

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 4

Week 8

2022

What's on at STPS

Date:

30 November

1 December

5 December

13 December

15 December

16 December

31 January 2023

1 February 2023

Activity

Wind Generation Incursion

NAIDOC Celebrations day

Final swimming lesson for the year

Annual Presentation evening

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Last day of school for students

Years 1 – 6 student return to school

Kindergarten 2023 – Best Start Assessments

Kindergartens first day of school

Messages from the Principal



Little First Aiders

Our younger students completed their Little First Aider program over the last two weeks. The Students have learnt about minor and major accidents and calling 000 and the importance of knowing their name, address etc. looking for danger and seeking a response from a casualty.

Principal Position

I received communication from Mr Duncan Auld regarding the advertised Principal position at Spring Terrace Public School. Unfortunately, there was no successful candidate who met the criteria. Mr Auld informs the school that he is submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) advertisement this week to try and attract an Acting Principal for Term 1 2023 prior to the end of this Term. An update will be provided as soon as we are notified of the outcome.

Personalise Learning and Support Planning Meetings

These were held yesterday and today and we thank Mrs Lee for coming in on her day off to help facilitate the smooth running of these. A huge thank you to our wonderful parents for making the time to join us in our review and planning for our students through these meetings. We look forward to implementing these plans in the new year.

NAIDOC Celebrations

This Thursday is our NAIDOC celebrations day where students will participate in a variety of activities throughout the morning and share a sausage sizzle lunch before NAIDOC Awards will be presented to students prior to our First Nations games afternoon.

Annual School Presentation Evening

Attached to this newsletter is an invitation for parents, carers and extended family to attend our annual presentation evening on Tuesday 13 December. This year we are able to extend the invitation as we no longer have restrictions for COVID. However we do ask, if you have COVID or symptoms please do not attend.

School Reports

Staff are busy preparing the students reports. These should be going home on Friday 9 December with your child. Duplicate copies for those families requiring these will go with the child or by mail upon request. Please let the office know if you wish to have a duplicate copy.

Swimming

Next week will be our final swimming lesson for the year. We are proud of all students for their willingness and enthusiasm demonstrated by their efforts in the pool. The last class will be focusing on survival skills. The more confident students may bring an old pair of long pants and long sleeved T-shirt or pyjamas to practice survival swimming in clothing. Keep up your hard work, swimming is such an important skill to learn!

Mrs Louise Lloyd
A/Principal

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week

Harvey, Dakota, and Evie

Merit Award

Gracie, Hugh, and Myles

Birthdays

Harvey



News from the classrooms

K/1 Classroom with Miss Hutchison

The end of the school year is approaching fast. We are getting into our wind down mode and finishing off all our units of work. This will be our last week of homework, which is spelling and sentence writing.

We have a busy week ahead, with the Science of Wind incursion tomorrow and NAIDOC celebrations on Thursday and we are all looking forward to seeing you.
Have a tremendous week!

Year 2/3 Classroom with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Lee

A big shout out to Mr Edwards for taking care of 2/3 in my absence. I am sure the students had a wonderful time learning with Mr Edwards.

This week is jam packed with fun and exciting items. We had swimming yesterday; tomorrow we have a visit from Flyers Creek Wind Farm - Iberdrola Australia who will be presenting "The Science of Air" to talk about renewable energy and wind farms. On **Thursday** we are going to be participating in **NAIDOC** activities for the whole day, including listening to 'Dreamtime' stories, participating in dance and craft activities, with a sausage sizzle and games afternoon to round off the day. I cannot wait!

This **Friday** we will be making Pizza's as part of our procedures unit and a reward for dojo points gained in class. Mrs Lloyd will be supplying the ingredients for students to build their own Pizza.

As the year draws to a close, the students will be busy preparing their music and Christmas themed items for our Presentation Night assembly. Our literacy and numeracy learning will be continuing as will our units in child protection, Science and Geography.

This is the last week of homework for 2022, however, 2/3 will continue to test themselves with our times tables challenge.

Have a fabulous week! 😊

Years 3/4/5/6 with Ms Fryda

It is hard to believe that the school year is quickly coming to an end. However, this doesn't mean we have slowed down with our learning activities at all.

This week we are busy finishing our literacy unit around animal cruelty. This has involved a film study, along with a number of associated activities. You can see our STEM design challenge from Friday in the photos below. This involved moving an elephant! You can breathe a sigh of relief – no actual elephants were harmed... we used potatoes as substitutes! The task was to design a device to move a baby elephant a certain distance safely and securely. Everyone thoroughly embraced this challenge and there were some fabulously creative ideas put into play.

I look forward to seeing families on Thursday's NAIDOC activity day. Until then, have a wonderful week.



STPS News

Bathurst Excursion and Adventure Playground

As part of our excursion last week, we spent some time having fun at the Bathurst Adventure Playground. This was a wonderful spot – plenty of places to play on equipment or just run about and enjoy the fresh air. The flying fox was a hit! The Primary kids had fun in the wooden maze playing tip too. We also discovered some dinosaur eggs and footprints!

Edith

After we enjoyed the park, we went racing (actually slowly puttering around) the race track at Mount Panorama. We went up the track chattering excitedly, then down the other side, still chattering! We finished the race in a record coach speed of about 12 minutes and then headed home.

Millie



Science Experiments

Mr Edwards had the students enthralled with their science experiment last week on launching their hand made boats to see how well they firstly floated, then if they could move them by changing the force of the air or water motion, then how stable the boats were to carry weight.



Lost damaged not returned Library books

As a small school, our Library has a limited budget for maintaining books and resources for our students to use while in school and borrow to take home to enjoy reading. Currently there is \$280.00 worth of books that have not been returned; are lost; damaged beyond use; that are not in our Library for other students to borrow and use.

Please look at home for these books and return to school ASAP or provide payment for a replacement to be purchased. Second Invoice notices are attached to this newsletter for students identified with non-returned books.

Library stocktake will be happening in Week 10 so this week is the last opportunity for students to borrow and all books must be returned by the end of next week.

Book Club

The final book club catalogue for the year closes tonight. If you have ordered books for Christmas, please contact the office so these can be kept aside for pick up and not spoil any surprises.

Scripture

This afternoon was our final scripture lesson for the year. We thank Mrs Carter for her time spent with the children throughout the year to provide Special Religious Education for our school.

P&C News

Gingerbread House Kits have arrived!

We will be holding the gingerbread house making night on Wednesday 7 December. Please RSVP as soon as possible for decorative catering purposes. Bring a plate of nibbles to share and let your festive creativity run wild!

For those that have nominated to purchase a kit. please get in touch for payment and delivery

Tis the Season Everybody!!



Family get together

Please RSVP if you are able to attend the Spring Hill Pub get together this Weekend to either Julia or Myself. This will be a lovely get together for parents, carers, grandparents and kids to relax and enjoy the year that has been.



Garlic Braiding workshop

What a beautiful afternoon spent in the garden on Sunday!

A Garlic Braiding event was held during this session. A special thanks to Julia and Christine for setting up and leading this event.

They look Spectacular!1

Bec Robinson
P&C Vice President

Community News and Information



GERRIC for Gifted Students Program
Helping bright young minds thrive

January 2023
Online & on-campus

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6
The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10
The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.

Follow the QR code for more information about our program.

Scholarships Available!
Contact us: gerric@unsw.edu.au

9-13 January 2023
Online
UNSW Campus, Kensington
9:00am - 3:00pm

Let's talk about... series

**Let's talk about...
Helping your child development**

YGet the ball rolling!

Are you concerned about your child's development and wondering how to best support it? You are not alone.

Join us to learn about the next steps for positive outcomes and connect with parents like you. Our trained parent-peer workers will share their experience in finding the right support for concerns about their child and achieving goals.

Come along to explore:

- Learn how one family took their first step to connect with supports
- Find out about help and services available in your community
- Discover strategies that have worked for children and their families
- Connect with other parents to learn together and share knowledge
- Learn about Now & Next, an award-winning program to achieve positive learning and relationship outcomes for the entire family

Cost
Free

Date and time
Thursday 12 January
8pm to 9pm AEST/Sydney time

Location
Online via Zoom

This program is for
For parents who may have a concern about their child's development and those who have children with disability, regardless of if they have access to NDIS funding.

More information
For more information see the event page or feel free to email mana@plumtree.org.au

Register your interest
plumtree.org.au/event/ta-helping-your-childs-development

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Year 7 2023 Parent Information Evening

30th November 2022
Where: Orange High School
Performing Arts Centre

Time: 5:45 until 7:00 pm with some light refreshments on offer afterwards

Please contact the school if have any questions or queries:
6362 3444



Are you a **student with a disability?**
Or are you a **parent or carer?**

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