

Spring Hill Public School

Newsletter



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Term 1 Issue 1

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

Welcome to 2019. We hope the Christmas holidays were enjoyable and full of family time. This term we welcome our new kindies Lola, Grace, Lindsey, Caprice, Navah, Tazmin & Will to our Spring Hill School family and look forward to meeting everyone at our Picnic in the Playground!

Sadly during the holidays Mr Moody passed away. He inspired our students to learn French and travel the world. We will be planting a tree at school in memory of Mr Moody on Monday the 11th of February after the school assembly.

Staff & Classes

Welcome back to our staff members and volunteers. Kerrie, Miss Cornish, Mrs Marriott, Mr Haynes, Miss Amy, Deina, Sam, Amanda, Peter, Jenny, Kim, Kristy and Chantelle.

This year we will continue to have 3 classes for Literacy & Numeracy on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This provides Miss Cornish & 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 Mrs Mac are teaching students in Yrs. 2, 3 & 4. All our literacy groups have been given their novel to read every night and bring to school every day. The 4C's will continue on Wednesday afternoons and Band lessons will be held on Thursday afternoons for students in Years 2 to 6 run by the Mitchell Conservatorium. We will also be offering dance on Thursday mornings for all our students.

Welcome to Mr H

Hello Spring Hill Public School!

My name is Mr Hibberson and my first days at Spring Hill have been fantastic as the entire school community have been very warm and welcoming.

I am from Bathurst although I am a university student from the University of Technology Sydney, studying a bachelor of Primary Education and a bachelor of International Studies in French. I will be on practicum for the next three weeks and hopefully again later in the year for my final internship. I have been extremely impressed by the student's respect,

resilience and passion for learning, as well as the constant manners and enthusiastic conversations. I have been blessed with Mrs McAnulty (Mrs Mac) and I am very excited to learn all that I can from her, the amazing staff and the students of Spring Hill Public School. Please feel free to come and have a chat!



Thank you,

Mr Hibberson (Mr H)

Kindergarten CWD Photos- 6/2

Tomorrow we will have the CWD at school to take photos of this years kindergarten students. Please be in blue sports skort or grey shorts, blue polo shirt and joggers.

Best Start

The Kindergarten Best Start Assessments will be conducted on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. As mentioned in the letter sent home last Thursday the information gained from Best Start helps us to support your child in the most effective way during the Kindergarten year. Lessons will be conducted as usual with your child being taken aside for individual assessment with Miss Cornish sometime during the day.

Home Readers- Infants

Students wanting to participate in home readers will need to purchase the home reading log book for \$4.95 from school. We are waiting for an order to arrive and will let you know when we receive them. This is a great initiative to instil a love of reading every night while receiving awards and stickers for achieving a reading goal.

Homework- Primary

All primary students will have homework. Students in Yr 5 & 6 weekly and Yr 3 & 4 fortnightly. Homework is due on a Monday!

Book Packs

A huge thank you to everyone who picked up their school book packs. Students were able to start straight away last Wednesday.

Notes

Thank you to all those families who have returned notes which included, Updated Family information, Swimming Permission note, Dojo Class and the general permission note for new students. If you have not returned these please do so as soon as possible.

OSSA Swimming Carnival

The OSSA Swimming Carnival will be held at the Orange Aquatic Centre on Friday 15th February. Students must be turning 8 or older and swim 50m competitively and confidently, Mrs Mac assessed children last Friday during swimming. A note will be sent home next week for those students who are able to compete. Students not participating will have a normal school day and intensive swimming at the pool. The bus will pick up students as normal. Please remind your child/children whilst they are in a lesson they are not to leave without the instructors permission. This is imperative to ensuring your child's safety whilst at the pool.

Swimming

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 3.15pm, Please be on time to pick your children up. These swimming sessions are a whole school activity. If your child is not attending, the school will need to be notified with an explanation as to why they are not attending. The cost is \$60 per term per student, invoices were sent home on Thursday and we asked this is paid in full no later than Friday 22nd February 2019. 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.

Summer School Uniform

Girls

Blue Skort
Blue Polo Shirt with emblem
Joggers

Boys

Grey shorts
Blue Polo Shirt with emblem
Joggers

Sports shirts are to be worn on Fridays only!

Safer Internet

In celebration of Safer Internet Day 2019 Spring Hill Students in Yr 4, 5 & 6 participated in a virtual classroom session on the 4 R's to create positive online communities. - Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning & Resilience. The sessions are being run by the Office of the E-Safety Commissioner in collaboration with the NSW det.

The session assisted students to:

- Recognise the personal and social capabilities that are important for creating a positive online environment.
- Explore skills including communicating with respect, developing resilience, using reasoning and choosing to act responsibly.

On-line gaming was also discussed with several students mentioning games which were not age appropriate. Please ensure your child/children are playing games that are suitable.

Transition Monday

Transition will continue on Mondays with Miss Amy. Transition commenced on Monday 4th February.

The cost for the day is \$35.00.

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

Parking

Please be mindful where you park during drop off as local residents require their bins to be picked up on Friday mornings.

Healthy Eating

Please make sure your child is provided with a healthy lunchbox every day. Apart from providing us with energy, breakfast foods are good sources of important nutrients such as calcium, iron and B vitamins as well as protein and fibre. The body needs these essential nutrients and research shows that if these are missed at breakfast, they are less likely to be compensated for later in the day.

Please fill drink bottles with water only, no cordial.

No nuts, this includes nutella & peanut butter sandwiches as we have students with allergies.

Welcome Picnic in the Playground

On Thursday 7th February we will be having our first Welcome Picnic in the Playground and Information Night for 2019; 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.

Spring Hill Whistle Stop Festival- 30th March 2019

We have been asked to run the cake stall for the Spring Hill Festival which will take place on the 30th of March. Parents are asked to bake cakes or slices and help on the day. We will have more information available closer to the date.

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

Calendar Dates

Term 1 dates to remember

- 31/1- First Friday for swimming
- 4/2- First day for Transition
- 4-6/2- Best Start Testing
- 6/2- CWD Photos for Kindergarten students
- 7/2 - Picnic in the playground- 6:00pm start
- 11/2- School Assembly
- 14/2 – P & C Meeting 5.45 Spring Hill Tavern
- 15/2- OSSA swimming carnival, only for those students attending



First day of Term 1 2019

