

Spring Terrace Newsletter



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Term 3

Week 8

Tuesday 8th September 2020

What's on at STPS

Each Thursday and Friday	Coles Little Book Swap
Wednesday 9 th September	Book Club due
Friday 18 th September	Miss Toovey's last day
Wednesday 23 rd & Thursday 24 th	September- Year 3 Literacy and Numeracy Check-in
Friday 25 th September	Last day of Term 3

Message from the Principal

Year 1/ 2 Teacher

I'm pleased to announce that Mr Graeme Edwards will be filling in for Miss Toovey while she is on maternity leave. Mr Edwards completed his final prac at Spring Terrace before he began his teaching career and has recently been working in several schools, large and small, around Orange. He will be taking over from Week 10 Monday 21st September, with Miss Toovey's last day being Friday 18th September. Mr Edwards will be in before then to spend time with Miss Toovey and her class so that we can make for as smooth a changeover as possible.

Hats

Just a reminder of the rules surrounding hats. Students must have a hat on while playing at recess and lunch time. It is their responsibility to ensure that they get their hat from the hat room and keep it on their head. If students need to keep on being reminded, they may miss some of their playtime.

Primary Rocket Day

The Primary students had great fun learning about chemical reactions and making rockets last Wednesday. Thank you to the parents and community members who sent in the resources we needed; it was very much appreciated.

2021-24 Planning

The 2021-24 school planning cycle is currently underway and as a part of that we are developing a situational analysis so that we can get an accurate picture of where we are now so that when we write our School Improvement Plan, our targets are relevant and are going to help us continue to improve all aspects of our school. Over the next few weeks, we will be putting out a survey and talking to parents to ensure that our plan reflects community expectations.

Attendance

Over the last two terms COVID and the need for students to stay away from school when unwell has seen a drop in our attendance rates. We really appreciate parents supporting the school by doing the right thing when their children are sick, but we are also very aware of the importance of students attending school every day that they possibly can.

Our hope is that every child has an attendance rate over 90% and preferably over 95% as missing more than this can begin to effect students learning.

In the coming weeks I will be talking to parents about ways we can work together to ensure that their children attend school as regularly as possible. We want to support parents in supporting their children's' learning.

Coles-Little Tree House Books

This Thursday and Friday will be the last opportunity for students to swap Coles Little Tree House Books during lunch. Any leftover books will be used in the classrooms as readers.

Miss Hutchison

Miss Hutchison is absent from school at the moment due to illness, she will definitely be off all of this week and probably part of next week. We have had Mrs Ryan teaching the K/1 class each day except Monday when they joined with the 1/2 class. We are doing everything we can to ensure continuity of learning for these students in Miss Hutchison's absence.

Mr Peter Scott

Principal

News from the Classrooms

K-2 Science

Kindergarten to Year 2 will be back in the garden for science this week and will be investigating how plants grow. So far we have planted tomato, capsicum, watermelon, lettuce, corn and cucumber seeds. We will be excited to see if any of them have sprouted.



1/2 Classroom

This week students are learning about the cockatoo. Students will then begin their information report on one of the Australian animals that they have studied this term. In Mathematics, Year 1 and Year 2 students are currently moving into the world of fractions. Working with language, activities and games to build a solid foundation of what fractions are and why they are important in day to day life. Students have earned 350 out of their 1000 PAX minute goal for their monthly PAX goal. Awesome Work!

3-6 Classroom

In Maths this week the primary students are learning about volume, capacity and mass. The weather is perfect for being outside practicing our measuring skills. In English students are reading 'Rowan and the Bukshah' and are practicing adding suspense to their writing.



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Book club

If you wish to place an order for Issue 6 of Book Club, please do so by tomorrow Wednesday 9th September!

P&C News

P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting will be held this Thursday at 2.00pm under the COLA. Please arrive 5 minutes prior as we have the COVID forms to fill in. If you have any topics to be discussed, please send them through asap.

THIS SUNDAY – Garden Working bee!

A flyer is attached in regard to the working bee, please come and lend a hand. In turn the children can plant some strawberries and enjoy a sausage sandwich in the amazing sunshine! Please RSVP on the Facebook post. For those not on Facebook, please send me an email or let Mrs Chapman know.

We will be running this day very carefully and acknowledging COVID safety rules.

Have a great week and hope to see you on Sunday!

Bec - P&C President



Community News

Orange Regional Conservatorium: Never a Better Time To Start

We are always enrolling! Don't wait for the beginning of a new term or even a new year to start learning an instrument, our tutors take on new students year round.

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