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Newsletter Term 4 Week 1 2017

Coming Soon

- Stage 2 and 3 Camp 18, 19 & 20 October
- 2018 Kindergarten transitions program 16, 17 October and 23, 24 October 2017
- School Photos 31 October 2017, please contact www.pakpix.photo for more information.
- 4/5 Bondi & Team MCG Class Assembly Thursday 26 October 2017 2:10pm
- KPerth Assembly Thursday 16 October 2017 2:10pm
- P&C meetings 2 & 30 November at 6:30pm 2017.
- Narellan Bunnings' Fundraising Barbecue 4 October 2017
- Swim Scheme Years 2-6, 6 November to 17 November 2017
- Grandfriends' Day 10 November 2017
- Presentation Day 7 December 2017
- Carols on the Quad 8 December 2017
- Kindergarten Graduation 13 December 2017
- Water Fun Day 14 December 2017
- Students' last day at school 15 December 2017
- Year 6 Farewell 15 December 2017

Please keep referring to the Skoolbag app on your mobile phone and the school website for up and coming events or reminders. Like all schools, they are very busy places.

www.springfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/communication/skoolbag

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, 2017. There have been many successes with our students, staff and community over the last few weeks of Term 3. Congratulations to all of our students who either participated in PSSA OZ Tag or in the Cricket final rounds. Good luck to the zone school representatives at the zone Public Speaking competition.

All of our staff have been working tirelessly to organise engaging class programs, as well as develop Kindergarten Orientation and Transition programs. The Kindergarten transition program will occur on October 16, 17, 23, 20 2017 from 9:30am to 10:30am. Please be aware there will be increased traffic with new parents and pre-kindergarten students at these times.

Term 4 is traditionally a very busy term with quality teaching and learning happening, students report cards being finalised and programs and events happening throughout this period (please refer to the events above and on the skool bag app and on the school website calendar).

Last Term the school was in negotiation with the Department of Education on extending the support classes. In 2018, Spring Farm Public School will open classes for students with moderate and severe Intellectual disabilities. There will be a lot of work to prepare the site and source the appropriate staff. We are looking forward to welcoming the students and

their families, especially as our school has a strong focus on integration and including everyone in the Spring Farm school community.

Recognising a student's bravery and ability

Congratulations to one of our Kindergarten student Ava, who saved her mother from a severe anaphylactic reaction. Ava's mother recognised that something was not right with herself and called out to Ava to contact her Nana and call the ambulance. Ava calmly spoke to the operator and provided important details of her mother's conditions and gave the address for the ambulance to attend the emergency. Ava saved her mother's life and she is to be congratulated for her maturity and ability to deal with this type of emergency.

There are many lessons that we can all learn from this situation. It is important that we start at an early age to guide and teach our children to take responsibility, be independent and learn from their mistakes.

It is also important to regularly teach our children about stranger danger and on what to do in an emergency, your life may depend on it. Finally, this has been a reality check; life is very precious and anything could happen at a split second, every day is a new and beautiful day and we need to focus on the important things of our own wellbeing and of our family and friends.

School updates

We continue to have new enrolments each week and we welcome the students and their families to the school community. Please remind anyone in the neighbourhood the importance of enrolling their 2018 kindergartens children so that we can prepare the classes. So far, we have over 80 kindergarten students attending next year. Four air conditioning units were installed over the holidays into 3 new classrooms and into the staffroom.

Mrs Davison will be on long service leave in Week 2 and 3. We welcome Mrs Kelleher who will take her place for those 2 weeks in the library.

School Photos

School photos will held on Tuesday 31 October 2017. All students are to be dressed in full school summer uniform. Due to the amount of classes that we have at present, school photos have been scheduled for two days. We were not able to get two consecutive days due to other school programs running (camp and Kindergarten transition).

Students in Kindergarten Perth, Stage 2 Daintree and Stage 3 Uluru will have their class photos on Wednesday 11 October 2017. On this day, Year 6 students can have an additional photo together with their Year 6 shirt.

The rest of the classes and family and other groups (school captains, sports captains & student leaders) will have their photos taken on Tuesday 31 October 2017. Log into www.pakpix.photo for more information.



Spring Farm Public School - Annual School Photos

Date: Tuesday 31st October 2017

Order and pay ONLINE now at www.pakpix.photo

Grand \$45

8x10" class photo
5x7" individual x3
3x5" individual x2
wallet prints x2 + mini prints x2
individual digital file

PAK 1

\$30

8x10" class photo
5x7" individual x2

PAK 2

\$30

8x10" class photo
5x7" individual
3.5x5" x2

PAK 3

\$30

8x10" class photo
5x7" individual
3.5x5" + 2 wallets

PAK 4

\$25

8x10" class photo
5x7" individual

Family PAK \$15

For families of two or more children
5x7" family photo and 4 wallet prints

Extra Individual 4x6" Print	\$5
Extra Individual 5x7" Print	\$10
Extra Individual 8x10" Print	\$20
Calendar 8x10"	\$15
4 Extra Wallet prints	\$5
8 Extra Wallet Prints	\$8
Class Group Photo	\$20
Extra Family 5x7" Print	\$10
Hi Res Individual Digital File	\$10
Hi Res Family Digital File	\$10



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Social Skills Program

Throughout the year, the school has been embarking on a Social Skills program which is linked to the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations. Each Thursday afternoon all the students will do a lesson on various aspects of the PBL expectations. This is in conjunction with the STAND strategies which we teach and encourage all students to use in the school. The table below provides an outline of what the students and teachers will be focusing throughout the term. This is a good opportunity for the family to discuss the lessons and reinforce the social skills taught.

PBL Lesson Order Term 4
To be team-taught with teacher next door

Week	Lessons
1	Lesson 14 - Take turns, share and care for teachers and fellow students Social Skill - Recognising another's feelings
2	Revision week due to camp – choose what is most necessary for your class needs to review
4	Lesson 15 - Take turns, share and care for teachers and fellow students Social Skill - Showing understanding of another's feelings
5	Lesson 16 - Listen, co-operate and speak politely to teachers and fellow students Social Skill - Expressing concern for another
7	Lesson 17 - Listen, co-operate and speak politely to teachers and fellow students Social Skill - Dealing with your anger and calming down
8	Lesson 18 - Respect everyone's ideas, contributions and beliefs Social Skill - Dealing with another's anger
10	Lesson 19 - Respect everyone's ideas, contributions and beliefs Social Skill - Expressing affection

The STAND Program

What should I do on the playground?

Stay calm



Try to ignore



Ask to stop



Never fight



Duty teacher



Reminder and expectations about Morning Routines

Due to safety concerns, **parents and carers are asked to keep the walk ways clear so that teachers can organise their classes from 8:55am.** Once the morning bell rings I ask that parents and carers stand behind the **witches hats, say their goodbyes** and leave as soon as possible as this can minimise separation issues with students.

Whole school assembly will be every Monday and Thursday morning. We will give reminders about the week ahead and provide recognition of any achievements especially for our Positive Behaviour for Learning bands. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to stay and join us in our assembly and celebrate the students and school's achievements.

Please be mindful, when anyone is addressing the assembly that **we all display good role modelling by being respectful and courteous in these formal occasions**. This includes limiting side talking with each other and being pro- active with our **toddlers**. Please refer to the Department of Education and Spring Farm Public School's Code of Conduct (in the Information Handbook page 4 on the school website :

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/code-of-conduct-policy>

<http://www.springfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/information-handbook1>

P&C achievements and meeting

Thank you to the P&C for organising the Flip your Lid Pizza Day on the last Thursday of Term 3. P&C raised \$ 672 and will be using these funds to assist the school. We are very lucky to have a proactive P&C. The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on **Thursday 2 November 2017 6:30pm** in Block C. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Please contact P&C via email: springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com

P & C Fundraising Update

Welcome back to Term 4! The P & C has got lots of things happening this term to continue to raise money for our school. Things that we are raising money for this term include outdoor play equipment and air conditioning.

Please find below a list of things that we are working on this term. More information will follow in the next couple of weeks

1. SILVER COINS - we are continuing to collect any spare silver coins you have lying around at home. Your child's class has a jar to put the coins in. Due to the lower amounts collected last term, we are rolling Term 3 and Term 4's collections together. Half of the money raised will go to Campbelltown Children's Ward and the other into the fundraising pot. There is also a prize this term for the class that has collected the most money over the whole year - we will let you all know what this prize is by the end of the Week 1! So get collecting and good luck to all the classes.

2. BUNNINGS BBQ - SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

We are hosting another Bunnings BBQ next month at Narellan and need your support! We are looking for volunteers to help us out. We need 6-8 people in each time slot. We run in 2 hourly slots, though you are welcome to do more! We start at 8am and finish about 5pm so if you are able to help out, please contact the P & C via email

springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com to volunteer. There will also be a volunteer sheet at the school office so you can fill it in.

We appreciate all your support. The BBQ is a great way to get to know other families in the school and also to support us as we raise money for our children's school.

3. STUCK ON YOU LABELS

We have signed up with Stuck on You Labels so that you can order your child's labels for clothes, lunch boxes and stationery for next year. 20% of what you pay comes straight to the P & C for us to use in the purchasing of outdoor play equipment. We will be sending out a letter with a code on it for you to use when you place your order in the next week or so.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries about the above or anything else associated with the P & C.

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