

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 3

Week 2

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
Thursday 29 July	Book club orders to be completed online via LOOP
Friday 30 July	National Schools Tree Day
Sunday 8 August	Community Garden Day
Saturday 4 September	Local Government Elections

Messages from the Principal

Mrs Chapman Announces her retirement

Since returning from leave, Mrs Chapman has decided it is time to retire. Maxine has been an important part of Spring Terrace School over the last ten years making an invaluable contribution to the care of students, the management of the office and support of the teachers. This includes producing around 400 hundred newsletters and applying around the same number of band aids.

On behalf of the students, staff, and wider school community I would like to thank Maxine for her hard work and attention to detail that ensured our school ran smoothly. We will certainly miss you.

Maxine was expecting her last day to be yesterday, Monday however due to requiring a COVID test this unexpectedly became last Thursday. She will be calling in this week so that the students and staff have an opportunity to farewell her.

We wish Maxine all the best in her retirement, I'm certain she will enjoy travelling and spending more time with her family. Ms Symons will continue in the role of School Administration Manager until the end of the year.

Private Vehicle Transport where there is no school bus route

The School Drive Subsidy is administered by Transport for NSW and is available to NSW residents in areas where there is no public transport, to drive an eligible student all or part of the way to school. The subsidy is only intended to partly offset the cost of using a private vehicle to drive the eligible student and is not intended to cover all costs. The subsidy is for driving school students to school or to the nearest transport pick up point.

The amount paid per semester is based on the distance of your regular school trip and a flat rate per kilometre, as well as on each eligible student's school attendance. Payments are made twice a year after the end of the semester, usually in February and August.

If you drive your child to the bus stop or to school, please follow the link below to see if you are eligible or to apply for this payment. <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/schoolDriveSubsidy>

COVID – Level 2 restrictions

NSW Health and the Department of Education advice to schools on Level 2 operations re-instates restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors. The following summarises current operational advice:

- Please stay home if unwell and have symptoms.
- Negative COVID-19 test result required prior to returning to school.
- Non-essential visitors not allowed onsite (including parents and carers)
- Mask wearing recommendations
- Activities subject to health recommendations
- Assemblies must be COVID-Safe practices in place and no parents, carers or visitors allowed
- Excursions within Local Government Area only, and strongly recommend to be outdoors.

Attached to this newsletter is a more detailed explanation of the COVID-Safe School Operating Levels.

Book Club

Issue 5, Book Club orders are due Thursday 29 July 2021. 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 the link

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Cold Weather

We are experiencing some very cold, wet, and windy weather at present. Please ensure your child/ren are dressed warmly each day with appropriate layers of clothes for outdoor activities and indoor heated environments. It is much easier for staff to return lost items of clothing if they are correctly labelled.

Mr Peter Scott
Principal

News from the Classrooms

K/1/2 Classroom

A spelling sheet was sent home for homework this week. Please encourage your child to use the look, cover, write and check method. Home Readers were sent home too. Please fill out the reading logs daily so that the children can receive their certificates for their achievements.

In Maths, we are focusing on number. It is important to count with your child and spot things in the environment that have numbers and get your children identify the numbers.

In English, we are looking at how sentences are made. We are learning what nouns are and identifying them in the sentences we write. Have a great week.

2-6 Classroom

Over the last week, the students and I have been building routines and getting to know how the primary classroom operates so that we all work together efficiently to ensure learning. It has been exiting to welcome half of year 2 into our room and to build connections as classmates.

This week we will continue individual research on Natural Phenomena, we have already learnt a considerable amount about volcanoes, earthquakes, and quicksand to name a few. I am looking forward to seeing the presentations in the coming weeks.

Homework: All students have homework this week which includes 3 tasks. 1. Practice times tables. 2. Write 6 to 10 points on a factual topic, this can be information students already know or research. 3. Reading.

P&C News

What a fantastic result from the pie drive. Thank you to everyone for your support, we sold over \$5,000 in total with a profit of \$1,627

Fantastic effort everyone!

Have a great week

Bec Robinson
P&C President

