## Spring Terrace Newsletter

### Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 4	Week 4	2022
What's on at STPS		
Date:	Activity	
3 November	NAIDOC celebrations and First Nation games at school	
5 & 6 November	Garden Ramble	
9 November	P&C Annual General Meeting	
22 November	Excursion to Bathurst Fossil Museum and Adventure Playground	
28 & 29 November	Personalised Learning and Support Plan review meetings	
13 December	Annual Presentation evening	
15 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner	
16 December	Last day of school for students	
30 January 2023	Years 1 – 6 student return to school	
	Kindergarten 2023 – Best Start Assessments	
31 January 2023	Kindergartens first day of school	

# Messages from the Principal Young Archies Art Exhibition

Last Thursday our finalists for the SPARKE Young Archies art prize were invited to the opening event at the CWA Hall in Orange. Kenzie Stedman represented our school for K-2 and Clara Hutchinson for 3-6. As well as seeing their portraits framed and on display along with finalists from other schools, both girls were invited on stage to receive certificates of merit. Both girls were excellent ambassadors for our school.

To everyone's delight, Kenzie was announced as the overall K-2 winner with her portrait of her Grandma. A huge congratulations Kenzie for an outstanding effort.







#### **NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

Thank you to all families for your understanding around the cancellation of yesterday's NAIDOC March. Unfortunately, the prediction of wet weather meant organisers were forced to cancel.

We are looking forward to our First Nations Games afternoon on Thursday commencing with a sausage sizzle at 1.30pm. Our school leaders are preparing the activities under the guidance of Mr Jono for a fun and entertaining afternoon.



#### **Excursion to Bathurst Fossil and Mineral Museum and Adventure Playground**

On Tuesday 22 November the whole school will travel to Bathurst for a visit to the Mineral and Fossil Museum then head to the Adventure Playground for lunch prior to returning to school. Attached to the newsletter is an information sheet and permission note. Please return the bottom permission note and money by 10 November. Retain the top section for your information.

#### First Aid for Primary Schools

Spring Terrace students will be participating in 'The Little First Aiders Program' during November. This is a free online program to learn age appropriate basic first aid skills from a range of videos and activities. The program is fully supported by St John Ambulance NSW and aims to provide students with confidence when dealing with minor injuries to themselves and how to seek further assistance for their peers.





#### **Library Books**

We have a number of students with overdue or lost Library books. Attached to this newsletter is an invoice for overdue/lost/damaged library books. Please look at home for these books and if found return to school. If you are unable locate the book/s or if they are damaged please return the slip with money to replace the book into our Library. It is not fair on other students waiting to read popular books if they are not returned.

#### **Mrs Lloyd**

Congratulations to Mrs Lloyd on the birth of her first grandchild, a little girl. Hallie Louise was born three weeks early last Wednesday in Broken Hill. Mrs Lloyd has been on leave to spend time with her family during this time and hopes to be back at Spring Terrace later this week.



Mrs Cate Fryda A/Principal

#### **Weekly Awards**

#### Student of the Week

Kenzie, Zara and Tyler D

#### **Merit Award**

Ryan, Scarlett and Alex



#### **News from the classrooms**

#### K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison

The K/1 class welcomed our Kinder 2023 students today for their second session of Orientation, they are settling in well and enjoying experiencing 'big school' structure and learning.

Homework was sent home today. If your child has finished their homework book, new worksheets will be stapled together and in the blue reading folder. Please practise your child's sight words and read with your child daily.

In English, we are focusing on grammar and how to put all elements into writing a class story. The Year One children are attempting to use paragraphs and draft their own stories, which is really exciting.

In Maths, volume and capacity is our focus this week. We will be filling and measuring different containers using water and how to write in millilitres and litres.

In Geography, we are continuing with our unit on 'Places' and the importance of these in our life.

We are coming to the end of the Resilience Project Program; the children have benefited from this and are using the strategies taught to help them to become more resilient. Keep up the amazing work K/1!

#### Year 2/3 Classroom with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee

Year 3 have spent some time with Mrs Fryda's 3-6 class. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to teach all of Year 3 as one group and the children enjoyed time learning in a new classroom. This has also provided a transition process for Year 3 to work together in the classroom ready for next year.

Mrs Lee is working with the class continuing with Google Docs and practicing inserting pictures and changing text colours.

This week with The Resilience Project we are looking at family gratitude and what we are grateful for in our families.

In Maths we are doing addition strategies and practising these using some games.

#### Years 3/4/5/&6 with Ms Fryda

3-6 have enjoyed another busy week. Last week we focused our Health lesson on staying safe and getting help when we get lost in public places such as Shopping Centres. We shared strategies about how to get help and discussed families making plans should this circumstance arise. Whilst we hope this would never happen, you may want to discuss as a family what you feel would be best for your child to do should they get lost.

In Maths we practised multiplication last week and we are launching into division revision this week! Last week Years 5 and 6 learned about ratios.

Yesterday we spent some time learning a little more about NAIDOC Week and the importance it plays in Australia. You might want to ask your child what they learned and why they feel NAIDOC Week is an important time. We are all looking forward to welcoming families to our First Nations Games Day and BBQ on Thursday. Our older students have been working hard to prepare games for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there 3

#### **STPS News**

#### **Banjo Paterson Poetry workshop**



Students in years 4, 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed this poetry workshop last Thursday afternoon. Renowned NSW poet Robyn Christmas taught students strategies for learning long poems off by heart and the importance of emphasis when reciting poems. Everyone enjoyed her activities around reciting bush poetry using expression, inflection, deflection and volume. Students were informed that in February, Orange holds a Poet's recital competition open to all students. Enrolment forms and further are available from Mrs Fryda.

#### Personalised Learning and Support Plan (PSLP) meetings

A reminder to those families who received letters last week to book your meeting time with the office as soon as possible. The best way to support your child is working together.

#### **Kinder 2023 Best Start Assessment**

A reminder to our new Kinder 2023 families to book your child's assessment time with Miss Hutchison for Monday 30 January.

Have your say on what school success looks like - A message from the Director, Mr Duncan Auld

Dear parents and carers,

Reflecting on the challenges of the last few years, the NSW Department of Education is in the process of reviewing and evaluating what school success looks like now and in the future. It's enhancing ways to support student success and wellbeing as part of ongoing school reform. The goal is to support our schools in a way that is more responsive to their needs and priorities.

To inform this work, the department is inviting parents and carers to share their perspectives on what the school and the department could do to improve the schooling experience. By participating, parents and carers will inform the department what is working well, what needs to be improved, and will be involved in shaping new and innovative initiatives.

If you would like to be part of the discussion, there is a forum being hosted at Nashdale Public School on Thursday 10th November, 8:45am – 9:45am. Please register asap to secure a place. <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-success-model/have-your-say-on-what-school-success-looks-like.html">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-success-model/have-your-say-on-what-school-success-looks-like.html</a>

#### Storm damage

Last night's storm brought down the large gum tree at the rear of the school which thankfully fell away from the buildings and popped the tree stump out of the ground as it went. The students had a very entertaining morning watching the hazard barrier being erected by Mr Davis, Mr Jono and Ms Symons. Thank you to Myles, Joe and Max for assisting with carrying the supplies, putting the yellow toppers on the posts, collecting and picking up the witches' hats once the temporary fence went up.







#### **P&C News**

I thank those parents and school community members that have reached out to donate their time for this weekend's Garden Ramble event. I will be in touch with you directly to let you know your times for volunteering. Hopefully the rain stays away and the sunshine makes an appearance!

Apologies regarding the short notice given to rescheduling the AGM last Wednesday. We require a certain amount of people including the School Principal to run that style of meeting. Our confirmed new date for the Meeting is next Wednesday, 9 November at 3.30 pm after school.

Please also find attached a membership form for the P&C, this completed membership along with the \$2 per member goes to covering those people for insurance and liabilities. It also allows members to vote at the AGM next week. Please complete and return asap. Any issues or queries please contact me

Bec Robinson P&C President

#### **Community News and Information**





