

Spring Hill Public School

Newsletter



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Term 2 Issue 5

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this term so memorable, especially our wonderful volunteers who assist in reading every morning, 4 C's on Wednesday afternoon, relay training, touch football training, visual arts and transporting our students to and from events. It is amazing how many opportunities all our students have throughout the term because of these very generous people. Looking forward to a very productive term 3!

I would especially like to thank Mrs Ryan for her wonderful dedication, passion and commitment to our school for the past 22 months. It is not goodbye as we look forward to having Mrs Ryan back for casual work and special visits next term

We welcome Miss Cornish who has been appointed by Staffing as a permanent member of staff and will be working with the infants class, commencing next term. Mrs Marriott will be here on Mondays and Tuesday and Mr Haynes on Wednesdays for Robotics.



Robotics

Students in the 21st century are growing up in a digital world. A working knowledge of computers and related technology will be essential. Students who learn coding will have added advantages, including an understanding of how computers work, as well as new and varied opportunities to develop logical thinking and problem solving skills. Coding will give students the knowledge and skills to be digital creators and innovators, rather than just passive consumers of technology.

This term the K2 class have been exploring problem solving and coding using our fabulous Blue-Bot robots. Each Blue-Bot has coding (programming) buttons on its case, which students use to enter the code instructions. Students have enjoyed opportunities to program their Blue-Bot robot to move to show specific shapes, such as squares and rectangles, as well as digital numeral outlines. They have also coded their Blue-Bots to take the necessary steps in the right direction on a large map of Australia. It's been terrific fun to also see the students create pathway / roadway challenges for their Blue-Bots to follow.

A number of students in the 3-6 class already have some experience with coding and robots and it has been great to see these students offering guidance and tips to others.

Students have spent some time working through graded coding tasks on the Tynker website. (See www.tynker.com). Tynker is a fun way to learn both basic and more advanced coding concepts, using a visual building block style of code. Students continue to work with the visual coding language of Scratch (See scratch.mit.edu) and are presently exploring a number of challenges including building interactive games and telling a story with animated characters, sound effects and music. We also plan to devote more time to developing coding skills and building skills to create and program our Lego Mindstorms robots. The 3-6 students have also completed a number of tasks using Google Classroom, where they engage in individual and small group research tasks and quizzes relating to our Science and History topics. They are also exploring the use of Microsoft Office 365 for completing class tasks. The students seemed quite pleased to learn that they have unlimited digital storage available on both their Google Drive and Microsoft One Drive, through their DET school portal.

Student Assessments

A variety of student assessments have taken place during semester 1. Our teaching and learning team use these assessments, along with daily student work samples and bookwork to evaluate each individual's learning appropriate to student outcomes and the syllabus for each subject area. Our student reports also highlight the many achievements and future goals for Semester 2.

Student reports are currently being completed and will be sent home at the end of week 9. We will be conducting parent teacher interviews during early Term 3.

Wellington Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our infants and primary students who have been practising their plays, skits and dramatic verse for the Wellington Eisteddfod. The year 5 & 6 students have been writing an original play with students from Mullion Creek which they will be performing next term about Bullying. The group mimes and skits are coming along nicely and we would encourage all parents to listen to their child/children practise their individual poems, mimes and prose readings during the holiday break. Mrs Mac will be available on Tuesday the 17th of July for individual performance practice from 9.30am to 1pm at Spring Hill P.S.

The following students who have returned the permission note will be participating in the group day at the Wellington Eisteddfod, students who did not return the note will need to be at school for a normal day with Mr Haynes.

K	1	2	
Zoe Milton	Grace Wigmore	Bronte Murphy	
Hannah McKenzie	Alexa McKenzie	Chase Milton	
Ella Tink	Brodie Robinson	Blake Robinson	
Lila Nelson	Zach Knox		
	Cambell Davis		
3	4	5	6
Zali Burton	Jacob Cox	Freya Baker	Mackenzie Palazzi
Gabby Nelson	William Knox	Zoe Stevenson	
Jorja Palazzi		Scarlett Palazzi	
Lasche Tandy		Michael Stewart	
Stella Davis		Harrison Knox	
Joe Wiegold		James Devenish	
Sam Wiegold			
Elliot Devenish			

Wellington Dates:

Tuesday 31st July- 8yrs and Under

Wednesday 1st August- Whole School (only for students who have returned note)

Thursday 2nd August- 9-10yrs

Friday 3rd August- 11-12 years

Cadbury Chocolates

Chocolates are now available to those who returned their sport shirt and chocolate order form. Please see Sam in the office to receive a box, boxes cannot be given to children and must be signed for by a parent.

All monies must be returned to school in full, \$60.00 per box.

Dr Flood Visit

On Thursday 14th June the infants class were extremely excited to welcome Dr Flood to their classroom. Students were enthralled by a slideshow all about teeth and how to keep them healthy. Hopefully we will have some future dentists from Spring Hill P.S.



Brett Davis Visit

As part of the unit of work on "Change over Time" infants students were delighted to welcome former student Brett Davis and had many questions for him about his time at Spring Hill P.S. Brett shared some great photos which helped the students identify parts of our school that have changed.



HSIE "What can I be?"- Tuesday 3rd July 2018

In conjunction with the HSIE unit of work infants students have studied this term "What can I be?", we ask all students at Spring Hill Public to come to school dressed up. You need to wear the clothing of the job you want to have when you grow up.

Ideas include: police officer, dentist, nurse, gardener, builder, stock & station agent, chef, armed services and teacher.

All children need to be able to explain why they want to have this job/career when they grow up.

Touch Football Day- Wednesday 27th June 2018

The OSSA Gala day to decide who takes the Knockout spot for PSSA will be held tomorrow from 12:00pm. It will be at ANZAC Park now, near PCYC. The games will be 15 minutes halves. Permission notes went home on Monday to those students who are participating.

STEAM

A huge thankyou to Deina who demonstrated the art of gingerbread making with our K, 1 & 2 students on Friday. After reading the fairy tale students completed a number of activities based on the Gingerbread Man and worked in groups to create a new ending. A really lovely, fun morning! The recipe was sent home to share and we hope you enjoy making some gingerbread people over the school holidays!



Monday Hot Milos- No Cup No Milo

Monday 2nd July will be the last day this term for Hot Milos. They will be \$1 each and students will need to supply their own plastic cup with handle, **NO THROWAWAY CUPS!** Please remember to write your child's name on the cup and to put it in the kids kitchen along with their \$1 when they arrive at school.

Calendar Dates

Term 2 dates to remember

- 26th, 27th and 28th June- Operation Art in Cowra (selected students only)
- 29th June- Ten Pin Bowling
- 29th June- Semester 2 reports sent home
- 6th July- Ten Pin Bowling
- 6th July- Last day of Term 2



Week 7 & 8 Merit Awards

K,1	2,3,4	5,6
Lila Nelson- Great spelling test results	Matayah Woods- Student of the Week	Freya Baker- Student of the week
Hannah McKenzie- Great spelling test results	Bronte Murphy- Great spelling test results	
Annabelle Roweth- Student of the Week	Chase Milton- Great sentences in library	
Brodie Robinson-Being a great friend	Zali Burton- Amazing turtle report	
	Gabby Nelson- Amazing turtle report	
	Jacob Cox- Fantastic reading	
	William Knox- Amazing reading	

Week 7 & 8



