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Newsletter Term 3 Week 1 2017

Coming Soon

- Students return Tuesday 18 July 2017
- Kindergarten 100 days celebration Friday 21 July 2017 9am in the hall
- Working Bee Sunday 23 July 2017 10am to 1pm
- K-6 Athletics Carnival Friday 28 July 2017, information will be sent to you in due course
- Learning Conferences (revising learning goals between students, teachers and parents or carers) Tuesday 1 August 3:20pm – 7pm
- Education Week, open classrooms Thursday 3 August 1pm
- Eaglehawk class assembly Thursday 3 August 2pm
- Winter Gala Day Friday 4 August

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 1 Term 3. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable winter break with the family. Term 3 will be busy with major events happening throughout the Term. The school's focus and priorities are always on the teaching and learning of all students especially having a collaborative approach (student, teacher and parents or carers) in their education of all of our students. Please refer to this website for resources to assist your child's learning:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

Learning Conferences with student, teacher and parents or carers

On Tuesday 1 August 2017 (Week 3), teachers will be hosting Learning Conferences in Block C from 3:20pm to 7pm. Parents and carers will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and revised learning goals for the second semester (Term 3 and 4). Students are also encouraged to attend this meeting so that there can be a three-way conference and an opportunity to plan learning goals collaboratively. Parents and carers can book online and more information will be sent through the skoolbag app in Week 2 of Term 3, 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

School Administrative Officer

Spring Farm Public School would like to welcome Mrs Glover who was appointed as the School Administrative Officer. She is looking forward to work with all the students, staff and community. On behalf of the school and the community we would like to thank Mrs Mills for all of her work and dedication in the school office.

A busy Term

In the first week of Term 3, Spring Farm Public School will be hosting workshops in Block C for the Department of Education and for Elderslie High School. You may see a number of personnel entering and the leaving the school from Tuesday 18 July to 20 July 2017. Please note, there will be more cars in the vicinity and parking may be restricted at times.

Kindergarten celebrating 100 days of school

Kindergarten students, teachers, parents, carers and family will be celebrating 100 days of kindergarten on Friday 21 July 2017 at 9am in the school hall. Information has been sent out to all parents and carers via skoolbag app, for more please refer to the skoolbag app.

Working Bee

On Sunday 23 July 2017, from 10am to 1pm, Spring Farm Public School will be organising a working bee to prepare for the K-6 athletics carnival, as well as, do a number of odd jobs around the school, such as, weeding and mulching. P&C are providing lunch, thank you to the parents or carers who have RSVP via the school email. Thank you in advance for your support.

Education Week and surveys

On Thursday 3 August 2017, at 1pm, Spring Farm Public School will be organising open classes for all parents, carers and family to visit and celebrate Education Week. The focus will be on celebrating the cultural diversity of the school and in our community. Please join us for this celebration and at the same time, the school will be conducting surveys to obtain feedback and suggestions for the school's new Strategic Plan.



Summer Gala Day trials and Athletics Carnival

On Friday 21 July 2017, all primary students will be provided the opportunity to try out for a PSSA mixed junior and senior cricket team or a junior and senior Oz Tag team for summer gala day. Teachers are currently planning and organising K-6 Athletics Carnival for Friday 28 July 2017. More information about the athletics carnival will be sent via the skoolbag app in due course.

New parking signs

New parking signs have been placed around the school. Please take note of the safety and legal requirements expected from drivers around a school zone. Throughout the first few weeks of term 3, Parking Rangers and the Police will be working with drivers and pedestrians on the new parking requirements surrounding the school. More information about the safety and legal requirements when driving in a school zone can be accessed:

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

I ask that all drivers adhere to the traffic rules and drive at **40km or less, especially** when entering or leaving Barley Road as there are some students who cross at the various intersections at either Millman Road or Wagner Road. At the same time, teachers and the school are teaching ongoing Road Safety lessons with all students.

We are encouraging those **students who walk to and from the school to cross at Barley road near the Electronic Sign** as this is where the future **Pedestrian Crossing** will be placed and it will be expected that all pedestrians will use it. Please have ongoing discussions with your child or children about being responsible, being alert and crossing the road near the school Electronic Sign when crossing Barley Road as everyone's **SAFETY** is a **priority**. If you are accompanying your child or children when walking, please demonstrate good role modelling and cross near the school's electronic sign.



Before and After School Care at Spring Farm Public School

Sallywaggs Kindergarten will be hosting an information session for all parents and carers on Wednesday 26 July at 6pm in the school hall. For more information, contact Sallywaggs: <http://sallywaggs.com.au/>

School community supporting a student in need

On Friday 30 June 2017, Spring Farm Public School's senior leaders organised a fundraiser to assist Daja in Stage 3 Uluru who is scheduled to have a Liver transplant this year. Thank you to all the students, staff and community for supporting this worthy cause. The school raised over \$550 which will be used to purchase a present for Daja to assist in her recovery. Our well wishes and thoughts go to Daja and her family.

Canteen Reminders

All lunch orders need to be in no later than 9:15 each morning.

P&C meeting

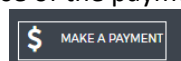
The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on **Thursday 10 August 2017 6:30pm** in Block C. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please contact P&C via email: springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com

General reminders

Cash money sent to the office

Due to WHS and security reasons, it is imperative that any money sent to the school office be placed into a sealed envelope or sealed plastic bag with your child's name, class and the purpose of the payment. Alternatively you can pay

online through the school's website and go to the Make A Payment tab



which will take you to the payment page.



Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

Student Details

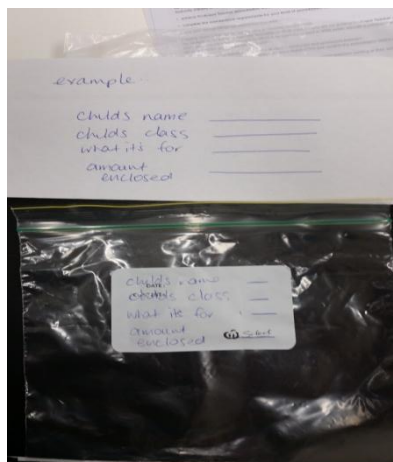
Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

* Given Name

* Surname

Class or Year



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 Educations 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>

Spring Farm Public School is a Nut Aware School

As a school, we aim to minimise the risk to children with documented allergies to nut products. We have some students who are **highly anaphylactic and require their EpiPen injection if they have contact with these type of foods that contain nuts or eggs!** Please consider what snack bar you send with your child or children as we are all responsible for the wellbeing of our students.

How can you help?

Avoid, or use ‘nut free’ alternatives to the following products:

- ❖ Nuts or Nut bar
- ❖ Peanut butter
- ❖ Nut spreads such as Nutella
- ❖ Fruit and nut bars and muesli bars
- ❖ Biscuits
- ❖ Chocolates and any other products that have nuts listed in the ingredients

The school acknowledges that it is impractical to ask parents not to send food which states ‘may contain traces of nuts’ on the label. This nut aware policy applies to those ingredients specifically listed on the product label. Please view the Department of Education policy on anaphylaxis procedures for schools:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/wellbeing-and-learning/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/conditions/anaphylaxis>

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have already paid a voluntary contribution to our school. We are very appreciative. Every cent of this money goes in to student related resources such as, Wushka the online home reading and PM readers.

Voluntary Contribution Fees play an important role in school finances.
Every dollar raised is spent on additional resources for your children.

\$44 – First Child
\$33 – Second Child
\$22 Third Child
Free – Fourth Child

Signing in and dogs prohibited on school premises

Due to WHS guidelines and Department of Education policy, it is a requirement 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.

School Helper program

We have a successful School Helper program and this is due to the successful partnership that exist between parents, carers and class teachers. Teachers and school helpers will negotiate suitable time/s in which assistance is required.

All new school helpers are required to complete an Induction course which outlines the correct procedures for Working with Children Check and highlights the Department of Education Code of Conduct, Child protection and Work Health and Safety guidelines. Please see Mr Jance or Mrs Pereira to complete this course before becoming a school helper.

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.

Successful morning and dismissal routines

A reminder that school gates and **teacher supervision commences at 8:30am**. This is important for the safety of students, as there is no supervision prior to the 8:30am.

I also ask for all parents and carers to **enter the school grounds from 2:45pm onwards** if they are picking up their child or children at 2:55pm. Due to Work Health and Safety requirements, entering the school grounds earlier than 2:45pm, you will be required to sign in at the school office, thank you for your understanding in this matter.

The importance of seeing the teacher on duty for any student or parent related matters

It is important for parents and carers to follow the school's procedures of seeing the teacher on duty in the morning assembly area or in afternoon at dismissal time if they feel a student/s are not following the expectations of the school. **Approaching another child or a group of students in the playground** to try to rectify behaviour is unacceptable, and in fact, is against Department of Education policy.

If your child has friendship issues try to provide them with strategies and solutions so that they may be able to build resilience and problem solving skills. These skills are very valuable and will not only assist your child in their current dispute but will be a skill set they will be able to build upon during their life.

In the event that they are unable to adequately resolve the issue with their peers please refer to the teacher on duty or classroom teacher who will be able to follow up.

For more information, please view the school's Information Handbook 2017 for code of conduct for all members of the local community as well as the Department of Education Code of Conduct www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/code-of-conduct

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 student's toilets. There is also a provision for visitor restroom / parent feeding room.