

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 5

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
Wednesday 3 November	Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Tuesday 9 November	Kinder Orientation (half day)
Wednesday 10 November	Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Thursday 11 November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 16 November	Kinder Orientation (half day)
Wednesday 17 November	Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Monday 22 November	P&C Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 23 November	Kinder Orientation (full day)
Wednesday 24 November	Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Thursday 25 November	School Photos
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
Tuesday 14 December	End of Year Presentation Night
Thursday 16 December	Gymnastics Day and last day of school for 2021

Messages from the Principal

Swimming Lessons

We were advised last week that Learn to Swim programs can commence from 1 November. **Tomorrow** will be our first swimming lesson as outlined in the permission note sent home at the beginning of Term and again for those still outstanding a new one went home last Thursday.

If you haven't returned this note and money, please ensure it is returned first thing tomorrow morning.

Event Details:

All staff and students will be attending the Orange Aquatic Centre, Hill Street, Orange on Wednesday afternoons for the remainder of this term from 2.30pm to 3.20pm. Students are to wear their school uniform and bring swimmers and a towel. This swimming program is subsidised by the school and Sporting Schools, we only ask that each student contribute \$10 towards the programs.

Transport: Departing from School at 2.05pm by Bus
Pick up by parent/carer from Orange Aquatic Centre at 3.20pm

What to bring:

Swimmers, towel, goggles (optional) a waterproof bag for wet clothing, Water bottle and jumper (please ensure all clothing is labelled)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office, or speak to Mr Scott.

Before and After School Care – Big Childcare

We have received advice that Big Childcare is almost ready to start their before and after school care programs at Spring Terrace Public School. We are very excited to be offering this service to our families.

If you wish to take up the opportunity, please ask for an enrolment form from the office in preparation for commencement in the coming weeks. As soon as we know the start date, we will advise all parents and carers. If you have questions regarding centre operations, you can also email

springterrace@bigchildcare.com



Kindergarten Orientation

Our prospective Kinder 2022 students will attend their first Orientation next Tuesday with Miss Hutchison. Letters were sent home on last week's newsletter to those families who indicated they have a child starting school next year. If you did not receive a letter, please contact the office or Miss Hutchison as soon as possible to ensure your child doesn't miss out on Orientation. Children who normally attend a full day at Spring Into School will still spend the afternoon with Mrs Doherty on the half day orientations.

Enrolment forms for these students are being sent home today, please complete these forms and return to school at your earliest convenience. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks on starting school in 2022.

COVID Symptoms and protocols

If you or your child has any COVID-19 symptoms such as:

- fever (37.5 C or higher) or history of fever (night sweats, chills)
- headache
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- runny nose
- fatigue



Other reported symptoms include loss of taste and/or smell, acute blocked nose (congestion), muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, loss of appetite, unexplained chest pain and conjunctivitis.

Get tested as soon as possible and self-isolate until you receive a negative result. You must travel by private vehicle to be tested and wear a face mask. This applies even if you or your child is fully vaccinated.

Self-isolation rules are different depending on your circumstances. While it is likely that older children can isolate by themselves younger children may need their parent or carer to co-isolate with them.

If your test is positive, you will be contacted by SMS by NSW Health and asked to follow their advice for confirmed cases. Students are not permitted to return to school until they are fully recovered and have a negative test result.

If you have concerns about COVID symptoms and risks further information is available on the NSW Health website. <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/advice-for-suspected.aspx>

Hay Fever - Many of us are suffering at this time of year and can present as COVID symptoms. A Doctor can diagnose Allergic Rhinitis (Hay Fever) and prescribe a treatment plan. The Department of Education has recently introduced an ASCIA Allergy Plan for identifying students with hay fever and necessary treatment, allowing them to attend school and not have to be tested each time they have a flare up. If you would like a plan to take to your doctor, please contact the Office.

Spring into School

A courtesy reminder to our families with children attending Spring Into School Transition program that Term 3 and Term 4 fees are now overdue. Please attend to this as soon as possible to reconcile your fees. If you are unsure what you owe, please contact the office and speak to Ms Symons.

Families with children eligible to start or return to Spring Into School in 2022 are encouraged to enrol them now to ensure placement.

Thank you

Thank you to Lilah and Sienna Stedman for their thoughtful gifts for World Teacher's Day!

Mr Peter Scott
Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

Welcome to Week 5. This week, in K/1 is our Revision Week, while the children are revising what they have learned, I will be testing them on their reading, spelling, writing and maths subjects.

Please ensure that they are at school every day unless they are unwell. If your child is unwell, please send in a letter informing me of why they were absent.

Please remember toys are to stay at home as some have gone missing which has caused distress.

Yesterday we made nature bracelets, the children had a great time exploring nature and using their imagination to decorate their bracelets shown below.

A reminder that our first swimming lesson is tomorrow, so don't forget to pack your swimmers and towel.



Year 2 Classroom

Last week, Year 2 students finished reading Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and watched the 1971 movie adaptation, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. Students enjoyed comparing the events and characters in movie to the book. Our new class novel is Emily Rodda's *Rowan of Rin*.

In Writing, students are continuing to draft their autobiography. They are loving using the questionnaires to assist this process. In Art, students have completed their Andy Warhol inspired Pop art using a photograph of themselves and highlighters.

Homework- If you haven't done so already, please send in or email your child's photos for our autobiography writing.

3-6 Classroom

The primary class will finish reading *Misery Guts* and can't wait to find out how it ends. To complete this unit the students will be building web pages to advertise a tropical location in Australia. These won't be online, but they will be able to view each other and share them with family.

In Maths we are currently focusing on effective problem solving and we are using our Learning Dispositions Super Heroes to help us such as.

- **Benny the Brave**- has a go isn't afraid of making mistake
- **Danny the Determined**- Doesn't give up when things get difficult
- **Izzy the Innovator**-looks for new strategies that might help

School Photos

Our School photo day is planned for Thursday 25 November in Week 8. Students are to wear their uniform including black socks and black shoes if possible. Information and ordering packs will be sent home as soon as they arrive at school.

Spring into Gardening

The next garden open day is Sunday 14 November where new plantings and weeding of beds will be on the agenda.

School Terms for 2022

The following is the proposed term dates for next year. With any luck we will all be able to plan some travel and holidays away from home. Please be mindful of school terms when planning holidays to maximise your child/ren's attendance at school and plan vacations in school holidays where possible. Students return to school on Tuesday 1 February 2022. Spring Terrace is in the Eastern Division and not affected by dates shown for Western Division.

Staff Development days for 2022:

- Term 1 - 28 and 31 January
- Term 2 – 26 April
- Term 3 – 18 July
- Term 4 – 20 December

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

P&C News



The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 22 November at 1.30pm. The location for this meeting is to be confirmed a little closer when we know what restrictions may or may not be in place.

Please mark this date in your calendar/diary as we would love to see as many as possible there and perhaps to nominate for a position.

Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information

Orange Regional Gallery reopening

The Gallery has announced it is re-opening after major renovations on Saturday 4 December. In summer 2021, Orange Regional Gallery will enter an exciting new chapter with the launch of the Orange Regional Gallery Extension.

The project includes a new 270 square metre contemporary gallery with ground breaking lighting design, a 74 seat gallery theatre, a new state-of-the art storage and conservation area and refurbishments to existing spaces.



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