

# SPRING FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Top stories in this newsletter:** Student report card, Bunnings' barbecue & Speech Therapy resource



## Spring Farm Public School updates!

### Student Report Card

On Monday 27th June 2016, every student will be receiving their student progress report. The Student Report Card is a snapshot of how your child is progressing at school throughout the first half of this year. Kindergarten will have a different version of report card to that of Stage 1, 2 & 3. Teachers have been working hard throughout each term to assess the learning of each student by grading work samples against specific Key Learning Area (KLA) outcomes and using their professional judgment. The main purpose of any student report is to identify areas of student strength and those of further development, either academically, emotionally or socially.

As a school, we believe that successful students are developed through a working relationship between students, teachers, parents and caregivers. All of us have a responsibility to develop our children. When you receive your child's report, please consider the recommendations that have been provided. If you have any questions regarding the report, please email the school to organise an early afternoon time to discuss your questions with the class teacher.

### Bunning Barbecue thank you to the Fundraising committee and to everyone for your contribution and assistance!

Spring Farm Public School Fundraising committee ran the Bunnings barbecue on Saturday 11th June at Narellan Bunnings. It was great to see the school community working together to assist the school and our students. We raised over \$2500 from this event. Thank you to the school's Fundraising committee for planning, coordinating the supplies and organising the volunteers for the day. Thank you to our parents, families and teachers who either donated monetary funds, volunteered their time or provided supplies. We all appreciate your support and contribution. A recognition and thank you to these businesses for contributing to the fundraising event:

Narellan Bunnings  
A&D Alpine Roofing Guttering for supplying all of the sausages  
Space Real Estate for assisting in the barbecue and supplying soft drinks and bottled water  
SunBlest Bakery Chollura for supplying the bread  
Macarthur Coles for supplying the onions  
Spring Farm Woolworths for supplying some vouchers and soft drinks  
Woolworths Limited for supplying ice  
Camden Woolworths for providing vouchers

The next Fundraising committee meeting is on Wednesday 28th June 2016 at 9:30am in the school Library. Every parent and caregiver is welcome to attend!

### Spring Farm Public School congratulates a Cross Country representative!

Congratulations to Owen Cragg for coming 7th out of 100 runners at the District Zone Cross Country. He is now on the reserve list to represent the Macarthur District at the State Cross Country final. We wish him all the best and good luck!

### Driving on Barley Rd

**Please be mindful** that new parking signs will be erected at any given time and **large fines will be issued if you break the law**. Please note, you are prohibited to park in the Bus Bay or do u-turns in front of the school on Barley Road. Please be mindful of how fast you drive into Barley Rd off Spring Farm Rd as students and parents cross the road especially in the morning thank you for your understanding. More information can be accessed through this link:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/parking.html>

### Changing to Skool Bag App

For Term 3 2016 our school will be using the Skoolbag App rather than the Enews app. Skoolbag app has many more features and is more compatible to different phones. A major feature of this app is the ability to explain your child's absence via your phone. More information will be sent to you on how to access the app.

## Speech Therapy resource

On Friday 27th May, Kirrily our speech therapist, presented on the benefits of developing speech, listening and processing skills in all students. She was also able to guide and recommend individual speech therapy services (some that are for free) for all families. Kirrily will present the same informative presentations in an evening session in Term 3 2016. More information will be sent to all families in due course.

Kirrily will set aside an hour 9am –10am each Friday fortnight (every odd week) to liaise with families and assist anyone in accessing various services. Please feel free to talk to her with any speech and listening concerns of your child. If you are unable to see Kirrily on the Friday mornings, you can contact the school to organise a phone conversation with Kirrily, or email the school and she can answer any questions.

Kirrily will be in attendance this Friday 24th June 2016

## Class Assembly

Thank you to all of our parents, carers and friends for attending our first school assembly. KE was a great host. Congratulations to the students who received our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) awards and to our senior student leadership team for receiving their Leadership Badges. As we are only have 5 classes at this stage, we will spread out the class assembly throughout Terms 3 and 4. For each assembly, students from each class will receive PBL awards and each hosting class will present an item, such as singing as a class, presenting a small play, showing a video item or displaying quality work.

Our next class assembly is Thursday 4th August 2016 starting at 2:15pm in the school hall. Stage 2 The Bahamas will be your host. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Parent Helpers

Mrs Pereira and I have finalised a Parent Helper school policy and have streamlined the Working with Children Check so that parents and carers can be school helpers. If you would like to assist in the classroom, please contact the school and we will organise a time for you to do an Induction course and assist you filling in some forms. Some major projects that we will require assistance in will be: reading with students, organising Library resources, exchanging of Home Readers and labeling of math's equipment. Thank you to our parent helpers for assisting in the Library last Friday.

## Outstanding teachers and support staff you still have until July 31st to nominate

I would like to acknowledge all of our teachers Mrs Evans, Mrs Periera, Mrs Creber, Mrs Berry & Miss 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 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.

## Learning Business & Management Reform (LMBR)

All NSW public schools are upgrading their administration system. Mrs Neal from the front office has been away receiving training on this new system and I will be receiving training throughout Term 3.

## The school will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability collects information about students with disability across Australia in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. This collection strengthens existing approaches to supporting students with disability and draws on evidence of the ongoing work of teachers and education staff throughout the year to provide personalised learning and support for students with disability.

The national data collection will assist schools to:

- gain a greater understanding of their student population and how students can be best supported
- formally and consistently recognise the support and adjustments provided to students with disability
- develop the professional judgment of school teams in making educational adjustments for students with disability rather than relying on a medical or clinical diagnosis alone
- review their learning and support systems and continually improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

More information can be accessed at <https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

## Reminders

### Gala Day

Gala Day has been rescheduled for Friday 5th August 2016. A reminder to parents and caregivers on Gala Days, please let the school know if you are dropping your child off at Narellan Public School or to the sporting venue.

### Confidential family matters and medical reports

If 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.

### Developing pride through our school uniforms

As a new school we are working towards establishing pride in Spring Farm Public. Research has stated that wearing full 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>.

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. 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.

### GKR Karate

Each Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning, GKR Karate will be holding 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.

### Signing in and dogs prohibited on school premises

Due to WHS requirements it is important 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.

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 Skool Bag 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.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au) If you cannot access the Skool Bag app on your phone, you can still access all correspondence via the school's website.

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.**

Finally our next newsletter will be in week 3 of term 3. Please have a restful break over the school holidays!

Students return Tuesday 19th July 2016

Regards

Donovan Jance

Principal



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# *School Holiday Program* **FAMILY FIT**

*'Getting Healthy Together'- for families with children 4-12 yrs*  
**Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July**  
**2:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**@ Personal Defence Studios—The PIT**  
**Unit 10, 156 Hartley Rd, SMEATON GRANGE NSW 2567**

## **5 Day Program**

- **Monday - Learning the basics of all Martial Arts, Fitness & Fun**
- **Tuesday- Stranger Danger & Agility Activities**
- **Wednesday - Kickboxing & Boxing Drills + Fitness Fun**
- **Thursday- Ground Wrestling Basics & Flexibility Fun**
- **Friday - Mini Fun Tournament using all the skills learnt in a week**

**Certificate & gift received on completion**

**One-off registration fee**  
**\$10 Adults & \$5 Children**  
**For bookings call Firaol at**  
**CCC on 4647 1283**





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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB

## Science Workshop

10am - 12pm Wednesday 6th July

Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre  
\$12 CCC members, \$15 non-members

## Games 2 u

**FREE!**

10am - 12pm Thursday 7th July

Brigade Park, Bardia Avenue Bardia

## CCC Quarterly Barbeque

**FREE!**

12am - 1:30pm Tuesday 12th July

Narellan Library Forecourt, Elyard Street

## Maximum Skating Workshop

10am - 12pm Wednesday 13th July

Max Arina, 75 Anderson Rd, Smeaton Grange  
\$12 CCC members, \$15 non-members

## Art Workshop "Play with Clay"

8 years - 12 years, places limited

10am - 12pm Thursday 14th July

Willowdale Community Place  
93 Jambaree Ave, Leppington

\$5 registration per child

**Bookings Essential, contact CCC for more information or to make a booking**



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Camden Community Connections & Disability Macarthur Present...

# TRIPLE P Positive Parenting Program

Monday 10th October

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Monday 17th October



WILLOWDALE

Monday 24th October

Monday 31st October

Willowdale Community Place 93 Jamboree Ave  
Willowdale (just off Camden Valley Way)

*"Triple P is a parenting program  
for all families that provides  
practical answers to everyday  
parenting concerns"*

**Childcare available  
BOOK NOW!**

**FREE**



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## KIDS CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

10:00am - 12:00pm

\$12 per child for CCC members

\$15 per child for non - members

**Bookings Essential**

**Limited places available!**

### Science Kids

Fun science & technology for kids!



## FUN FAMILY FRIENDLY EXPERIMENTS

To Book Contact Camden Community Connections on 4647 1283



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