

..Spring Terrace Newsletter



Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 1

Week 2

2nd February 2021

What's on at STPS

Wednesday 3rd February
Sunday 14th February

Welcome Morning Tea at 9.15am for parents and carers
Community Garden 10am – 12pm

Messages from the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2021 school year at Spring Terrace. A special welcome to the new families that have joined us this year, I'm sure your family will enjoy being part of the Spring Terrace community.

We total 43 students this year, with only slight changes to our class structure. Miss Hutchison will have kindergarten and year 1 with 12 students, Mr Edwards will have year 2 with 13 students until week 7 when Miss Toovey returns and I (Mr Scott) will take years 3 to 6 with 18 students.

This year we will continue to consolidate strategies put in place in 2020 and will look for new ways to improve our practices to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability.

As always, our teachers invite parents to talk to them about their child's progress and how we can best work together to facilitate learning. If, at any time, you wish to speak to a staff member please don't hesitate to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Entering/Signing on to School Premises

We now have a Service NSW COVID safe QR code in the school foyer but please note this **does not** replace the need to sign-in using the school's visitor logbook. This is required as the department cannot access dates from the COVID safe Check-in app and records of school visitors are required to support emergency procedures.

OSSA Swimming Carnival

This Friday Millie, Tessa, Tess and Sammy will represent Spring Terrace at the OSSA Swimming carnival, I'm sure they will represent their school with pride and do their very best. I will be attending the carnival to help with its organisation and running.

The students in years 3 to 6 who are not attending the carnival will be split between Miss Hutchison's and Mr Edward's classes.

Best Start

On Monday our Kindergarten students completed the Best Start Assessment. This is a one on one assessment completed by all NSW Public School kindergarten students. The assessment gives the teacher a clear picture of what students come to school with and allows them to tailor learning activities accordingly. Parents of kindergarten students will receive a report on the outcomes of this assessment in coming days and are welcome to discuss these results with Miss Hutchison or Mr Scott.

Homework

Homework for all classes will start in week 4 (this is week 2) as we are currently updating our homework policy and want to have the draft in place before homework begins.

Once the draft homework policy is complete it will be sent home for parents to review and comment on before it is finalised.

Timetable Changes

As was mentioned last year we are trialling a change to our timetable for term 1. We are looking for the combination of class and break times that aligns best with students' ability to stay focussed and learn to their

full potential. Our start and finish times along with the amount of time students have in the classroom and playground haven't changed but have been reorganised. Please see the new times below.

New Timetable:

Starting Time	Class
9.15am – 9.30am	Daily Fitness 15 minutes
9.30am - 10.25am	Spelling 55 minutes
10.25am – 10.40am	Fruito 15 minutes
10.40am – 11.35am	English 55 minutes
11.35am – 11.55am	Lunch 20 minutes
11.55am - 12.50pm	Maths 55 minutes
12.50pm – 1.10pm	1 st Recess 20 minutes
1.10pm – 2.05pm	Maths/other KLA's 55 minutes
2.05pm – 2.25pm	2 nd Recess 20 minutes
2.25pm – 3.15pm	Other KLA's

Thanks Nick

Last year we were trying to come up with a solution to the back half of the garden, it is wild and was damaging the mower, it was hoped that we could find a way to fence it off so that we could put stock in there to clean it up but still use it when we wanted to. That's when one of our parents, Nick Farrell, owner of Polpure, came forward and offered to erect a fence. Not only did he put up a fence he also put gates into Nyasa's paddocks that adjoin it so that we could easily get stock in and out of there.

Nick provided all of the materials and the labour to erect the fence and gates. This donation is very much appreciated, it would have been a very expensive project for the school or P&C to take on.

Attendance

We have had 100% attendance yesterday and today. Attendance will continue to be a focus for us this year.

Mr Peter Scott

Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1 Classroom

Welcome Back! Looking forward to a fun and productive year. Our Library borrowing is on a Monday, please ensure the children have their library bags. If your child is absent, please send in a note as soon as possible. We are currently revising our phonics, also a book will be coming home for the children to practice their action and the letter sound of the day.

Year 2 Classroom

Welcome back (already!). Year 2 have started a range of diagnostic tasks across reading, writing, spelling and mathematics to see where we are up to and how we learn best for the terms and year ahead. We have also started writing in a daily journal, putting our thoughts into writing and getting some early practice, practice, practice! All of Infants and Primary will be visiting our classroom on Mondays and Tuesdays where we will be doing some fun History and Dance/Movement activities.

3-6 Classroom

We have been settling into the classroom and discussing class rules. In Maths we have been doing whole numbers and angles.

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SPRING INTO SCHOOL

Spring Into School recommenced last Friday 29th January 2021! This term we will be running two days a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. We will review numbers and will advise families before the beginning of Term 2 on how many days it will be for the term.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Please find attached the first issue for the year. The date to place orders by is: Next Thursday 11th February.

P&C News

Welcome to 2021 school year!

We hope that the Christmas break was enjoyable!

Welcome to our new students and families, looking forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks!

Welcome Morning Tea

We would like to invite all parents/carers to a welcome morning tea being held this Wednesday at 9:15am in the BER room, little ones welcome to attend. There will be a sign in sheet at the door. Hope to see you there!



Community Garden

Our wonderful community garden has flourished with the recent rain and maintenance over the holidays, thank you to the people who came in and attended to the garden.

Attached is a flyer for upcoming open dates for the year, there are a lot of exciting upcoming projects!

For the upcoming open day on **Feb 14th** 10am -12pm, we will be combining a working bee along with the usual harvesting and catch-ups!

We will have the following jobs if you are able to spare an hour or two to help out:

- mulch pickup
- Mulching around beds
- Garden bed construction

We are very proud of our garden and the children get so much enjoyment from it, we can't wait to extend and see it grow this year! More info to follow!

Have a great week!

Bec Robinson P&C President

Community News

Orange Regional Conservatorium - 2021 Program Launch with *Caribé* – Fri 12th Feb

Celebrate **Orange Regional Conservatorium's** 2021 Program Launch with *Caribé*. This bountiful collaboration with Cuban dancer Adrian Medina and an 8-piece band is engaging and entertaining for wallflowers and hipshakers alike. *Caribé's* Havana Return crafts Cuban traditional and classic forms in a contemporary way resulting in music that is unique and fresh. The percussion and rhythm section set up a crackling, thunderous bed for Medina to move and the group to solo over. Their enthusiasm and raw spontaneity is impossible to resist. Drinks and Canapes from 6pm, performance begins at 6:30pm. Tickets on sale now!

IMPORTANT COVID REMINDERS

- o Students should be kept home if they have any cold or flu like symptoms (and need to get tested)
- o A staff member will contact parents to collect their child from school if they have cold/flu like symptoms
- o Students can return to school once they have been given a negative COVID result and are symptom free