

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

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Term 2 Weeks 3 and 4 2023

What's on at STPS

Date:	Activity
15-19 May	Check-in Assessment
16 May	District Athletics Carnival
24 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
26 May	National Sorry Day
28 May	Community Garden Working Bee
29 May	Reconciliation Week commences
30 May	Excursion to Orange Civic Theatre
1 June	P&C Meeting
5 June	World Environment Day
12 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
26 – 30 June	Dental Health Clinic Visit

Attachments

- Payment receipts

Messages from the Principal

Orange Show entries from the Community Garden

An amazing bounty of pumpkins, rhubarb, and spring onions was sourced from our community garden last week. Congratulations to one of our pumpkins which won first place at the Orange Show! Although it is difficult to access currently, the garden is a reminder of our wonderful school community, particularly the parents and students who tend to it on a regular basis.

Fencing

We were advised yesterday that construction of a southern boundary fence will commence in the coming weeks to replace the old fencing that was damaged when the trees came down last November. The trees across the boundary will also be cut up and removed during the preliminary works.

Drinking Water

Our bubblers continue to be out of action, and we continue to provide students with bottled water to drink. We appreciate your efforts in sending students to school with a filled water bottle from home.

Check-in Assessments

This week students from Year 4 and Year 6 will sit the Check-in Assessments in Reading and Number. These assessments which are delivered online through the Department of Education provide teachers with valuable information about individual student achievement and allow teaching and learning programs to be adjusted so that learning outcomes can be further enhanced.

COVID

We have been advised that cases of COVID are on the increase in the local health district again. Please be vigilant and practice safe distancing and the use of hand sanitizer etc. If anyone in your household has symptoms please test and stay home until symptom free. If you need additional RAT kits please contact the office.

Moving to online communications

The school is progressing through the process to move towards online communication for absentee notifications, excursion information and permission, online payments, reporting and newsletter distribution. To do this we require all parents and carers to have an email address and mobile number recorded with the school. Thank you to the families who have returned their information and permission update forms for this year. It is important that information is kept up to date and annual permissions are provided for our records. If you have not yet returned this form please do so as a matter of urgency.

Voluntary School Contributions

Thank you to the families who have paid their Voluntary School Contribution of \$50.00 per child for the following activities and resources.

- 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 have not yet paid this contribution please consider doing so in the coming weeks. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please make an appointment through the office to speak with Ms Day.

Ms Julie Day
A/Principal

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week

Harry, Felix, Gideon

Merit Award

Winston, Dakota, Kai

Birthdays

Amber, Myles, Rose, Dakota



News from the classrooms

Years 4 – 6 had a great time last week creating jewellery gifts for Mother's Day with Nicole from Red Frog Designs. The students were most enthusiastic and some very creative designs were made. We certainly hope Mother's Day was a wonderful surprise for these families on Sunday.



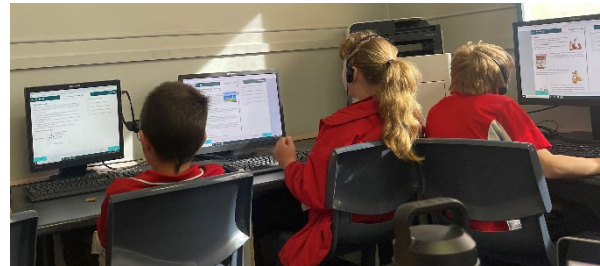
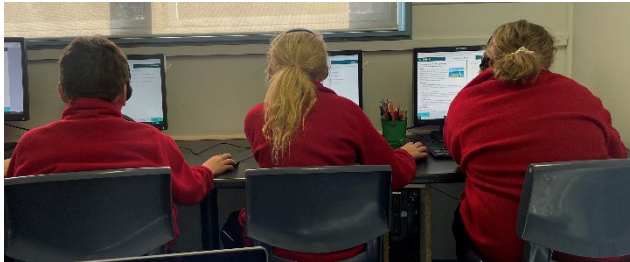
School Artwork

Over the past couple of weeks various students from Years 2-6 have collaborated on our entry for the Orange Show.

'The Best of Orange' represents a typical day at Spring Terrace PS and was inspired by the collages of Jeannie Baker as represented in her books- Where the Forest Meets the Sea, Window and Circle.

Computer learning

Students have been using computers for their learning and accessing the check-in assessment tools this week.



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School Uniform

Please ensure your child has adequate clothing for the changing weather and that all layers are marked with their name to ensure items taken off during the day can be returned to their rightful owner. The P&C Clothing Pool has some warm school jackets and beanies available, please contact Christine Holmes if you would like to purchase. It is preferred that students wear a plain black or red beanie on cold days if they do not have a school beanie.

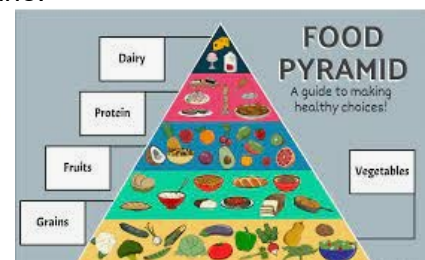
Sporting Schools – Soccer



The school has been successful in gaining partial funding to conduct a Soccer (Football) Clinic in conjunction with Orange PCYC. These clinics will run for 5 weeks on a Monday afternoon with the focus on participation and skill development. An information and permission note went home at the end of last week. Children can bring soccer boots if they have them but must wear sports joggers on Mondays for the rest of the term.

Appropriate Foods for School

It is becoming evident, many students are bringing lollies, chips and processed snacks to school for their lunch and recess. These foods do not provide nutritional value or energy to sustain young people throughout the day. Referring to the basic food groups or food pyramid is a great way to refresh a school lunch box and there are many delicious recipes to be found online.



District Athletics Carnival

Today, Noah, Felix, Lilliana, Joe, Harry and Clara are attending the District Carnival at Waratah Sports Ground representing OSSA White. We wish them well for their individual and team events.

Photos from some of the morning events are on the next page.



National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an Australia-wide group reading and literacy event, where schools, libraries and other institutions gather school-age children together to read the same chosen picture book at the same time. Ever since its inception, the aim of NSS has been to promote the value and fun of books, reading, and community storytime activities, as well as the work of the featured author and illustrator.

2023's chosen book is *The Speedy Sloth* by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie; a story about a Sloth that loves to run around FAST! He goes on an adventure in the rainforest, challenging other animals to a race. He learns some important lessons along the way. Next Wednesday 24 May is the day we will read this book together as a school.



Todd Woodbridge Cup

We have received the details for the Year 5 and 6 students play-off for Todd Woodbridge Cup. If you would like your child to participate in this activity please complete the expression of interest note sent home last term or ask for another one from the office.

Date: Friday the 4th of August

Time: TBC (depending on how many entries received – usually 8:30am – 2:30pm)

Venue & Host: Bathurst Tennis Centre with head coach Andrew Mitton

Cost: \$40 per team (4 boys & 4 girls, with 2 reserves if possible) which works out to be approx. \$5 per student (Stage 2 fees are the same)

What to bring: your local Todd Woodbridge Cup Deliverer will provide all the racquets, balls, nets and sunscreen so please just ensure students bring food, drink, a hat and a great attitude!



P&C News

Happy Belated Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers and carers!

Thank you to those who supported the bulb fundraiser last term. We made a profit of just over \$900 and look forward to putting this to good use with suggestions and feedback welcome from everyone at our next P&C meeting on Thursday, 1 June 2023, starting at 3:20pm under the cola area or indoors if the weather is bad.

One of the points we will look at is our fundraising activities for the rest of this year as well as best ways to support the students and school.



Please let either Bec or Christine know if you would like to add something to the agenda.

Bec: 0419 238 094, Christine: 0429 612 622

COMMUNITY GARDEN

WORKING BEE

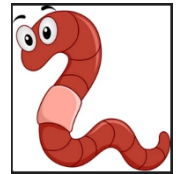


A WORKING BEE for the COMMUNITY GARDEN AREA will be on SUNDAY 28 May

TIME: 10.00am – 2.00pm (or as you can make it)

Julia, our Community Garden Coordinator has suggested the following activities:

- ❖ Clean up the garden area and remove rubbish
- ❖ Get garden beds ready for planting winter crops
- ❖ Move the worm farm into position – ready for the students to start learning about the new school pets and how they can transform the waste food products into worm tea



Please come along if you can and bring some gardening tools (most have been squashed by the big tree fall), a water bottle and some lunch too. RSVP to Julia: 0434 900 226

Sincerely your P&C Joint Presidents,
Bec Robinson and Christine Holmes

Community News and Information

TEENS & VAPING ONLINE FORUM

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

Western NSW Local Health District invites parents, carers and professionals who work with teens to attend our ONLINE forum.

Hear from experts in the field on:

- The latest research findings
- Signs your teen may be vaping
- Health concerns
- Laws and regulations in Australia
- How to have conversations with your kids about vaping

[Click Here to Register or using QR code below](#)



Date: May 23rd 2023



Time: 7:30 - 9pm

Pannelists:

Paediatrician and Adolescent Medicine Specialist | Sydney Children's Hospital Network

Generation Vape Research | NSW Cancer Council

Environmental Health | Western NSW Local Health District

NSW Police Force | Parkes Local Area Command

School-Link Coordinator | Western NSW Local Health District



Attend the forum and complete the evaluation for a chance to receive 1 of 5 \$100 petrol vouchers

*Terms and conditions apply



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Website:
<https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/get-support/national-scholarship-program/>

Or contact the Team on:

Phone: 0491 222 312

Scholarship nominations are now open!

Do you have a motivated young person in your service who needs financial and personal assistance to reach their educational and/or training goals?

Nominations are open for young people around Australia aged 16 to 21 with a determination to engage in education for the duration of the program.

What will the recipient receive?

- \$6000 towards any education or training course
- Staff support from the Scholarships team
- Community mentor support
- Networking opportunities

Help a young person achieve their dreams!

Applications close 4pm Friday 26 May 2023.

For more information, please email the scholarships team.

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