

## ***Spring Farm Public School***



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### **Spring Farm Newsletter Term 1 Week 6 2016**

#### ***Principal's thoughts!***

We had a lovely time at our first community event last Friday. It was great to see so many parents and carers at the occasion and to see our students enjoy themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who contributed to a wonderful afternoon: Jo and her team from Narellan Bunnings who donated a six burner barbecue to the school and even cooked our sausage sizzle!

To Kylie Lyon from Handprint Photography for taking professional photographs, that will be available for sale in due course, and for setting up the photo booth that was lots of fun for everyone.

To the Macarthur Director of Public Schools, Christine Tasker and local Member of Parliament, Chris Patterson for taking time to visit us. It was a great honour to have Lesley Marks do Welcome to Country, as well as members from the Glenfield Aboriginal and Engagement team to come and visit us.

To Mrs Sannio and Mr Palaez from Thomas Acres Public School, thank you for developing the canvas with our students and staff that represents our new beginning and growth.

Finally, thank you to all of the staff at Spring Farm Public School. They have worked so hard these first weeks of the school year, and when the proposal of an open classroom came so early in the term, they were all very supportive and enthusiastic about connecting with the community. I thank them for their dedication to our school and our students!

There is always a need to have a balance between running school events and being conscious of how much it can disrupt the teaching and learning of students and their routines. I believe community events are an important part for the school to connect with our community and it is an opportunity to showcase what our students have been learning. I am also aware that it is difficult for some parents to attend these events during school hours. I will raise this with the staff and community about alternatives where we could host an event outside of school hours, thereby providing opportunities for parents who cannot get time off during school hours to be able to attend.

Voting for the school's logo and motto is available in the office until Wednesday 2 March. Stay tuned to the Enews app for a survey to vote for your favourite from the top five mottos and logos selected from our first round of voting.

#### **Fund raising**

Last Thursday night (25 February) we had a Think Tank on what the school and community could do for fundraising. Great ideas and thoughts were tabled by parents and teachers. I thank everyone for their contribution and encourage others who could not attend to share their ideas by emailing the school email address. Some parents have already and these ideas have been filed and were tabled at the last meeting.

For anyone interested in joining the Spring Farms Public School Fundraising Committee, there will be a meeting on Thursday 3 March 2016 at 7pm in the Narellan Annex Library. All parents, carers, senior students and staff are welcome to attend. The committee will need to have some office bearers such as Chairpersons, a secretary, Sponsorship and Donations Co-ordinators and even Marketing and Promotional Co-ordinators. The aim of the committee is to have a collaborative approach where fundraising ideas or the pursuit of donations can be openly discussed and be supported via the committee and the school's direction. A draft Fundraising policy has been created and will be revised and amended accordingly. Please come and share your ideas.

**Enrolments and the new school building**

I ask you for your assistance to talk to your neighbours, friends and relatives if they are planning to enrol at Spring Farm Public School. I know a number of families have indicated that they are holding back from enrolling their children into Spring Farm Public School until the new site is open. Please remind them that we are open and we will accept in-area enrolments. If they are planning to enrol once we are in the new site, can they let us know via the school's email or come in person to the Narellan Annex office. This will enable us to organise transition programs, review class structures and seek more teachers. I have been talking to the project manager of the new site and at this point of time it looks as if we may be open for day one of Term 2, 2016.

**Uniforms**

Thank you to everyone for supporting our uniform, especially for sports day with the sport uniform. The winter uniform is on display in the office and the girl's tunics look very smart. A navy blue high V-neck Sloppy Joe has been ordered for next term, along with the school's track suit jacket which is now available at Lowes Narellan.

**Parking**

A reminder for anyone thinking of parking in the World of Learning car park, please refrain from parking there as they are monitoring those who are illegally parking in their space. In addition, please familiarise yourself with the parking laws around schools. The office has a number of free information booklets on how to park safely around schools. When you are in the office please pick one up.

**Draft policies**

On the official school website (type in school locator, type in Spring Farm Public School and our website should come up) there are a number of draft policies and minutes that have been created for you to read over and make any suggestions. Please email the school to give your suggestions or book a time to see Mr Jance or Miss Urry if you would like to talk in person.

**Camden Show**

A note has gone home through the Enews app for an excursion to the Camden Show. The excursion is for all students Kindergarten to Year Six and will be Friday 11 March. Please read the note for full details. Final payment for the excursion will be Wednesday 9 March.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school through email or phone. You can see the class teacher preferably in the afternoons or see Miss Urry or myself.

Kind regards  
Mr Donovan Jance