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## Newsletter Term 4 Week 3 2018

### Coming Soon

- Halloween Disco and parent presentation on Spiral's of Inquiry (school's action research) 30 October
- School Photos 6 and 7 November 2018
- Kindergarten transition 25, 26 October & 1, 2 November 2018
- Class Assembly Talented Thursday 8 November 2018 2pm in the school hall
- Grand friends celebration approximately 10:30am to 12:15pm (Time to be confirmed) 9 November 2018
- Swim Scheme 12 to 23 November 2018 – Information at the bottom of the newsletter
- Class Assembly Nifty Thursday 22 November 2018 2pm in the school hall
- Year 6 Orientation Day for High School Tuesday 4 December 2018
- Class Assembly Joyful Thursday 6 December 2018 2pm in the school hall
- Presentation Day Thursday 13 December 2018 in the school Hall
- Kindergarten Graduation 14 December 2018
- Year 6 Farewell 14 December 2018
- Student reports to go home 17 & 18 December 2018
- Water Fun Day 18 December 2018
- Christmas Concert 18 December 2018

Please refer to the school's website calendar for more events

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to Term 4. Congratulations to Riannon and Izabella for receiving a Numeracy award in the 2018 Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards. Mrs Blackburn also received a Non- Aboriginal Staff Member Award. We are all very proud of their achievements.

### School Camp

Congratulations to all the students, teachers and staff who participated in the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Please view the photos on the school's Facebook page to see the amazing time they had. Thank you to all the staff who organised and attended.



### Kindergarten Transition

All of our staff have been working tirelessly to organise engaging class programs, as well as develop Kindergarten Orientation and Transition programs. The Kindergarten transition program will occur on 25, 26 October & 1, 2 November 2018. Please be aware there will be **increased traffic with new parents and pre-kindergarten students at these times.**



Term 4 is traditionally a very busy term with quality teaching and learning happening, students report cards being finalised and programs and events happening throughout this period (please refer to the events above and on the skoolbag app and on the school website calendar)

Throughout this Term Kindergarten will be conducting mystery lessons that will include stimulus in the playground to inspire curiosity of students to promote curiosity and ideas for their writing. This week, sections of the playground will be taped off as a made up police crime scene. Please discuss with your child/ren that it is only a made up crime scene to encourage talk and imagination for student's writing.

## School Photos

School photos will held on Tuesday 6 and 7 November 2018. All students are to be dressed in full school summer uniform. All questions and correspondance about sibling photos please book online [www.pakpix.photo](http://www.pakpix.photo) or contact Kylie Lyons the photographer on 0411552488.

As we are a growing and developing school we will continue to revise photograph's procedure. For 2018, the classes will be on specific days so that we can take advantage of the younger students being ready and not coming back from the playground all hot and bothered.

Tuesday 6 November Class photos	Wednesday 7 November Class photos
Unique – Ms Urry	Magic and Dream – Mrs Morris and Mrs Davison
Strong – Ms Street	Bright - Ms Wylie
Inspired – Mrs Johnsons	Talented – Ms Chircop
Colourful – Mrs Connor	Creative – Mrs Neale
Dynamic – Ms Delli-Fiori	Joyful-Mrs Blackburn
Brave – Mrs Berry	Nifty – Ms Neale
Curious – Mr Clark	Kind – Mrs Kelly
Sibling photos	Proud – Ms Pereira
School Leaders	Persistent – Mrs Phillips
Year 6 photos	Resilient - Mrs Walker
	Courageous – Ms Bonin

Preferable method of payment is online orders which can be made at <http://pakpix.photo/onlineordering>

## School Disco and Information session for parents while waiting for your child/ren

P&C have organised a student disco and teachers will be supervising (more information at the end of this newsletter about the disco). Staff will be presenting information in the school library on their action research. This will be a great opportunity to experience the research that teachers have been conducting throughout Spring Farm Public School. Please join us at the library and the P&C will be cooking a sausage sizzle for parents who attend the workshop.

Similarly an information session will be presented on the school's technology plan on Monday 5 November at 6pm in F Block just before the P&C meeting which will be held on at 6:30pm. Please join us!

## Lateness!

Since the start of this term, there has been an average of **8 students sometimes up to 10 students** arriving late each morning!

While the school understands that the cold mornings and the new parking regulations can influence the morning schedule, it is important that we all work together to establish a good routine **the night before and in the morning** so that your child or children can get to school on time.

Similarly, setting up a good routine to regularly attend school, **provides the necessary life skills for your child or children to meet future deadlines and work on the skills of time management**. If you have concerns and difficulties with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to see the school or School Counsellor for advice and assistance. If your child **arrives late, from 8:55am onwards** they are required to get a late pass from the school office, before going to their lines or classroom.

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## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...* **Every day counts!**



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## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**School starts at 8.55am**  
**DON'T BE LATE!**





## General Parking

Parents and Carers please park correctly in the residential areas that surround the school. I have received a number of complaints from our neighbours about families who have parked their cars along the driveways, illegally parking in the disabled parking or on **vacant land**! The police and parking rangers have been contacted about this matter.



## Social Skills Program

Throughout the year, the school has been embarking on a Social Skills program which is linked to the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations. Every second Thursday afternoon, all the students will do a lesson on various aspects of the PBL expectations. This is in conjunction with the STAND strategies which we teach and encourage all students to use in the school. The table below provides an outline of what the students and teachers will be focusing throughout the term. This is a good opportunity for the family to discuss the lessons and reinforce the social skills taught.

## PBL Overview Term 4 2018

<b>Week 1 Safe</b>	<b>PBL Lesson 24 - Follow teacher instructions at all times</b> <b>Social Skill T4 Lesson 1: Dealing with losing</b>
<b>Week 3 Safe</b>	<b>PBL Lesson 25 - Follow teacher instructions at all times</b> <b>Social Skill T4 Lesson 2: Being a good sport</b>
<b>Week 5 Problem Solver</b>	<b>PBL Lesson 1 - Revision: Be assertive, say "No, I don't like that"</b> <b>Social Skill T4 Lesson 3: Dealing with being left out</b>
<b>Week 7 Problem Solver</b>	<b>PBL Lesson 3 – Revision: Be a creative thinker, think outside the box</b> <b>Social Skill T4 Lesson 4: Dealing with embarrassment</b>
<b>Week 9 Problem Solver</b>	<b>PBL Lesson 5 – Revision: Be resilient, stick at it and manage your emotions - calming down</b> <b>Social Skill T4 Lesson 5: Reacting with failure</b>

# Wristband Overview:

Week 1 - safe  
Week 2 - learner  
Week 3 - safe  
Week 4 - respectful  
Week 5 - problem solver  
Week 6 - learner  
Week 7 - problem solver  
Week 8 - safe  
Week 9 - problem solver  
Week 10 – respectful



# THE STAND PROGRAM

**S**tay calm



**T**ry to ignore



**A**sk to stop



**N**ever fight



**D**uty teacher





## Student News

Congratulations to Skylar from (S2 Persistent) competed in the BMX NSW State Titles at Castle Hill with all the other 10 Girls in her age group. Skylar is now 6th in NSW 10 girls.



## P&C news

The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on Monday 5 November 2018 at 6:30pm in Block F. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

It was another successful Bunnings fundraising barbecue. The P&C raised \$ 2282.80 which will be spent on Stage 2 & 3 class readers. The next fundraising project will be on artificial turf for around the school. Thank you the P&C for their ongoing support.

Please contact the P&C via email: [springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com](mailto:springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com)





Dear Parents and Carers,

**Halloween Disco**

**Put on your best costume and come dance the night away!!**

Spring Farm Public School P&C and Class Leaders are excited to advise we will be holding a Halloween Disco on **Tuesday, 30th October 2018** in the school hall.

**Infants (K-2) disco** – 4pm – 5:30pm

**Primary (3-6) disco** – 6pm – 7:30pm

A disco snack pack (**one per child**) will be sold at the door on the night for \$5. Snack pack includes a packet of chips, small bottle of water and a glow stick. Extra glowsticks will be on sale during the night for 50c each.

As this is a school event, teachers will be supervising the disco. Parents and siblings will not be able to attend the disco.

We ask that parents take into consideration that this is a children's disco when helping their children choose their costumes and be mindful of the amount of gore/ scare factor the costume may contain, also we ask that students do not bring weapons.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the P&C by emailing [springfarmpublicschool-v-pres2@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:springfarmpublicschool-v-pres2@pandcaffiliate.org.au) or by contacting the school office on 02 4658 3057 and an office bearer will return your call as soon as practicable.

As always, we appreciate all your support and thank you for assisting in making our community such a great one.

Kind regards

Spring Farm Public School P & C

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**Halloween Disco RSVP – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Name/s and class/es: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of snack packs required: \_\_\_\_\_

# School Photos

Order Online  
Now!

[www.pakpix.photo](http://www.pakpix.photo)



## November 6th & 7th



Photography By: PAKPix  
1A Wilson Crescent Narellan  
Phone 0411 552 488 [www.pakpix.photo](http://www.pakpix.photo)

# SAVE THE DATE

Spring Farm Public School

Will commemorate:

## *Remembrance Day*



And celebrate:

## *Grandfriends Day*



Remembrance Day Ceremony to  
be held in the School Hall from  
**10:30**

Grandfriends Day Celebration  
**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

# 9th November 2018





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### SCHOOL SWIMMING and WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides the basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over 10 days. Each lesson is 45 minutes.

**Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. The program focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 to 6 as well as students with special needs such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities.**

Instruction will take place at Camden Memorial Pool

The program will continue daily for two weeks from 12.11.2018 to 23.11.2018.

Transport will cost \$5.50 per day. Pool entry will cost \$3.50 per day.

The total cost for the 10 days scheme is \$90.00.

Each child should bring a swimming costume, towel, shirt, hat and warm clothing on a cool day and a bag to place wet items in. Where instruction takes place in an outdoor pool, it is recommended that students use adequate sun protection eg SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sun screen applied regularly, a rash shirt is also recommended (pool facility permitting).

Students will be assessed during the program for all water safety skills without wearing goggles.

If your child is eligible for the program, please complete the attached consent form and return with payment to the office. Payments can be made either by cash in a clearly marked envelope or online via the schools website on the make a payment tab.

**ALL PAYMENTS & CONSENT FORMS MUST BE FINALISED BY FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

*Inspiring Creative and Resilient Learners*



# Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon



The world's largest triathlon series for under 16s, the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon comes to Camden in south west Sydney for the first time. Supported by Camden Council, a fun, fitness festival is being created for the whole family to enjoy. TRYathletes will swim at the fantastic Olympic-sized pool, cycle through the surrounding closed suburban streets and run through the finish arch to receive their special medal for completing the course! Everything will be marked out and well signed to make it easy to follow. Register now to be part of the fun!

<https://tryathlon.com.au/locations/camden/>

## DATE

Sunday, 24 February 2019

## LOCATION

Onslow Park and Camden War Memorial Pool, Argyle St, Camden

## AGE REQUIREMENTS

7yrs to 15yrs inclusive

## NEARBY EVENTS

Sydney Olympic Park, 3 February 2019  
Canberra, 10 February 2019

## DISTANCES (APPROX.) FOR AGE 7-10

Swim 75m, Cycle 3km, Run 500m

## DISTANCES (APPROX.) FOR AGES 11-15

Swim 150m, Cycle 6km, Run 1km

## EVENT KIT DELIVERY CLOSES

8 February 2019

## PRIZE ELIGIBILITY

Participants must be registered by Sunday, 17 February 2019 to be eligible to win on-the-day prizes.

**If more than 15 children register with Spring Farm Public School we go into the draw to win \$5000 worth of prizes for the school!**