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Term 4

Weeks 3 and 4

2023

What's on at STPS

Date:

2 November
4 and 5 November
8 November

9 November
14 November
15 November

16 November
23 November
30 November
7 December
13 December
14 December
18 December
1 February 2024

2 February 2024

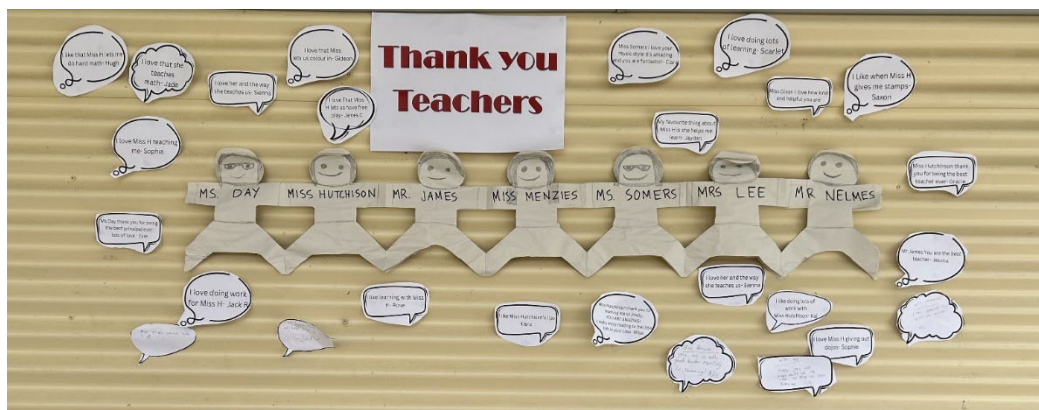
Activity

Swimming Lessons at Orange Aquatic Centre
P&C Fundraiser Millthorpe Garden Ramble
Kindergarten 2024 Transition
P&C Annual General Meeting at 3.20 pm
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OSSA School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal / Night Performance
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Final Swimming Lessons at Orange Aquatic Centre
Annual Presentation Evening at 6.00 pm
Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Last day of 2023 for Students
First day of school for students in Years 1 – 6
Best start Assessment for Kindergarten
Kindergarten first full day

Messages from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, 27 October, was World Teachers' Day. Our teachers were met with a fabulous display of heartfelt comments from students acknowledging the amazing work they do every day. I would like to extend my personal thanks to our teaching staff Miss Zoe Hutchison, Miss Lucy Menzies, Mr Elliott James and Mrs Dale Lee and our casual teachers Mrs Karen Somers and Mrs Dianne Dixon for their hard work and dedication to teaching and caring for the students at Spring Terrace Public School.



OSSA Spectacular

After an impressive rehearsal at the Orange Function Centre, we continue to prepare for the performances on 14 and 15 November. Information regarding the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 14 November and costumes for the Year 3 - 6 dance will be distributed in the coming days. K - 2 students will utilise the same costumes from PSO with black leggings for girls and black pants for boys.

New Laptops from P&C I would like to thank the P&C for funding the purchase of three laptop computers to complement our T4L allocation resulting in eleven new laptops for student use. With these additional devices, embedding Information Technology across all curriculum areas K-6 will be further enhanced.

Digital Classroom Strategy

Under the digital classroom strategy provided by the Department of Education over the past two years we have been fortunate to have Mrs Dale Lee one day a week to support teachers in implementing digital strategies and the use of technology. As part of this program the school was also allocated funding to update our technology equipment. A new 36 port charging cart for the primary classroom is being installed this week.

Kindergarten Orientation

Last Wednesday we welcomed our new students for Kindergarten 2024 for the first of their four weekly transition sessions with Miss Hutchison and 2023 kindergarten students. Hudson, Rydah and Angel had a wonderful day and no doubt they will look forward to seeing their new friends this week. A special thanks goes to Miss Hutchison for her organisation and implementation of this program.

Staffing

The Department of Education introduced a 'Temporary to Permanent' recruitment strategy to fill vacant positions for staff on long term contracts. This phase has been completed and I can advise the following staff have been granted permanency:

- Miss Zoe Hutchison – Teacher (full time)
- Ms Jenny Symons – School Administrative Manager (part time)
- Mr Danny Davis – General Assistant (part time)
- Miss Paige Fulmer – Student Learning Support Officer (part time)

Allergy season

As Spring progresses and blossoms and pollens become more prevalent, some students are suffering symptoms of hay fever and allergic rhinitis. If you feel your child may sometimes require medication to be administered during school hours, please organise a time to discuss their needs and complete the required forms for staff to administer medications. The ASCIA website has some useful information as well as a plan template for management of conditions.

<https://www.allergy.org.au/patients/allergic-rhinitis-hay-fever-and-sinusitis/allergic-rhinitis-treatment-plan>

Ms Julie Day
A/Principal

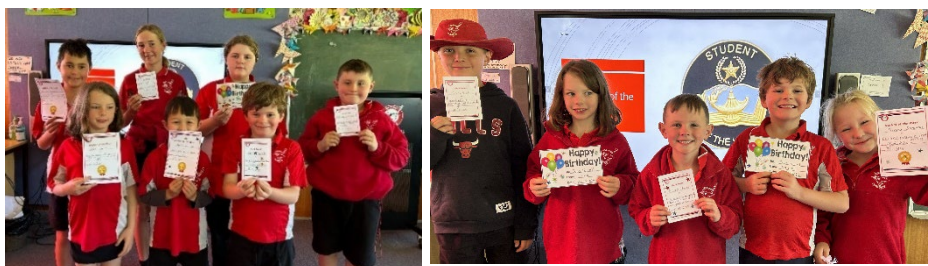
Awards

Student of the Week

James, Harvey and Alex
Sienna, Edith ,Felix

Merit Award

Jade, Zara and Millie
Lincoln, Gideon, Clara



Birthdays

Zara and Jade

News from the classrooms

Students are completing their works for the 'Young Archies' art competition this week and enjoying learning new techniques and different perspectives of portraiture.

The annual 'Young Archies' competition aims to inspire and foster a love of portraiture through providing students within the SPARKE network the opportunity to create a portrait reflecting this years theme of 'Generations' The students are asked to create a portrait depicting a family member, friend or other significant person at a different era in their lives.

Two art works will be selected from each school for the SPARKE final selection for the Art Gallery of NSW exhibition. Locally the Orange area works will be displayed in the CWA Hall in Robertson Park following the official opening on Thursday 9 November.



STPS News

Lost Property

Please ensure your child's name is on all their belonging so they may be returned. If your child accidentally brings home someone else's clothing, hat, lunch box etc please return it back to the class teacher. The weather is still very changeable in the mornings and jumpers come off as the day heats up with many left lying around. If you are missing some ask your child to have a look where they were last playing.

Sports Court

Last week students were granted access to the sports court after nearly a year without it. They were all so excited and could not wait to get the tennis racquets and balls out to play last Monday. Working with the Department of Education and Insurance has taken significant time to have remediation works completed with still more to come to finish the garden area.



Voting BBQ

Thanks everybody who contributed to the voting BBQ whether it be with your time or donating goods. The BBQ made a profit of \$428.00 which is a fantastic effort for a few hours in the sun, chatting to community members, who I must say were very pleased to see us back with democracy sausages and delicious baked treats!

Again, the profit would be far less if it wasn't for such generous donations of goods and baked items! Thank you Families!

P&C Annual General Meeting – Call for nominations

Next Wednesday, 8 November will be the Annual General Meeting of P&C commencing at 3.20pm. A call for nominations form has been sent home to each family. Please consider supporting our fantastic school community by nominating / accepting a role with P&C for the next year.

Garden Ramble

This weekend is one of our major fundraisers for P&C. Millthorpe Garden Ramble is a well patronised event with locals and tourists. We have been allocated a beautiful garden to hold our catering stall. Thank you to those who have nominated a day and time. If you are available to help out please make contact as soon as possible so we can organise rosters.

Donations of cakes, sweets and drinks are greatly appreciated. Even if you are unable to attend Saturday or Sunday donations can be dropped to school Friday afternoon.

Bec Robinson and Christine Holmes
P&C Joint Presidents



Community News and Information

Open Garden

Sunday 19th November 2023
9:00am – 5:00pm
Tormaline Park
1134 Cargo Rd, Orange NSW

Explore four acres of native gardens
\$10 entry

Morning and afternoon tea will be available
Entry fees and plant sales will go towards the
Rotary Daybreak Club as part of their fundraising
for the local trials of cancer treatments

Raffles for Hand Made Jewellery
Locally Made Craft
and Terrariums Available

Hosted by
*The Orange Lapidary
and Mineral Club*

