Spring Terrace Newsletter

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Week 5 Term 3 2022 What's on at STPS Date: Activity National Science Week 15 – 19 August 17 August Education Week Open Classrooms and P&C Meeting 22 – 26 August Book Week 26 August Book Parade at 9.30am (Please note the change of time) 5 – 9 September **Electricity Safety Week** 5 September Life Education Van visit 8 September Cricket Blast School Cup 10 September **Bush Dance** 12 – 14 September Public Schools of Orange - Performing Arts Project Western Districts Athletics Carnival in Dubbo 16 September 23 September Last day of Term 3 Messages from the Principal

Public Schools Orange – Performing Arts Project

Our school will be performing a dance to the song 'Footloose' on Tuesday 13 September 2022 at the Orange Civic Theatre commencing at 7.30pm in the PSO Performing Arts Project. All students have been practising the dance at school. An expression of interest note is attached to this newsletter to determine the number of children participating in the night-time show.



Please keep an eye out for when the tickets go on sale. (We will be advertising these through our newsletter and Facebook pages.)

This is an initiative that involves every Public Primary and High School in the Orange Education Directorate. Any money raised from these concerts will be focussed in bringing quality workshops to the Orange schools. This will help us to enhance the skills of students and their teachers.

Open Classrooms

A reminder to families that tomorrow is our Open Classrooms afternoon from 1.00pm and then joining your child/ren for recess outside - weather permitting. (Please bring your own food). We look forward to seeing you at our school. Please remember to wear a mask indoors to help us remain COVID safe – Thank you 😊

Orange Small Schools Woolworths Cricket Blast Cup

The annual Cricket Blast Cup challenge will be run on Thursday 8 September at Jack Brabham Oval in Orange. This event is conducted in a fun, safe, learning environment to experience cricket in a participation-based format. Teams consist of 8-10 players from years 3 to 6 with a rotation for 8 a side to maximise enjoyment of the game. An information sheet and permission note is attached to this newsletter for students in years 3 to 6.

The day will run from 9.15am to 2.30pm and parent transport is required to and from the venue. As this is a Thursday, students who would normally order a Friday lunch with Shirl can bring their lunch order to the office on the Wednesday and Ms Symons will give them to Shirl on Thursday morning.

Social Media and young people

Jeff Mullins, Police Youth Officer has reached out to schools in the Orange area regarding the extreme amount of sexting, sextortion and social media bullying reports received at Orange Police Station from children aged between 10 and 14. It's imperative all schools and parents are aware and monitoring social media activity. Thousands of dollars are being extorted from children who have made the mistake of sexting to a stranger. There is most likely 10 times the victim's out there who are too afraid to step forward. This is rife in all schools and whilst the conversation can be difficult to have, it's imperative all children and parents are made aware.

Presentations are planned for Monday 12 September at Calare Public School from 6.00pm, with the presentation going for approximately one hour.



Jeffery MULLINS Youth Officer Orange Police Station A second presentation at Canobolas High, (date and time still to be provided) is also planned providing two options for families to attend to assist with both availability and reasonable proximity, whilst keeping the event free.

Mrs Louise Lloyd R/Principal

Student of the Week

Lilah, Henry, and Alex

<u>Merit Award</u> Riley, Harvey, and Kaitlyn

<u>Birthdays</u>

Joseph and Lilliana

News from the classrooms

Weekly Awards

K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison

Oh! we're halfway there! Week 5 is revision week for the K/1 students. We will revise our phonics, how we write complete sentences and focus on our decodable readers. Many children have been reading the decodable readers with me and their 'sounding out' skills have improved greatly. Keep up the fantastic work! We had some incredibly happy children on Friday, congratulations to those children who passed their sight words levels.

In Maths, we have booklets to reinforce what has been taught for this term and the previous terms. Have an awesome week!

Year 2/3 Classroom with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee

2/3 are excited to be hosting our parents, carers, family, and friends during our Open Day tomorrow. We hope you can join us as we are excited to be making some bird feeders to celebrate National Science Week as well.

In English we will begin writing our information reports on bees and other insects with fractions being our focus in Mathematics. We will use concrete materials, number lines and everyday objects to have fun exploring fractions. In History we begin a new unit looking at historical sites. This week's site is 'Port Arthur'.

We have also been busy learning our dance 'Footloose' for the Public Schools Orange – Performing Arts Project. Have a wonderful week 😊

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

We are very excited about Science Week and Open Classrooms this week. Each day we are focusing at least one of our lessons on the Science Week theme of *Glass*. We are looking at how glass bends, how glass is made, ways in which we use glass, the recycling process, as well as listening to songs with glass in their title, writing glass poetry and making magnifying glass cookies to share at tomorrow's picnic.

Don't forget to ask your child what we've been up to in these activities and what they've learnt! We look forward to welcoming parents, carers, and family members into our class tomorrow, where we are making rockets which we will then launch.

Please could you send your child in with a toilet roll inner cardboard tube by Thursday – we are making kaleidoscopes in Science on Friday. Many thanks.

STPS News

COVID Smart measures for Term 3

As we continue to prioritise student and staff learning and wellbeing while at school, our layered COVID-smart measures will continue for Term 3. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff, and household contacts attending school to learn and work
- encouraging students, staff and their families to get a flu vaccination
- good hygiene practices
- maximising natural ventilation
- responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

Continuing these baseline COVID-smart measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while giving our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term.

Science Week

Science Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics STEM). This year's theme is

Glass: More than meets the eye;' This week, classes are incorporating science into other areas of their learning.







The Primary Class made magnifying cookies this afternoon.

Each day there is something different happening. The link below is provided by the department to encourage our budding scientists to further explore the realms of Science. <u>https://edit.sws.schools.nsw.gov.au/editor.html/content/doe/sws/schools/s/springterr-p/www/news/2022/8/ignite-your-imagination-during-science-week.html</u>



Book Parade



Our Book Week parade is fast approaching for next Friday, 26 August. The theme this year is 'Dreaming with eyes open' Parents and families are invited to attend the parade at **9.30am (Please note the change of time).**

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day and to tell their classmates about why they have chosen the character. They can even bring the book!

P&C News

Unfortunately, our last Gardening day for Winter was cancelled on Sunday due to the poor weather and the ground being waterlogged. Keep an eye on the Spring Into Gardening Facebook posts for information and updates on what's planned for Spring.

Don't forget tomorrow is open classrooms followed by the P&C Meeting. It would be good to see as many parents as possible stay for the meeting. Parking will be a discussion topic that is becoming critical as highlighted in last week's newsletter.

The bush dance is getting closer, if you haven't purchased your tickets yet or spread the word to family and friends please do so. It is a great opportunity to enjoy a social gathering and listen to November Shorn.

Bec Robinson P&C President



