

# ..Spring Terrace Newsletter

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Term 1

Week 8

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## What's on at STPS

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Expression of Interest sent home

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Expression of Interest to be returned

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

OSSA White Cross Country at Cudal

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

OSSA White Athletics Carnival

## Messages from the Principal

### 2021 School Voluntary Contributions

We are very fortunate for our children to have access to education at no charge and wish to remind families that while the Education Act 1990 states education is to be free, we do have the option to voluntarily contribute to help enhance certain educational and sporting programs.

With this in mind, the P&C and I came up with the decision at the end of last year that our voluntary contributions will remain at \$35.00 for 2021. These contributions assist in paying for maths and handwriting books as well as subscriptions for Mathletics and Reading Express. In total the school spends approximately \$80 per student on these things

Envelopes have been attached to the newsletter if families do wish to contribute per student.

### May Cup Carnival

Last Wednesday was the Jack May Cup Carnival. Well done to our students who participated and gave their best efforts. Many ribbons were displayed on sports shirts and a big congratulations to one very athletic, Tyler Doessel for winning the 11 Years Boys Championship Trophy!

### OSSA White & Green Combined Cross Country

We have started practicing during morning fitness, and are quiet the sporty bunch!

Next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, all STPS students will be travelling to "Dean Park" Recreation Grounds, Cudal.

The bus will be leaving school at 9:00AM SHARP. Please make sure students are there and ready to go. Students will also be able to be picked up in Orange at about 9:15am. The location of this pickup is still being organised.

There is a lunch order option available on the day. Attached to the newsletter you will find the permission note and lunch order form. These need to be returned by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Unlike the restrictions in place at the Jack May Cup, Spectators are allowed at this event. We ask that you be mindful of COVID19 restrictions and stay home if you are unwell. The limit is set to 1 spectator per family to ensure every family has a representative.

The Cross Country will be a whole school event. Staff will not be at school on this day.

### OSSA White Athletics Carnival

As the athletics carnival nears we will begin asking if there are parent volunteers who are available on the day to assist. Please see myself or Miss Bri if you would like to donate your time. The OSSA White Athletics Carnival will take place at Waratah's on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### Welcome BBQ

Our annual welcome barbeque was held Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at school. Thank you to all who attended!

### Classroom Helpers

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to assist with reading and spelling programs we run each morning from 9:30 until 10:25. We would love to have a couple more volunteers if you have time to spare one or more mornings per week.

If you would like to volunteer speak to Mr Scott, in person, via email ([peter.p.scott@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peter.p.scott@det.nsw.edu.au)) or phone 6365 4287 or 0404 200 651. Want to keep this, change it or get rid of it?

*Mr Peter Scott*

Principal

## News from the Classrooms

### K/1 Classroom

Congratulations to the children that have moved up to the next level of their sight words! In this week's homework the children have their logins for their 'Reading Eggs' account. If the children have access to a computer, I encourage them to use practise logging on and completing some of the lessons as this will benefit them and their reading skills.

In Maths, the children are looking at Fractions and looking at halves and quarters.

I wish all the children good luck in the cross country this Friday. Have a great week. Zoe Hutchison.

### Year 2 Classroom

I'M BACK!! I am very excited to be back at STPS and see all the learning that has occurred. For the next few weeks, I will be returning for 4 days (Monday, Wednesday- Friday), with Mr Edwards teaching each Tuesday. During this time, I will be sitting down with each student to create individualised learning plans for each student. The Individualised Learning Plans will ensure individualised and focused learning to support and/or extend each student's learning in Literacy and Numeracy.

In Mathematics, students are focusing on fractions, beginning with reviewing what they already know about fractions, such as whole, halves and quarters.

### 3-6 Classroom

The primary class have begun writing persuasive text. Parents should get ready to defend some really well constructed arguments as to why children should get pocket money.

In maths we have begun working on fractions beginning with making simple fractions such as halves, quarters and eighths for year 3 up to multiplying and dividing fractions for year 6.

In Visible Learning we are focusing on The Learning Pit. When we come across something we don't know or can't do we can go into the Learning Pit. We might feel anxious and frustrated but we know that this is an opportunity to learn something new and that we will feel success and be proud of ourselves when we are determined and work it out.

## STPS News

**COVID-19:** Although restrictions are beginning to ease; we still ask that parents, carers and visitors sign in if they enter school grounds. We ask that you do not enter school grounds if you have any cold or flu like symptoms.

**A BIG THANK YOU!** To our wonderful parent helpers and their outstanding efforts at the Jack May Cup Carnival on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March! We so very much appreciate our school community for always being so enthusiastic to help when needed!

**SPRING INTO SCHOOL:** Thank you to those who have settled their fee's for the term. Spring into School fees are due THIS THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Should you wish to arrange a payment plan, please contact the office.

## P&C News

Firstly, I wish to thank everyone for attending the BBQ on Friday evening. It was a great time and I hope you all enjoyed your night off!

Secondly, last Sunday morning bright and early - Tess and Millie Gliddon and Evie Lloyd participated in the 2km Dash event as part of the Orange Running Festival.

An excellent run by all the girls! Well done Tess, Millie and Evie!

Also, we have our next meeting at the garden this weekend on Sunday: 10-12pm. Keep an eye on the Spring into Growing Facebook page for more information.

We have our March P&C meeting next Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm under the COLA. The more the merrier!

Just a reminder for P&C membership forms and payment to be returned as soon as possible.

A call out for canteen helpers for the OSSA carnival on the 31st March will be coming out shortly, just a date to keep in the memory bank!

Have a great week!

## Community News

**FOREST ROAD:** Reminder that the Forest Road roadworks will run through to school holidays. Please be mindful and allow extra travel time so our students don't miss valuable learning time.

**SPRING TERRACE COMMUNITY GARDEN:** This Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March, the P&C have their Spring into Growing, garden meeting. It will run from 10am-12pm and all are welcome. Please refer to the Facebook page for more information.



Tessa, Millie and Evie working up a sweat at last weekend's 2km Dash for the Orange Running Festival!