

Spring Hill Public School

Newsletter



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Term 1 Issue 1

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

Welcome to 2020. We hope the Christmas holidays were enjoyable and full of family time. This term we welcome our new kindies Damo, Dusty, Maddilynn, George, Connor & Lucas, we also welcome the Truman, Zelukovic, Fleming & Andree- Evarts families to Spring Hill School and look forward to meeting everyone at our Picnic in the Playground on the 6th of February.

Thank you to the amazing families who watered our garden during the holidays and kept everything alive and looking green. The rain also helped!

Staff & Classes

Welcome back to our staff members and volunteers. Kerrie, Miss Cornish, Miss Emily, Deina, Sam, Amanda, Andrew, Peter, Jenny, Kim, Kirsty, John, Brooke and Chantelle. This year we welcome back Mrs Ryan who will be working as the Learning and Support teacher, Librarian and HSIE teacher. We would love to have some more reading and gardening volunteers, so please don't be shy!

Best Start

The Kindergarten Best Start Assessments will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Letters will be sent home during the holidays 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.

Kindergarten CWD Photos- TBA

The CWD will take photos of this year's kindergarten students. Please be in blue sports shorts or grey shorts, blue polo shirt and joggers. We will confirm this soon.

Home Readers

All students will be participating in home readers this year. This is a great initiative to instil a love of reading every night while receiving awards and stickers for achieving a reading goal.

Homework- Infants

Homework for Infants will continue this term and will need to be returned every Friday if you would like your books changed. Please make sure these are put in the basket first thing in the morning.

Homework- Primary

All primary students will continue to have homework which will be due fortnightly on a Monday. This is an opportunity to revise concepts covered in class, keep up to date with the novel being studied and develop positive work habits for high school.

Book Packs

We have a small number of families who have not collected their book packs from Jenny's Classroom, please do this before tomorrow as we will be using them in class.

Notes

There will be notes sent home on the first day which include updated family information, swimming permission note and a general permission note for using technology. Please return these by Friday 31st January. Students who do not return the permission note for swimming will be remaining at school.

OSSA Swimming Carnival

The OSSA Swimming Carnival will be held at the Orange Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 12th February. Students must be turning 8 or older and be able to swim 50m competitively and independently. Mrs Mac and Sam will assess children the first week of swimming. A note will be sent home the following week for those students who are able to compete. Students not participating will have a normal school day.

Swimming

Students will be bussed into the Aquatic Centre leaving Spring Hill at 1.30pm. All students are organised into groups based on their ability for a 1 hour lesson. After the lesson students are able to enjoy 10 minutes of free time. 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 participating in the swimming program. The cost is \$60 per term per student, invoices will be sent home the first week of school and we ask this is paid in full no later than Friday 14th February 2020. This program is subsidised through Sporting Schools.

Please make sure your child's clothing is clearly marked with their name and remember to pack your swimmers, towel & goggles.

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, these have been ordered and will arrive soon.

Transition Monday

Transition will continue on Mondays with Miss Emily and Monday 3rd February will be the first day. Please remember to pack a healthy lunch and recess, bottle of water, hat and spare clothes if needed.

School Assemblies

We will continue to have weekly classroom assemblies during class time, but on Mondays in week 5 & 10 we will have assemblies that are open to the school community, these will commence at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate the many achievements of our students.

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, 6th February we will be having our first Welcome Picnic in the Playground and Information Night for 2020 families are invited to bring their own Picnic Tea. It will commence at 5:30pm 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. We will also be having the P & C AGM prior to our Welcome Picnic at 5pm.

School Times

School starts at 9:00am and finishes at 3:00pm. If your child is on a reading program please arrive at school no later than 8:45pm so your child can have this finished before class starts at 9:00am. If you are going to be late picking up your child please advise the school as soon as possible.

Welcome for new families

We will be having an information morning tomorrow at 9:00am for our new families. Please come along and learn about all the amazing things we do, apps we use, uniforms and let us answer any questions you may have.

Library

Library will be held on Tuesdays for all students, please have a library bag clearly marked with your child's name.

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

29/1-31/1- Best Start Testing
31/1- First Day of Swimming
3/2- First Day of Transition
6/2- P & C AGM
6/2- Picnic in the Playground
12/2- OSSA Swimming Carnival (for selected students only)
14/2- School Fees Due
29/2- Whistlestop Festival Cake Stall



