



# Spring Farm Public School

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## Newsletter Term 4 Week 6 2017

### Coming Soon

- K Perth Assembly Thursday 16th October 2017 2:10pm in the School Hall
- P&C meetings Monday 27th November at 6:30pm 2017.
- Swim Scheme Years 2-6, 6th November to 17th November 2017
- Third Kindergarten Orientation for 2018 students Wednesday 29th November 2017 9:30am – 10:30am
- Presentation Day 7th December 2017
- Carols on the Quad 8th December 2017. Gates open 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Finish at 8pm
- Kindergarten Graduation 13th December 2017
- Water Fun Day 14th December 2017 for students and teachers
- Students' last day at school 15th December 2017
- Year 6 Farewell 15th 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](http://www.springfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/communication/skoolbag)

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

Our thoughts go out to the whole school community of Banksia Road Public School and especially to the families whose children were tragically killed last week.

We are past the half way mark for the term and things are moving very quickly. Many things to celebrate throughout these few weeks. Thank you to our P&C and volunteers for a successful Bunning's barbecue which raised over \$2,800 which will assist in purchasing play equipment for the students.

The Swim Scheme program is going well and the students are learning a lot about water safety and enjoying themselves. Thank you to the teachers and School Learning Support Officer for their ongoing support.

Thank you to the Camden RSL representatives, teachers, P&C and senior students for organising and assisting in the GrandFriend's Day event. A number of parents, aunties, uncles, friends and grandparents attended this wonderful event. The Book Fair was very successful with a number of books donated to the library, thank you for all the donations of books and loose change which raised \$472.60. Half of this amount raised will be going to the Children's Cancer Project.

## School Updates

### Lateness

It is vital that you establish a good routine the night before and in the morning so that your child can get to school on time. If you have concerns and difficulties with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to see the school or School Counsellor for advice and assistance.

If your child **arrives late, from 8:55am onwards** they require a late pass from the school office, before going to their lines or classroom.

### Signing your children out of school

When you need to take your child / children out early from school please see one of our office staff and wait for your child to come to the office. Parents or other carers may be requested for identification if you are not known to the staff. The office staff will contact the class teacher to arrange your child / children to come to the office. If no one is in the office, please stay there until someone returns. Due to safety and privacy laws, it is imperative that parents and carers stay in the office and not go to the class when you need to take or pick up your child or children.

### Traffic around the school

Please note that the local police command will be patrolling around the school area due to complaints made about motorists exceeding the 40kmph school speed zones and parents failing to use the wombat crossing when picking up and dropping off their children.

### 2018 Classes

We have been working on 2018 classes and trying to work on the best solution for next year. We have a growing community and for this reason we need to consider establishing classes that will allow for student growth whilst working within our staffing and classroom entitlements set by the Department of Education.

Class placement is a complex processes especially in a growing community, with class sizes set by the Department of Education and school structures must take these policies into consideration when forming classes. If student numbers increase we will need to form another class or classes and therefore student movement may happen during the year. Therefore, the school is putting a lot of thought and forward planning to limit too many class changes throughout 2018. We are preparing for an influx of student enrolments, especially in early mid-year when a lot of new houses will be completed and new families are moving into their new homes.

Spring Farm Public School will continue to have stage classes or cross stage classes as they have a number of benefits to students:

- Teachers are able to focus on individual student's academic and social needs.
- They can plan fluid academic movement for all students in their class.
- Stage classes provide opportunities for students to broaden their friendship bases and be clear role models to others in their class.
- These type of classes will assist with the new enrolments throughout the year without disrupting existing classes.

More information can be accessed on this link:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/25cb2fe5-c5f4-4ce8-920c-6b4b108bb30a/parents-guide-2015.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>

Within these few weeks, students will be participating in class orientations for 2018. At this point, teachers have not been allocated any classes as we are waiting for new staff to join us in the near future.

## School Planning 2018-2020

We are in the process of formulating our school plan based on extensive feedback from students, staff and the community as well as the Department of Education's priorities for the next 3 years. Feedback was received from students via student surveys, through student forums and also via our extremely active student/class leaders meetings. Feedback from staff and community also encompassed surveys and P&C meetings. The school provided the opportunity for all stakeholders to reflect on what to keep, what to add and what to reconsider. Our consultation process has been comprehensive and has provided a solid base to develop our next three year school plan. Many thanks to everyone for your honest feedback throughout this process. The 2018-2020 School Plan will be published on our website by the end of Term 1, 2018 as per Department of Education guidelines.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

### Value of Week 7 & 8

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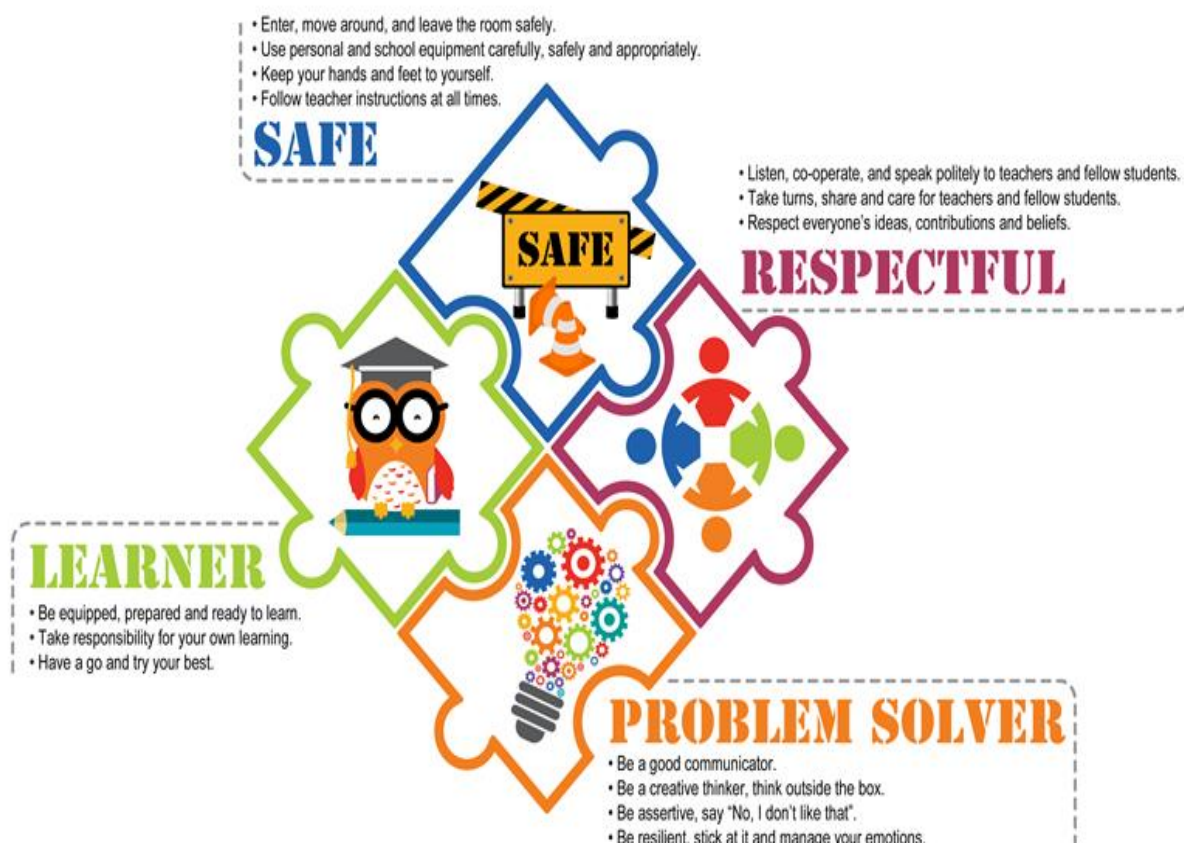
Lesson 17 - Listen, co-operate and speak politely to teachers and fellow students

Social Skill - Dealing with your anger and calming down

Lesson 18 - Respect everyone's ideas, contributions and beliefs

Social Skill - Dealing with another's anger

**Be a Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner and a Problem solver at all times**



### Presentation Day

On Thursday 7th December 2017 from 9:15am in the school hall, Spring Farm Public School will hold an end of year presentation ceremony to recognise outstanding effort and performances by students in Key Learning Areas. Presentation Day recognises the special and extraordinary efforts or achievements some of our students have made throughout the year. Teachers cross reference the data to specific criteria in order to make a decision on which student receives an award. Letters to parents and carers are currently being sent out notifying that their child will receive a Presentation Day award.

### General Information

On Presentation Day, which is held at the end of Term 4, the whole school assembles to:

- Congratulate and acknowledge student achievement at a class level
- Congratulate and acknowledge senior student achievement with the presentation of perpetual awards
- Congratulate and acknowledge sporting champions for the year
- Thank our out-going Captains and Prefects
- Induct and welcome our new student leaders (Captains and Vice Captains)
- Reflect on a successful year at Spring Farm Public School

The prestigious ceremony is open to all members of our community and dignitaries are invited to attend. The event is a formal occasion and all students, staff and community are asked to dress and conduct themselves accordingly.

Families of award recipients will be formally invited to attend the ceremony by mail. Families of recipients of perpetual Year 6 awards will receive a letter pertaining to the importance of their award.

Following the conclusion of the ceremony, award recipients and their parents will be invited to a Principal's Morning Tea. Log onto Spring Farm Public School's website Policy Tab for more information.



You are invited to

# KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

**WHEN**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
At 2pm

**WHERE**  
school hall

**COME AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING AN AMAZING YEAR OF LEARNING!**



### **A Donation to the school**

OneConcept Real Estate Group sold a house at Spring Farm and a percentage of their commission goes to a nominated charity or school. The family who also has a child enrolled at our school, requested that the donation of \$500 go to Spring Farm Public School. We thank you for your consideration.

## **REMINDER**

### **P&C Achievements and Meeting**

The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on Monday 27th November 2017 at **6:30pm** in Block C. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please contact P&C via email: [springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com](mailto:springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com)

### **P & C & Fundraising Updates**

#### **BUNNINGS BBQ**

We had a successful Bunnings BBQ and raffle raising over \$2,800 for our school. We are so grateful for all the donations of drinks from our community and the amazing volunteers on the day. We would also like to acknowledge the donation of sausages from one school family, and a donation of money from another. We were also lucky enough to receive donations of bread from Space Real Estate and Rob Mills butcher in Mount Annan donated the onions. Bunnings Narellan also donated gift vouchers for our raffle. All these incredible donations meant all the money we raised on the day was pure profit, which means more money for the playground equipment!

**SILVER COINS** - are still being collected in each classroom. We look forward to seeing which class wins in the next few weeks. Last day for donating coins is Friday 1st December

**STUCK ON YOU LABELS** - are an easy way for us to fundraise and an easy way to keep tabs on your child's lost property. Order your labels from <https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/SPRINGFARMPUBLICSCHOOLPC> and we receive a 20% commission on whatever you order

**Our unique fundraising code is: SPRINGFARMPUBLICSCHOOLPC**

**PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP** - The P & C are setting up a preloved uniform shop. If you have any uniforms you no longer need and would like to donate them to the shop, please leave in the labelled laundry basket at the school office. More details are in the letter on Skoolbag. We will keep you posted on when we have enough stock to start selling.

**SCHOOL CALENDARS** - are selling well. If you would like to order one please complete the slip from the letter you received with your money and a calendar will be returned to you. The letter is also on Skoolbag if you have lost it! They might make a great Christmas gift for grandparents or teachers! Each calendar is \$5 with no limit on how many you can request!

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - The P & C will be running a raffle for the end of year concert. If there are any local businesses that would like to donate a prize, please contact the P & C or alternatively provide the donation with the school office no later than Friday 1st December. (See letter on Skoolbag for more details)

**BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT** - is on Thursday 7th December. The P & C will be running the cake stall. More details to follow but if you would like to donate some home baked goodies please contact the P & C or the school office.

If you have any questions on the above or any other P & C matter, please contact us at [Springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com](mailto:Springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com)



# Bunnings Narellan's Christmas Family Night

Every year we hold a Christmas Family night instore, it is a very large event that attracts lots of local families.

The night is full of free family fun with rides, Christmas craft; face painting, a visit from Santa, free sausage sizzle and lots lots more!

At our event each year we invite local schools in to do a small performance. In the past we have had choirs, dance groups, skipping rope performances and even some thong wackers!

We would like to invite your school to participate in the performances this year. It would only need to go for 15 minutes maximum and you are welcome to do more than one performance.

It's a great opportunity to showcase all the fantastic schools this area has to offer and all participating schools each receive a special Thank you gift.

**Details are as follows –**

**Date** – Thursday 7th December

**Time** – Event runs from 6-8pm (we would work together on a suitable 15 minute timeslot for your school)

**RSVP** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November to secure your spot.

You would need to supply us with music (disc or on device is fine); we have a PA system organised for the night.

The event is free and the students along with their families are more than welcome to join in on all the other fun on the night.

You can let us know either via email – [narellanao@bunnings.com.au](mailto:narellanao@bunnings.com.au) or by calling the store on 46457900 and ask for Jo Gibbs



For registration please click on the following link <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bonsai-workshop-tickets-39748506854?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

Dear Parent/Carers

**PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP**  
**SPRING FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C**

The P&C and Fundraising team at Spring Farm Public School have been busy organising a ***'Pre-Loved Uniform Shop'***.

For those families that have children who have out grown their uniforms, moving into high school or for those families needing to purchase additional items for their children, we are only too happy to accommodate with sizes and items where possible.

If there is any item or size you require that we don't have on hand – we will have a wait list you can add your contact details to and the size/item you are requiring. You will be contacted once we can fill your request.

**To stock our shop and have it up and running ASAP, we need your donations!**

A clothes hamper will be located in the front office for you to drop your donations. We will sort, wash & iron all donations before displaying for purchase. Also, all lost property with no names on that remain in the lost property box at the end of the school year will be donated to the Uniform Shop.

Pricing in our preloved uniform shop will be very reasonable and affordable. Our aim is to have every student in a uniform, to belong and feel as though they are part of our school community. A price list will be sent out once finalised.

The Preloved Uniform shop location is still to be confirmed; however we will let you know closer to the time once we are ready to start selling. For now, we just need uniforms to be donated!





Opening times when we have sufficient stock will be Wednesday morning 8.45am – 9.15am and Wednesday afternoon 2.45pm – 3.15pm. (Other times may be arranged by appointment if you can't fit in with our regular opening times).

All monies received from our *'Pre-Loved Uniform Shop'* sales will be going directly back to the school for resources to further our children's education.

Thanking you all in advance. If you have any questions regarding the Preloved Uniform Shop or anything else associated with the P & C, please do not hesitate to contact us via email [springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com](mailto:springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com)

Kind Regards

**The Co-ordinators of SFPS 'Pre-Loved Uniform Shop'**  
**Spring Farm Public School P & C**

## TRIPLE P PARENTING PROGRAM & ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

**12:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

**SPRING FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
Barley Road, Spring Farm NSW 2570


**FREE EVENT**

**TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER**  
**TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER**  
**TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

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

Anti-bullying Program  
Understanding the effects of bullying on the emotional & psychological level  
Talk therapy and how it works to help children express emotions to words


**BOOK NOW!**


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# LET'S PLAY

## Playgroups by Camden Community Connections

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Bright Eyes Playgroup</b>	<b>Playlinks Playgroup</b>	<b>Bright Stars Playgroup</b>
10:00 am - 11:30 am	10:00 am - 11:30 am	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre, Queen Street Narellan	Sedgwick Reserve, Currans Hill	Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre, Queen Street Narellan
\$2.00 Donation per child Bring a piece of fruit	Gold Coin Donation Morning tea included	\$3.00 Donation per child Bring a piece of fruit
<i>A supported playgroup during school terms for children from 0 to school age and their parents/carers in partnership with Qualified family workers facilitate a planned developmental program that promotes age appropriate growth and development.</i>	<i>An outdoor supported playgroup which provides a developmental program during school terms for children from 0 to school age and their parents/carers in partnership with Northcott Disability Services and Benevolent Society.</i>	<i>A community playgroup run by parents which operates on Thursday mornings for children aged 0-5 years old during school terms.</i>


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 Narellan Child Family and Community Centre



### Combined PROTESTANT & CATHOLIC SRE End-of-year Assembly

Dear parents,

We would like to invite you to the final SRE lesson for the year. Please join us from 2.15pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, in the school hall, for a combined Protestant and Catholic assembly. We hope that you will enjoy seeing a glimpse of what the students have been learning over the year.