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Newsletter Term 1 Week 6 2017

Coming Soon 2017

Uluru Class assembly - Badge Induction ceremony, Thursday 2 March, 2:15pm in the hall

Parent teacher interview - Tuesday 14 March & Wednesday 15 March

Easter Hat/Crazy Hat parade – Tuesday 4 April, 1pm

Please refer to our school website's calendar for more events

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the term and all of the students have settled into their classes and are focused on their learning! Teachers have been busy programming and planning for their class and are continually working on differentiating the learning to meet the needs of each of their students.

Our teachers have also been providing the opportunities for students to excel in the other areas of the curriculum such as: developing our Student Leaders and Buddy Helpers, providing sporting opportunities, organising after school dance rehearsals, training the school choir and hosting lunchtime Pokémon Club. We thank them for their dedication and providing the opportunity to develop the Whole Child.

Our first twilight swimming carnival was a great success. Even with the extreme heat, the students, teachers, parents and even grandparents demonstrated great resilience to make it a successful event. We wish our students who are attending the zone swimming carnival all the very best!

Congratulations to the class leaders and sport captains and vice captains for receiving their leadership badges. We are all very proud of them and they will be expected to be good role models for their peers and for their school.

We would like to welcome Miss Neale who will be K-Eaglehawk's teacher for this year. We would like to thank Mrs Evans for all of her work with the students of

K-Eaglehawk. Both teachers will now be working together to ensure a smooth transition for the students. All other classes will stay the same unless the school has an influx of new enrolments of students during the year, which is dependent on how many houses will be completed at the same time.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The school will be conducting Parent Teacher interviews on Tuesday 14 March from 3:30pm to 7pm and Wednesday 15 March 2017 from 3:30pm to 6pm. This is an opportunity to discuss with the class teacher your child's short term and long term goals for the year. Your child is welcome to attend the interview to contribute to their learning goals.

Booking the interviews will be done through www.schoolinterviews.com.au

An entry code is provided at the end of this newsletter which will allow you to open the interview website and make a booking. A computer will be set up in the interview room next to the school office for any parents or carers to make a booking that do not have access to a computer at home. Please enquire at the school office.

Interviews will be conducted in the school hall and will be strictly 10 minute sessions. Once the 10 minute music rings, a new interview rotation will start. **Please arrive on time for your interview.**

If you believe you will require longer than 10 minutes or cannot make those two days you can make a booking through the school office and the class teacher will negotiate a suitable time.

Teachers & Staff	Stage	Name of Class
Mrs Pereira	Early Stage One-Kindergarten	Perth
Mrs Pearce	Early Stage One-Kindergarten	Perisher
Miss Neale	Early Stage One-Kindergarten	Eaglehawk
Mrs Kelly	Stage One	Kakadu
Mrs Creber	Stage One	Cairns
Miss Delli-Fiori	Stage One	Darwin
Mrs Hawker	Stage One and Two (2/3)	Heart
Miss Duncombe	Stage Two	Daintree
Mrs Berry	Stage Two & Three (4/5)	Bondi
Miss Urry Assistant Principal (AP)	Stage Three	Uluru
Mrs Morris	Multi-categorical class MC	MCG

Police and Rangers viewing driving behaviour

Highway police and parking rangers visited the school last Thursday afternoon to give advice to parents and carers about parking around the school. They will continue to visit the school. At the same time, council are working on a parking plan for around the school.

Please be **mindful of the pedestrians and families** trying to cross the road or get into their vehicles, especially in the afternoon, as safety for everyone is paramount. In addition, please be conscious of how you park around our **neighbour's properties**. Furthermore, please avoid parking in the bus bay area as this area is designated for school and after school care buses.

Resilience workshop for our children

The school and Uniting Care have organised a parent workshop focusing on building resilience for our children. We have also organised child-minding facilities within the school so that parents are able to participate in this valuable workshop. Please refer to the flyer below for more details.

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.

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.

Seeing your class teacher in the afternoon

Please **limit going to the class teacher when the morning bell rings as they have a duty of care to be with their students and take them into their class safely**. Trying to discuss matters with the class teacher when they are supervising their class at lines is difficult, as they cannot give you the appropriate one-to-one time to address your concerns. If there is a pressing matter, please email or phone the school with your concerns and this will be passed onto the class teacher who will be able to address it as soon as possible. This provides the opportunity for the teacher to fully assess and clarify any issues in a less hectic environment.

Structured Pick Up Zones **after school** provides the opportunity for parents or carers to see their class teacher on a regular basis and address any issues or concerns. This afternoon time is also an opportunity to book any phone or face to face appointments to address any concerns with the class teacher or simply have a chat about your child.

Before and After school care

At present, we have 27 families that have filled in the Before and After school care survey stating they require before and after school care 5 days a week. As the enrolments grow at Spring Farm Public School, it will be viable for the school to apply for Before and After school care. However, to start the process, the school requires 35 to 40 students to attend Before and After School care for 5 days a week. Please fill out a survey from the school office indicating your interest for this service.

Parent Helpers to assist in Term 2

The school is currently reviewing the Parent Helper policy. We are working out some creative ways in which parents could assist all of our students in various ways. These may include, listening to students read or practise doing sight words or number work with students, parents to help with sports training or lunch time activities. There will be an induction course for parents before the end of this Term. Please view week 9's newsletter for more details.

Adult toilets in the school hall

Due to child protection laws, we ask that all parents or carers who need to use the toilet, or need to take their toddlers or young children to a toilet, to please use the hall toilets rather than the students' toilets. There is also a provision for visitor restroom / parent feeding room.

Fundraising efforts for Leonie Donohue

Leonie Donohue would like to thank the Spring Farm Public School community for the efforts that went into help fundraise for Leonie to travel overseas for stem cell replacement. We helped raise \$413.55 from our collection tin and thank all families and friends for their contributions.

P&C meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our first P & C meeting, last Thursday. It was great to see so many new faces and to meet all of you.

Our next meeting is the AGM, to be held on Thursday 23rd March at 6.30pm. This meeting is where we will elect new office bearer positions.

Current P & C office bearers will be set up out the front of the school office on Monday 20th March and Thursday 23rd March 8.30am to 9am with information about the P & C Office Bearer roles & responsibilities. Feel free to come and have a chat about the P & C.

Our upcoming events are

Easter Raffle

Mother's Day Stall

We will provide more information closer to the dates.

Spring Farm Public School P & C is looking for someone who will be able to volunteer their time to audit the P & C accounts for last year, ahead of the P & C AGM on Thursday 23rd March at 6.30pm.

They must meet the following criteria:

- Not be a member of or related to anyone in the P & C
- Have appropriate skills and experience in auditing and financial record management e.g. an accountant, banker, book keeper etc
- Be prepared to swear that the accounts are a true and correct statement of the information provided by the Treasurer.
- Be able to complete the audit before Thursday 23rd March 2017

The audited P & C accounts, are submitted to the P & C Federation within one month of the AGM.

If you feel able to help us with this request, please contact springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com

Thank you on behalf of Spring Farm Public School P & C for your consideration in this matter.

The P & C email address is
springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com

Kind Regards,

Spring Farm Public School P & C



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly. Bookings must be finalised before the 13th of March at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, computer kiosks will be available at the school office from Friday onwards, for parents to make their own bookings. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher via the school office to make alternative arrangements.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Code: ne722

Simply enter the code and press "Go"

THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT'S CODE



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 13th March at 4pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 02 4658 3057

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.



Uniting

You're invited!

GROWING UP RESILIENT KIDS

You're invited to a seminar that will discuss:

- What is resilience?
- How the developing brain responds to parent/child interaction
- Have you ever wondered why your child is behaving like that
- How can I develop a healthier relationship with my child
- How to recognise triggers for myself and my child.

This seminar will be delivered by: Susan Burati, a Child and Family Therapist, Coordinator of the Anchor program

We look forward to you joining us

Date:

30/03/2017

Time :

10am to 1pm

Venue

Spring Farm Public School
Barely Road,
Spring Farm

RSVP

By 24/03/2016
Abby Hoppitt
02 46295115

ahoppitt@uniting.org

Morning tea provided

Childcare is available, numbers are limited

Uniting

Hear what past Saver Plus participants had to say:

"I've had a huge attitude change towards money."

"The money we saved, plus the matched savings, meant we could buy equipment for my daughter's course that we couldn't have afforded otherwise."

"I was surprised that the workshops were as fun and supportive as they were and I learned a lot more than I anticipated about my attitudes towards money, spending and saving."

"I used the program to teach my son about saving and we worked together to save the monthly amounts towards his laptop for high school."

How do I find out more?

- call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355*
- email saverplus@bsl.org.au
- read more at www.anz.com/saverplus

*Call costs may apply

- Terms and Conditions and eligibility apply to Saver Plus. Contact 1300 610 355 for more information. Details correct as of 06/01/2013 and may be changed at any time.
- You should consider if this product is appropriate for you. ANZ recommends that you read the Terms and Conditions before acquiring the product. For more information about the ANZ Program Saver account please contact ANZ on 13 13 14.

Who is involved?

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society, The Smith Family and other local community agencies.

The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

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Learn to save and save to learn with Saver Plus







Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Liz Tinney your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4633 3722 / 0407 310 205
or liz.tinney@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Macarthur region by The Benevolent Society. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

1st March 2017

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Dear Principal,

Please help us supply appropriate bus services by reminding students to tap on and tap off with their School Opal cards.

Further to our previous letter on this, I write again on behalf of Busabout, the bus operator that provides your school bus services, regarding student use of the School Opal card.

One of the more significant changes created by the recent introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

Your support helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about any issues raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Neville's Bus Service Pty Ltd t/a Busabout

Stephen Burridge
Depot Manager