

# Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

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**Term 4**

**Week 3**

**2022**

## What's on at STPS

### **Date:**

26 October

27 October

28 October

31 October

3 November

5 & 6 November

22 November

28 & 29 November

13 December

15 December

16 December

### **Activity**

P&C Annual General Meeting

Banjo Paterson Poetry workshop Incursion Yrs 4 and 5

Book Club order due by today

World Teachers Day

NAIDOC Week March in Orange

NAIDOC celebrations and First Nation games at school

Garden Ramble

Excursion to Bathurst Fossil Museum and Adventure Playground

Personalised Learning and Support Plan review meetings

Annual Presentation evening

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Last day of school for students

## Messages from the Principal

### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Welcome to Gideon, Kai, Sophie, Rose, Jayden, Sophia, Jack, Saxon and James to their first day of Kinder orientation today. The K/1 class and Miss Hutchison enjoyed having you in their class this morning. Orientation runs for the next 3 Tuesdays and provides the opportunity for these new starters to experience the classroom environment. Remember to book in for your child's Best Start Assessment with Ms Symons at the front office, these bookings opened today.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our information evening last week. It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic parents and prospective students joining our small school community.

### **P&C Annual General Meeting**

A reminder to all families that supporting our school through involvement in the P&C Association provides an opportunity to become an integral part of the Spring Terrace School community.

Please make the effort to attend the meeting tomorrow afternoon and I encourage you to consider taking on one of the roles of the committee for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Clothing Pool Coordinator, Canteen Coordinator or Fund-Raising Coordinator. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work.'

### **NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

A reminder that next Monday students and teachers will be travelling to Orange for the NAIDOC Week March and community gathering in Robertson Park. Whilst there, we will view the Young Archie exhibition before walking to the pool for our weekly swimming lesson. Parents are to pick up their child/ren as normal arrangements from the pool after swimming.

On Thursday we are looking forward to welcoming families to school for our sausage sizzle and First Nation Games in the afternoon. If you haven't returned the bottom section of your permission note for these events please do so by tomorrow.

### **Personalised Learning and Support Plan meetings (PLSP's) – Save the date**

This term we will be conducting our review/future planning meetings for our Personalised Learning and Support Plans formally known as IEPs. These will be held during school hours in Week 8 when Mrs Lee will be here to cover classes for the teachers to attend the meetings.

A letter will be coming home for those students identified as requiring a PLSP. Half hour meetings will be scheduled for each student requiring one. Bookings are open for parents/carers to secure their spot. Students are welcome to attend this meeting. Please make your booking by calling the school office.

Mrs Louise Lloyd  
R/Principal

### **Weekly Awards**

#### **Student of the Week**

Clara, Jessica and Hugh

#### **Merit Award**

Tyler D, Harvey and Riley

#### **Birthdays**

Zara and Jade



### **News from the classrooms**

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

We had the pleasure of having the kindergarteners of 2023 visiting our classroom today. All the children should be congratulated on their beautiful behaviour and were great role models to the younger ones.

In English, we are focussing on our story writing and the purpose of the correct punctuation and using interesting words.

In Maths, we are looking at subtraction and have been drawing our number lines on the concrete outside to solve our subtraction problems.

Homework was sent home today, please check school bags tonight. Have a good week!

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

Week three is shaping up to be another busy week packed with fun learning experiences. This week we began by having Technology with Mrs Lee and learning about creating word documents. We also headed off to the swimming pool for our first full swimming lesson.

In English, we are learning about prepositions in grammar, audience and purpose in writing as well as continuing our awesome progress with comprehension in reading.

In Maths, we are again focusing on how to add up money, give change and round off to the nearest dollar/cents. At the end of the week, you might see us buying and selling classroom items for a bit of fun.

In Geography, we are exploring how to travel smart and how technology has improved the ease with which we travel over time.

Whilst in Science, we will continue to examine the forces of push and pull using a car launcher. I cannot wait to see how far these cars will go!

Remember to bring your homework in on Friday's and practice your 2x or 3x tables for our challenge on Friday as well. Congratulations to Felix, Jack and Henry for correctly saying their 2x tables last Friday – the challenge is on!

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

The term has well and truly accelerated, and we are all enjoying the new projects that Term 4 brings. Pictured here, you can see 3/4/5/6 having fun drumming with Mrs Denham as we prepare for our musical performance later this term.



We have enjoyed both swimming lessons to date and it is wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about this sporting opportunity. Many are to be congratulated for demonstrating courage and perseverance when it comes to facing challenges (such as learning new swimming skills).

In our class we have been learning about getting out of our comfort zone and taking risks with learning. We have also been focusing on learning from mistakes and how valuable **not** getting things right the first time can actually be! We are looking forward to NAIDOC Week next week, particularly Monday's march and our BBQ and games event here at school on Thursday next week. We hope to see you then!

## STPS News

### NSW Police Visit

Senior Constable Jane Heffernan visited our Year 5 and 6 students last Thursday with Mrs Fryda to talk to students about safety and making good choices as they transition into High School. We learnt about the importance of trusting your gut feelings when faced with tricky peer related issues and were given strategies to ensure we remain safe. Topics such as online safety, High School friendships, bullying and vaping were covered. If your child attended this presentation and you would like to learn more details about what was covered, please feel free to contact Mrs Fryda who would be happy to share these details with parents.

I was particularly proud with the manner in which our senior students engaged with Senior Constable Heffernan during this presentation. Everyone present listened respectfully, asked excellent questions and contributed thoughtfully throughout our discussion. Well done to all involved.



### Young Archie Artists



Congratulations to Kenzie and Clara on being selected to represent Spring Terrace Public School in the Young Archies event. These students, their families and teachers have been invited to the opening night of this exhibition on Thursday afternoon this week. It will be wonderful to see their artwork displayed alongside students from other schools all around Orange.

### Banjo Paterson Poetry Incursion

Students in Years 4 and 5 will participate in an afternoon of Poetry writing with Mrs Fryda and guest poets as part of the annual Banjo Paterson Initiative on Thursday. We look forward to hearing their poems after this workshop.

## **World Teachers Day**



Spring Terrace Public School is very fortunate to have a group of dedicated and passionate teachers in our school. Our students come to school with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn every day which is a reflection of the experience and expertise provided by Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Fryda, Miss Hutchison, Mrs Lee and Mrs Doherty. Thank you to each one of you for your commitment to making Spring Terrace School a great place to be.

Our senior students took the opportunity to interview our teachers today and ask them a few questions about their life as a teacher.

*Miss Hutchison – interviewed by Edith, Millie and Penny.*

Q - What is your favourite thing about teaching?

A – Seeing at the end of the year the progress the kindies have made.

Q – How long did it take you to teach your own class?

A – Four years of training

Q – What made you decide to become a teacher?

A – I got into teaching at Uni

Q – Why do you like teaching younger children?

A- Because you can see their growth

Q – Out of the schools you have taught which one is your favourite?

A – Manly Village Public because of water sports and Spring Terrace because of the nice grounds and animals.

*Mrs Fryda – Interviewed by Kaitlyn*

Q – How long have you been a teacher for?

A – Since 1987 but I had Three years off for my children, so 32 years

Q – What do you enjoy most about teaching?

A – I like learning from the children in my class.

What is the funniest thing you have seen in class?

A – I was teaching Kindy, getting ready for swimming and a little boy came out of the changerooms wearing just shoes and socks, although completely naked he asked 'where is my hat'

Q – Do you get free time at school?

A – Not really, because if I am not on class I am marking. But at home I like to watch garbage on TV.

*Mrs Lloyd – interviewed by Tyler D*

Q – What is the most rewarding thing about being a teacher?

A – Seeing kids learn

Q – How many schools have you taught at?

A – Twelve

Q – What is the trickiest task you have ever had to do while teaching?

A – Getting the class to leave the room while a student was swinging from my hair.

## **Library and overdue books**

Overdue Library book notices are attached to this newsletter for students who have not returned books. Reminders have previously been sent out for some students and failure to return a library book or returning a damaged or destroyed book will incur an invoice. Invoices will be sent home next week requesting the costs be provided to allow the school to source a replacement book for our Library. Students will not be allowed borrow until the overdue book is returned or the invoice paid.



## Being SunSafe and SunSmart

### Sunsmart Snippet

What's the UV right now?

Think UV not heat. UV can't be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.



Check the SunSmart app everyday to find out your local UV levels and sun protection times to protect yourself from skin cancer.

Remember to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE when the UV is 3 or above.



[sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://sunsmartnsw.com.au)

Even when the sun isn't shining brightly we are still affected by UV rays and exposure to skin damage. UV levels are high enough at UV3 or above to damage unprotected skin most months of the year and can be present even on cool and cloudy days. This means sun protection may be needed even when the sun is not visible.

The UV index is a scale from 1 (low) to 11+ (extreme) usually peaking between 11.00am and 3.00pm during daylight savings. We can't see UV so we need to protect ourselves with brimmed hats, wearing sun protective clothing and sunscreen on exposed skin, wearing sunglasses and finding shade whenever possible to minimise exposure.

Spring Terrace continually reminds students to wear their hats when outdoors and reinforces the 'No Hat – No Play' policy. As we get closer to 'Summer' if it ever stops raining we might see more sunshine.

Remember ... protect your skin in five ways



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



SEEK



SLIDE

## P&C News

Our AGM is being held tomorrow afternoon, we would love to see as many people as we can! fresh faces, ideas and hands will make for a productive 2023!

### Garden Ramble

Helper form is attached, please please please if you can spare half a day to spend in a gorgeous garden providing food and drink to great people whilst enjoying each other's company! We will be located at Garden 4 'Willowdale' on the Millthorpe-Blayney Road as shown on the brochure below or have a look at their website for more information. <http://www.millthorpegardenramble.com.au/>

Bec Robinson  
P&C President





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**2023 MUSIC  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

APPLY NOW TO BE PART OF THE ORC'S INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS.

**Applications close Friday 4 November 5pm**  
**Auditions held Saturday 12 November**

For a full list of available scholarships and application form please visit:  
**[orangecon.org.au/scholarships](https://orangecon.org.au/scholarships)**

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Enter the 'What's in your  
backyard?' photo competition

**Lots of prizes  
up for grabs!**

- Major school prize  
meet & greet with Costa\*
- 9x Cameras
- Environmental  
book hampers

\*Visit may be in person or virtual, subject to availability.

### Have you entered the 'What's in your backyard?' photo competition?

Entries are pouring in for the 'What's in your backyard?' photo competition with Junior Landcare and host of Gardening Australia and Landcare champion, Costa Georgiadis.

"We're calling on all Aussie kids to get outside and explore their local environment," shares Costa. "Your backyard might be a garden. If you live in an apartment, your garden could be plants on your balcony. You may live near a park or bushland area, or a river or wetland. You may live on the coast close to the sea, or on a farm – these all count as your backyard!"

Children, schools and youth groups (via their parents, carers or educators) can submit as many photos as they like under one of four themes – biodiversity, food production, First Nations perspectives and waste management – and explain to Costa why their photo is special to them for a chance to win.

Lots of great prizes are up for grabs, including book hampers, cameras and a visit from Costa himself for the winning school or youth group (this may be in-person or virtual).

**Competition closes 31 October 2022, so put on your nature goggles and get snapping!**

Learn more about the competition here:  
<https://juniorlandcare.org.au/campaigns/how-enter-2022-whats-in-your-backyard-competition-costa/>