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Term 1 Week 1

Coming Soon 2017

Australia Day Parade	26 January
First Day of Term 1 2017 – Yrs 1-6	30 January
MC class starts	
Kindergarten Best Start	30, 31 January and 1 February
Kindergarten students first full day	2 February

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring Farm Public School 2017. We have a lot to look forward to and to celebrate throughout this year!

Australia Day

On Thursday 26 January, students of Spring Farm Public School have volunteered to represent Spring Farm Public in the Macarthur Lions Club Australia Day Street parade.

Parents are asked to take their children to the marshalling area from 10:45am. This is located at the entrances to the show ground complex off Mitchell Street, Cawdor Road.

Mr Jance and other teachers will be at the marshalling area with the new school banner and parents can sign in their child.

Students are to be in full school uniform, wear their school hat, apply sun cream and bring along a bottle of water.

Mr Jance and teachers will supervise the students for the duration of the parade. The parade starts at 11:15am and will travel down the left hand side of

Argyle Street heading north to John Street roundabout. The parade terminates at the Elizabeth Street and Argyle Street intersection. Students and their supervising teachers walk back to the showground where parents can sign out their child and have a complimentary BBQ next to the swimming pool.

Staff Development Day

On Friday 27 January, teachers and staff officially return to school. They will be participating in professional learning activities and will be addressing a number of Department of Education policies and procedures.

The school office will be open for school enquires from 9am to 11am. From 11am to 12:30pm the school office will be closed as the office staff are required to do mandatory training with the teachers. The office will open from 12:30pm to 3pm.

First Day of School Years 1 to 6

All students Year 1 to Year 6 will start school Monday 30 January 2017.

School gates will open from 8:30am. Students and their families are asked to wait around the green zone where they can meet and greet their peers,

play quiet games such as hopscotch or handball. Due to the amount of people in this area playing with soccer or rugby balls or running around is prohibited.



We also welcome our Year 1 to 6 students to the Multi-Categorical class, who will go straight into their classroom for the first few days. They will join us for Monday or Thursday morning assemblies at a later date.

At 8:45am all students will be asked to line up under the shelter facing the Library in their stages, signs will be placed to indicate where to line up.

We will have a short welcome assembly and Miss Urry will announce the students for each class. Students will wave goodbye to their parents and families and go with their teacher into their new classes.

Parents and carers can pick up their child or children at 2:55pm at the green zone, where they will be able to meet their child's teacher.

Canteen

Canteen will only be open for parents and carers to organise lunch orders. Breakfast will not be available for the first few days as the canteen is organising a new menu. Canteen will be open at lunch times for students to purchase light snacks and ice blocks. The student leaders and Year Six students will continue with their fundraising efforts and will be selling ice blocks during the recess breaks, commencing in Week 3.

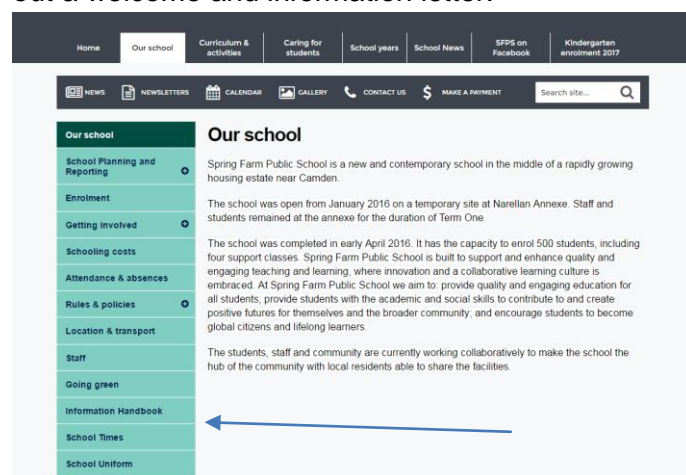
Kindergarten Best Start and First Day

Kindergarten students will be doing their Best Start assessment throughout Monday 30 January to

Wednesday 1 February 2017. Please read the information in the Best Start letter and please stick to the times allocated for your child. On the day of your child's Best Start assessment, parents and carers will receive a letter outlining the times and procedures for their child to start Kindergarten for Thursday 2 February 2017. This is to assist with a smooth transition for student and parents.

Class resources

There is a guide of what is required for each stage. Please go to the school website click on the tab 'Our School' scroll down to the 'Information Booklet' and on page 20 you will see 'Student Equipment List' This is a general guide, as individual teachers may require different equipment. Teachers will let parents and carers know of any other equipment required within the coming weeks when they send out a welcome and information letter.



Before and After school care

At present, parents and carers have been organising their own before and after school care arrangements and have been utilising services such as Narellan YMCA or Scally Waggs at Camden. As the enrolments grow at Spring Farm Public School, it will be viable to for the school to apply for Before and After school care. Please fill out a survey from the school office indicating your interest for this service.

New teachers

We would like to welcome our new teachers, Miss Delli-Fiori, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Hawker and Miss Duncombe, to Spring Farm Public School. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Creber on successfully gaining a permanent position at Spring Farm Public School.

Payments Online

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting the tab **\$ MAKE A PAYMENT**. The school's website address is www.springfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and is printed at the top of the school newsletter.

Items that can be paid include all excursions, sales to students (e.g. Book Packs), Sport and Creative and Practical Arts activities. There is also a category called Other which can be used to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Book Club is the only payment that **cannot** be made using this system. Please continue to pay directly online to Scholastic.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the student's name, class and date of birth .

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the student registration number, reference and invoice number but these details can be left blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is confirmed. If you are paying on the closing date of an excursion or activity **the permission note must be received in the office by the closing date to ensure participation in the excursion or activity**. Online payment **must** be made before 6pm on the closing date to ensure inclusion. Multiple payments may be made for the same student but a separate online payment must be processed for each individual student. Parents are not charged a fee for these separate transactions. There is an option to email and/or print receipts.

Details of the payments are passed to the school

the day following payment where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the online payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. It is a legal requirement that a signed permission slip for all activities is provided and the online receipt number should be written on the permission slip.

For any enquiries regarding the Parents Online Payment process please contact the School Administrative staff.

P&C

The next Spring Farm Public School's P&C meeting will be on **Thursday 23 February at 6.30pm** in the P & C Programming Room. All parents and carers new and old are encouraged and welcome to attend.

The next newsletter will be published at the end of week 3, 6 and 9 of each term.

