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Term 4

Weeks 5 and 6

2023

What's on at STPS

Date:

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
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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,

We are now into the final stretch of the term and year! The next couple of weeks will be focused on student assessment in literacy and numeracy in preparation for teachers to write Semester Two reports which will be sent home during the last week of term.

Garden Revitalisation Committee

The P&C meeting was held last Wednesday and it was lovely to see some new faces in attendance to support our incredibly hard-working team. With plans to reintroduce the bike track, relocate the sandpit and the potential creation of a Yarning Circle in the garden area, there are a lot of decisions needing to be made as to how we can best revitalise this space for our students benefit. It was proposed that a separate committee dedicated to revitalising the garden area is formed outside of the P&C.

If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact me via email by the end of this week- julie.day@det.nsw.edu.au. We hope to meet sometime next week to put together a plan moving forward.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mr James and the 4-6 students who led the Remembrance Day Assembly last Friday. We were reminded of the importance of commemorating this very important occasion and I was very proud of how respectful our students were throughout the presentation.



OSSA Spectacular

For those students participating in the OSSA Spectacular, it has been a very busy week with the dress rehearsal on Tuesday and performances on both Tuesday and Wednesday night. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school talent in partnership with other small schools across the network.

Last night and Tuesday night, our students gave a fantastic performance and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I commend all of our students for their enthusiasm and dedication in learning their dances. Performing on stage is not for everyone and I am especially proud of those students who really made an effort to go outside their comfort zone and give something new a go.

Special mention must be made to Daphnie and Alex who represented our school with their dramatic prowess through portrayal of characters Ronald and Olive. The link below allows families to purchase a video of the performance directly from Kea Video Productions.

<https://keavideoproducers.square.site/?src=g-icon>

Costumes

Students are asked to wash and return the tie-dyed t-shirts, black leotards and any leggings or t-shirts provided by the school as soon as possible. Students are very keen to perform their dance once more at Presentation Night so after that performance, if students are wanting to keep their t-shirt they will have that option.



Swimming Lessons

Swimming continues for another three weeks on Thursday afternoons. Students are progressing well with their water confidence and stroke development. We are grateful to the Australian Sports Commission through Sporting Schools Australia for their generous support in providing funding for these lessons.

Ms Julie Day
A/Principal



Awards

Student of the Week

Sophia, Harvey, Daphnie

Merit Award

Saxon, Kenzie, Tyler

Birthdays

Ryan, Lilah



News from the classrooms

Police Youth Engagement Officers visit

Last week 4/5/6 had a visit from Senior Constable Jane Heffernan, NSW Police Youth Engagement Officer for the Canobolas zone. She and the students engaged in discussions about ways that they can be responsible and respectful citizens, and she was very impressed by the students' prior knowledge in these areas. The students had the opportunity to be put on handcuffs, and they were very excited by Senior Constable Heffernan's lights and sirens demonstration as she left the school.

Worm farm

Spring Terrace received the long-awaited delivery of worms for the worm farm. The students have worked hard to prepare the worm farm for its new inhabitants and were excited to finally be able to put them in so they can get to work producing some all-natural fertilizer for the garden. We all look forward to it giving the garden a good boost so that the whole community can share in the wonderful produce.



STPS News

Young Archies

Once again, students participated in the Young Archies Portrait Competition. The 2023 theme for Young Archies was "Generations". This theme invited students to create a portrait depicting a family member, friend or other significant person at a different era of their lives. Two of these artworks were selected to be exhibited at the CWA Hall in Robertson Park. Congratulations to both Penny and Jade for having their artworks selected to represent Spring Terrace Public School. Jade's portrait of her dad was placed second overall in the competition and we are very proud of her!



Jade's portrait is of her Dad

Penny's portrait is of her Mum at the age Penny is now.



A Visit from Auntie Barb



On Monday we had a surprise visit from Auntie Barb who attended Spring Terrace Public School and lived on one of the properties nearby 85 years ago. She was very excited to visit the K/1 classroom which is where her learning took place during her primary school years.

Auntie Barb spoke about what the school was like back then and answered many questions from the students and thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

P&C News

Garden Ramble

Thank you to those who attended, volunteered and donated to the garden ramble stall in early November. It was truly an amazing event and so great to see new hands out helping. This event raised about \$1500.00 profit and was a great success. A very big thank you to Brenno, Gary, Sandy, Emily, Tracey, Lincoln, Jayden, Belinda, Krystle, Kenzie, Dell, Begs, Christine and Phil for your help over the two days. There was a great array of yummy treats for sale along with the hot food, with one customer commenting 'the best Egg and Bacon rolls'

Thank you to Bec for organising the food and rosters! Which in itself is a huge task. Thank you to Christine for running this event and putting in many hours across the weekend to get everything done. Bravo Team!!



P&C Annual General Meeting

We held the AGM last Wednesday all the positions were declared vacant and open for nominations. All positions have been filled and we would like to congratulate these people and look forward to working together in the coming year.

Presidents - Christine Holmes and Bec Robinson

Vice President - Krystle Stedman

Secretary - Jade Heller

Assistant Secretary - Kylee Doessel

Treasurer - Anna Farrell

Assistant Treasurer - Beck Jackson

Canteen - Emily Currey

Uniforms - Del Howarth and Sonya Hagarty

Grants - Begs Lund

To our outgoing members we thank you so much for your time, effort and commitment to our school.

School Spectacular

From all the parents with children involved in School Spectacular, a huge thank you to Ms Day and the Teachers for their efforts in preparing students for their performances and for organising costumes. The children had a wonderful time and as parents and grandparents we certainly enjoyed watching them perform.

Thank you

Bec Robinson and Christine Holmes

Co-Presidents