

Spring Hill Public School



Term 2 Issue 1

8th May 2019



Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

We hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and spending time with family and friends. The rain was certainly well received and has brightened our school oval and gardens.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat parade was wonderful with so many creative hats and designs modelled in front of an enthusiastic audience. Every year our numbers have increased as grandparents, parents and friends attend the parade.

Our transition class looked amazing and extremely confident as they danced to the music entertaining everyone!

The highlight was the Easter egg hunt with many students sharing their eggs and helping each other locate eggs hidden in the playground.

The Easter raffle raised an amazing \$435.00 which will be going towards our Sensory Garden. Thank you to everyone for donating eggs and selling raffle Tickets.

State Swimming

Congratulations to our PP5 relay Freya, Will, Jacob & Michael on their performance at the State PSSA swimming carnival held at Homebush. They took a further 2 seconds off their time and came 14th overall. Well done!

ANZAC Day March

Spring Hill P.S was well presented at this year's march in Orange with all students looking especially sharp in their winter uniform. Thank you to Grace Wigmore's grandmother for the knitted poppies which were proudly worn by all our students and staff.

Cross Country

A huge congratulations to those students who braved the weather last Friday to attend the OSSA Gold Cross Country in Cumnock. Congratulations to Michael Stewart, Rowdy Roberts, Lasche Tandy and Alexa McKenzie who will compete at District this Friday in Molong, hopefully the sun will be shining!

Calendar Dates

10/5- District Cross Country
20/5-Assembly
21/5- Healthy Ears K & 1
24/5- District Athletics

Merit Awards

Week 1

K,1 & 2

Will Teitzel- Student of the Week
Lila Nelson
Grace Robinson
Cambell Davis
Sarah Jackson
Hannah McKenzie
Brodie Robinson
Chloe Thompson
Alexa McKenzie

3,4

Sam Wiegold- Student of the Week
Quincy Roberts
Bronte Murphy

5 & 6

Freya Baker- Student of the Week
William Knox
Harrison Knox
Jacob Cox

Sensory Garden

As you may have noticed in the playground, work has commenced on our Sensory Garden! A huge thank you to Steve and Deina Hines who have dug out the path for our amazing rainbow serpent path. Every Wednesday afternoon (weather permitting) from 2pm to 3pm we will be working on this project and would really appreciate any help from parents, grandparents, community members or family friends. The design has been included and a list of materials required will be sent home this week. Students have selected their groups based on one of the five senses and will be working on completing the task.

NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5

Students in years 3 & 5 will sit for NAPLAN next week on the following days:

Tuesday 14th May- Language Conventions

Grammar

Wednesday 15th May- Reading

Thursday 16th Numeracy

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3 & 5. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every year in the second full week in May.

HOME Program

The HOME program in partnership with the Art Gallery of NSW aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the histories, cultures and experiences of Aboriginal people as the first peoples of Australia. Students will develop a deeper understanding of Aboriginal Histories, cultures and languages. Students will be focusing on more than 5 Aboriginal artists and be involved in two digital learning events and visits to regional art galleries. At the conclusion of the program students will have the opportunity to exhibit their works in four galleries.

Wellington Eisteddfod

Entries will be open on the 26th May for the 2019 Wellington Eisteddfod, Sam will be sending out a list of what your child will be competing in and directions of how to enter them. Entries need to be paid for by parents for students to participate.

Maths Online

This year we will be using an online maths program called Maths Online. MathsOnline lessons can be accessed at home or at school and on all devices. Students received their logins & passwords last term and will have weekly homework tasks along with classroom activities that consolidate their learning. Any student unable to complete tasks or do not have access to a computer are encouraged to use the school computers from 8.30am.

Welcome back

Welcome back to Mr H who will be working in the Primary classroom for the next 2 weeks. He will also be attending the Operation Art Workshop with the Yrs. 5 & 6 students. Students are very excited about their daily French lessons with Mr H and his sporting capabilities.

We also welcome back Miss Amy and Miss Paige who will be working in the Infants room for the next 2 Wednesdays. Their enthusiasm and professionalism is truly appreciated.

Ten Pin Bowling

This term we will be participating in Ten Pin Bowling every Friday from the 31st May. Students will catch the bus from school at 1:30pm and travel into Orange Ten Pin Bowling. Parents will need to pick up their children at 3:00pm at the centre. The cost for 6 weeks of bowling is \$20 per student and this must be paid by the 30th of May. **Students who have not paid will be remaining at school.**

Online Tools

Maths Online- Maths Online is an online program that can be accessed in the classroom or at home. Students will receive weekly homework tasks to complete which will contribute to the end of term reward system.

Class Dojo- We have a number of families who have not yet signed up to Class Dojo this is a great app that allows teachers to share photos, comments and messages with parents.

School Stream- Please remember that if a student is absent it needs to be sent in via School Stream, having notes digital makes it easier to track student attendance.

All permission notes, alerts, newsletters etc (unless issued otherwise) will be uploaded to School Stream, please keep an eye on this app and make sure "notifications" is turned on so you receive all information.

District Athletics Carnival- 24/5/2019

Congratulations to the students who qualified for the District Athletics. Permission notes must be returned as soon as possible. The carnival is on Friday 24/5/2019 at Waratahs Sports Ground.

Homework

This term Maths Online will be a part of homework that will contribute to the end of term reward party. For students to receive this reward, homework, home reading and maths online tasks will need to be completed weekly for K & 1 and fortnightly for 2, 3 & 4.

K,1- K & 1 students homework will continue with home reading, weekly spelling words and a photo copy of next weeks maths questions as an extra for students who would like to practise. This term we have also included weekly Online Maths tasks that coincide with the topics we are focusing on in class. Please remember to bring homework folders in every Friday to be changed. If your child would like to do home reading please remember you need to have a homework folder and the Reading Log Book which can be purchased from the office for \$5, the reading log book allows us to keep track of what your child is reading and how many nights they have read for.

In addition to home reading

2, 3, 4 – Students in years 2, 3 & 4 will continue to receive a fortnightly homework grid, please remember to sign off on all completed activities. Both groups have a novel to read each night and a spelling sheet to complete.

5, 6- Homework will continue this term due every Monday. Students will also be required to read "Harry Potter".

Geography

3 & 4 – Students have begun learning about "The Australian Continent". This topic explores deserts, rivers, rainforests and natural features in Australia.

5 & 6 - Students have begun learning about "Environments that shape places", looking at deserts, rainforests and causes of bushfires in Australia.

There will be a geography test in Week 8, assignments are due on the 3rd July 2019.



