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Term 4

Weeks 1 and 2

2023

What's on at STPS

Date:

19 October
25 October
27 October

4 and 5 November

8 November

14 November

15 November

13 December

14 December

18 December

Activity

Intensive Swimming Program commences for 8 weeks

Kindergarten 2024 Orientation Program commences for 4 weeks

World Teachers Day

School Assembly at 1.20 pm

P&C Fundraiser Millthorpe Garden Ramble

P&C Annual General Meeting

OSSA School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal and Performance

OSSA School Spectacular Performance

Annual Presentation Evening

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Last day of 2023 for Students

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we welcome Mr Elliott James as a permanent member of our teaching staff. Although successful in the merit selection process at the end of Term 2, Mr James was unable to begin at Spring Terrace Public School until now, due to relocating from Victoria and becoming a father for the first time.

With Mr James' highly anticipated arrival, on behalf of the school community I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Miss Lucy Menzies who capably stepped into the role of Year 4-6 class teacher on very short notice. This term Miss Menzies will resume sharing teaching duties on 2/3, as well as providing learning support in literacy and numeracy to small groups of students requiring further consolidation. Contact will be made with individual parents/carers advising of the support Miss Menzies will be providing.

Referendum Polling Place

Once again, the commitment of our parent/ carer community was evident on Saturday where a sausage sizzle and cake stall were held. A big thank you to all the parents that contributed to the baking of cakes and slices and to those who gave up some of their Saturday to assist in helping with the barbecue. A special shout out to Bec Robinson who was there from start to finish and played an integral role in setting this up.

Intensive Swimming Program

Our first intensive swimming lesson will take place on Thursday October 19 and will continue on successive Thursdays for the next eight weeks. All permission notes and money must be returned by Wednesday October 18. Students are required to bring their swimmers, thongs for pool deck, towel, goggles (optional), water bottle and jumper to school to each lesson. They will depart school at 1:30pm and travel to Orange Aquatic Centre by bus. Parents and carers are required to collect their child/ren from the Aquatic Centre at 3.10pm.

School Assembly

With our swimming program happening on Thursday's this term our regular fortnightly assemblies will now be held on Fridays alternate odd weeks with the first being held in Week 3 at 1.20 pm.

Kindergarten Transition

Transition sessions will be commencing Wednesday 25 October at 9:30am for Kindergarten 2024 students. An outline for each transition session will be emailed to known parents of children starting in 2024. If you have anyone interested please have them contact the school as soon as possible.

Car Parking and Bus Bay proposed changes

Spring Terrace Public School is undertaking a review of car parking arrangements, including bus bay times to alleviate congestion at critical times of the day. The following is an outcome of discussions with NSW Transport, Department of Education Road Safety Officer and Orange City Council to ensure compliance with all road traffic regulations and rules. The proposal includes reducing the bus bay times to a half hour window spread across the drop off and pick up times, potentially creating a 'Kiss and Drop' zone and increasing the car parking spaces available to visitors during the day. Consultation will be undertaken with school community, P&C and Apple City Tours to determine the most appropriate way forward.

Selective High School Applications

All students in Year 5 received information regarding Selective High School Applications last week. If parents require additional information, please contact Ms Day.

Ms Julie Day
A/Principal

Awards

Birthdays

Kiana, Gracie, and Hugh

News from the classrooms

2/3 grew beans last term as part of their learning in Science. With Mrs Dixon's gardening prowess, they have made a head start in planting the 2/3 bed. During their time in the garden, they engaged in some much-needed weeding!



Redtember Day

Thursday 21 September was Redtember Day to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Central West. Collectively the students raised \$70.00 towards this great cause and had a fantastic day of class activities.



No Hat- Play in the Shade

Whilst we encourage students to always wear a hat when outdoors, during Terms 1 and 4, all students must wear a hat whilst engaging in outdoor activities. Students who do not have a hat or one that is not compliant must play in the shade-generally either under the COLA or shade cloth.



The Cancer Council guidelines for hats are:

No caps

'A broad-brimmed hat with a brim of at least 7.5cm, which shades the face, ears and neck, can block more than 50% of UV radiation to the eyes. Bucket hats with a brim of at least 6cm and legionnaire-style hats with a flap covering the neck are also recommended. The brim width on bucket hats for children should be suitable for the size of their head and shade their face well (minimum of 5 cm as a guide)'.



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OSSA School Spectacular

The OSSA Schools Spectacular is on again this year. Performances will take place on November 14 and 15 at 6pm at the Orange Civic Theatre. Today we had our first rehearsal at Orange Function Centre where our students performed brilliantly. We now have four weeks to continue polishing our dance in preparation for the dress rehearsal on November 14 and night performances. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketek.

School Bus travel 2024

Applications are open for school bus travel for 2024. Term Bus Pass Holders will receive a notification to re-apply with cards mailed out in January 2024. Students who change address or school should renew or update their details before the end of Term 4 via the link [Update a school travel pass | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info) This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of next year.

New students commencing in 2024 should also apply for their travel pass prior to commencement of 2024 school year. [Apply for a school travel pass or School Opal card | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info)

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 7

Issue 7 Book Club orders are due no later than Wednesday 25 October. Please ensure you have completed your online orders by the due date to avoid incurring a separate postage charge on your items. Orders must be completed online through LOOP via the link <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Book Club has initiated the Gift Function to make it easy for parents to give the gift of reading, the **Gift Function on LOOP has automatically been turned on** for this issue. This will allow parents who are giving books as gifts to maintain the surprise gift of reading. Gift orders are intended to be given directly to the parents, not the child.

NOTE: If you are ordering for special occasions please advise the office of collection arrangements. Making a note on your LOOP order does not always mean the office is aware of your request.

School Student Broadband Initiative

The Australian Government is providing up to 30,000 unconnected families with school aged children across Australia with a free National Broadband Network (NBN) connection for 12 months.

To be eligible, a family must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school in 2023
- Have no active NBN service
- Be referred by the Federal Member of Calare

Nominations from families who fit the eligibility criteria to participate should be forwarded to Ms Day for collation and forwarding to the Federal Member, Mr Andrew Gee's office. The information you provide should include:

- Name of Primary contact for the family – a parent or guardian
- Home address where connection is to be installed
- Contact information (preferably email and mobile phone number)

Further information is available on the web: <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/national-broadband-network/school-student-broadband-initiative-ssbi>

How to use the **Gift Function** on Book Club **LOOP**
[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Follow these **easy** steps!

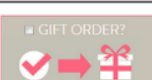
1 **LOG-IN**

2 Select the **ORDER** tab

3 Select your **ISSUE**

4 Check the box **GIFT ORDER**

NOTE: ALL ITEMS ON THIS ORDER WILL BE MARKED AS A GIFT.



5 Enter the book number shown on the Catalogue

6 Select **NEXT** to finalise your order

PLEASE NOTE, THE ITEMS DO NOT COME GIFT WRAPPED.

For books that can be delivered directly to your child, please submit a separate order.

SCHOLASTIC



P&C News

School gardening session Sunday 22 October from 1-3pm.

The aim is to clear 3 raised beds so each class can have their own bed to grow some veggies this term.

The benefits for the kids gardening and growing their own food are endless. The school garden always produces a great yield of healthy veggies. This will be an even better growing season with the kids involved and our army of worms helping us with beautiful healthy soil.

So let's kick things into action and look forward to seeing as many helping hands as possible.



Referendum Day

Thank you to those who volunteered and donated good for last Saturday Democracy Sausage sizzle at the polling booth.

Millthorpe Garden Ramble Fundraiser 4 and 5 November

A reminder about the Garden Ramble coming up in a few weeks, we will be needing volunteers and donations of cold drinks, cakes and slices. Further information will be coming home shortly regarding availability and location for the garden.



Ramble with us this November 4th & 5th, 2023

Annual General Meeting Date

Wednesday 8 November is the next meeting for the P&C will include the Annual General Meeting. A nomination form will be coming home requesting nomination for all positions for the coming next 12 months.

Bec Robinson and Christine Holmes

P&C Joint Presidents

Community News and Information

LIVING WELL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

2023

THEME: THE CONNECTIONS WE CREATE

Connections define our lives, impact well being and evolve over time. It comes in various forms through our lives. We are seeking photographs that capture the essence of human connections and showcase the bonds we form with ourselves, with others and with our surroundings. Show us your connections that foster resilience and well being. Share with us the moments defining connections that gives you hope, strength, and happiness everyday. Along with your photograph we want you to tell us, in a maximum 100 words, the thoughts and feelings behind your photograph.

First Prize \$300
Second Prize \$200
Third Prize \$100

SLHD Staff Award \$100
Technical Award \$100

FREE ENTRY

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
<https://www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/MentalHealth/photocompetition.html>

SUBMISSION BY
31.10.2023

NSW GOVERNMENT | **Health**
Sydney Local Health District

Office for Regional Youth

Help us improve experiences for young people in NSW.

If you are a parent, guardian or member of the community that supports young people aged 12-24 years, we want to hear from you.

We want to understand the priorities for young people and their communities.

The data collected from this survey will help the NSW Government understand the experiences of parents, carers and others who support young people.

Together with data from consultation directly with young people, this will help inform policies to provide better support for them in the future.



Scan the QR code to fill out the survey or visit:
haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/regional-youth-insights



**Do you like swimming?
Come along and swim with us!**



At OAC we cater for kids just wanting to swim for fitness, right through to competitive swimming but most of all have fun with their mates

We have 2 Squad seasons

Summer (October-March) & Winter (April-September).

Development squad starts as low as \$275 a season for up to 4 sessions a week with no need to book in.

If you are wondering weather your child is ready to take the next step in their swimming journey please email us to book in a trial.



Contact us!

president@orangeaquaticclub.com.au



Orange Regional Gallery



Join us for *Bloom*, a spectacular light and sound performance by Kellie O'Dempsey (light) and Mick Dick (sound) on **Friday 3 November 2023** in Robertson Park. *Bloom* will transform the park after dark during two immersive performances at **8 - 8:45pm** and **9:15 - 10pm**.

Bloom is a large-scale live work of light, colour and sound that contemplates the transformational act of unfolding flora. Shape shifting swathes of illuminated colour will metamorphosise and flow gently across the tree-scape of Robertson Park with drawn lines, bold shapes and electric hues unfolding to subterranean sonic tones as if emerging from deep underground.

Bring a picnic rug or chair and enjoy an evening of art in the park.

Bloom is a free Future City Public Art performance funded by the NSW Government and Orange City Council. Bookings are not necessary.

Image: Kellie O'Dempsey (light) Mick Dick (sound) performance as part of *Botanica*, Brisbane Botanical Gardens. Photo: Cian Sanders 2021.



FUTURECITY



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE.

We're looking for people who can provide emergency care, short-term care, care for siblings, or care for children with a disability.

You can be a couple, single or a family, rent or own your home. Carers receive specialist training, financial assistance and support.

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child?

Email WesternNSWcarerenquires@facs.nsw.gov.au directly or visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/carers and click on 'enquire about fostering' to learn more.