

SPRING FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Spring Farm Public School!

Finally we have officially moved into the new school! It is a lovely a big school and we are all getting used to the long walks from one side to the other.

It was a successful opening and I thank our students, staff and parents for making it a memorable morning. There may be an official opening which will involve politicians, representatives from the Department of Education and all of us (students, staff and community).

Once again our main focus is on the teaching and learning of all students, getting them settled and welcoming our new enrolments.

Like any new building, there will be a lot of things to check on. We have a new phone number **4658 3057** . This will be our official number however we are currently having problems with the connection and Telstra are working on it. For now it is best to email the school.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance to establish Spring Farm Public School. Thank you to the fundraising committee and parent contributions for assisting in the morning tea for the opening ceremony.

Forming a Parent and Citizen association (P&C)

On Thursday 19th May, 2016 at 6:30pm a public meeting will be held in the school library to establish the school's P&C. All parents and carers are welcome to attend and adopt a constitution that is sourced from the P&C Federation (more information can be accessed on www.pandc.org.au)

From there we will elect office bearers, set up by-laws, decide membership fees, look at insurance and adopt a Code of Conduct.

Even if you do not wish to be an office bearer, you are still able to be a member of the P&C and are welcome to attend each meeting. Any enquires please email the school springfarm-p@det.nsw.edu.au

Mothers' Day stall and Bunning Barbecue—Fundraising committee

Thank you to the fundraising committee who have worked very hard to purchase a number of items for our first Mother's Day stall which will be held in the school hall on Friday 6 May. An Enews alert has already been sent out providing detailed information. If possible, please send smaller change rather than high denomination notes as it is difficult to give change and students can lose the change during the day.

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

Thank you to the people who have already volunteered 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, one of the committee members (Melanie.129@live.com), or the school.

You could also assist in providing donations of Coke, Diet Coke, Solo & Lift soft drink cans, especially when they are on special in the super markets. You can bring the donations to school and we can store them here.

Thank you to everyone involved with the major fundraiser event, we are all very appreciative of your time and contribution. Thank you to Mrs Vincent and their business **A&D Alpine Roofing & Guttering** for donating 100kg of sausages. They were able to secure a great deal from Mount Annan Quality Meat and Deli Butchers thank you!

A number of online surveys (through Survey Monkey) will be created to find out your thoughts and commitment towards embroidery of the school logo on the original school shirts and on a future parent workshops. Watch this space!

Establishing a new school

Last newsletter, I outlined the relationship between student enrolments and the amount of teachers we can have at SFPS. We are slowly increasing our enrolments which will assist us in securing our teachers. As a community you can help the school with increasing our enrolments by letting your neighbours and surrounding households know that we are open for business.

Our other challenge will be securing and organising school events that will give parents enough time to take the time off to attend these ceremonies. As a new school we will work early this term and in the other consecutive terms to organise and book in various community events. We will make it a priority to alert you as early as possible so that you can organise the time off. However, there will be times where we may need to take the opportunity or things may come up that are beyond our control and this may result in providing short notice to parents and carers. I do apologise in advance and ask you for your understanding. If you unsure of something, or there are things that we may have overlooked or not considered, please contact the school via phone, email or come in for a chat. Keeping these lines of communication open directly with the school will give you peace of mind and the most up-to-date response. It is also useful feedback for us to make future considerations and develop a culture of self-improvement.

Apart from the main focus of the teaching and learning of all our students, the school will be planning a number of things, such as student's half yearly progress report, organising Zone Cross Country and NAIDOC celebrations for this term. In Term 3, we will organise Athletics Carnival and Education Week. In Term 4, we will begin Kindergarten orientation programs and preparation for our end of year presentation assembly. With a small staff, all of these things will take time to plan, organise and implement and I ask for your patience and understanding in these matters.

Reminders

NAPLAN will be administered next week for students in Year 3 and Year 5. Information for parents and cares can be accessed at <http://www.nap.edu.au> . A School Enews alert was also sent out last term (on 29 March) with further information

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2017 all information can be accessed at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement - Applications close Friday 13 May 2016

School bell times

School will start at **8.55am**, with teacher playground supervision from 8:30am. School finishes at **2.55pm**.

8.30am Playground Supervision

8.55am Morning Assembly (Monday whole school assembly and Thursday morning reminder assembly) Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Morning line up and straight into class with the class teacher

Morning Session 9am - 11.30am (Crunch as Sip in between)

11.30am Lunch (15 minutes eating time in class, 30 minutes play time)

12.15pm Middle Session

1.30pm Recess

2.00pm Afternoon Session

2.55pm Home time

Pick Up Zones & Kiss and Drop Zone

Each class will be walked from their classroom to the 'pick up' zone (Green playground) and dismissed from there. This process will allow for a smooth transition and will reduce the chances of accidents. The construction of the Bus Bay on Barley Road will begin this month and may have an impact on parking. Council & Roads & Maritime authorities will determine the Kiss and Drop Zone and have indicated that it will be on the south side of the school the side gate. Please be mindful of the road signs that will be placed in the future. A wombat crossing will be constructed in the future.

Crunch and Sip

Crunch and sip is a set break during class time to snack on fruit or vegetables. We encourage all students to bring a piece of fruit and a small bottle of water to enjoy during crunch and sip time. This snack time will allow students to refuel and stay hydrated throughout the day.

Please subscribe to the Enews app and let others know about this app, as this is the most effective way to communicate all events to parents and carers. We can assist you at school to subscribe to the app. More information about the app can be found at

www.schoolenews.com/for-parents.html

If you cannot access the Enews app on your phone, you can still access all correspondence via the school's website. To get to the school's website, google school locator, open the page, type in Spring Farm Public in the **Quick Search** box which will give you a link and that will open the school's website. Once on the website click on the Enews tab and scroll down the page to **previous correspondence**.

As a school we are trying to reduce the reliance of distributing paper notes.

Please note, if you have any questions or queries or you are unsure about something, please contact the school through email or phone. You can see the class teacher, preferably in the afternoons, or myself any time.

Regards Donovan Jance

Principal Spring Farm Public School