

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
Wednesday 8 December	Last Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Friday 10 December	Last day to order school photos
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
Sunday 16 January	Mural Painting workshop afternoon 1.00 – 3.00pm
Sunday 30 January	Mural Painting workshop afternoon 1.00 – 3.00pm
Tuesday 1 February	First day of Term 1 for students

Messages from the Principal

School Photos

Don't forget that photos need to be ordered online by this Friday 10 December for them to be bulk delivered to school. The photographer has advised there was an issue in creating the initial shoot keys for Year 2 students. A new shoot key has been issued for Year 2 students and was sent home yesterday.

If you find a child's shoot key does not work or show their photo, please contact the office to confirm a new shoot key. Orders after this Friday incur an additional postage fee and will be sent to the home address indicated in the order process.

Presentation assembly

If you haven't already, please return your RSVP for next Tuesday's presentation assembly. As stated on the RSVP slip and previous newsletter, we can only have 2 adults per family due to current restrictions. Parents should arrive at 1:45pm to allow time to sign in. Once signed in parents are asked to find a seat and remain seated until the assembly begins.

Term dates

Next Thursday 16 December is the last day of school for 2021. Students can wear mufti (casual) clothes this day so long as they are suitable for gymnastics.

The first day for students and Spring Into Schoolers in the 2022 school year is Tuesday 1 February. Staff will be onsite Friday and Monday for professional development and mandatory training.

Staffing

Replacement staffing is still being finalised for Miss Toovey and myself. Once an announcement has been made by the department, I will pass the information on to everyone.

Mr Peter Scott
Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

K/1 are busy revising the years' work and are enjoying doing Christmas Crafts this week so please check your child's bag regularly for their masterpieces to decorate your home.

We are starting to gather all your child's resources, books, artworks, and belongings, so they're ready to come home with them before the end of the school year. Please send a thick plastic or reusable bag in with your child to assist with this keeping them together. Thank you

Year 2 Classroom

For the remaining two weeks, Year 2 will be consolidating this year's learning. Students will be revising topics and content they have learned across the year in the key learning areas of Mathematics and English.

This week, students are creating a bauble for the Christmas Tree or to decorate their room. Students will paint 2 coats of glitter paint and then proceed to add sequins using pins. There will be no homework for the remaining school period.

We are beginning to organise your child's books, artworks, and belongings, so they're ready to come home with them before the completion of the school term. Please send a thick plastic or reusable bag in with your child to assist with this process. Thank you.

3-6 Classroom

The primary class will spend the next two weeks reviewing the work they have completed this year as well as continuing to practice and improve their reading and problem solving skills.

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Spring Into School - 2022

Places are filling quickly for Spring Into School, so if you have a child eligible to start next year and haven't already completed and returned a registration form, please contact the office to ensure you don't miss out.

New students are eligible for two trial days at the commencement of their time at Spring Into School to see if they and you like the program before fees are charged.

Big Childcare - 2022

If you are considering enrolling your child/ren into **before and after school care** for next year, please contact the coordinator or collect an enrolment form from the office to ensure you have a place. Spring Into Schoolers are also eligible for before and after school care.

Child Care Subsidy may be available and to find out more, contact Services Australia on 13 61 50 between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

A full day of care from 7.00am to 6.00pm is available for the **Staff Development Days in 2022**. You will still need to enrol your child/ren for these days even if they do not attend before and after school care.

Vacation care will be on offer next year during school terms. For more information on any of these program offers, contact the coordinator on 0460 661 274 to discuss your needs.

P&C News

BBQ – Election Day

Our BBQ over the weekend was very slow but our community spirit was high! Thank you to those who donated goods and their time we couldn't run events without this support. The BBQ raised \$126.00, and we also sold off \$100 off leftover sausages. In saying that we also sold \$150 of raffle tickets during the day.

Raffle

Just a reminder that tickets are due back this Friday 10 February. Sold or not please return tickets and money. We will be drawing the raffle on Tuesday 14 December at the end of Presentation assembly. Keep an eye on Facebook for sneak peeks of the prizes.

Mural painting continues

Smocks have been on, and paintbrushes dipped as the long awaited mural is coming to life. Under the expert guidance of Christine Holmes and assistance from Begs Lund and Jade Heller, students have been learning about mixing colours, the horizon line, sponge and paintbrush techniques, outlines, solid colours, and detail.

Lots of new vocabulary has been introduced as they've enjoyed putting the background colours and coats onto the mural. Details will start to be added in upcoming workshops.

Diary Dates for January Mural workshops

Sunday 16 and 30 January from 1.00 – 3.00pm. Come and be a part of our mural! All students, family and community are welcome.

Spring into Growing

Open day this Sunday! 10.00am – 12.00pm we should get in the last open garden for the year this week. Hoped the weather will be in our favour. We are going to focus on planting in the raised beds, harvesting what we can with a lovely Christmas themed activity for the Children.

We had fresh produce on offer at the election BBQ which raised \$65 in donations for the garden. I'm sure Julia will put this to good use. We would love to see you at the open garden, everyone is welcome!

Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information



Back to school time is an exciting time for many children but for some families it can be incredibly stressful trying to find the funds to provide their children with everything they need for school. Book lists, school stationary, uniforms and school fees – it all adds up. Little Friends Scholarship has been established to ensure all children have the ability to either further their education and/or be able to participate in extra-curricular activities that they may not be able to pursue due to the financial impact of Domestic and Family Violence within their family environment. Applications for Round 10 of Little Friends Scholarship open on Monday 31 January 2022 and closes 4pm (QLD Time) Friday 25 February 2022. More information about the Little Friends Scholarship can be found in the link below

<https://www.friendswithdignity.org.au/programs/little-friends-scholarships/>



First Lap Voucher Program

This summer the **First Lap voucher program** will provide a new \$100 voucher to parents, guardians and carers of children aged 3-6 years who are not enrolled in school to help pay for swimming lessons. <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/firstlap>

In recognition that children in kindergarten have missed out on going to swimming lessons due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year the program has also been expanded to include children in kindergarten in 2021 and those starting kindergarten in 2022. The first \$100 voucher is available from 1 December 2021 and expires on 30 June 2022. A new \$100 voucher will become available on 1 July 2022.

NSW children aged 4.5 to 18 years (enrolled in school from Kindergarten to Year 12) still have access to two \$100 Active Kids vouchers per year, which can be used towards the cost of sport and recreation activities. Parents, guardians and carers have until 31 December to use this year's Active Kids vouchers with an approved provider. New vouchers will be available for 2022 from 1 January 2022.

Lake Burrendong Sport and Rec Centre are a Camp hosting site for Central West NSW as are other Centres throughout the state. Further information is available from <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/events/holiday-break-camps>



Free Holiday Break Camps!

The NSW Government is offering kids living in regional NSW impacted by COVID-19 border closures, bushfires, and the effects of drought a much-needed break with a free Holiday Break camp experience these January school holidays.

Daughters and Dads Active and Empowered

An award-winning, evidence-based program proven to enhance the physical and emotional wellbeing of girls.



The Daughters and Dads Active and Empowered (DADAE) program is a unique program for fathers and their primary school aged daughters developed by the University of Newcastle. The program educates and empowers girls alongside their fathers to improve physical activity, sport skill proficiency and social and emotional wellbeing.

If you are a dad who wants to spend quality time with your daughter, do fun physical activities, and learn how to improve her sport skills, confidence, self-esteem and resilience, then book into a program. There are two different Daughters and Dads program offerings including our 'Classic', weekly program and our 'Weekender', condensed residential program at a Sport and Recreation Centre

A Weekender program is planned for Lake Burrendong from 29 April to 1 May

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/events/daughters-and-dads-active-and-empowered-weekender-program-3>