

# SPRING FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter

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**Top stories in this newsletter:** opening SF Woolworths, mother's day stall & Support Class



## Spring Farm Public School updates!

Thank you to everyone for your assistance and support in these few weeks of the term. As a school we have participated in a number of activities and established a number of things:

Our first Mother's day stall was very successful and I hope that all mothers were deservedly spoilt. Thank you to the fundraising committee for organising the stall in such a short period of time.

Our Year 6 students visited State Parliament and had a lovely time interacting with other schools and local politicians.

Our Primary students participated in the Macarthur Zone Cross country. All our students demonstrated lovely manners and resilience to complete the course. Congratulations to Owen Cragg for qualifying for the regional cross country. We put out an EOI to see if we could form a hockey team for this term, sadly we did not have enough interest to make a team. Hopefully we can be successful in 2017 when we have more enrolments.

Friday 27th May 2016 at 9:30pm in the school Library, Kirrily the Speech Therapist will be running a workshop on the screener report that some parents may have received this week, she will also discuss her role in assisting teachers help students and inform parents on what they can do at home to improve their child's speech. She will also provide information on where you can access speech therapy lessons if your child requires it. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Last Thursday night we formed Spring Farm public school's Parent and Citizen association. The school's P&C will register with the federation, work through a number of by-laws and pay for public liability insurance. Once the P&C is registered, the office bearers will be busy applying for various state and federal grants and working with the school's directions and goals. At this point of time we are continuing with the Fundraising committee as it will be the sub-committee of the P&C. Our next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 6:30pm in the school library, everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to organise their children to assist us open Spring Farm Woolworths. This was a great opportunity to show case our school, students, teachers and community. Woolworths also donated \$1000 which will be earmarked to purchase technology for our students.

These few weeks Ms Urry and teachers are organising school captains, sports leaders and student leaders. More information will be sent via the enews app on the leadership procedures. On Thursday 16th June 2016 at 2:15pm, Spring Farm Public School will host its **first school assembly** in the hall. It will involve presenting leadership badges to our students; presenting awards and KE will be presenting their item. All parents, carers and families are welcome to attend. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

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## Bunning Barbecue we need your help —Fundraising committee

Spring Farm Public School will be running a fundraising barbecue on Saturday 11th June at Narellan Bunnings. This is to coincide with the long weekend when many householders are going to Bunnings to get their supplies do their home improvements. This will be a big event for all of us and we have all been working hard to coordinate this event.

Thank you to the people who have already volunteer some of their time for that Saturday. We still need more people to assist in packing up from after 4pm. If you have some spare time please email Mrs Coleman who is one of the committee members (Melanie.129@live.com) or the school.

Our initial fundraising goal is to raise enough funds so that we can purchase i-pads for our students. You can also help by donating soft drinks specifically **Coke, Coke Zero, Lemonade, Solo & bottled water** especially when they are **on special** in the super markets. You can bring the donations to the school it will be securely stored. This will help us in minimising the outlay and maximising profit!

As this is such a big event the Fundraising committee will need to meet regularly to coordinate various fundraising events. Our next Fundraising meeting is on Wednesday 1st June 6:30pm in the school library everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to the families who have already assisted in donating drinks or Coles & Woolworths gift vouchers.

## Support Class for term 4 2016

The school is working on establishing a Multi- Categorical Support Class for term 4 2016. Students who

attend this class are predominately autistic and have other mild disabilities. This class will have a fulltime class teacher and School Learning Support Officers (teacher's aid) which can have a maximum of 10 students. In 2017, three other support classes will be established for students with Moderate Intellectual Disability, Severe Intellectual Disability and Autism. More information will be provide to you once I get confirmation on all of these classes. The establishment of support classes are based on the majority of disability needs within the surrounding area. Once again, the school's ethos and vision is providing all students with an education and the opportunity for all students to be integrated into Spring Farm Public School.

### Parent Helpers

Mrs Periera and I are finalising a school policy and working to steam line the Working with Children Check so that parents and carers can be helpers in the school. Once this has been completed we will run some induction courses and organise a workable timetable for both teacher and parent helpers. Some major projects that we will require assistance in will be: letter box drop for the surrounding area, organising Library resources and labeling of math's equipment.

### GKR Karate

Each Thursday at 5pm and Saturday at 8am GKR Karate will be starting Karate classes in the school hall. Please contact Ashley on 0401919338 or access their website for more information.

### Before and after school care

Starting a before and after school care at Spring Farm Public will require a minimum of 45 students for it to be viable. Please fill-out a survey from the school office requesting this service. Once the school gets the required numbers we can start the tendering process. You can obtain the survey from the school's website. Alternatively you can email or phone the school for a hard copy which we can send with your child or come to the office and fill out the survey.

### Outstanding teachers and support staff

All of our teachers Mrs Evans, Mrs Periera, Mrs Creber, Mrs Berry & Ms Urry along with our Support staff Mrs Scuteri, Mrs Neal and Mrs Holt (in the office) who have worked above and beyond to make Spring Farm Public School as an exceptional school that puts the needs of all students, staff and community as a priority. I know a lot of parents appreciate the work that our staff do and this is notable with the regular conversations that happen in the afternoon which I believe is very important.

You can also show your appreciation and recognition by nominating your child's teacher in the 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award. Log on to <https://neita.awardsplatform.com/> and fill out the form.

## Reminders

### Confidential family matters and medical reports

If you have you have any confidential family matters that may impact on your child's wellbeing, such as custody issues, family court orders and medical reports etc you need to see myself, or if I am unavailable to see Miss Urry before seeing the class teacher. This way the school as a collective can best cater to you and your family's needs. At the same time, copies of relevant legal or medical documents are required at the school so that we can follow the directions or recommendations.

## Uniforms

As the colder mornings are approaching there has been an increase of students wearing different coloured jackets, shorts and pants. I do ask if you can source a navy blue jacket, navy sloppy joe, navy blue shorts and pants and school shirt as we are trying to instill pride, set a good example for our new enrolments and develop a connection with each other. Research has stated that wearing school uniform can assist in developing 'self esteem and a sense of connection to the community', more information about wearing the correct school uniform can be found on <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/connect/school-uniforms>.

As I have mentioned before, so many people from, businesses and general public always have a positive comment for our uniforms. It is very stylish, modern and unique for the surrounding area. If you require assistance in purchasing various uniform please contact the school and we will work something out. If you have any spare uniforms please donate to the school and we can assist other families.

## Signing in and dogs prohibited on school premises

Due to WHS legislation it is a requirement to sign in as a visitor at the front office. If you need to deliver something to your child, pick them up early or need to send a message please contact the school office and we can assist in these matters.

Under the Companion Animals Act, 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), all dogs are prohibited in school grounds, (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). Thank you for understanding and support.

### Bus Bay & new parking signs

The construction of the Bus Bay on Barley Road has commenced and new parking signs have been placed on the other side of the Bus Bay. **Please be mindful** that new parking signs will be erected at any given time.

Donovan Jance

Principal Spring Farm Public School

