

# Spring Terrace Newsletter

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**Term 3**

**Week 3**

**2022**

## What's on at STPS

### **Date:**

1 – 5 August

5 August

17 August

22 – 26 August

26 August

5 – 9 September

5 September

10 September

12 – 14 September

23 September

### **Activity**

Education Week

Jeans for Genes Day

National Science week

Education Week Open Classrooms and P&C Meeting

Book Week

Book Parade

Electricity Safety Week

Life Education Van visit

Bush Dance

Public Schools of Orange – Performing Arts Project

Last day of Term 3

## Messages from the Principal

### **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 celebrated in the first week of August.

The theme for this year is 'Creating futures - education changes lives.' We have postponed our plans for celebrating this with our whole school community until Week 5 due to COVID safety concerns.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the parent teacher interviews last week. The teachers and I welcomed your feedback. We would like to reiterate that whilst these meetings are invaluable, we encourage all parents and carers to communicate any educational, social or welfare concerns you may have regarding your children's education when these arise with the class teacher and/or myself. If you were unable to make the parent teacher interviews and would still like the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the office to arrange a mutually suitable time with the teacher.

### **Visit from the Education Director**

Mr Duncan Auld, Director Educational Leadership and Mr Keith Lummis from the Orange Area office visited the school yesterday. They were most impressed with the changes made to our learning spaces and commented on how settled and engaged the students were with their learning. A lovely affirmation to all the hard work the school community is doing. Well done everyone!

### **Bus Travel to and from school**

A gentle reminder - students must abide by the rules of transport travel when coming to school and travelling home via the bus. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated by the bus company or the school. It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers.

If a student misbehaves on a bus, the bus operator will contact the parents/guardian and the school. More information on the codes of conduct of students on buses can be found at <https://transportnsw.info/student-code-conduct>

### **COVID positive cases**

As advised by letter sent home yesterday, the school has been notified of positive COVID cases within our school community. If any student has symptoms they must RAT test and not attend school until symptoms have cleared or are confirmed as a positive case. In the instance of a positive household case, please be advised that siblings may attend school if they are symptom free and conduct RAT test each morning returning a negative result for 5 days. They must wear a mask indoors while at school except when eating or drinking.

All positive cases must be reported to the NSW Health line at the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#) so that you can be linked to important health care support and advice. Parents and carers are reminded to please ensure that you select your school name when prompted when registering a positive test for your child.

If children have COVID they are not expected to do school work while isolating. Students who are close contacts and isolating can access the department website learning from home if they wish to do some activities through this link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/2022-digital-learning-packs> Teachers will not be providing additional work to students.

Mrs Louise Lloyd  
R/Principal

## **Weekly Awards**

### **Student of the Week**

Marshall, Jessica, and Hugh

### **Merit Award**

Evie, Ryan, and Lilliana



## **News from the classrooms**

### **K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison**

K/1 will be focussing on the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that they make. This is an important skill as it allows the children to use this knowledge to start reading unknown words. Please ensure that you still revise the Jolly Phonics sounds with your child daily. Your Jolly Phonics sound mat should be in the children's homework book. If you are unable to find it, please let me know and I will provide you with a new one.

The children have been asked to write sentences using their spelling words. You may write the sentence for your child, and they can copy it onto the sheet. It is important that the children write these sentences, so they are working on their independent writing skills.

In Maths, we are looking at 'Area' and we are comparing the various size of objects.

Library will be starting next Monday so please ensure that your child brings in their library bag clearly labelled with their name. No bag, no borrowing!!

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

2/3 have been enjoying learning about artifacts in History and last week the students enjoyed bringing in and sharing their artifacts. Felix brought in some interesting coins that used to be part of our currency in earlier times!

This week students will be writing their own stories about doing something for the first time as part of our writing unit 'My Two Blankets'. They enjoyed creating their woven blankets and these are now on display in the foyer at school. If you have time check it out.

In Maths, students will continue their investigation of addition and subtraction strategies by looking at inverse operations, estimates and equivalent numbers.

Library will recommence for students in 2,3,4,5 & 6 this Thursday. Please remember to bring your library bag. No bag, no borrowing!!

The students are excited to be wearing jeans on the bottom and mufti on the top on Friday for our Jeans for Genes fundraiser. Don't forget to bring in your gold coin donation. Have a wonderful week.



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

3-6 have been busy learning about Victorian times and convict passage in our History and Literacy learning. This week we are focusing on primary and secondary sources of information and the important role they play in historical research.

In Maths we are building on our addition and subtraction skills, whilst looking at the cost of shopping items and managing a financial budget.

We have started our Public Speaking Program, where each student has been asked to present a 2 minute informal speech on the topic *A song that makes me happy*. Year 3 kicked us off yesterday with some great speeches that put us all in a good mood for the day!

We are looking forward to supporting children with genetic diseases on Friday for *Jeans for Genes Day*, as well as reflecting on how lucky we are to have our health. Your child may come to school in jeans and mufti on Friday, whilst contributing a gold coin to support medical research.

The photos below are some examples of the delicious – and nutritious – Sushi we made as part of our *Food Technology* learning last week with Mr Jono.



## STPS News

### Parking

Please be aware the area to the east of the bitumen carpark and in front of the office is very boggy. We are working on some strategies to make parking easier for everyone and appreciate your assistance in prompt drop off and pick up to keep children safe and traffic moving, especially of an afternoon.

### Jeans for Genes Day

This Friday we will celebrate Jeans for Genes Day when students are invited to wear their jeans to show support for children's medical research by giving a gold coin donation. This is an opportunity to teach students about STEM, leadership, and compassion for others, all while raising money to help sick kids. Funds raised go directly to help scientists find cures for genetic diseases, including cancer and other serious conditions affecting 1 in 20 children.



### **Spring Into School Term 3 Fees**

Spring Into School fees for this term were due last Friday, 29 July to receive the discounted rate. If fees are not paid or you have not organised a payment plan, the full fee will be charged from Monday 8 August.

### **Newsletter distribution**

In the future, our goal is to move to a paperless version reducing paper and printing consumption to be more environmentally friendly. The newsletter is uploaded each week to our website and is therefore available to extended family and friends to view. The website address is <https://springterr-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html> please feel free to share this information with interested family members.

### **Education Week Open Classrooms**

Open classrooms have been **postponed to Wednesday 17 August, at 1.00 pm** where parents, carers, family, and friends are invited to join their children in the classroom followed by sharing recess together in the school grounds. We would love you to join us to celebrate this occasion and look forward to welcoming you back into our classrooms. We cannot wait to show you our new learning spaces!

To ensure the safety of everyone attending, we request all visitors to wear masks whilst indoors during this event. We thank you for your understanding and support to keep everyone safe and healthy.



### **P&C News**

Thank you to all the families and friends for supporting the Pie Drive, they have been delivered and we have raised approximately \$1,000.00 for P&C and the school. A final amount will be provided at the next P&C meeting.

A reminder that tickets for the Bush Dance are available with details on the flyer sent home with last weeks newsletter. It should be a fun night and a great way to catch up socially when the weather is a little warmer.

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 17 August, in Week 5 following the open classrooms afternoon so we hope to see as many people as possible staying on to join the meeting.

Bec Robinson  
P&C President

### **Community News and Information**

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