

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 1 Weeks 7 and 8 2023

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
15 – 27 March	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
21 March	Harmony Day celebration at school
21 March	OSSA Cross Country permission and lunch orders due today
23 March	Dental Health Visit forms to be returned today
23 March	Year 6 into Year 7 High School expression of Interest forms due
27 March	Voluntary School Contributions due today
27 - 31 March	Big Vegie Crunch Week
31 March	OSSA Cross Country at Cudal Showground
6 April	Last day of Term 1
25 April	Anzac Day – Public Holiday and March in Orange
26 April	First Day for Students in Term 2
28 April	GRIP Leadership Conference for Senior Students
28 April	Proposed District Cross Country date (TBC)

Attachments

- Dept of Education - Bushfire Danger Period Information for Parents and Carers
- OSSA Cross Country Carnival information permission note and lunch order
- School Dental Initiative registration form
- Scholastics Book club catalogue.
- Voluntary School Contributions

Messages from the Principal

Bushfire Danger Rating

Towards the end of last year, the Department of Education in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service, implemented a new process for the management of schools during High and Extreme fire danger ratings. As you are all aware this process was implemented on Sunday night, March 2, when the Fire Rating was set to High/Extreme for our region resulting in the directive for our school to be non-operational on Monday 3 March.

We understand this caused some difficulties for families in re-organising their day to find alternative care for students. Our first priority is to follow the directives given by the Department of Education and NSW Rural Fire Service ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff.

Jack May Cup

What a fantastic effort from our students at Jack May Cup. Your behaviour, sportsmanship and participation were excellent. Our relay teams performed well and placed in each age group. Individual students achieved personal bests in many events challenging the other students in a competitive environment.

A big congratulations to Noah for Senior Boys Champion at the Carnival.



District and Western Swimming

Well done to Tessa and Millie at District Swimming Carnival on Friday 3 March. Tessa placed 3rd in Breaststroke and was also in the OSSA White Relay Team, which came 3rd. Millie was also in her relay team, which came second. Millie placed 4th in Breaststroke.

Tess represented OSSA at the Western Region Carnival in Dubbo on Friday 10 March. She had a great race and took 2 seconds off her time. She came in 5th, with 1/100th of a second between her and 4th place, wow what an awesome effort.



OSSA White Athletics Carnival



The Athletics Carnival last Wednesday at Waratah Sports Ground was well attended by students who participated with good manners and sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done to the Senior Relay Team - Penny, Noah, Millie and Tessa, for their incredibly convincing win and to the many other students for achieving personal bests and places in finals. The first 3 places compete at the District Carnival on Tuesday 16 May, with 10 students competing in 21 events.

Results for the first four places in the girls events are:

8 Yrs 100m – 2nd Lilliana Holmes
 9 Yrs 100m – 2nd Clara Hutchinson
 11 Yrs 200m – 4th Penny Heller
 11 Yrs 800m – 4th Penny Heller
 8-10 Yrs 1500m – 2nd Tessa Gliddon
 8-10 Long Jump – 4th Daphnie Dauvin
 11 Yrs Shot Put – 4th Edith Ringbauer
 8-10 Discus Throw – 4th Evie Lloyd

12/13 200m – 3rd Millie Gliddon
 12/13 Yrs 800m – 2nd Millie Gliddon
 12/13 Yrs 1500m – 2nd Millie Gliddon
 12/13 Long Jump – 2nd Millie Gliddon
 12/13 Yrs Shot Put – 4th Millie Gliddon

The results for the first four place in the boys events are:

9 Yrs 100m – 1st Felix Ringbauer; 4th Lawson Wright
 10 Yrs 100m – 2nd TJ Luttringer
 12/13 Yrs 200m – 1st Noah McDonald
 12/13 Yrs 800m – 1st Noah McDonald
 11 Yrs 1500m – 3rd Alex Hutabarat
 8-10 Yrs Long Jump – 1st TJ Luttringer
 8-10 Yrs Shot Put – 1st TJ Luttringer; 2nd Joe Holmes; 3rd Harry Mitchell, equal 4th Felix Ringbauer
 12/13 Yrs Shot Put – 4th Myles Marson
 12/13 Yrs Discus Throw – 4th Myles Marson
 12 Yrs 100m – 1st Noah McDonald
 8-10 Yrs 800m – 3rd Felix Ringbauer
 8-10 Yrs 1500m – 1st Felix Ringbauer; 2nd Harry Mitchell
 12/13 Yrs 1500m – 1st Noah McDonald
 12/13 Yrs Long Jump – 1st Noah McDonald
 8-10 Yrs Discus Throw – 4th TJ Luttringer

A huge congratulations to Noah who was awarded the Senior Boys Champion at the OSSA Carnival.

Thank you to Narda Smidt for coordinating the canteen lunches on the day and those parents who gave their time-Belinda, Emily, and Christine to assist.

Thank you to Christine Holmes from Red Gum Signs for organising the sign writing on our new shade shelters, they look fabulous and are very eye catching.

NAPLAN Assessments

The NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 will commence tomorrow, Wednesday 15 March for Writing and Thursday 16 March for Reading. Catch up sessions have been allocated for students who are absent. The following week will be Conventions of Language on Monday 20 March and Numeracy on Tuesday

21 March. Catch up sessions have been allocated for the remainder of the week.

Voluntary School Contributions

A Voluntary School Contribution of \$50.00 per child for is requested for the following activities and resources by Week 11, Tuesday 4 April.

- Student workbooks for key learning areas
- Technology – individual headsets, access to laptops and Web based programs that provides the students with a comprehensive set of challenges they can also access at home for:
 - Mathletics and Maths Seeds
 - Reading Eggs, Inquisitive and The Resilience Project
- Stationery– worksheets and activities in addition to pre-printed texts, pencils, erasers, pens, etc
- Creative Arts – access to a variety of pencils, crayons, oil pastels, paints, and craft supplies

If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please make an appointment through the office to speak with Ms Day before the due date.

Dental Health Week



The Australian Dental Health NSW program is visiting our school in Week 10 of Term 2 with the mobile Dental Clinic. Registrations are required by Wednesday, 23 March (next week) and are attached to this newsletter.

This is a free service and all students are eligible to participate in this program and the information provided has a contact number if you have any questions.

P&C Meeting

Spring Terrace Public School is incredibly fortunate to have a number of parents willing to commit their time through involvement in the P&C, as was evidenced at the meeting held last Thursday afternoon. A special thank you to Bec Robinson and Christine Holmes who have volunteered to undertake the joint role of P&C president this year.

Parent Teacher and Student Interviews

Interviews to discuss student learning progress and support will be held in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term. An online booking system will be established identifying the times that teachers are available to meet with parents and carers. Information will be sent home when bookings are open.

Ms Julie Day
A/Principal

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week

Sophie, Clara, Lilah, James,



Merit Award

Jade, Jessica, Riley and TJ

Birthdays

Sienna



News from the classrooms

This term in Science Year 4,5,6 have been learning about Earth and Space. Last Tuesday the students completed an experiment using the power of the sun. They had a challenge of creating an oven using only the resources provided, consisting of a pizza box, black paper, foil and baking paper. Their oven had to try and melt chocolate and marshmallows by using the heat of the sun.



Miss Menzies

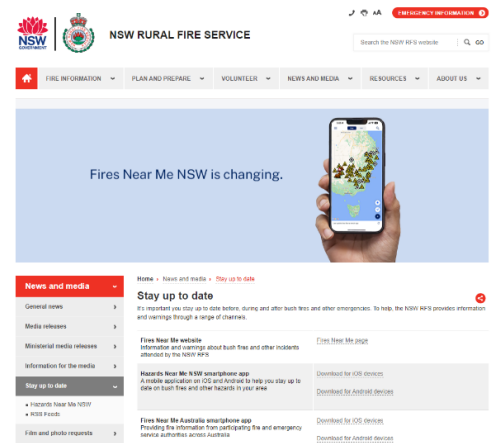
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Student and Family Information Update

Parents and Carers are reminded that it is important to have up to date information in the event of an emergency or illness / injury to your child/ren. This is also the annual permissions for Photographs, Internet use and Scripture. The student and family information update forms were due back to school by Monday 20 February. If you have not returned your forms please do so as a matter of urgency to enable our enrolments for 2023 to be finalised in the appropriate manner.

Bushfire Category

The Department of Education in consultation with the Rural Fire Service NSW have deemed our school as a Category 2 fire zone (most rural schools in NSW). A new app has been released to support rural communities in particular. The app and more information can be found at: <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/stay-up-to-date> A Fact Sheet is also attached.



Harmony Day

Tuesday 21 March marks Harmony Day, where schools and businesses across Australia come together to celebrate diversity and inclusion – particularly in regard to multiculturalism.

We will be enjoying Harmony Day here at Spring Terrace by engaging in a range of multicultural activities. This includes a guest speaker, who will tell us what it is like to grow up in a different country and maybe even teach us a few words from her language! We will also be enjoying a lunch where staff, students and families will serve a range of dishes from different cultures for us all to enjoy.

Orange is a colour traditionally linked with Harmony Day and students have been invited to wear mufti on this day, including an item of orange clothing or accessories. A gold coin to donation will be collected to go to a local refugee based charity. An invitation went home on Monday this week, inviting families to join us from 1.00pm on this special day for delicious food and fun activities. We hope to see you there!

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2, Book Club orders are due no later than Thursday, 23 March. Please ensure you have completed your online orders by the due date to avoid incurring a separate postage on your items. Orders must be completed online through LOOP via the link <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

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.

OSSA Cross Country Carnival

The OSSA Cross Country Carnival will be held at the Cudal Showground, 125 Davys Plains Road on Friday 31 March. This year's carnival will be a combined small schools carnival with all the OSSA schools. Private transport is required to Cudal and return on the day. An information sheet with details and permission along with a lunch order form is attached to this newsletter. There is also a map showing the location of the showground. Please return lunch orders by the due date to ensure you are catered for. No late orders will be filled.

P&C News

Running Festival

Firstly, I want to thank the volunteers who were up early on a Sunday to provide drinks and words of encouragement to the participants of the event. It was a fun morning for all and a special thank you to Jack Robinson and Lincoln Hirst who happily wandered up and down the closed roads collecting cups and clapping the runners! Bravo Boys!

Secondly, A massive congratulations to Tessa, Millie, Joe, Felix, Evie and Jack who ran in the Junior Mile at the running festival and did a wonderful job finishing and receiving a well-deserved medal! Great Job to all, we are proud of you!



Bulb Fundraiser

Our bulb fundraiser is still running until the 30/3/23, jump onto the website to place an order (see the details below). This is a very profitable fundraiser for the school, and a green thumb tip from our very knowledgeable Gardener; Bulbs just need to be planted before Anzac Day and wait till spring for beautiful colour!

ORDERING YOUR PRODUCTS:

The unique website to order your products and make payment for your fundraising campaign.



** Your order will be delivered to your nominated address for distribution. A fixed postage and handling fee of \$6.50 will be charged for your total fundraising order (TAS and WA will incur an additional \$6 quarantine fee per total order).

Go ON-LINE to place your order at:
www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/SPRINGTPS

Campaign end date: 30/3/2023

Products available to order until this date unless sold out prior.

OSSA Carnival

What a great day for a carnival last week!. It was nice to see the Spring Terrace children competing in events with a smile on their face! Also a thank you to all our staff for running such events!

I would like to thank Narda and her helpers on the day for running a smooth and profitable canteen! Bravo Ladies!

Uniforms

There are a couple of outstanding accounts from uniforms earlier in the term, if this is you, could you please get that sorted ASAP. If there are any issues or queries regarding this please speak with Christine or myself.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting was held last week and lots of chats were had! The most notable items from the minutes are:

Christine Holmes & Bec Robinson - Co-Presidents, thank you Christine for sharing this role with me, I appreciate it immensely!

Ms Day motioned that the P&C fund \$1000 to purchase classroom Novel sets for our classrooms and \$1000 to fund more novels and books for the library!

Belinda R reminded Mrs Fryda of a discussion for more iPads for the classroom to which was motioned and seconded to the value of \$2000.

It fills me with joy that the P&C can assist the school in such purchases to better the learning of our children, although this wouldn't be possible without the volunteers, donations and community support for and from our P&C.

Bec Robinson
Co-President

Community News and Information

Upcoming P&C Federation webinars for parents and carers

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Thursday, 23 March 2023
7:00–7:35 pm AEDT

The P&C Federation is pleased to be partnering with the eSafety Commission to host this webinar for our parents and carers.

It will cover:

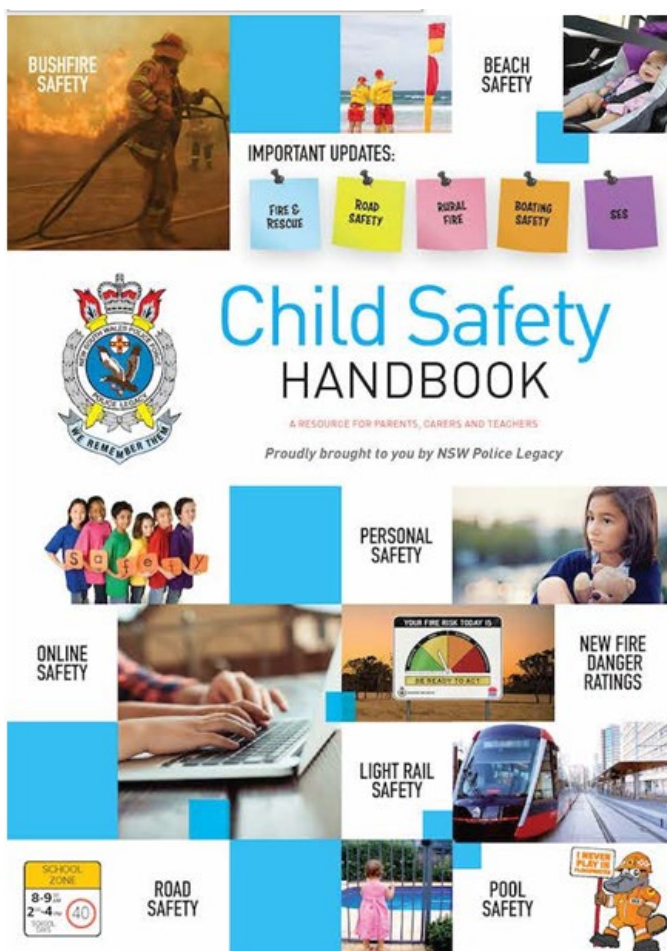
- What we mean by "eSafety"
- What you can report to the eSafety Commission
- Helpful advice and resources for parents and carers

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Here are additional links where the digital handbook can be viewed:

NSW Police Legacy – <https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/resources/>

Child Safety Hub website – <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>