

Dates for the Diary**6/2/17 & 10/2/17 – Beststart****9/2/17 – Welcome BBQ****13/2/17 – OSSA Swimming Carnival**

Newsletter

2nd February 2017**Dear Parents and Friends,**

Welcome back!! We hope everyone enjoyed the summer holidays and spending time with each other.

A very warm welcome to all of our new students and their families to our beautiful school. It is lovely to have Michael Stewart in our senior primary class.

We are looking forward to a very exciting and memorable 2017 at Spring Hill P.S. Our dynamic and dedicated teaching staff have been busy during the holidays developing innovative and comprehensive educational programs that promote independent & responsible learning across all key learning areas. This year we encourage all parents to be actively involved in their child/children's education and promote reading every night before bed. We would like to see all students' levels increased by the end of Term 1.

Kindergarten

At Spring Hill P.S we welcome six Kindergarten students Alexa ,Chloe, Janalah, Shakiya, Brodie & Zach who have settled quickly into the infant's classroom and school routines. Thank you to Mrs Ryan, Sam & Miss Murray for ensuring a smooth transition.

Staff

Welcome back to our staff members and volunteers. Kerrie, Mrs Ryan, Sam, Mrs Marriott, Miss Murray, Deina, Peter, Mrs Maher, Bill, Jenny, Kim, Kirsty, Amanda, Haidee, Natalie and Sophie. Thanking you all for everything that you do.

This year we have divided our students into three classes for Literacy in the morning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This provides Mrs Ryan & Sam the time to implement the L3 Program to students in Kindergarten and Year 1. Mrs Marriott is working with our senior students and Deina and myself are teaching students in Yrs. 2, 3 & 4.

Beststart

The Kindergarten Beststart Assessments will be conducted on Monday and Friday of next week. As mentioned in the letter sent home earlier this week, this will help us to gather information on how best to teach your child. Lessons will be conducted as usual on that day with your child being taken aside for individual assessment with Mrs Ryan sometime during the day.

Updated family information

Attached is an update family information form. Please make sure yellow highlighted areas are filled out. These forms are due back to school on Thursday 9th February.

OSSA Swimming Carnival

The OSSA Swimming Carnival will be held at the Orange Aquatic Centre on Monday 13th February. Students wishing to compete must be able to swim 50m competitively and confidently. A note with the list of events was sent home on Wednesday and is due back on Friday. Students not competing will come to school for a normal school day.

Swimming

Our swimming program will commence tomorrow Friday 2nd February 2017. Students will be bussed into the Aquatic Centre leaving Spring Hill at 1.30pm. Parents are to collect their children from the Aquatic Centre no later than 3.20pm, Please be on time to pick your children up. These swimming sessions are a whole school activity. If your child is not attending, a note must be handed in at school with an explanation as to why they are not attending. The cost per week is \$6 per student. Please make sure your child's clothing is clearly marked with their name. Please remember to pack your swimmers, towel, goggles and a swimming cap.

School Website

Our school website is updated weekly with information happening in and around our school. On the website you will also find photos, newsletters, calendars and notes.

School Stream

At Spring Hill Public School we use an app called "School Stream" this gives you access to updates happening within the school, newsletters and absentee notes. If you do not yet have school stream on your smart phone, please see direction below on how to install it.

How to get the school stream app on your mobile device

1. From your mobile device go to The App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone
2. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school
3. If you are prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK

Transition Tuesday

Our Transition program will commence on Tuesday 7th February with Miss Murray. The cost for the day is \$35.00. We apologise for the price increase but unfortunately cannot help with the pay increase in hiring staff.

Please remember to pack a healthy lunch and recess, bottle of water, hat and spare clothes if needed.

Welcome Picnic

On Thursday 9th February we will be having our first Welcome Picnic and Information Night for 2017; families are invited to bring their own Picnic Tea. It will commence at 6.00pm and finish at 7:30pm. Families will be invited to participate in novelty events and tennis please bring a racquet if you have one. Parents will have an opportunity to chat with teachers, have a look at the classrooms and ask any questions they may have regarding their child's learning.

School Routine Term 1

Monday: Mornings will start with Fundamental Movement and Skills program followed by a fruit and veggie platter. Literacy Groups.

Monday afternoons we will finish with Robotics.

Infant students will also have Library and Dancing.

Tuesday: Mornings will start with Fundamental Movement and Skills program followed by a fruit and veggie platter. Literacy Groups.

Primary Students will have Library on a Tuesday.

Wednesday: Mornings will start with Fundamental Movement and Skills program followed by a fruit and veggie platter. Literacy Groups.

Wednesday afternoons will consist of our 3 C's Program Cooking, Craft and Cultivation. Primary Students will also have dancing.

Thursday: Mornings will start with Fundamental Movement and Skills program followed by a fruit and veggie platter. Mrs T will implement our amazing Music Program.

12:00- Whole School Choir
12:30- K-1
1:30- 2, 3 & 4
2:00- 5 & 6

Friday: Every Friday we will have our weekly assembly parents are always welcome. Learn To Swim Program at the Orange Aquatic Centre.

