

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 3

Week 5

2021

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
Thursday 19 August	Gymnastics starts
Thursday 26 August	Book Week Character parade
Friday 3 September	Western Region Athletics Carnival in Dubbo
Monday 13 September	Last day to submit colouring competition for Blair's Big Bash
Friday 17 September	Last Day of Term 3

Messages from the Principal

Principals Network Meeting

I will be attending the Orange area Principals Network meeting this Thursday, 12 August. Chloe Sanders, an ex Spring Terrace Student will be teaching for the day. Ms Symons will also be attending the afternoon sessions for School Administrative Managers.

New technology in the classrooms

We have recently purchased 5 new Chromebooks for our students to use as well as receiving 4 new laptops through the department's Regional Access Program. This gives us 16 portable devices to be shared between the classrooms along with the desktop computers we already own. Our aim is to always use computers as a learning tool that contributes to student success at school.

Attendance

Student attendance is important to develop regular and consistent leaning habits and for social development. Please continue to communicate with the school if your child unwell or any family members are noted as primary contact to exposure sites and follow the Departments of Health and Education advice.

When children miss school on a regular basis their learning and often self-esteem is impacted. We encourage parents and carers to work with us in supporting your child/ren's attendance at school each day for the full day. We understand that at times students are late to school or have to leave early for medical reason but if it happens regularly it can disrupt not only your child/ren but others and often means they miss vital instructions for the day or following day.

Mr Peter Scott
Principal

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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News from the Classrooms

K/1/2 Classroom

Oh! We are halfway there! Week 5. This week is revision, we will be revising all the work we have learnt so far throughout the year. In Literacy, we are looking at combining the grammar gang to make interesting sentences. Naomi Noun, Veronica Verb and Adam Adjective and Adil Adverb.

Encourage your child to talk about these characters and see if they can recognise any in the environment. In Maths, we are revising numbers for Kindergarten 0-30, Year One 0-50 or 100 and Year Two 0-1000 and beyond!

Keep in mind that it is Book Week in Week 7 and the children will be dressing up as their favourite book character on Thursday 26 August for our parade. Have a wonderful week and stay safe!

Zoe Hutchison

3-6 Classroom

We have continued our work on the Solar System and on the Earth, this has included completing research and written stories. We have also made a great quiz using Kahoot, I will share the code once it is completed and everybody will be able to access it.

In Maths, students have been making their own quiz about 2D space using Google Forms, this has allowed them to demonstrate their own knowledge and test each other.

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Gymnastics Lessons

Next Thursday 19 August, all students will travel by bus to Central West Gymnastics in Orange to participate in Gymnastics lessons. Lessons will run from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. We ask that parents be at the gym at 3:20 to collect their children. This program is funded by the federal governments Sporting Schools Program and the school. We ask that parents pay \$10 per student which will cover the 5 lessons that will take place between now and the end of the term, this will offset some of the cost of the bus. A permission note will go home on next week's newsletter.

Spring Into School Fees for Term 3

A reminder to families who have not paid for Term 3 Spring Into School that fees are now overdue. If you need time or want to organise a payment plan, please speak to Mr Scott.

Book Week Parade

Our annual Book Week Parade will be held on Thursday 26 August at 9.15 am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch from outside the fence whilst observing social distancing rules. Students are encouraged to dress as a book character for the day. There will be some special activities for all students to participate in during the day. This year's Book Week theme is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

Western Region Athletics Carnival – Dubbo

Charlie May will be representing Spring Terrace Public School and Orange District at the Western Regional Carnival in Dubbo on Friday 3 September. Charlie will be competing in the 9 years boys 100m and the 8-10 year boys relay team for Orange District.

P&C News

We are looking to schedule our Annual General Meeting later this term. Please keep your eye on dates, we look forward to being able to hold this meeting.

Spring into growing

What a glorious Sunday in the garden last week!

It was so wonderful to see our families out gardening and the amount of donations we received was great! Thank you to all and bring on the sunshine!

Bec Robinson
P&C President