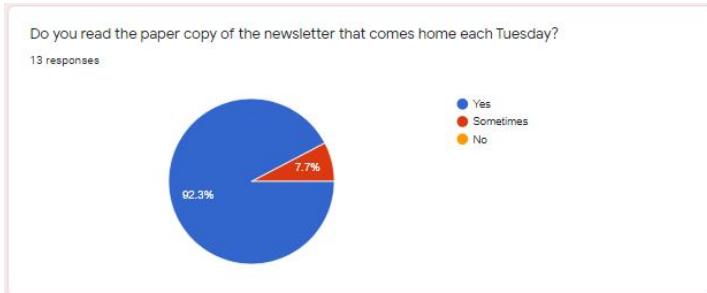
Classes such as these offer an affordable and social start to music education and offer clear pathways towards individual lessons, groups and choirs. Contact the ORC office for more information.

Brass Ensembles - Enrol Now!

Play a brass instrument and looking for a new outlet? Our expert Brass instructors Victoria Chatterly and Phil Rees have great ensembles covering every age and skill level. These groups focus on Orchestral Brass skills and are perfect for school or brass band musicians looking for a new challenge. Beginner to advanced!

LOWES – School Wear and Other Sale

School wear sale: Don't forget 20% off Zero Day for card holders (you can join) - 6th & 7th August 2020 Shop Online & In-store! Free delivery on orders over \$100 and extended trading hours.



Do you have any suggestions that would improve the newsletter?
3 responses

- As already provided to Peter
- No
- save \$ by printing in black and white - and possibly with lower quality

Do you have any suggestions on how the school could improve communication with parents in general?
3 responses

- Never had any issues with the level of communication, thank you
- No. I have found between the newsletter and the p&c Facebook page I get all the information I need
- i think you do a wonderful job as is!