

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 4

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
Friday 29 October	World Teachers' Day
Tuesday 9 November	Kinder Orientation (half day)
Thursday 11 November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 16 November	Kinder Orientation (half day)
Tuesday 23 November	Kinder Orientation (full day)
Thursday 25 November	School Photos
Tuesday 30 November	Kinder Orientation (full day)
Saturday 4 December	Local Government Elections
Tuesday 14 December	Annual Presentation Night
Thursday 16 December	Students last day of school for 2021

Messages from the Principal

NAIDOC WEEK



The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations is 'HEAL COUNTRY' and commences on Saturday 29 October and runs through to Saturday 6 November. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions the major public event had to be cancelled.

School Photos – change of date

Please note the school photo day has changed from Tuesday 23 November to Thursday 25 November. Information packs and order forms will be sent home once they have been received from the photographer.

COVID restrictions and Department regulations

A reminder to parents and carers that **entry to school grounds is not permitted** without the principal's approval. Please remain at your vehicle or outside the gate and phone the office 6365 4287 or my mobile 0404 200 651 if you need to collect or drop off children out of normal school hours. Your assistance and support are greatly appreciated.

As you are probably aware two schools have had to close due to positive COVID cases in the last week. As well as students not attending school they have gone through deep cleaning and contact tracing. We don't want our students at risk of catching COVID or missing any more school than they absolutely must.

Kinder 2022 Orientation

If you have a child who is five or turning five before 1 July 2022 and who will be enrolling at Spring Terrace next year. Kinder Orientation starts next week. If you haven't already notified the office, please do so as soon as possible so we can provide you with a letter outlining the program and what is required.

Presentation Night/Year 6 Graduation

It appears that we will be able to hold a presentation night in some form after 1 December, as long as it fits within some tight guidelines. This will be held the last week of term on Tuesday 14 December. Further information will be made available closer to the date. All visitors will have to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask to attend, and we must socially distance. There will also be some limitations on performances, for example no singing.

Enrolments for 2022

We currently have 45 enrolments for 2022 as well as 3 young pre-schoolers who could enrol, 1 student returning and 1 interested in moving to STPS, that's 50 for the opportunity to have another teacher. We would need 52 students as a minimum.

While we will certainly continue to provide an excellent education for all students with the staffing we have, adding another teacher would be a great advantage to our school.

Spring Into School enrolment enquires for 2022 are welcome for children who are **fully toilet trained** and aged from 3 to 5 years who will be starting school at STPS, as well as children living in the area whose parents may or may not be intending to send them to STPS.

If you know of any families considering moving to the area or have shown an interest in STPS, please encourage them to make an appointment to meet with staff and/or request an information pack so they have the information they need to make the decision that is right for their child/ren.

Before and After School Care

'Big Childcare' are getting set up at school ready to commence operations. We are waiting on final confirmation of a start date. If you would like an enrolment pack, please phone the office. Care will be available from 7am in the morning until school starts and again from end of school until 6 pm in the evening. You can also contact Big Childcare via their website <https://bigchildcare.com/contact/> for further information about the cost and programs.

Water Bottles

Please ensure all children bring a water bottle to school each day. Many students are coming to school without one and it is important they can stay well hydrated during the day. This is especially important now the weather is warming up and they are more active in the playground. Drinking water keeps they body functioning properly by:

- Carrying nutrients and oxygen to your cells
- Flushing bacteria from your bladder
- Aiding digestion
 - Preventing constipation
- Normalising blood pressure and stabilising the heart
- Cushioning joints and protecting organs and tissue
- Regulating body temperature
- Maintaining electrolyte (sodium) balance



Giving your body enough fluid avoids the risks of dehydration, dizziness, low blood pressure, confusion, and weakness.

Mr Peter Scott
Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

In Maths this week we are learning about volume and capacity. Please let the children explore measuring cup and jugs at home.

In English, we are continuing to learn about grammar and the correct sentence structure. Year 1 will be starting to look at narratives and start to draft their own stories. Please encourage your child to fill out their reading logs each night and if they have reached a reading goal, please let me know so they can receive their reading certificate.

Have a fantastic week! Miss Zoe Hutchison.

Year 2 Classroom

This week Year 2 are beginning to draft their autobiography. Students are enjoying exploring and writing about themselves. This unit has created great discussion. In Mathematics, students are reviewing mental strategies to assist answering subtraction problems.

For homework - Can you please assist students with gathering photos for their autobiography?

3-6 Classroom

In History this term the primary class are studying Australia since Federation with Mrs Napier, currently the class is looking at some of the influential figures, such as Henry Parkes, in the decision for Australia to form a national government.

For homework this week, students have 3 tasks to complete:

- One is to read for at least 20 minutes at least 3 times per week and record it in their reading log.
- Two is practice times tables, if they already know these well, they will complete a problem-solving activity.
- Three is to complete a short piece of writing either on the sheet provided or on Google Classrooms.

STPS News

Children's Week



This week we celebrate Children's Week with this year's theme being '*Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others*'. Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia and held around the fourth Wednesday in October, focusing the attention of the wider community on children, their rights, and achievements. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills, and abilities.

World Teachers Day

This Friday, 29 October we celebrate our Teachers are part of 'World Teachers Day'. To Mr Scott, Ms Toovey, Miss Hutchison, Mrs Doherty, Mrs Napier and Mrs Somers, Your dedication to students this year has extended to a new normal for what it means to be an educator. You have taught, advised, listened, and helped your students in new, and virtual ways. You've worked hard to maintain a thread of normalcy in difficult times for our school and our students. You've given everything you've got and more to Spring Terrace Public School. From all the students and support staff we value your dedication and compassion.



Being SunSmart and SunSafe

Although we're still experiencing some cooler weather, ultraviolet (UV) radiation will reach levels high enough to damage our skin. In fact, in NSW, UV levels are high enough to cause damage to unprotected skin for most months of the year. Remember, sun damage is caused by UV radiation not heat. You can't see or feel UV.

Remember ... Even if it's cool or cloudy, protect your child's skin in five ways



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



SEEK



SLIDE

A windy, cool, or cloudy day can have similar UV levels to a warm, sunny day. Children must always wear their hats outside.

School Banking

Several state and territory governments have announced bans on banks delivering programs in schools, and the NSW Government announced a similar decision, because of a report from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) review and these government decisions, the Commonwealth Bank will no longer be providing programs in schools.

P&C News

Parents and helpers came together on Sunday to start planting this season's gardening fun. Many thanks to all those who lent a hand and donated seedlings, wood chips and muscles. The garden is coming together wonderfully.

If you are yet to visit our community garden, please take the opportunity on Sunday 14 November to come for a drive.

We can't wait for everything to start sprouting.

Community News and Information

Personalised Puzzles!

2 x S/M Puzzles or
1 x LARGE Puzzle

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