

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

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Term 4

Week 5

2022

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
9 November	P&C Annual General Meeting
22 November	Excursion to Bathurst Fossil Museum and Adventure Playground
28 & 29 November	Personalised Learning and Support Plan review meetings
13 December	Annual Presentation evening
15 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
16 December	Last day of school for students
30 January 2023	Years 1 – 6 student return to school
	Kindergarten 2023 – Best Start Assessments
31 January 2023	Kindergartens first day of school

Messages from the Principal

Remembrance Day

This Friday, 11 November 2022 students and staff will be holding an assembly prior to lunch to acknowledge Remembrance Day.



Principal Update

Following the recruitment process conducted by Mr Duncan Auld, Director Orange Area Schools, and the selection panel. Mr Auld is advising staff and community that there were no applicants for the position. The Principals position will now be readvertised this week state-wide for another round of recruitment which involves being advertised for 2 weeks, a week for shortlisting and then interviews. This means that the outcome of the next phase will not be available until the end of Week 8 at the earliest.

NAIDOC Events

Sadly, these events were cancelled or postponed due to poor weather last week. Please watch this space for another suitable date and time when we can hold our NAIDOC celebrations and games afternoon. We will do this as soon as possible and when we are able to use the multipurpose court space again.

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held this Wednesday afternoon at school from 3.30pm. If it is raining it will move into the 2/3 classroom in the admin building. We look forward to seeing everyone there. All positions will be declared vacant for election of office bearers. Please consider how you can support the P&C and our school community for the coming year.

Garden Ramble

Thank you to those parents and friends who were able to support the P&C over the weekend catering for the fundraising event at the 'Millthorpe Garden Ramble'. Your willingness to give up a few hours of your time was very much appreciated.

Mrs Louise Lloyd
R/Principal

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week

Dakoda, Lawson and Millie

Merit Award

Jade, Jack and Harry

Birthdays

Jack



News from the classrooms

K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison

This week our focus in Maths is revision and consolidating our learning from the first half of the term.

The children are enjoying our Geography topic of 'Places' and we will continue to work on this during the week.

Homework was sent home today, please practice your child's sight words with them and continue to read with them each night. Regular reading is the best way to reinforce this skill and helps your child to recognise words.

Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine ☀️

Year 2/3 Classroom with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee

A huge thank you to Mrs Lee, Miss Hutchison and Mrs Fryda for looking after 2/3 in my absence. Whilst it is tricky being away from school, knowing the students are in capable hands makes it so much easier. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces upon my return and to hear about the activities and adventures they had in my absence. It was sad to see the loss of the beautiful trees, but thankfully no one was hurt and no major structural damage occurred.

Homework will recommence this week with our continued focus on learning our times tables and spelling words.

In Maths, students will be revising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies and applying their knowledge to solve number problems.

Whilst in English, students will be learning about how to create interesting 'hooks' to engage their audience when beginning a piece of text.

We will be conducting experiments to examine the properties of force and gravity in Science, and we will look at how Technology has improved people's access to other places in geography.

It is great to see everyone trying their best in the swimming pool. Water safety is so important, and it is wonderful to be able to gain confidence in the water through this wonderful program. Keep up the wonderful effort everyone! 😊

Years 3/4/5/6 with Ms Fryda

Another jam-packed week is here and our class appears to have recovered from last week's windy and tree-blown adventures! Whilst it is a shame that we lost two beloved trees, we are lucky that the first one caused minimal damage and that both fell when no one was around.

Despite all the weather-related excitement, we still managed to spend some time reading for pleasure as part of our *Reading Badges Project*, set up by Mr Jono. In the photos below you can see us reading in a number of contexts, demonstrating that nowhere is off limits for enjoying a good book!



Many families appeared to enjoy the Maths Homework Challenge from last week. This challenge was sourced from a great Maths website – **Nrich.maths.org** which encourages children to work mathematically and put taught numeracy skills into action. If you are looking for a fun Maths based activity during the break, it is well worth visiting this site. We will attempt a few more of their activities before the end of term.

This week we are also learning a little more about Remembrance Day. I will be asking anyone who has family war treasures (medals, photos, etc) to consider bringing them in on Friday and to share the stories around how war has affected our own families. Rest assured, any treasured items sent in for the day will be securely locked away once we have finished looking at them and they will be immediately sent home again on Friday afternoon. Many thanks and have a super week 😊

STPS News

Trees

What an interesting time we have had with the storm damage. A second tree went down on Tuesday night causing quite a lot of damage and destruction to garden sheds, fencing and chook house. The chooks survived unscathed and have been temporarily rehomed until the surrounding areas are assessed, repaired or rebuilt.

The dead Pine also had to come down as it was deemed 'too exposed' and presented significant risk. The students were most enthralled with the process by the Arborists on Thursday and watched the felling of the pine tree from a safe distance.

We have retained the wood chip and some tree trunk pieces for the garden to create a learning / yarning space once repatriation of the area has been completed.



Community Garden access

Temporary fencing has been installed around the community garden area to isolate the damage from the trees. Access to the garden is via the gate in the carpark. Please be mindful there is still a lot of work to be done to clean up and repair the damage.

Water to the garden has been isolated due to the damage to the pipes. Hopefully the showers are sufficient to keep the veggies alive until the water can be reconnected.

Mozzies and biting insects

With the continued wet weather, there are a high number of mozzies about and children are getting bitten. Please consider providing them with some form of protection in the morning, particularly now with the number of mosquito borne diseases prevalent in the environment.

Healthy Lunches



Teachers have noticed that students are coming to school with lunchboxes filled with processed and packaged foods and insufficient amounts for the age and activity level of the child. Please consider healthy lunchbox ideas that provide a balanced days intake. A water bottle is also an important inclusion in a school bag.

There are a number of websites and programs that support healthy lunchbox ideas, providing recipes for simple solutions to creating variety and interesting food choices. Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet from the NSW Government supporting healthy lunches.

Spring Into School

Families are reminded that if they have not paid their Term 4 fees they are overdue. Please make arrangements to pay these as soon as possible.

Kinder 2023

Children commencing Kinder in 2023 at Spring Terrace need to be registered to enrol so please return their enrolment form to the office along with the required proof of ID and associated forms at your earliest convenience. Don't forget to book in for Best Start Assessment for your child on Monday 30 January 2023.

Personalised Learning and Support Plan bookings.

If you haven't already booked your meeting time for your child's personalised learning and support review please contact the office as soon as possible. These meetings are important and help parents, teachers and support staff to provide the best education opportunities for our students. Phone calls will be made next week for those parents not booked in to ensure every child's plan is reviewed/made prior to the commencement of 2023.

Enrolling Now

Thank you to Redgum Signs for our new 'Enrol Now' promotional banner and to Mr Davis for attaching it to our front fence promoting our wonderful school to the community.



P&C News

What a wonderful weekend the Millthorpe Garden Ramble was!

I would really like to extend my thanks to those who gave up their weekend to run our stand and bake delicious treats. It was a beautiful location to spend the day and enjoy some sunshine!

Our total sales came in at \$2194.00. I will update the total profit next week once receipts are collected. Thank you to the Milthorpe community for holding such an extraordinary event and inviting Spring Terrace Public School P&C back each year.

A couple of reminders

P&C Membership - \$2 per person, grandparents and family members are also welcomed as members, especially in the likelihood of attending events and meetings. Please return this ASAP. if you require a new form please ask in the office!

Our AGM is being held tomorrow. We would love to see you there and have some new faces amongst the regulars! After school hours in the COLA. Look forward to seeing you there

Bec Robinson
P&C President