

Spring Terrace Newsletter

Spring Terrace Public School

A Community of Confident Learners

573 Forest Road, Spring Terrace NSW 2798

T: 02 63654287 Email: springterr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Term 2

Weeks 5 and 6

2023

What's on at STPS

Date:

1 June
5 June
8 June
12 June
13 June
26 – 30 June
30 June

Activity

P&C Meeting
World Environment Day
Deadline to return Parent Portal notification slip
King's Birthday Public Holiday
Book Club due today
Dental Health Clinic Visit
Last day of Term 2

Attachments

- Sentral Parent Portal Access letters
- Scholastic Book Club Catalogue
- Schools Infrastructure Maintenance Contracting Arrangements

Messages from the Principal

Sentral Parent Portal

The Sentral Parent Portal is ready to go live and will enhance communications between the school and our families. There has been a lot of work occurring behind the scenes to ensure we have up to date and accurate information for all families. A letter is attached to this newsletter detailing the first contact parent/carer access key for the family.

If an additional parent /carer access key is required please contact the office to organise this. The Sentral Portal App website help tab has frequently asked questions (FAQ's) <https://www.sentral.com.au/portal-app-help>

Going forward, the Parent Portal will provide access to important information and allows for two way communication between the school and families. The Parent Portal provides the space for:

- news and information
- a school events calendar
- notification and explanation of absences
- publishing of the newsletter electronically (this will still be available on the school website)
- resources such as the Friday lunch order menu and clothing pool price list.

As we progress throughout the year, other information will be added including, excursion and permissions, parent/teacher interview booking, distribution of academic reports etc. Please return the Sentral portal slip to school by Thursday 8 June at the latest, this way we can monitor activity to ensure no-one is missing out on information.

Principals Conference

Last week I spent time in Sydney attending the Rural South and West School Performance Directorate Principal Conference 2023. Thank you to Mrs Fryda and Miss Hutchison for combining classes and taking care of school management in my absence.

Attendance

Student attendance is important and as winter approaches and COVID is still lurking in our community we are mindful that students' health and wellbeing is important. If your child is unwell please keep them home and monitor for signs of COVID and test regularly. If you require more RAT kits please contact the school. It is critical that we continue to practice safe hygiene practices to reduce the risk of cross infection.

Children who come to school and are unwell or become unwell during the day will be sent home after a phone call to parents/ carers.

Schools Maintenance Contracts are changing

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) are moving into a totally new Facilities Maintenance Business from 1st July 2023. SINSW. The Facilities Maintenance Business unit is looking for Local Trades and businesses to come and work directly with them in maintaining the 300 plus public schools across the North Western NSW region.

The North Western NSW Asset Management Unit are partnering with Joss Facility Management in a new way of maintaining schools, designed to streamline maintenance of schools, increase response times for maintenance requests and ease the administrative burden on school staff. It will also actively promote the engagement of Aboriginal people in the maintenance of school facilities and provide better opportunities for local tradespeople.

The new contract ensures they are directly working with local trades and supporting local businesses in our community, driving economic outcomes in local communities by providing better working conditions for local tradespeople, including faster payment terms. The Local Contractors will be working directly for SINSW / North Western AMU. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet with contact details. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who might be interested.

Ms Julie Day
A/Principal

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week

Myles, Henry and Kiana

Merit Award

Ryan, Dakota and Jayden

Birthdays

Felix, Tracey



News from the classrooms

This week we have been busy completing our 'cardboard' portraits for the SPARKE *This is Me* competition held by the Orange Art Gallery.



We've also been enjoying learning about how bacteria grows and how to study different creatures in our Community Garden as part of our *Living World Science* topic. You can see from these photos what fun we're having!



National Simultaneous Storytime –

On Wednesday last week, our students and staff participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime with Miss Hutchison reading the Speedy Sloth. It was a great read accompanied by a special visitor who delighted children by posing for photos.



STPS News

Cabonne Youth of the Month Award

On Tuesday 23 May, Noah, from our 4-6 class was awarded the Cabonne Council *Youth of the Month*. Noah and his family were invited to the May Council meeting, where Cabonne Mayor, Mr Kevin Beatty, awarded Noah this prestigious accolade. Mayor Beatty spoke about Noah's helpful actions, kind heart and empathic approach towards others.

We are so very lucky and proud to have Noah in our Spring Terrace School community. A well-deserved recognition for a humble and thoughtful Year 6 Leader. Well done, Noah!



Cabonne Council Facebook Page released their coverage of last week's meeting with a wonderful right up on Noah.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4, Book Club orders are due no later than Tuesday, 13 June. 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.

The Alphabet of Science

Today our students had a visit to the Orange Civic Theatre to see the presentation of the Alphabet of Awesome Science. The show performed by the Word Nerd and the Science Freak curated a curious collection of favourite words (one for every letter of the alphabet) of quirky scientific demonstrations that squish and squirt, float and fly, erupt and explode in a 52 minute countdown.



Sporting School – Soccer Clinic

We have secured a grant through the Sporting Schools Program for a Soccer Clinic which is being delivered by the coaching staff from PCYC Orange. To both organisations we are grateful for the support to our small school community. The focus is on skill development and participation with all students encouraged to engage in sport and teamwork.



New Library books



Thank you to our P&C Association for the generous donation of new books for the Library. Staff and students have been busy preparing these resources and many of the books have already gone home on loan to our avid readers.

The selections cater for all reading levels and we encourage all students to borrow books appropriate to their reading level and to enjoy reading. A reminder that K/1 library lessons are on Wednesdays and 2-6 students will visit the library on Fridays.

Reading Groups

Yesterday the older children read stories to younger students in groups encouraging use of the Library and to facilitate the love of reading and learning from books. The Library is a lovely warm and inviting space that has seen a significant makeover this year.



P&C News

P&C Meeting



This Thursday, 1 June is the P&C meeting after school. We welcome your attendance and input into business and a focus on fundraising. Please let Bec or Christine know if there is anything you would like to add to the agenda. We will be discussing our upcoming fundraisers and also ways to help support the school and students.



Community Garden



The Community Garden Working Bee was postponed on the weekend. A NEW DATE is this coming Sunday, 4 June 10am – 2pm or as you can make it.

Aims:

- General clean up and rubbish removal
- Fix up veggie beds/ apple crates
- We will need shovels, wheelbarrows, forks, drill and screws to fix up beds apple crates

Clothing Pool

School Jumpers in all sizes are well stocked in the uniform cupboard and there are also some school beanies available. There are a number of second hand jumpers in the clothing pool also.

'Payment online before or correct cash on Pickup' of order please.

Contact Christine Holmes: 0429 612 622 or the school Office for uniform needs.

A Clothing pool price list will be added under the resources link on Sentral Parent Portal for easy access with banking details.

Bec Robinson and Christine Holmes
P&C Joint Presidents

Community News and Information



Artists from across the Central West are invited to submit artwork for Orange Regional Gallery's annual community exhibition **HERE/NOW**.

Submission dates: Friday 26 May - Sunday 9 July 2023

Selected artwork delivery: Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 July 2023

Exhibition dates: Saturday 5 August - Sunday 8 October 2023

Opening celebration: Friday 4 August 2023

Entry is open to all artists over the age of 16, living in the local government areas of Orange, Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan Shire, Lithgow, Oberon, Parkes and Weddin Shire.

Artists may submit up to **two** new or recent works that have not been exhibited before. The Gallery will select **one** work to be exhibited.

Please note that our 2023 submission process is online. Click this [link](#) to apply.

If you would like to make a non-digital submission, please call Claire Buchanan at the Gallery on 6393 8136.

Visit www.orange.nsw.gov.au/gallery/exhibitions for more information.

If you would like to make a non-digital submission please contact Claire Buchanan at the Gallery on 6393 8136.



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.



Telehealth

Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Parent Empowerment Available

- Speech Therapy Telehealth Sessions: **No Waitlist** (morning and afternoon appointments available)

- Occupational Therapy Telehealth Sessions: **No Waitlist** (morning and afternoon appointments available)

- Parent Empowerment Sessions with a Senior OT via Telehealth: **No Waitlist** (morning and early afternoon appointments available)

Empowering You! is a pack of 3 sessions. In these sessions our fabulous OT will work exclusive with parents, to answer your burning questions and develop personalised resources for your child.

This is suited to parents wanting assistance with sensory recommendations, how best to communicate with your child, regulation strategies, home learning stations, transitions from play to learning & daily routines

To secure an appointment, call us on 02 9686 2306 or request a call back from our friendly team!