

# Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

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**Term 3**

**Week 4**

**2022**

## What's on at STPS

| <b>Date:</b>      | <b>Activity</b>                                    |
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| 15 – 19 August    | National Science Week                              |
| 17 August         | Education Week Open Classrooms and P&C Meeting     |
| 22 – 26 August    | Book Week  |
| 26 August         | Book Parade at 2.30pm                              |
| 5 – 9 September   | Electricity Safety Week                            |
| 5 September       | Life Education Van visit                           |
| 10 September      | Bush Dance   |
| 12 – 14 September | Public Schools of Orange – Performing Arts Project |
| 23 September      | Last day of Term 3                                 |

## Messages from the Principal

### Carparking in a School Zone

Orange City Council's Parking Officer visited the school last Friday to discuss our current parking situation following concerns raised by a local resident. Council informed us that parking on the grassed areas (on both sides of the road) within a school zone is considered parking on the 'nature strip' and as such is illegal at all times of the day (please see the attached arial view indicating the approximate school zone area).

Due to safety concerns raised by the Council Parking Officer we are asking that parents and carers please only use the designated school carpark to drop off and pick up students. We will endeavour to provide alternative parking arrangements for special events in the interim.

The Parking Officer has taken our concerns regarding the limited parking and is preparing a report for council to investigate options to alleviate congestion. We thank you for your understanding and support with this matter. More information surrounding parking will be provided at the P&C meeting next Wednesday.



### **Jeans for Genes Day**

Last Friday 5 August, our wonderful students wore their denim for Jeans for Genes Day to raise funds and awareness for the 1 in 20 children facing a birth defect or genetic disease. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause where we raised over \$200!! All funds will be donated to the Children's Medical Research Institute to help find cures for genetic diseases affecting Australian children.



### **Open Classrooms**

An invitation is extended to parents and carers for our Open Classrooms afternoon next Wednesday, 17 August as part of our Education Week celebrations. This is an opportunity for you to view the recent changes with the relocation of classes to different areas of the school to support learning outcomes.

Parking for this event will be provided on the school oval, through the double gates. Please follow parking instructions and stay behind the coloured cones.

Mrs Louise Lloyd  
R/Principal

## **Weekly Awards**

### **Student of the Week**

Kenzie, Gracie, and Daphnie

### **Merit Award**

Sienna, Amber, and Max

### **Birthdays**

Kaitlyn



## **News from the classrooms**

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

K/1 have been busy learning where the sounds are in each word. This is allowing the children to break up words when spelling and putting the correct sound in each place. Also, we have been reading our decodable readers within the classroom with remarkable success.

In Maths this week, we are learning about equal groups and introducing to the kindergarten children the terms of divide, division, and equal groups.

We are focusing on artists and why they create the work they do. For the last few weeks we have been looking at Vincent van Gogh and the children are super excited for you to come in and see their artwork next week.

Thank you to all the children who come prepared with their news items each week. Please remember to practise sight words every night as I test the children every Friday. Have a spectacular week!

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

2/3 enjoyed creating their own special blankets in Visual Art last week finishing off our study of the imaginative text 'My Two Blankets'. Make sure you check these out during our open classrooms next week.

Students are enjoying learning about different addition and subtraction strategies in Maths and a few have become quite handy at solving two - and three-digit problems using the split and regrouping strategies. This week we are focusing on multiplication and division strategies revisiting arrays, repeated addition, and inverse relationships. We will also be exploring fun ways to learn our times tables.

As National Science week is just around the corner, we have been thinking about and discussing fun things we can do to explore our world through science. Yesterday, we looked at the different beak's birds have and their uses and designed our own bird feeders by drawing these and labelling the different parts. We hope to create our own bird feeder next week using recycled materials and appropriate foods for the birds.

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

Last week our class commenced our public speaking program where speakers were asked to present a 2 minute talk about a song that makes them happy. Everyone was brave enough to have a go and we all enjoyed a wide range of song choices as well as hearing the stories behind why each song was chosen.

Our next round of speeches commences in Week 5 and focus on our Science, where we are diving into the world of Chemistry and considering materials and their purpose. The Speaking topic asks students to stretch their creative muscles and come up with an alternative use for a bowl of jelly! We look forward to being entertained with some fun ideas.

In Maths we are focusing on fluency and speed with our times tables this term. Please assist with helping your child to practice at home when possible.



Last week we made pastries as part of our Food Technology learning. Here's a shot of our proud chefs who created some delicious Apple Flower Tarts 🍌

## STPS News

### Enrolments for 2023

As we move through Term 3, the department starts to focus on enrolments for 2023. If you have children starting school next year or know of anyone moving to the area or looking for a great small rural school, please ask them to contact the office for an information pack and enrolment form.

Students currently attending Spring Into School and commencing Kinder in 2023 at Spring Terrace will have an enrolment form and information pack sent home in the coming weeks.

### Year 6 and Staff shirts

Our Year 6 students received their new shirt yesterday and we look forward to them wearing these on Fridays. Staff have also received their shirts and will wear these on sports days.

### Student Health

Last week we had a number of students unwell at school. If students come to school with cold and flu like symptoms or if they become unwell at school, a phone call will be made for them to be collected. During winter it is hard to keep everyone away from germs and we are asking for your support in minimising transmission of sicknesses and to keep children home until they are well.

### Book Week



The theme for this year's book week is 'Dreaming with eyes open'. The CBCA Book Week is a fantastic event to promote the joy reading can bring to young minds. This year we also have a special interactive online presentation. Students will participate in the Book Week parade on Friday, 26 August at 2.30pm with parents, carers, and family welcome to attend the book week parade.

## Life Education Van visit

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on Monday 5 September. The Life Education program provides valuable lessons exploring healthy eating, personal safety, physical activity, positive relationships, cybersafety and the impact of alcohol and other drugs.

All sessions are age appropriate and aligned to the NSW PDHPW syllabus and the Australian School Curriculum. An information sheet with permission note and merchandise order form is attached to this newsletter and must be returned to school no later than Thursday 25 August.



## Lost Property

There have been a few lost jumpers over recent weeks. Could you please check all your children's jumpers and please return any that do not belong to your family. It is important that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and most importantly if you have purchased second hand from the clothing pool to update the name so lost clothing can be returned to the right person.

## P&C News

### P&C Meeting

A reminder about the P&C meeting next Wednesday afternoon, 17 August after open classrooms.

### Bush Dance

Remember to purchase your tickets to this community event. It should be a wonderful evening! Share this with your family, friends, and neighbours to make it a great night and support a local band.

Bec Robinson  
P&C President

## Community News and Information

### Get Active with Scouts!

Scouts welcomes children and young people from Kindy to Year 12, offering a safe and supportive environment where your child can make new friends, learn life skills and embark on new adventures!

Your local Scout Group is:  
**3rd Orange Scouts.**

Please contact the group leader Wontolla (Rob Barrett) at  
[GL.3rdOrange@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:GL.3rdOrange@nsw.scouts.com.au)

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| <br>Ages: 5 - 8 years<br>Night: Tuesday<br>Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm     | <br>Ages: 8 - 11 years<br>Night: Monday<br>Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm  | <br>Ages: 11 - 14 years<br>Night: Thursday<br>Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm |
| <br>Ages: 14 - 19 years<br>Night: Wednesday<br>Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm | <br>Ages: 18 - 26 years<br>Ask About The Golden West Rover Crew | <br>Leaders<br>Ages: 18+ years                                    |

Scouts is an eligible provider of the NSW Government's Active Kids Program. Scan the QR code to claim your child's Active Kids voucher and SAVE \$100 on joining and membership fees!

