

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 2

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
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

COVID Restrictions Remain at Level 3

I would like to thank our families for working with us to ensure we are operating within the current restrictions. The staff are all very happy restrictions have allowed children to return to school. Please remember to call before coming to school if you urgently need to come into the school grounds. It is preferable you make an appointment if you need to speak to a teacher.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and the community back into school, we hope this will happen soon.

A reminder to follow the COVID safe practices shown below.



Arrivals and departures

If your child is going to be late for school in the mornings or if you need to collect your children prior to school finish time in the afternoon, please advise the day prior or phone the school with change of arrangements. Children are signed in and out in Sentral attendance to verify they are actually on the school premises.

Uniform and SHOES

In 2019 it was decided to move away from our formal uniform and encourage students to wear the current shorts/trackpants and polo shirt. Providing students with a uniform that allowed them to move and play freely was an important factor in this decision. Black joggers were agreed upon as a part of this uniform.

Black joggers were chosen because:

- A. They are easy to find and match our uniform, and
- B. They allow students to participate in physical activity.

Recently quite a few our students have been wearing shoes that don't meet either of these requirements.

Parents:

If you child/children have joggers, please send them to school in them.

When you are next buying joggers for your children to wear to school, please buy black, well-fitting ones.

Our Glorious Garden

Thank you once again to our amazing Spring Into Gardening group. Our environmental area looks fantastic. Unfortunately, we haven't been down there much lately as it is still a little soggy but as Spring hits, I'm sure our students will make the most of it.

Change to Emergency Procedures

Our evacuation and lockdown procedures have been reviewed and amended to cater for a larger number of students and staff now on site. Each learning space and the office and ancillary areas have new posters detailing the new procedure and evacuation routes to follow. Students and staff will undertake a walkthrough of the new procedures this week and will practice a drill in the next few weeks.

2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

If you plan to enrol your child in Kindergarten at Spring Terrace in 2022, please speak to Mrs Doherty, Miss Hutchison or me soon so that enrolments and orientation can be finalised.

Mr Peter Scott
Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

This week in Maths we are learning about 'Time'. Kinder are looking at the clock on the hour and Year 1 are looking at the clock on quarter to, quarter past, half hour and hour. In English, we are writing compound sentences using the correct punctuation.

A few ice packs were sent home with injured students last week. Could these please be returned as soon as possible.

Homework this week will just be spelling. Thank you and have a great week. Miss Hutchison

Year 2 Classroom

Students are thoroughly enjoying our new novel study, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. In Grammar, we are focusing on nouns, common nouns and proper nouns. Students have been focusing on identifying proper nouns in both their own and their peers writing. In Creative Arts, Year 2 are exploring 'self-portraits'. So far students have created a proportional self-portrait inspired by Bernini and are in the process of creating a self-portrait inspired by Roy Lichtenstein's infamous pop art.

Homework- I have attached a letter that contains an overview of what is happening this term. I have also attached a family tree. Could you please support your child to complete this, as we will be using this in our writing unit (autobiography). Thank you! Ms Toovey

3-6 Classroom

Today our class began reading the novel *Misery Guts* by Morris Gleitzman. In Grammar Years 3 and 4 are reviewing common and proper nouns, while years 5 and 6 are learning about verbal nouns. In the sentence "Isn't that a beautiful old building." "Building" is a verbal noun.

In Maths, we have been improving on our whole number skills and are starting on multiplication and division. Primary students have taken their homework home today.

STPS News

Kindergarten 2022 Orientation

A kinder Orientation program will be held on four Tuesdays in November. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks. If you have a child who will be starting Kinder in 2022 or know someone else who has a child starting school next year and is interested in attending Spring Terrace Public School, please ask them to contact the office on 6363 4287.

2022 Planning

Getting ready for next year and starting to plan when you might be able to take a vacation again to somewhere more distant than your local backyard, the following dates show the school terms and Staff Development Days for 2022. Please be mindful that it is recommended students attend school as regularly as possible and it is appreciated if holidays are planned and taken during school holidays.

2022 NSW term and vacation dates*

- Term 1 (Eastern) – Friday 28 January to Friday 8 April
- Term 1 (Western) – Friday 4 February to Friday 8 April
- Autumn vacation – Monday 11 April to Friday 22 April
- Term 2 – Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July
- Winter vacation – Monday 4 July to Friday 15 July
- Term 3 – Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September
- Spring vacation – Monday 26 September to Friday 7 October
- Term 4 – Monday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December
- Summer vacation (Eastern) – Wednesday 21 December to Thursday 26 January 2023
- Summer vacation (Western) – Wednesday 21 December to Thursday 2 February 2023

2022 school development days

Parents and carers **should not** bring their child to school on school development days.

- Eastern division – 28 January, 31 January 2022
- Western division – 4 February, 7 February 2022
- All schools – 26 April, 18 July, 20 December 2022

P&C News

Thank you to those that attended the open garden last Sunday, it was great to see some new faces! Looking forward to a great growing month, see you on 14 November. Head over to our Facebook page 'Spring into growing' for updates.



Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information

The “**NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook**” is a comprehensive resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. The handbook has been updated to include key messages about COVID-19 safety and bush fire safety with Summer just around the corner.

The updated digital edition also includes important content updates from: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Rural Fire NSW, Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

You can access the book from the Child Safety Hub website – <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

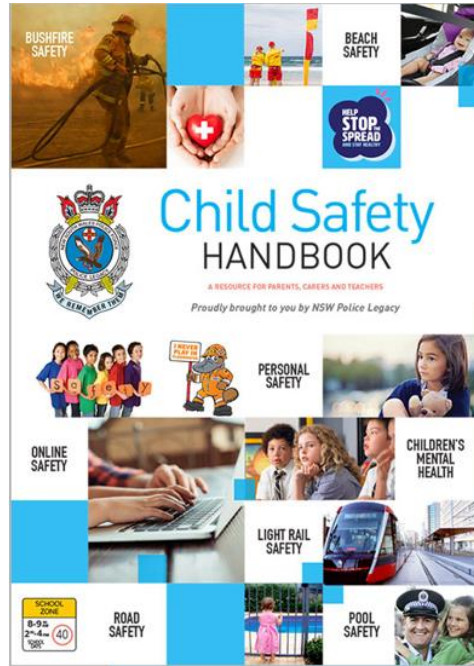
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DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now valuable online with updated safety content.

We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

Child Safety Handbook App available for download:



CRICKET REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Local Cricket Clubs are taking registrations for the cricket season. There is something suitable for boys and girls aged 5 and up. Cricket is a great way to be active and make new friends. Head to playcricket.com.au to find your local club.



BLECHINGTON SOFTBALL CLUB



GIVE SOFTBALL A GO THIS SUMMER



Registrations for the 2021/2022 Season are now open!



We have something for everyone:
Teeball - Under 8 yrs & Under 10 yrs
Modball - Under 13 yrs
Softball - Under 16 yrs, A-Grade, B-Grade & C-Grade

CONTACT US OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO REGISTER TODAY

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