

# Spring Terrace Newsletter

## Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 1

2021

### What's on at STPS

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Friday 8 October	Spring Into School Term 3 fees due
Sunday 10 October	Community Garden Morning
Friday 22 October	Spring Into School Term 4 fees due
Friday 29 October	World Teachers' Day
Tuesday 23 November	School Photos
Saturday 4 December	Local Government Elections

### Messages from the Principal

#### Welcome to Term 4

It was very exciting to welcome back all students this morning along with Miss Toovey and a new family, the Hirst's. Winston is in Year 3 and Lincoln is in Year 1. We are pleased to have everybody back in the classroom and some sort of normality to return.

Term 4 will be a little different to a regular term 4, as rather than winding down as we head towards the end of the year, we will be working to ensure we make the most of every learning opportunity for every student. Parents can assist us in this by making certain that students attend school as regularly as possible. COVID restrictions mean that our plans to run activities such as swimming and our end of year Presentation Night are currently up in the air. If conditions are eased, we will do our best to run these activities in some form while giving families information in a timely manner.

#### End of school day – pick up time

We will return to the regular pick up time of 3.15pm for all students. Please stay in your car and a staff member will bring students out to you.

#### Level 3 COVID operations

We are currently operating under Level 3 School Operations. In summary:

- All students are expected to be at school every day.
- If students have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms, they must stay home.
- Non-essential visitors cannot enter the school grounds. Please ring the office or me if there is nobody at the gate.
- Under the current health orders, students and staff should reduce travelling to areas with higher levels of COVID-19 restrictions in place but can still attend school if they do.

#### A reminder for all families

Students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must remain at home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

#### Visitors

Non-essential visitors are not permitted in schools. Some visitors are permitted in schools based on the guidelines that follow.

Parents should:

- maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates

- remain outside of school grounds
- follow mask-wearing requirements and sign in using Service NSW QR code if permitted to enter school

### **Sporting Schools – Swimming Program**

This term we have funding from Sporting Schools for a swimming program. The current COVID operational guidelines don't permit us to travel for sport or excursions however as soon as restrictions are eased, we will start our Wednesday afternoon lessons at the Orange Aquatic Centre. Attached to this newsletter are further details and a permission note. Please return this note and money no later than next Wednesday so that we are ready to start lessons as soon as we are given the go-ahead.

### **Class and School Organisation**

With Miss Toovey's return we are back to running three classes full time. We have Mrs Napier working Tuesdays and Thursdays, running support programs for students and relieving teachers when they are completing training and working with individuals and small groups of students. Miss Bri will continue to support teachers and students Mon to Fri and Jameson will do the same each Monday and Wednesday.

Mr Peter Scott  
Principal

## News from the Classrooms

### **K/1 Classroom**

Welcome back to Term 4. It is so lovely to see all the children face to face. Could you please return all work (Home Schooling) to me as soon as possible. That includes all booklets, grammar, and comprehension to save the trees and avoid recopying them. Have a wonderful week. Miss Hutchison

### **Year 2 Classroom**

I'm back!! Welcome back to all. It was amazing to see all the smiling faces walking through the school gate this morning. Year 2 students are excited and eager to learn. Miss Toovey

### **3-6 Classroom**

This week for the primary class will be about re-establishing routine and setting our class up for a very productive term. In maths we will be brushing up on our whole number skills and in English we are learning about the different types of nouns.

## STPS News

Spring is such a lovely time here at Spring Terrace Public School, the gardens and grounds are looking fantastic. Thanks to the hard work of Mr Davis during the holidays to ensure everything was neat and tidy ready for the return of classes.



## P&C News

Welcome back to term 4, and back to school learning! Thank you to all our teachers, parents and students for their handwork and commitment during home schooling it was a tough effort, but we got there! Once we are out of restrictions, we will announce our P&C AGM meeting date and information.

### **New Home Readers - Thanks to CSU Community Grant**

The P&C was granted \$1000 from Charles Sturt University as part of its Community Grants program. This money has gone towards the 100 Home Reader Club and has been used to purchase 178 new home readers. Families may shortly start seeing these books coming home, to be read and returned, as part of the Home Reading program.



Spending time each day, having your child read to you, is one of the best things you can do to help them learn to read. All it takes is around 10 minutes of effort by the child, and then don't forget to sign off the record book.

When students achieve 100 nights of home reading, they are eligible to receive a \$25 book voucher to Collins Bookstore. This is being funded in partnership by the P&C and the school, and we hope it helps motivate your kids to keep reading! Thank you to Charles Sturt University for this grant!

Don't forget the open garden this Sunday 10-12pm, it's planting our seedlings day!  
Have a great week!

Bec Robinson  
P&C President

## Community News and Information



## FLICKERUP 2022 - ENTRIES NOW OPEN

FlickerUp 2022 competition is an Australian Youth & Schools Competition which screens at Flickerfest when it returns to Bondi Beach from the 21 - 30 January 2022. The competition is open to films from students enrolled in primary or secondary schools in Australia, or individuals 18 and under (when filmed). The competition is divided into 2 sections: one for primary age & one for secondary age youth/students with all films under 35mins.

Send us your fabulous completed film now or start shooting with the EXTENDED deadline of 5 November 2021.

*"For young filmmakers, FlickerUp provides the opportunity to showcase our films, our stories and ourselves as creatives. It also provides inspiration and a sense of connection to the whole film industry in Australia". - Gabrielle Gregoire (2021 - La Torta, Avid Award for Best Editing in a High School/Youth Short Film).*

This is an incredible opportunity for your students; to have their creativity and passion recognised Australia-wide for a short film they have either made in class as an assignment or outside class as a hobby.

*"For young filmmakers, to be able to participate in something like that really shows us that we can pursue our dreams and passions, especially at a time when you're trying to figure out what you should or can do in life and your career." - Radheya Jegathev (2018 - iRony, Avid Award for Best Editing in a High School/Youth Short Film).*

Selected films will screen on Saturday 29 January 2022 at the festival at Bondi Beach followed by an award presentation. If you would like some collateral to display around your school get in touch for this to be arranged, get in touch with us at: [coordinator@flickerfest.com.au](mailto:coordinator@flickerfest.com.au)

Please act quickly to avoid missing the deadline, as entry closes on November 5. For more information on how to apply please access the details, categories and T&C's from: <https://flickerfest.com.au/how-to-enter-flickerup/>