

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 2

Week 7

2022

What's on at STPS

Date:

Thursday 9 June

Sunday 12 June

Monday 13 June

Tuesday 14 June

Wednesday 15 June

Thursday 16 June

Tuesday 21 June

Wednesday 29 June

Friday 1 July

Monday 18 July

Tuesday 19 July

Activity

School Leaders shirt orders close today

Spring Into Gardening

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

School Photos

Regional Cross Country – Geurie Sports Ground

Scholastic Book Club due today

Netwaste Wormy World Incursion

P&C Meeting

Last day of Term 2

Term 3 Staff Development Day

First day of Term 3 for Students

Messages from the Principal

Monitoring COVID Symptoms as Close Contacts of COVID positive people

The announcement made in April this year has eased the isolation requirements for close contacts. This will enable students and staff who are close contacts and have no symptoms to continue to attend school if they follow guidelines from NSW Health. Note that staff and students who have had confirmed COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks do not have to comply with the following guidelines if they become a household or close contact and are not required to self-isolate or test unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms. Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health guidelines, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/household-contacts>

- They must notify the school and their outside hours care provider if they are intending to return under this provision
- They should conduct a daily RAT for 5 days and return a negative result each morning before attending school.
- Primary students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except while eating and exercising)
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.

Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID. If symptoms occur at any time, children should not attend school and undertake a RAT to confirm.

Each student is provided with a multipack of RAT's to be used for symptomatic testing or for daily testing as part of the close contact requirements described above. If you have any concerns, refer to the NSW Health Website for further information or contact your Doctor if concerned.

School Photos

Our annual school photos will be taken next Tuesday, 14 June. Please return your photo envelopes on or before this day to allow a smooth process in capturing each child's photo against their individual shoot key. Full uniform of red polo shirt, red polar fleece jumper and black pants/trousers, socks, and black shoes (no jogger are to be worn on this day. Individual and a whole school group photo will be taken regardless of ordering preferences. The photographs will be taken first thing on Tuesday morning so please be punctual.

Year 6 School Leaders

Our Year 6 students are developing into wonderful school leaders and have instigated a number of improvements within the school. One initiative is to have a School Leaders Shirt to wear on sports day and other events and occasions. Year 6 students in discussion with Ms Fryda have chosen a shirt theme which has been costed through our regular school suppliers and they all received a note with the details and order form last week.

To allow sufficient lead time, this note must be returned to school no later than Thursday 9 June. Payment is due by Thursday 23 June. This will be an ongoing arrangement for all year 6 students going forward and as such the current Year 5 students have been included in the selection process.

Another initiative is having food waste buckets in classrooms to collect appropriate food scraps for the chickens. Last Friday Kaitlyn, gave a talk about the types of scraps the chickens can eat and students will begin using these waste buckets to collect and distribute these scraps to the chickens this week.

Every Minute of Everyday Counts

Our focus this term is on attendance, it may not seem important to miss a few minutes here or there, however, it does disrupt learning not only for the student but also the teacher and the class. Please be mindful of making appointments outside of school hours whenever you can to avoid breaking the positive learning patterns your child is developing.

When your child misses just.....	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kinder to Year 12 that is
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ day of learning a week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks of learning or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning

Mrs Louise Lloyd
R/Principal

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week

Kenzie, Harvey, and Evie

Merit Award

Kiana, Amber, and Alex H

Birthdays

Felix



News from the classrooms

K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison

In English, we are focussing on sounds that are the same but have different letters. For example, 'ai' as in train, and 'ay' as in play and 'oi' as in coin and 'oy' as in boy. In writing, we are focussing on the various parts of sentences and how to make a compound sentence. We are identifying nouns and verbs within our reading and writing lessons.

In Maths, the children are learning about number patterns as well as picture patterns. We have started to count in 2's 5's and 10's and have made up some fun dances to help us learn these.

Have a wonderful week!

Year 2/3 Classroom with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee

Wow, how quickly the Term is moving. 2/3 have settled into a wonderful supportive learning environment where all students are valued for their individual abilities. They thoroughly enjoyed getting creative last week to make their buildings for the "A City for Kids" art exhibition that will be open from 25 June – 14 August at the Orange Regional Gallery. This is a SPARKE project that the children in our school are participating in with several other schools from Orange and surrounds. Some innovative and funky ideas were used in their creations.

This week students will be continuing their imaginative writing focus by examining what 'good writers do' to hook our readers.

In Mathematics, they will be working on the topic length and will measure objects using both informal and formal units. They were very excited to use the new MLD – Main Learning Display with Mrs Lee yesterday – another fantastic tool to engage our 21st Century learners!

Years 3/4/5/6 with Mrs Fryda

It's already Week 7 – the term is flying by and each week the children in our class are becoming more focused and enthusiastic learners. Over the coming fortnight we have a big literacy focus on Poetry. Having honed our skills around rhyme, rhythm, and imagery, some of our class intend to enter one of the upcoming Poetry Competitions – wish us luck!

In Maths this week we are learning about Fractions and Volume. There will be plenty of hands-on fun and perhaps even a follow up activity for Homework next week. As Mrs Lloyd has mentioned, Year 6 are leading us in helping eliminate food wastage at school by collecting fruit and vegetable scraps. Thank you to those families who send in a variety of healthy 'crunch' snacks for our children – any leftovers will now be enjoyed by the chooks!

STPS News

Thursday lunch ordering

During winter students are to drop their lunch order and correct money to Shirl in the office. It's too cold outside of a morning to wait in the COLA. It is the students responsibility to make sure they see Shirl before the bell, no late lunch orders will be accepted after the bell. If you have misplaced or need a new lunch order menu please ask for a new one from the office.

2022 Respect Stories competition

The Australian Government's 'Stop it at the Start' campaign is calling for students aged 10-14 years old to enter the 2022 Respect Stories competition. To enter, students must produce a short story, poem, or essay - in less than 1,000 words – or an illustration exploring what respect means to them.

This is a great opportunity for students to reflect on and share their own understanding of respect, while also giving their parents and teachers the opportunity to have open, ongoing, and proactive conversations on this important issue. Remember, every conversation you have shapes them. When we bring up respect with our kids, respect grows.

Eight written and two illustrative winning entries will be published in a national Respect Stories book. The winners will also take home a \$500 VISA gift card for themselves and one for their school. Entries are now open and close on Friday 22 July 2022 (AEST).

For more information about the Respect Stories competition, please visit respect.gov.au/RespectStories.

For information on the Stop it at the Start campaign, as well as tools and resources to help you talk about respect, check out respect.gov.au.



RESPECT STORIES STUDENT COMPETITION

Healthy Living through Winter

Winter might mean it is cold and the days are short, but it does give us the chance to cook and eat delicious winter fruits and vegetables. It is often harder to keep up with our water intake during winter but is so important to avoid dehydration. Eating healthy also boosts your immune system and reduces the risk of getting sick. Here are three good reasons to eat local seasonal foods:

1. The produce is fresher and more nutritious
2. It is more sustainable and better for the environment
3. Supports the Australian farmers and our economy

Nutrition Snippet

EAT MORE FRUIT & VEG.



3 easy ways to get your family eating more fruit and veg

- 1) Start with breakfast and spread fruit and veg throughout the day
- 2) Make snacks based on fruit and veg
- 3) Pack fruit and veg in the lunch box

Check out our blog for more tips at healthy.lunchbox.com.au/blog/adding-fruit-and-vegetables/



Nutrition Snippet

DRINK WATER.



Water is the best drink for kids.

Even better it's free!

Remember to pack a bottle every day

For other tips and more visit: healthy.lunchbox.com.au



P&C News

Spring Into Gardening is on this Sunday, 1.00 -300pm.

What could we possibly be up to in this weather you may ask???

Composting - The essence of life in the garden, pretty important stuff. We will have a composting workshop by our very own Jen Ringbauer, Permaculture Educator who is also running a one day workshop on Introduction into Permaculture on 19 June. Please message for details.

We also have a very big pile of woodchip to distribute around the veggie beds, so we are putting a call out for some muscle to help shovel, and this should keep us all fairly warm.

There will also be cups of soups and hot chocolate on hand!

P&C Meeting

Notes from the Meeting held – Wednesday 25 May

We had a wonderful show at the meeting and we appreciate your attendance and thoughts on topics raised.

- Uniform - It was put to a vote and the majority voted that the uniform will remain as is.
- Fundraisers - Remaining fundraisers discussed for the year

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on Wednesday 29 June after school.

Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information

Orange Regional Gallery



The Nose Opera Screening

6:00pm - 8:15pm Friday 17 June 2022

Join us in the Gallery Theatre for a free screening of the visually dazzling Metropolitan Opera *The Nose*. A wildly inventive production of Shostakovich's satirical opera, adapted from the classic short story by Nikolai Gogol and designed and directed by acclaimed artist William Kentridge.

Baritone Paulo Szot leads the cast as Kovalyov, the hapless bureaucrat whose nose has mysteriously gone missing. Alexander Lewis and Andrey Popov co-star, and Pavel Smelkov conducts.

Bookings essential : <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-nose-opera-screening-tickets-338597453097>