

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 1 **Week 8** **2022**

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
Wednesday 16 March	Jack May Cup Athletics at Spring Hill Public School
Thursday 17 March	Return permission note and lunch order for OSSA Athletics
Wednesday 23 March	OSSA White Group Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 29 March	School Voluntary contributions requested by today
Wednesday 30 March	Back-up date for OSSA White Group Athletics Carnival
Friday 1 April	OSSA Cross Country at Dean Park Cudal
Monday 4 April	Back-up date - OSSA Cross Country
Tuesday 5 April	Easter Hat parade and egg hunt
Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1
Wednesday 27 April	First day of Term 2
Thursday 28 April	GRIP Leadership Conference for School Leaders
Monday 2 May	District Cross Country – Cudal
Tuesday 10 May	NAPLAN begins

Messages from the Principal

Jack May Cup

We are all looking forward to our visit to Spring Hill Public School tomorrow for the Jack May Cup, Athletics Carnival. There are still outstanding permission notes advising transport arrangements for your child/ren, please bring these directly to Spring Hill Public school in the morning. Other than Before and After School Care, the school will be closed tomorrow, and all students are to meet teachers at Spring Hill Public School. It is too late to order a lunch pack.

OSSA White Group Athletics Carnival

The OSSA Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday 23 March at Waratahs Sports Grounds in North Orange. Spring Terrace Public School is one of five schools in the OSSA White Group and each school is responsible for managing an event at the Carnival. The parent helper request, student permission note and lunch order forms were sent home yesterday afternoon.

Spring Terrace P&C are operating the canteen for lunch orders on the day. Information and notes went home yesterday afternoon. All notes for this carnival must be returned by this Thursday, 17 March to ensure smooth running of the carnival. No late lunch orders will be accepted

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our parent teacher interviews will be held on the afternoon of Monday 28 March 2022. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents/carers to meet your child's teacher. It will be held at school in your child's classroom. Year 2/3 will have their interviews with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee in the Principal's office due to Big Childcare operating out of the 2/3 classroom during this time. The interviews will be 10 minutes each. Please ensure you are on time so as not to delay others following you. Bookings are to be made from Thursday onwards, by contacting the School Office on 6365 4287 Interviews are scheduled from 3.30 pm until 6.20 pm. These will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

If you require more time to discuss your child's progress, please make an alternative time to meet with the class teacher at the time of the interview. Parents of students requiring a Personalised Learning and

Support Plan (previously called and IEP) will be contacted in the coming weeks to arrange an alternate time to discuss these plans. You do not need to book a 10 minute interview time for Monday 28 March.

Check in Assessment

Students in Years 4 and 6 will be participating in the Check in Assessment during Week 10 this term. It is an online assessment that will gauge how they are performing and provide information to staff on 'where to take them next' based on their responses. These tests provide valuable information that enables teachers to specifically target and differentiate lessons to meet student needs. If you would like to know more about these tests, please speak with Mr Edwards who is coordinating this within our school.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessment for our Years 3 and 5 students is fast approaching. It will be conducted during Weeks 3 and 4 in Term 2. Parent information about NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5 is coming home with this newsletter. Over the coming weeks students will be participating in some training to prepare for this test.

Attendance

We will be focusing on improving our attendance at school over the coming weeks to see if we can improve our percentage to more than 70% of students attending over 90% of the time. To support this initiative, we will be introducing a 100% attendance ticket at Friday's award assemblies for students who have attended every day and on time during the previous week. Students will then enter these tickets into a prize draw at the end of term. Please encourage your child to attend school every day as research shows children learn best when at school.

Mrs Louise Lloyd
R/Principal

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week

Tyler D, Jack, and Sienna

Merit Award

Noah, Ryan and Jade

Birthdays

Sienna



News from the classrooms

K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison

In English, this week the Kindergarten children have begun to write independently which is fantastic to witness. Year One are writing increasingly more each week without assistance and have made excellent progress. It is so great to see all children in K/1 so enthusiastic about completing their written work on their own.

This week in Mathematics we are all learning about subtraction and to understand this concept we have been counting backwards from 10, 20 and 100, which the children thoroughly enjoy. We are looking at the symbols associated with subtraction like the – sign and the = signs. The children are learning number stories and explaining how number problems are solved using different methods.

During History, K-2 are learning about family and where they come from. Please have a discussion with your child/ren about their heritage and where their ancestors originated from as we will be completing worksheets on different countries.
Have a wonderful week.

Year 2/3 Classroom with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee

Welcome to Week 8. It is amazing to think we are this far into the term. In writing, students have been working hard to use capital letters and full stops correctly in their sentences. They examined what a question is and how to use a question mark in grammar. Students are beginning to write compound sentences using words like 'and', 'but' and 'so'. They have enjoyed writing their own 'Magical Animal' stories using 'Possum Magic' as inspiration. This week, students will begin looking at persuasive texts and how to use different points of view to persuade the audience.

In Mathematics, Year 2 will be focusing on subtraction to 10 using number lines and the counting back strategy. Year 3 will be learning about number patterns and time - focusing on half and quarter hours, five-minute intervals, analogue and digital times.

In PD Health, K-2 students have been learning how to 'look after themselves' and in Visual Art, Years 3-6 students have been creating pieces of work based on Picasso, and line drawings including creating a Zen tangles piece to celebrate Harmony Day next week.

Well done to everyone who returned their homework and home readers this week! It certainly makes a difference in your spelling test results when you revise your words 😊
Have an amazing week everyone and enjoy the Jack May Cup tomorrow. 🏆

Years 3/4/5/6 with Mr Edwards

In the Primary classroom we are focusing on persuasive texts, being able to argue both sides of an idea before deciding on our position. We are also listening to other people's persuasive writing and ideas and being able to show our work on slides is a wonderfully visual way to express our ideas!!

During Maths we are starting to get creative, looking at length, measurement, 2D shapes and patterns to become more hands-on in our Maths learning.

Thank you for all the hard work completing homework and practising important things like spelling words, sentence work and Maths work. Homework is an important part of weekly work for older students, getting into the 'routine' of simple work at home before much more challenging assignments in high school. This week we had 15 out of 21 returned and that 'ain't bad', keep it up!!

STPS News

Library changes this week

There will be no K-2 Library this week due to the Jack May Cup. Please return the library books on Thursday.

Late arrivals and Early departures

All parents and carers are to report to the office when students are arriving late or being collected early. Unless late arrivals are reported to the office or Mrs Lloyd they are marked as absent without reason.

Likewise early departures must be reported and recorded so in the event of an emergency evacuation we can account for all students who are on site and not go looking for someone who has left the grounds without following the correct procedure.

Student and Family Information Update

This information was due to be returned to the office on 17 February, with only half of families having returned the forms to date. The importance of having up to date information is critical in the event of an emergency at school. The inclusion of a family email contact is important for the way we will communicate with you in the future. Please return these forms ASAP or ask for a new one if you have misplaced the original.

Spring Into School

Due to illness we have been unable to run Spring Into School today and last week. We are hopeful to have Mrs Doherty back on deck very soon. Fees already paid for Term 1 will be credited to Term 2.

P&C News

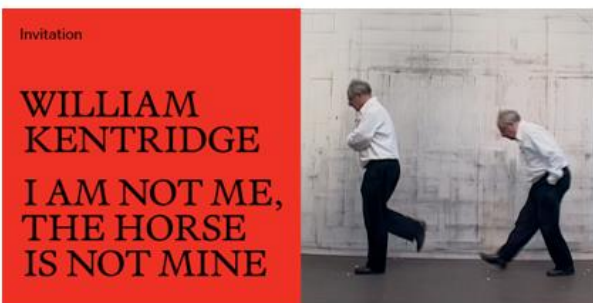
Thank you to the helpers from the open garden on the weekend, so much was achieved, discussed and new faces present. It was a lovely afternoon spent in the sunshine!

Lunch orders for the OSSA Athletics - Please get these handed in ASAP for catering purposes. Parents and Carers are encouraged to order ahead also!

Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information

Orange Regional Gallery



Orange Regional Gallery has the pleasure of inviting you to the opening of *William Kentridge: I Am Not Me, the Horse Is Not Mine*, an Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition.

To be opened by Dr Michael Brand, Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales at 6pm on Friday 25 March 2022.

Nicholas Chambers, Senior Curator, Modern and Contemporary International Art at the Art Gallery of NSW, will present a floor talk at 11am on Saturday 26 March 2022.

To book for the opening please of the Floor Talk please call the Gallery on 02 6393 8136.

Exhibition Dates: 26 March to 26 June 2022

A promotional poster for a banknote design workshop. At the top, there are illustrations of a woman, a man, a bird, and various design tools like scissors and a ruler. The text reads "BECOME A DESIGNER THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS". Below this, it says "Visit the RBA Museum website Design your own Banknote". Further down, it says "Download our banknote template on the Museum website and become a banknote designer." and "Share your creation with us via email museum@rba.gov.au and you might be lucky enough to be sent a special Museum Kit!". There is an illustration of a money bag and some banknotes. At the bottom, the Reserve Bank of Australia logo is visible.

A poster for a circus workshop called "DANGER CLUB". At the top, it says "ORANGE CIVIC THEATRE". Below that, "Orange Civic Theatre and Circa presents". The title "DANGER CLUB" is in large, bold letters. The main image shows a circus acrobat performing a balancing act on a pole. At the bottom, the words "DANGER CLUB" are written in yellow on a black surface.

This April school holidays you can join Circa, one of the world's leading circus companies, for an intensive workshop series exploring the art of danger. This workshop is suitable for ages 13 - 17.

Training with Circa's professional acrobats, you'll defy your limitations, learn new tricks, and perform your very own show for friends and family. Danger Club will inspire and challenge you in unexpected and exciting ways. So take a leap of faith and join in—everything is about to change.

COST: \$320 per child (we can accept your NSW Creative Kids Vouchers!)

DAY 1: Monday 11 April | 10.00am - 4.00pm

DAY 2: Tuesday 12 April | 3.00pm - 8.00pm

DAY 3: Wednesday 13 April | 3.00pm - 8.00pm

DAY 4: Thursday 14 April | 4.00pm - 8.00pm

The participants will then present their **FINAL PERFORMANCE** to their friends and family on Thursday 14 April at 7.00pm.

SIGN UP NOW to secure your spot. Places are extremely limited!!!