

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 9

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
Wednesday 1 December	Swimming Lesson at Orange Aquatic Centre
Saturday 4 December	Local Government Elections
Monday 6 December	School Mural painting
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

Swimming Tomorrow

It's been great to watch our students swimming progress over the weeks. We have tomorrow and next Wednesday to perfect our skills and water confidence. Don't forget to pack your swimming gear and a reminder afternoon pick-up is from the Aquatic Centre at 3.15pm.

School photos

Our students looked very smart in their uniform last Thursday for school photos. Whilst it was a wet and miserable day, they were all smiles. Student shoot keys are attached to the newsletter for online ordering, which is available from today. A duplicate copy of the shoot key is attached for families who co-parent. Please refer to the information sent home with the photo packs on how to order and pay.

If you have misplaced ordering instructions contact the office for a copy of the details. Orders paid for online by 10 December will be delivered to school. Late orders will incur an additional fee of \$12.95 and will be posted to home addresses.

Library

Could all library books be returned by Friday this week as we will be doing a stocktake. All unreturned or missing books will be invoiced to families next week for a replacement to be purchased. Missing books mean our library resources are not available for other children to enjoy reading or using for research and project work.

Presentation assembly

Our presentation assembly will begin at 2pm next Tuesday 14 December on the school oval. If you are able to attend to present your child with their certificate of achievement, please return your acceptance by this Friday.

On arrival at school please wear a mask, check in and have your vaccination certificate ready to show a staff member.

Attendees are asked not to mingle and to sit in seats provided so that we can maintain social distancing.

If the ground is too wet or there is a high chance of rain we will hold 2 assemblies under cover, One at 2.00pm for students A-K and one at 2:45pm for students L-Z. A decision will be made no later than the Monday afternoon and information will be communicated to parents and carers at that time.

Gymnastics Day

A reminder to parents and carers to return the permission note for children to participate in the Gymnastics Day on Thursday 16 December. This will be a fun day to finish off the year whilst learning and developing skills and coordination.

Congratulations Miss Toovey

Congratulations to Miss Toovey who was successful in applying for a permanent Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction position at Canowindra Public School. Miss Toovey will take up this role from the beginning of 2022.

Miss Toovey has been a great asset to Spring Terrace Public School not only in the classroom, but also with her contribution to running, organising and management around the whole school. While we will be sorry to see her go, this is a much-deserved promotion.

Farewell Miss Bri

I would like to thank Miss Bri for the great work she has done in recent years both in the office when replacing Mrs Chapman and in the classrooms while Miss Paige has been on leave. She has always willingly supported the staff and students. I'd like to wish her all the best in her future adventures and her plans to relocate to the North Coast.

Mr Scott - leave for 2022

After having been at Spring Terrace for 10 amazing years, I have decided that it is time for a change. I am taking leave for the next 12 months to try out living in Canberra, closer to my 5 children and 4 grandchildren. I have had a wonderful time at Spring Terrace and would like to thank the students, staff, and community for their great support.

Staff changes for 2022

As indicated by the announcements above, there will be a few changes for 2022. While I'm sure the students will miss the staff who are moving on, I'm certain that they will adjust well and equally enjoy getting to know new teachers. The students can also look forward to Miss Paige's return in Term 2.

I should be able to announce Miss Toovey's replacement in next week's newsletter and mine soon after. I am confident that the student's resilience and the community's ability to work with the staff will ensure that student learning and wellbeing continue in 2022 and beyond.

Mr Peter Scott
Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

As K/1 are coming to the end of the year could you please send in a sturdy plastic bag as the children will be bringing home workbooks etc in the coming weeks.

If you would like to discuss your child, regarding their progress this year, please catch up in the morning before school or in the afternoon after classes finish.

Year 2 Classroom

This week, Year 2 are beginning to start their Christmas Craft. Students are excited to sew together two pieces of green felt and adding a star and buttons for colours to create a Christmas Tree for your home. In Mathematics students are reviewing the properties of 3D shapes.

Homework - Please support your children to cut, build, construct, and glue their 3D shapes, using the nets provided.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress this year, I am available to catch up in the morning before school or in the afternoon after school finishes.

3-6 Classroom

In class this week, we are continuing our poetry writing with the students looking forward to sharing their poems at our presentation assembly.

In Mathematics we are continuing to work to improve students' recall of times tables and problem solving; as well as, learning about volume and capacity. It would be helpful if students could explore examples of things around the house that are measured in millilitres and litres.

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Spring Into School – Gymnastics

Mrs Doherty has been working with the children to increase their skills and physical coordination through learning safe gymnastics movements on the soft mats. Some very clever little cookies!



Summer is coming so be SunSmart

As we head into summer this week, although we're still experiencing some very wet and cold 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. A windy, cool, or cloudy day can have similar UV levels to a warm, sunny day. The simplest way to reduce your risk of skin cancer is to use sun protection when the UV index is 3 or above. You can download a free SunSmart App;

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/resources/sunsmart-app> to access daily UV levels and sun protection times for your location.

Always remember to protect everyone in the family by doing the following.

Protect yourself in **five ways** from skin cancer



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P&C News

P&C Treasurer

We have a new treasurer, Cara Marson (Myles Mum). Thank you for accepting the position Cara and a big thank you to Christine for your time and dedication to the role for the past few years.

P&C Secretary

We still have the position of Secretary open, if you are interested, let me know and I can give you some more information.

Fundraising

We are sending the raffle tickets for our 'Christmas Raffle' home today, the ticket cost, the prizes and draw date are printed on the front of your ticket book. There are 10 fantastic prizes including, vouchers, hampers, beauty products, wine, and hams. Please sell safely and return sold or unsold ticket books back to school by Friday, 10 December. If you need more tickets, please contact me or Shirley Blandford.

I would like to publicly thank the families inside our school community and local business that have donated to this raffle. I will post pictures of the prizes over the coming days along with the sponsor of that prize.

Election Day BBQ

We are still on the callout for donations and volunteers for this weekend's election BBQ, if you are able to give your time on Saturday from 11:30am - 2:30pm is the spot we still need to fill. Even an hour of time will help.

It's a great time to chat up with the community and other parents, enjoy yourself a democracy sausage and work on your sales pitch for our Christmas Raffle tickets.

School Mural

Our mural project started yesterday and is coming along beautifully. If any parent has some free time between 12.45 – 3.00pm (the next 2 Monday's) please reach out to Begs or Christine, as the ladies would appreciate the extra hands!



Wanted: People to be a part of a **Sheep Squad!**

The P&C are exploring the idea of running around 5 ewes (shedding types like Dorper or Australian White) on the spare land that the school owns. This will have several benefits:

- Fundraising income around \$1000/year
- Opportunities for students to learn about sheep and their management
- Keeping the grass short enough in the bike area for the students to use the bikes
- Cute lambs at school!

It is proposed that a small number of families/people (maybe 4) become the Sheep Squad, and will be responsible for the project and become a sub-committee of the P&C. Once we are set up this would involve:

- ❖ Monitoring and moving the sheep between the two parcels of land, at either end of the school as required.
- ❖ Checking the fence lines and water supply
- ❖ Drenching the sheep once or twice a year
- ❖ Marking lambs once a year
- ❖ Transporting a ram to school for a 3-month spell and then out again
- ❖ Transporting the lambs to Carcoar for sale once a year

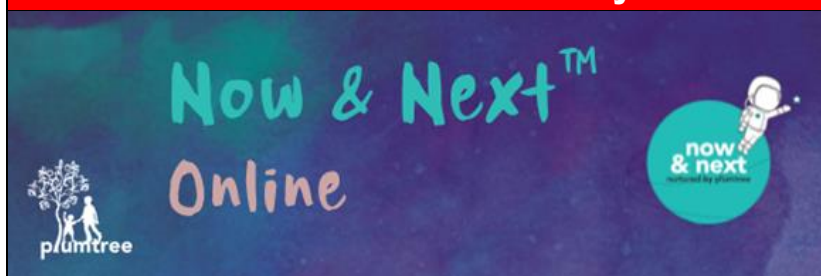
We are keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in being a part of the Sheep Squad. No experience with sheep is required as this project provides an opportunity to gain some skills working alongside other families who are competent in sheep handling.



We'd love to hear from you! - Call Bec on 0419 238 094 or Begs on 0401 662 099

Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information



Funded by the Australian Government for a limited time, a free Now & Next™ program empowers parents to better support child and family wellbeing now, and into the future. New sessions are commencing in January.

Further information about the program and registration are available below. Enrolments will finish soon, and spots are limited.

<https://plumtree.org.au/plumtree-community/now-next-free/>