

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 1

Week 5

2022

What's on at STPS

Date:

Thursday 24 February
Friday 4 March
Weekend 5 & 6 March
Wednesday 16 March
Wednesday 23 March
Tuesday 29 March
Wednesday 30 March
Friday 1 April
Monday 4 April
Tuesday 5 April

Activity

Spring Into School, Term 1 fees due today
PSSA Swimming Carnival
Orange Running Festival at Gosling Creek
Jack May Cup Athletics at Spring Hill Public School
OSSA White Group Athletics Carnival
School Voluntary contributions requested by today
Back up date for OSSA White Group Athletics Carnival
OSSA Cross Country at Dean Park Cudal
Back up date - OSSA Cross Country
Easter Hat parade and egg hunt

Messages from the Principal

OSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Tessa, Millie, and Rihanna for representing Spring Terrace Public School at the OSSA carnival last Friday. You gained pleasing results all round.

Thank you to Beggs for accompanying the students and taking on the role of Team Manager.



Rapid Antigen Testing and QR codes

QR check-in is no longer required to enter our school premises, however we ask you phone the office if you have a need to enter the school grounds without an appointment.

Testing is still a requirement this week, however after Friday 25 February testing is only required if your child has flu like symptoms and must remain at home until well enough to return to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or speak to Mrs Lloyd at pick up time.

Jack May Cup

The annual Jack May Cup with Spring Hill Public School is planned for Wednesday 16 March. The day will include events for:

- Sub Jnr- 5,6,7
- Jnr- 8,9,10
- 11 Years
- Snr- 12,13
- Field Events- Discus, Shotput, Long Jump, High Jump
- Track Events- 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m

Lunch packs will be available to order with further information and permission note to be sent home at a later date.

Mrs Louise Lloyd
R/Principal

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week

Edith, Lawson, and Lilah

Merit Award

Harry, Reeve, and Hugh



News from the classrooms

K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison

K/1 will be learning about addition in Maths and using concrete materials to help solve the number sentences. Year One will be adding numbers up to ten, using different strategies they have learnt.

In English, kindergarten are looking at letter formation and are focusing on four letters each week. We have focussed on the letters s, a, t, i, p, n, e, ck, h and r. It is important that the children have a clear understanding of the letter sound relationship as this will help them to decode words when we are beginning to read.

Homework was given out yesterday, some children have a spelling list to write out each night too. Homework will consist of English and Maths. Home reading will commence next week, and the children's reading books will be sent home in a blue folder; Have a wonderful week!

Year 2/3 Classroom with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee

Year 2/3 will be learning about imaginative writing this week using the focus text 'Possum Magic'. They will be focusing on correct sentence structure and how to make our sentences more interesting by using describing words.

In Maths, Year 2 are focusing on 2D shapes, tessellations, and symmetry. Year 3 will be focusing on subtraction using number lines and patterns.

Students will be bringing home homework today. This will normally be sent home on Monday and students are to return it to school on Friday for marking. Homework will consist of spelling words to revise each night, sentence writing and a maths mental page. Enjoy your week!

Years 3/4/5/6 with Mr Edwards

The primary classroom continues its creative writing journey, using different text types as inspiration to unlock personal, imaginative, inspirational, or whacky stories!

During Maths, we have been busy rounding up our addition, subtraction and number skills as a base for further learning.

Our homework will also start coming home weekly. It is simple (but expected), giving students the chance to revise spelling and maths topics from the week, but also giving me the chance to see what everybody knows (and needs help with) for upcoming maths work. We love mixing fun with effort and expectation at Spring Terrace!

STPS News

Library Days

A correction to last week's newsletter on class days in the library. Please ensure your child has a library bag on their set day, no bag no borrowing.

K – 2 Wednesday with Miss Hutchison

3 – 6 Thursday with Mrs Lloyd

Sport Day

Sport will be held on Thursday's; children must wear their sports uniform and joggers to school every Thursday. Wearing the incorrect footwear can cause trips and falls when participating in active programs.

Student online access

The school has purchased licenses for Mathletics, Mathseeds, and reading Eggs to support student learning. Attached to the newsletter is an information sheet and password codes for each student's individual log-in. Please keep this information in a safe place so your child can access these programs from home. If you have any questions, please make a time to speak with your child teacher.

Spring Into School Fees

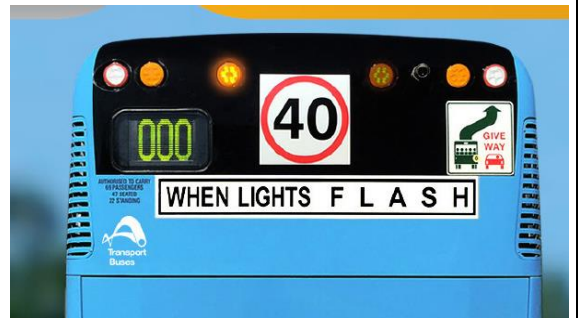
Spring Into School is a user pays program and not funded by the department. The program is an initiative of the school which does subsidise some of the teacher costs to ensure we have a qualified teacher for the transition program.

Term 1 fees for Spring Into School are due this Thursday. To receive the discounted rate you must pay your fees in full or have spoken to Mrs Lloyd to organise a payment plan. Full day fees will be charged from Tuesday 1 March 2022 with a new invoice showing the full amount due issued for families who have outstanding fees.

Keeping our Kids safe

It is important that everyone takes particular notice and care around schools and on the roads in the mornings and afternoons to ensure school children are kept safe.

Please read the following advice from the NSW Government, regarding school zones, buses and shared zone such as car parks.



Information presented by NSW Government to support families.

Driving safely near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Lights will flash on the front and back of the bus reminding drivers that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. So, remember:

- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- Give way to buses
- Watch out for children crossing
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

Informal school bus stops

Informal bus stops are not sign posted and are usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property, or on the side of the road, which may make children difficult to see.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the families section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the **families** section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

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Helping children on and off the bus safely

Your children are most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. Here are some ways you can reduce this risk:

- Always meet your child at the bus stop. Never meet them on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Wait until the bus has gone, then choose a safe place to cross the road. Remember to Stop! Look! Listen! Think!
- If you cannot meet your child, organise for another trusted adult to take your place.
- Wait at the bus stop and stand at least one step back from the edge of the road.
- Always wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross.
- Buckle up if the bus has seatbelts.

Model safe pedestrian behaviour. Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand on the footpath, in the carpark and when crossing the road. Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

STOP!
one step back from the kerb

LOOK!
continuously both ways

LISTEN!
for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!
whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across

Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

Hold a grown up's hand when:

- you cross the road
- you're on the footpath
- you're in a car park

Messages to share with your children in Years 3 and 4

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 5 and 6

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

Kindergarten to Year 6

- Wait until the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross

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P&C News

Running Festival

We are still looking for about 5 to 6 volunteers for the 6 March, children are welcome to help at the station and cheer on the runners. It would be great to see some of our older students and parents on the day! Please get in contact ASAP, the stations are both situated of Forest reefs road.

P&C Meeting

Our first meeting for the year was held yesterday, we covered quite a bit and it was a great chance to chat with Mrs Lloyd and see how keen she is to work alongside the P&C for this wonderful school. Minutes from the meeting will be available by the weeks end.

A bulb fundraiser will hopefully be sent next week for something bright and cheery. Some of the bulbs pictured are sensational!

Spring into Growing

We have some Netwaste and composting workshops coming up which will help the students and garden! Keep an eye on the spring into Growing Facebook page for updates! Don't forget if you are in the area, the garden is open after school hours to pull a weed or two, water the plants and harvest some lovely produce.

Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information

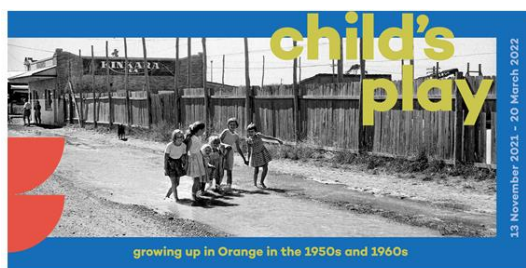
Orange Regional Gallery



Salvatore will give an **artist talk at 5.30pm**. Book your free tickets to the opening and artist talk by contacting the Gallery on 6393 8136 or gALLERY@orange.nsw.gov.au

Exhibition Dates: 26 February to 1 May 2022 This exhibition presents a relatively unknown aspect of this celebrated artist's practice. While highly regarded as a painter and printmaker, we see throughout Zofrea's career his love and appreciation for drawing as a means of visual thinking and personal expression.

A Manly Art Gallery & Museum and Orange Regional Gallery partnership exhibition.



Event Reminder

Evening for Educators: The Power of Playful Moments

Play grows brains. So just how does it do that? And what can educators do to facilitate opportunities for play to be a catalyst for learning? Join Robyn in this playful exploration of play, neuroscience and the power of 30 minutes.

This **free** session is designed specifically for teachers and educators. You'll also hear from staff about Orange Regional Museum's 2022 education programs, and have the opportunity to visit our exhibitions after hours.

Doors open and refreshments provided from 5.30pm.

This event is presented to complement our current exhibition *Child's Play: Growing up in Orange in the 1950s and 1960s*.

Thursday 24 February | 5.30pm

Orange Regional Museum
Wiradjuri Country
151 Byng Street, Orange

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