

Spring Hill Public School

Newsletter



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Term 1 Issue 2

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

We are now in Week 3 of Term 1 and already our students are showcasing their many talents and interests in the classroom, on the sporting field & in the pool. Congratulations to Stella, Quincy and Rowdy on their touch football representation achievements in Nelson Bay last weekend and upcoming carnivals in Orange. & Wagga.

As the term gathers momentum it is imperative that all students become accustomed to the expectations of our school and their personal responsibilities to achieve their full potential as individuals along with being part of a team. If your child requires any extra support or advice please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Cornish. Every student at our school is valued, cared for and respected every day!

OSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the following students Hannah, Lila, Annabelle, Frankie, Alexa, Grace, Brodie, Bronte, Quincy, Rowdy, Blake, Gabby, Zali, Stella, Lasche, Joe, Sam, Carter, Jacob, Will, Dexter, Beau & Ryan. This was the largest team from Spring Hill to compete in an OSSA swimming carnival and is reflective of our Friday swimming program. We hope to have more students next year.

Students who have qualified for district will be notified in the coming days. Keep training hard.



No Electronic Policy

We have a strict no phone policy at school, if you need to contact your child please contact the school, if your child needs to contact you we will let them call you from the school phone.

Picnic in the Playground

Unfortunately we had to postpone our picnic due to unpredictable weather conditions last Thursday. The new date is Tuesday 18th February. We hope to welcome our new families and catch up with our existing families. Picnic in the Playground provides a wonderful opportunity to meet and ask any questions you may have and meet other Spring Hill Families.

School Fees

School fees are due on Friday 14th February please remember to pay these by the due date. These include stationary, technology, swimming & performing/creative arts.

Whistlestop Cake Stall- Saturday 29th February 2020

On Saturday 29th February Spring Hill Public School will be running the cake stall at the Spring Hill Whistlestop Festival. The cake stall will run from 9-2 (or when sold out) and we will need families to help run the stall and bake cakes, biscuits or slice.

Please contact the school if you can help.

Guitar

We have a number of students participating in the new school guitar program. The program will be delivered by Megan Woods. Students have been divided into two groups and lessons will begin at 1:00. Students are reminded to practice every day and bring their guitars and music with them every Tuesday.

P & C AGM

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and community members who attended the Spring Hill P & C AGM. Congratulations and a huge thank you to the following individuals who volunteered and accepted nominations for the positions:

President: Kaye Stevenson

Vice President: Lynda McKenzie & Karissa Roberts

Secretary: Chantelle Larfield

Treasurer: Christine Whybrow

Fundraising meetings will be held once a month to discuss upcoming fundraisers and events. Money raised will support the purchase of classroom resources and sporting equipment. This year we are working towards purchasing a smart board for our art room, new high jump mats and scooters and a revamp of the bike track.

Your attendance at these meetings is greatly appreciated.

These meetings will be held at approximately 2:45pm and will go for approximately 15 minutes.

Upcoming P & C Events

What	When	Who
Whistlestop Festival Cake Stall	29 th March 2020	All families will need to donate their time and or bake for the cake sale.
Easter raffle tickets sent home	4 th March 2020	All families will receive 1 book to start
Infants Tabloid Carnival	5 th March 2020	We will need helpers to cook a bbq & organise lunch packs
Fundraising Committee Meeting	11 th March	2:45pm at Spring Hill P.S
P & C Meeting	19 th March 2020	5:30pm held at the Spring Hill Tavern

Infants Classroom

Please remember infants homework folders are to be returned every Friday. Miss Cornish & Sam put time aside to change books & read any comments. Our focus this week for Literacy is "Being happy and what makes us happy" for Numeracy we will be learning addition & time.

Primary Classroom

Homework for primary students is due fortnightly on a Monday fortnightly, please remember to sign every box your child completes including Maths Online tasks.

Our Maths topic this week is time & addition.

STEM 3D Printer

Mrs Cloete from Mullion Creek P.S & Kerrie set up our 3D Printers on Tuesday & demonstrated to our primary students the process for coding a name tag. We have these printers on loan for Term 1 and students will be working in small groups with Kerrie on Wednesdays.

Champion Life- New Program

Champion Life is a curriculum aligned resource that supports the development of whole school wellbeing through the engagement of students in physical & mental health challenges and forming lifelong healthy habits. This is done through real life role models presenting body sets and challenges to students as well as Champion Life having a Wellbeing Monitor section.

Infants are participating in the Body Set section as a brain break while Primary are completing the Challenges and the Wellbeing Monitor section.

Check out the following link to find out more: <https://championlife.com.au>

Leadership Presentation

Mr Duncan Auld, Director of Educational Leadership visited our school on Tuesday to present the Leadership badges to our Year 6 students. A very impressive group of young men. Congratulations!



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

- 14/2- School Fees Due
- 19/2- Cyber Safety Talk
- 26/2- ODPSSA Swimming Carnival
- 29/2- Whistlestop Festival Cake Stall
- 5/3- Infants Tabloid Carnival







Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

