

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 8

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
Tuesday 23 November	Kinder Orientation (full day)
Wednesday 24 November	Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Thursday 25 November	School Photos
Monday 29 November	School Mural painting
Tuesday 30 November	Kinder Orientation (full day)
Wednesday 1 December	Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Saturday 4 December	Local Government Elections
Wednesday 8 December	Last Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Sunday 12 December	Spring Into Gardening morning
Tuesday 14 December	End of Year Presentation Assembly 2pm Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Thursday 16 December	Gymnastics Day and last day of school for 2021

Messages from the Principal

Parent Teacher Check-ins

Throughout the year we have missed the opportunity to chat with parents about our students' progress and wellbeing and with restrictions easing, teachers would like to take the opportunity to check in with as many parents as possible over the next few weeks. This will be an informal chat where teachers can answer any questions and let parents know about their children's achievements throughout the year.

Swimming

We have been asked to adjust our swimming time to fit in with lessons after ours, our students will now be getting out of the pool at 3pm. This change will mean that students will be ready to be picked up at 3:15pm.

School Photos – This Thursday

A reminder that school photos will be taken this Thursday. Students are to wear their red/white polo shirt and black shorts and Black shoes. Individual and whole school group photos will be taken. If you wish to have a family group photo taken, please return the 'Family Package Order Form' and correct money to school by tomorrow, Wednesday, 24 November. Family groups are only taken for those students who have ordered them.

Presentation Assembly

Our presentation assembly will be held on Friday, 14 December starting at 2.00pm. As any visitors can only attend assemblies or presentations if they have an official role to play, we would like to invite parents to present their child/children with their 2021 Certificate of Achievement. If a parent cannot attend another person, friend, or family, will be able to fill this role. All visitors attending will need to show proof of vaccination and check-in.

Gymnastics Day

Students will be participating in a Gymnastics Day on Thursday, 16 December with Central West Sports coming to school to instruct students in correct approach and attitude to gymnastics. There will be three sessions throughout the day and students will rotate in groups through each session. Information and a permission note are attached to this newsletter. There is no charge to students for the day to participate and full attendance is expected.



Mr Peter Scott
Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

This week in Maths we are focussing on 3D objects and their properties.
In English, we are working with partners to write our own Christmas stories. We will be focusing on the plot, the stories problem and how we are going to solve the problem.
Christmas craft is well underway so please check your child's bag for any items in the upcoming weeks.

Year 2 Classroom

This week Year Two students are presenting their autobiographies to the class.
During Mathematics, students will be using hefting to compare and order the masses of everyday objects. Students will also be using formal and informal units to measure the mass of selected objects.
With just over a month until Christmas, Students are beginning to start their Christmas art and craft. Students will be using a range of different materials to sew, pin, colour and paint their projects.

K-2 Paleontologists

This week our resident Paleontologists were very lucky to have a special guest, Nicola Tilston, to come in and share her collection of amazing fossils. Students were able to touch and feel the fossils and asked Nicola many questions about her collection. Thank you, Nicola.
The fossils that students created last week, are still drying out and will be able to go home next week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

3-6 Classroom

In English, the Primary class is currently exploring and writing poetry. Last week the students produced some very funny limericks, and this week are practising writing rhyming couplets.
In Mathematics, are working to improve our problem-solving skills. As well as their other homework 3 to 6 also have a problem-solving sheet. They are asked to have a go even if they think they are difficult. We will go through them on Friday, so that students see how they are solved and to get feedback on how to improve their problem solving ability.

*There was a young boy who liked soccer
He hit his head on a locker
He fell on the ground
And crawled all around,
That was the end of his soccer
By Noah*

*In the water there's a whale called Fred
All the dolphins say he has a big head
He tried to hide in the dark
But got chased by a shark
Now Fred always hides in his bed
By Sammy*

STPS News

Forward Planning for 2022

We look forward to welcoming all students for the start of Term 1, 2022 on Tuesday 1 February in full summer uniform. At this point in time dates for scheduled events are:

OSSA Swimming Carnival for ages 8 years and above who can confidently swim 50 metres will be held on Friday 18 February at the Orange Aquatic Centre.

OSSA White Group Athletics Carnival for all students is planned for Wednesday 23 March with a backup date of Wednesday 30 March if rained out.

Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference proposed for Bathurst will be on Thursday 28 April.

NAPLAN Assessments for years 3 and 5 are scheduled across two weeks from Tuesday 10 to Friday 20 May.

School holidays for 2022 are:

Term 1 - Friday 8 April to Tuesday 26 April

Term 2 - Friday 1 July to Monday 18 July

Term 3 - Friday 23 September to Friday 7 October

Term 4 - Tuesday 20 December to Thursday 26 January

Please note the dates of school vacations and plan family holidays and celebrations within these times to minimise the days absent from class for your child/ren. Extended family holidays and travel are no longer considered as justified leave under the exemption from school procedures and will be counted and recorded as an absence for statistical purposes. It is not to be assumed the application for extended leave will automatically be granted and communication with the principal well in advance of the proposed holiday commencing is essential.

Spring Into School

Spring Into School will commence on Tuesday 1 February for two days a week with the second day on Friday's. The first two sessions are offered at no charge for new students to see if they are ready and capable of coping with a full day program. You may withdraw them at this time without incurring a fee if you decide not to continue. Term fees remain the same as 2021. A discount is offered for upfront payment if paid by the due date. If not paid by the due date, the daily rate will be applied to all outstanding fees. Places are filling quickly so enrol your child now or tell friends and family about this great program.

P&C News

Annual General Meeting and General meeting

Thank you to those in attendance at yesterday's AGM and general meeting, it was great to see some new faces and our old faithfuls! That being said, we do have some positions still open, these are listed below

- ❖ President- Bec Robinson
- ❖ Vice President- (position nominated – awaiting response)
- ❖ Secretary- OPEN
- ❖ Treasurer- OPEN
- ❖ Uniforms and Canteen- Shirley Blandford
- ❖ Grants and Publicity- Begs Lund and Bec Robinson

If you think that either role may be of interest, please send me a message or email and I can give you a run down. Your time commitment to these roles at most would be a couple of hours a week with a little more back and forth around meetings etc.

Jarrod from Big Childcare spoke at the meeting yesterday and answered some questions and gave some information about the service, I have flyers for those interested. In a couple of weeks, they have gone from 0 to 10 enrolments!

Unfortunately, holiday care is unavailable for this Christmas break as numbers were too low at the time of locking this in. But will be available in 2022! The reviews for this service from the children have been excellent and Big Childcare are very accommodating to all ages including our Spring into Schoolers!

Local Government Election Day

Attached to this newsletter is a help wanted form for the Local Council Election BBQ that the P&C will be running on the 4 of December from approx. 7:30am-3pm. Please complete and return ASAP if you can donate your time or supply goods for the BBQ! Thank you. We will be running a raffle at the BBQ and sending home raffle ticket books later this week to sell to family and friends. Please return sold or unsold tickets at your earliest convenience, we have some wonderful prizes on offer this year and I look forward to sharing these with you. We have had some very generous donations this year!

School Mural

Another exciting project we have beginning next week is the school mural. There is a picture of the idea below and we are inviting fully vaccinated parents to be a part of the process. Parents must QR code in and abide by COVID rules set by the Department of Education. Starting Monday 12:45 - 3:15pm and continuing the next two Mondays same time. You are welcome to come and help the children create and paint the mural. It is a rather large project and many hands or brushes in this case make light work. Please reach out to Christine or Begs if you wish to attend.



Consent Education

The P&C Federation and the NSW Department of Education have been working together to engage with parents and carers on the issue of consent education. There is now an opportunity to have your say by completing a short, anonymous 10 minute survey. The information will help the Department understand what parents and carers know about consent education in schools today, and what kinds of resources will help them to talk about consent with their children and young people at home. The results will be shared on the NSW Department of Education website later this year.

Earlier this year, then NSW Department of Education Secretary Mark Scott signed a Statement of Intent with the heads of the Catholic and Independent sectors, outlining the role of schools in strengthening students' understanding of consent and preventing sexual violence among young people.

The Department would like to hear from parents and carers of NSW public school students of all ages, from all communities. Together, we can help our children and young people form healthy relationships.

Please consider completing the survey now at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MC3Y29B>

That's enough from me this week, I will have some more exciting updates for you next week!

Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information

BreastScreen NSW is open in ORANGE!

A breast screen only takes 20 minutes from entry to exit, and it could save your life.
Call 13 20 50 to make an appointment.

Book
your free
breast
screen
at our
clinic in
Orange.



Where
BreastScreen NSW
Orange Health Service
Forest Road
ORANGE NSW

Car parking
Limited parking is
available in front
of BreastScreen
NSW

We recommend women aged 50 - 74 have a mammogram every two years.
Book your free mammogram online at book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au or call 13 20 50.

An important message from BreastScreen NSW



BreastScreen NSW has resumed breast screening.
Your safety is our priority.

That's why we've put extra measures in place to
protect women and staff against the risk of
COVID-19 transmission.

The changes we've made:



A minimal contact
check-in process



Social distancing in
clinic waiting rooms



Providing hand
sanitiser



Ongoing cleaning of
equipment and commonly
used surfaces



Precautionary
questions around
health and travel

To prepare for your appointment:



Attend your
appointment alone



Stay a safe distance
from others



Stay at home if
you are unwell



Arrive only five
minutes prior to
your appointment



Wash your
hands before your
appointment

For more information please visit: breastscreen.nsw.gov.au

If you require help or further information please call us on 13 20 50