

Spring Terrace Newsletter

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Dear Wright/Davis family

Term 3

Week 1

2022

What's on at STPS

Date:

26 and 27 July

1 – 5 August

5 August

22 – 26 August

5 – 9 September

5 September

Activity

Parent Teacher Interviews from 3.30 – 5.30pm

Education Week

Jeans for Genes Day

Book Week

Electricity Safety Week

Life Education Van visit

Messages from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 3

It was nice to see our children return to school this morning with happy faces and eager to explore their new classrooms. We are certainly looking forward to a productive and engaging term of learning.

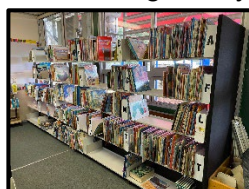
Year 6 School Leaders

Our Year 6 School Leaders were presented with their leader badges at our end of Term 2 Special Awards Assembly on Wednesday 29th June. Parents were invited to present their child with their badge. The students were very excited to receive their badge.



Classrooms

The move of classrooms is in the final set up phase and students are eager to assimilate with their new learning environments. Please feel free to come in and take a look around. Staff will be busy finalising the new library learning space. Once this is complete Big Childcare will be moving into their new space as well. A huge thank you to all who assisted with this process and to Orange High School for the wonderful donation of free-standing library shelving.



COVID-smart measures

Our priority continues to be ensuring every student has as much face-to-face learning as possible while supporting student and staff wellbeing. I am confident that with the very high levels of vaccination in our workforce and significant [COVID-smart measures](#) in place, we can maintain continuity of learning while keeping our students and staff safe.

I want to reiterate that staying up to date with COVID-19 and influenza vaccines continues to be important, alongside maintaining measures like wearing masks when necessary, maximising ventilation, boosting cleaning, and symptomatic rapid antigen testing.

With the challenging winter season we are experiencing, all staff and students are strongly encouraged to wear masks while indoors. And as always, both staff and students should not attend school or work if they're feeling unwell with cold and flu symptoms.

Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes Day is a nationwide fundraising initiative held in Australia each year. This year, in 2022, the event will be held on August 5th. The charity's mission is to support families and children with birth defects or incurable genetic diseases. The day encourages children and teachers to join in with fundraising by wearing jeans and casual wear to school. We hope everyone can support this day by wearing their jeans and bringing in a gold coin donation to support this event.



Mrs Louise Lloyd
R/Principal

News from the classrooms

K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a relaxing and lovely holiday. We have a jammed pack Term filled with lots of interesting learning taking place.

In K/1 the focus in literacy this term is writing. We will be looking at the structure of sentences and writing sentences daily. We will be revising all our sounds and continue with our spelling program for both Kindergarten and Year One.

In Maths, we will be revising number, looking at number patterns, and counting in 2's 5's and 10's.

Homework will be sent home on Mondays it will consist of a spelling list, two worksheets with English and Maths tasks and it will be due back on Friday. Homework will be sent home in week 2.

Have a wonderful week.

Year 2/3 Classroom with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee

Welcome to Term 3. We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break and are ready for some fantastic learning in our new learning space. We have a busy term ahead with loads of fun and exciting activities along the way.

In 2/3 this week, students will begin a text study on 'My Two Blankets', where they will learn about imaginative writing and how pictures can help the audience to understand the text. In Mathematics they will be examining the place value of 3- and 4-digit numbers using concrete materials to further understand the importance of this in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will be beginning our History Unit 'Learning about the past' with this week's lesson focusing on artifacts and the past. This should be interesting! And the topic for Science is 'Living Things Live in Different Places'.

Students in K-3 will also begin learning about Child Protection using the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*. The first key safety message of the curriculum is **recognise**. Recognise is about being aware of your environment. Have a wonderful week everyone 😊

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

Welcome back to all students and parents. I hope everyone has had a relaxing and happy holiday. Our new classroom is ready to be a productive learning space and we have new and wonderful topics to learn about and experiences to enjoy during Term 3. One example of this is our Speaking and Listening Program, where every student in our class will be asked to present four speeches over the term to the class. These speeches may need some practising at home so please help your child rehearse if they need an audience to practise on! Our topics are:

- Week 3 – Informal speech – A song that makes me happy and why (2-3 mins)
- Week 5 – Informal/creative speech – Another use for a bowl of jelly is.... (2-3 mins)
- Week 7 – Formal Speech – You have invented a robot. What job will it do for you and why? (3-4 mins)
- Week 9 – Formal Speech – Teach the class a new skill! (3-5 mins)

We all look forward to these speeches and building on each child's confidence when presenting to an audience.

STPS News

End of Term 2 Special Awards Assembly

It was nice to see so many families attend our end of Term Special Assembly last term. The students and staff appreciated having you here to see what your children have achieved in Term 2. 100 percent attendance for Term 2 rewards were presented to Henry and Edith, well done to both of you. We will continue our focus on attendance in Term 3. Keep up the awesome effort everyone!



Absences from school

A reminder to families that regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their full potential. The school is required to record the reason for any absences as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or have another good reason for missing school.

Students will be bringing home notes today with their unexplained absences from school throughout Term 2. Please assist us by completing the bottom section of the note and returning it to school with your child as soon as possible.

Family information update

It is important we have up to date and accurate information on hand to contact you, especially in the case of emergencies. A reminder to families if your circumstances have changed, you have moved house, changed phone numbers, changed jobs, revised emergency contacts or any other information has changed please provide any updates in writing to the school office so we can update your details.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder to parents and carers if you have not already booked your interview time with your child/s teacher/s please do so this week. Interviews are available on Tuesday 26th July and Wednesday 27th July from 3.30 – 5.30pm. Please speak to your child's teacher or phone the office to make your appointment.

Excess furniture

Staff have been busy over the holidays relocating rooms and organising the new learning spaces for this term. As a result, there are several items that are available to families. These will be placed under the COLA in an area marked by cones. If you are interested in any item, please feel free to take it. It will be on a first in, first served basis!

Education Week

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our school, our students and the education system and is held in Week 3, from 1st – 5th August. The theme for this year is 'Creating futures - education changes lives'. Open classrooms will be held on Wednesday 3rd August at 1pm to be followed by sharing recess together in the school grounds (Weather permitting).

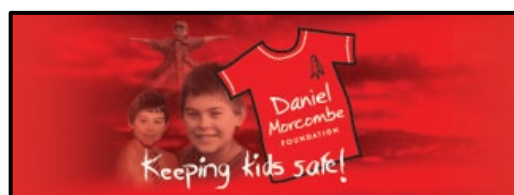
We would love parents, grandparents, and friends to join us to celebrate this week.



Child Protection

Throughout Terms 3 and 4, students in K/1 and 2/3 classes will be implementing the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: **Recognise, React and Report**. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

Information about the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum



P&C News

Welcome to the first week of Term 3!

Keep an eye out for our Winter Pie Drive order form going home today. Please return order forms and money no later than Monday 25th July. All pies will be ready for collection on Tuesday 2nd August, calls will be made once ready.

Bec Robinson
P&C President

Community News and Information



A City for Kids exhibition

Our students created their individual boxes as part of the 'City for Kids' Sparke project last term. The exhibition is currently on display at the Orange Regional Gallery until the 14th August and was created as a multi-school collaboration using recycled boxes.