

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 4

Week 6

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
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 Assembly Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Thursday 16 December	Gymnastics Day and last day of school for 2021

Messages from the Principal

COVID Term 4 roadmap for schools

The following guidelines, designed to keep students and staff safe while allowing for effective teaching and learning will be in place for the remainder of the term. From 8 November, we are operating on updated Level 3 guidelines, with additional activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner.

- Do not attend school or participate in any school activities if unwell, even with mild symptoms. Get tested and remain home until well and can provide a negative test result before returning to school.
- All staff and adult visitors to school sites must be fully vaccinated.
- Masks are required indoors.
- All staff and approved visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.
- Schools must maintain attendance records of all gatherings.

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will now be allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteen, and uniform shops). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

Assemblies and presentations will be allowed outdoors on site. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school. All visitors must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination.

Community use will be allowed outside of school hours, per general community settings and with a COVID19 Safety Plan, including any specific plans required under Public Health Orders. This includes P&C meetings.

Other visitors may request the school's permission to come on site to conduct relevant work duties. These decisions are at the discretion of the school. All visitors must sign in using the school check-in app and show proof of vaccination status on entry to the school site.

Please continue to phone ahead and meet staff at the gate to ensure we abide by these guidelines and maintain a COVID free learning environment.

Before and After School Care –Big Childcare

Jarrold and his team from Big Childcare are here and ready to accept students for before and after school care. Jarrold has been joining us during our recess breaks to get to know the students. He will be around at pick up in the afternoons for any parents who have any questions about the program.

If you require care on a regular or casual basis, please contact the office for an enrolment pack or you can talk to the Onsite Coordinator, Jarrold on 0460 661 274. Opening hours are from 7.00 am to school time and in the afternoons until 6.00 pm.

Kinder Orientation

Welcome to our Kinder 2022 students, Jade, Hugh, Scarlett, and Sienna who spent the morning in the classroom with Miss Hutchison and the current Kinder students for their first day of orientation to school. Orientation will be on again next Tuesday for a half day and then the following two Tuesdays for full days.

Returning Library books



There are quite a lot of library books that haven't been returned to school. Please check at home for any books that belong to school and return them as soon as possible as other children are wanting to read them. An audit of missing books will be undertaken before the end of the year, and invoices issued for lost or non-returned books.

Learn to Swim Lessons

Last Wednesday our students had their first swimming lesson where they were all assessed and placed in groups. Tomorrow is our second lesson so don't forget to pack swimmers, goggles, towel etc.

Due to a slight change in lesson times, we will be departing school at 1.30 pm instead of 2.00 pm. Pick up time is unchanged at 3.15 pm. There were several items left behind last week so please check with your child they have all their belongings before leaving the Aquatic Centre Complex.

Remembrance Day

This Thursday, 11 November our students will participate in a Remembrance Day ceremony at school to pay respect and pause for one minute to remember the service and sacrifice of our veterans and current serving personnel who have been affected by war.



Presentation Day/Night

We recently set the date of 14 December for a presentation ceremony in the hope that restrictions would be relaxed enough by then to hold a ceremony like last years. While restrictions have eased, we are still not able to have an open invite event. Parents and carers only will be invited to attend a presentation assembly to be held at school from 2.00 pm. Parents will present their child/children with their 2021 Certificate of Achievement at this assembly.

In the evening of Tuesday 14 December, we will hold a farewell dinner at school for our Year 6 students and their families. Year 5 students will be invited to attend and assist in running the evening.

Canteen Lunch Orders

Students are enjoying their Friday Canteen lunches again with Shirley able to come into the school on Thursday to take orders. Please send the correct money with orders to assist Shirley, so she doesn't have to carry extra change each week.



Mr Peter Scott
Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

This Week in K/1 we are learning about sharing in Mathematics, we are looking how to share out things equally and the year one students will be looking at some division problems.

In English we are still focusing on our sentence structure. Continue to use your reading log and if your child achieves a reading goal, please send the log in so they can receive their certificate.

Please ensure all belongings are labelled before we go to the pool tomorrow. If you have not returned the permission note, please do so urgently otherwise we will be ringing you.

Year 2 Classroom

This week is our revision week, students will be revising previous taught topics in Mathematics. Year 2 students have begun to publish their autobiographies. Thank you to all, who have sent me or sent in photos for your child's autobiography. Students are loving this unit!

Students are learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and have created poppies for Thursday's Remembrance Day Ceremony. Tomorrow, Year 2 students are excited to attend a virtual excursion titled *What does Remembrance Day mean?* hosted by The Australian War Memorial.

Last week K-2 students learned how to draw a triceratops. Today our K-2 Palaeontologists attended virtual excursion called *Life on Earth* presented by The Australian Environmental Education. Students learned about fossils and how they are made, looked at the geological time scale, explored fossil sites across Australia and looked at mass extinction of the dinosaurs. Our K-2 Palaeontologists are looking forward to making their own fossils next week.

3-6 Classroom

This week the primary class is continuing to use Google Sites to make websites. The students are practicing using emotive language to make their holiday destination appealing to prospective guests.

While all students will be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day the Year 5 and 6 students will be organising and running a Remembrance Day service on Thursday morning.

STPS News

Scholastic Book club

The final book club catalogue is available as an online version only and is loaded with incredible Christmas books, gift ideas and summer reading for all ages and interests.



https://scholastic.com.au/media/6579/bc821_web.pdf

Issue 8, Book Club orders are due Monday 22 November. Please ensure you have completed your online orders by the due date to avoid incurring a separate postage on your items. NOTE: If you are ordering for special occasions, please advise the office of collection arrangements.

Making a note on your LOOP order does not always mean the office is aware of your request. Orders must be completed online through LOOP via link <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

P&C News

Just a reminder for the AGM P&C meeting on Monday 22 November. Details of location are still being finalised based on the recent revision of COVID guidelines. I will post final details on the Facebook page and in next week's newsletter.

I am also putting a call out for ideas for the upcoming election and Christmas hampers. I am nutting out what can and can't be done with restrictions, but it would be great to hear some thoughts and possible businesses that could get on board. Let me know any ideas you have!

Spring Into Growing, the garden is bursting with life and ready for an open day this Sunday, 14 November from 10am - 12pm. We suffered a few casualties in the storms last week so if anyone has corn or beans that they would be able to donate that would be greatly appreciated. There is also plenty to harvest, spinach, strawberries, broccoli, and lettuce!

This week's focus is everyone's favourite grower... *The Tomato!*

Again, if you could donate a plant and head out Sunday for some therapeutic gardening, a basket of yummy veggies and a cuppa we look forward to seeing you!



Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information

Maxine Chapman

Acrylic artist from Blayney, NSW

*Birds Bovines
and other Beasts*

Exhibiting at May Raechelle Art
Gallery in Millthorpe from
Thursday 4th Nov 2021



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ORANGE
RUNNING FESTIVAL
5-6 MARCH 2022

**PRIMARY & HIGH SCHOOL
5KM CHALLENGE**

WHO'S UP FOR
THE CHALLENGE?

OPEN TO SCHOOLS IN THE ORANGE REGION, THE PRIMARY & HIGH SCHOOL CHALLENGE EVENTS ARE ALWAYS HOTLY CONTESTED!

WHO WILL WIN BRAGGING RIGHTS IN 2022?

GET YOUR SCHOOL TEAM TOGETHER NOW!

FOR DETAILS AND TO ENTER, VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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