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## Newsletter Term 3 Week 6 2017

### Coming Soon

- Zone Athletics Carnival 24 and 25 August 2017
- P&C Father's Day Breakfast Thursday 31 August 2017 at 8:30am. Father's Day stall 9am to 11:30pm Thursday 31 August 2017.
- Stage One Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium Friday 1 September 2017. Payments NOW CLOSED.
- Junior and Senior Dance group at Elderslie High Dance Spectacular 8 September 2017
- Zone Spelling Bee 7 September 2017 at Thomas Acres Public School
- Summer PSSA Gala Day 15 September 2017
- Early Stage One (Kindergarten) excursion 20 September 2017. Payment due by Wednesday 13 September 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)

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation with the Student Learning Conferences. There was great discussions between students, teachers and parents on specific goals that need to be focused on throughout the semester. Thank you to all the families who brought in food to share and participate in Education Week. These events provide the opportunity to recognise student achievements and celebrate the opportunities that Public Education can provide.

### Minister's Visit

We would like to thank Mrs Sarah Mitchell minister of Early Childhood Education, minister for Aboriginal Affairs & assistant minister for Education, Mr Chris Patterson member for Camden, Mrs Vanessa Burridge P&C President and Mrs Meredith Fawcett Principal of Elderslie High School for visiting Spring Farm Public School to announce a grant to assist with the establishment of the Before and After School Care at Spring Farm Public School. Scallywaggs Kindergarten are in the process of establishing the before and after school care and this service should begin in mid Term 4. Minister Mitchell also donated some quality books for the library.



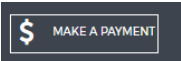
### Paying on time for excursions or incursions

It is important that payment for any incursions or excursions be paid on the **due date**. All schools are on a new centralised finance system and all money received at school goes directly to a central location within the finance division of the Department of Education. They are responsible for setting up invoices in order to pay the suppliers, event organisers or transport companies (buses for the excursion).

It is **imperative that payments must be made by the due date**. Payments after the due date cannot be processed, as the school does not deal with paying the organiser. Please pay on time, if you require financial assistance or would like to make part payments please contact the office and speak to Mrs Neal the Senior Administrative Manager or to Mr Jance.

Cash money sent to the office

Due to WHS and security reasons, it is imperative that any cash 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**

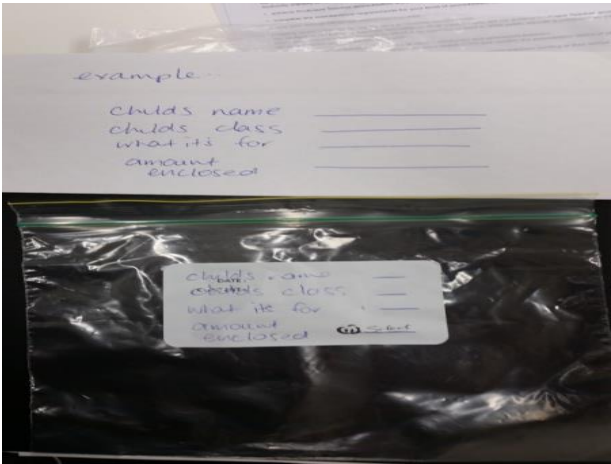
Student Registration Number

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



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the students who were successful in the spelling bee competition. We have four representatives who will compete at the zone competition at Thomas Acres Public School on the 7 September 2017. Thank you to Mrs Kelly and teachers for organisation and running the competition.

PSSA

Congratulations to the Netball team for winning their division. This is the school’s first sports trophy. Congratulations to the soccer team who came runner up in their division. Thank you to Mrs Pereira, Ms Urry and all parent helpers for organising and coaching their respective teams.



## Welcoming Mrs Cary

We welcome Mrs Cary who is taking over K Perisher for the remainder of the year. We thank Mrs Pearce for all of her work and dedication to the students and to Spring Farm Public School.

## Being a Good Role Model

I ask parents and carers to use the new crossing on Barley Road, as this will reinforce to students the importance of following road rules and being safe. Similarly, I encourage all drivers to drive at the 40km speed limit or less around the school and not be tempted to speed when running late. There are students who walk to school who also may be late and cross the roads at various points around the school. It is important that drivers understand that safety of all pedestrians is paramount!

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. Similarly, openly discussing concerns about an individual teacher, student or other families on the school grounds, in public places or on social media is unacceptable, unproductive and is against school and 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 or any other issue, please refer to the teacher on duty or classroom teacher who will be able to follow up and if necessary, they will work with the executive team to find a positive outcome.

Spring Farm Public School's vision is directly aligned with the Values in NSW Public Schools. We are all working to make the school a welcoming and tolerant place and it is important that we all demonstrate to our students and young people how to be respectful, be sagacious and be a problem solver; skills that are all necessary for life.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/values-in-nsw-public-schools>

The Information Handbook 2017 on the school's website contains the 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](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/code-of-conduct)

You can also view the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations below:





### **End of Term Celebration Assembly**

On Tuesday 19 September 2017, at 2pm in the school hall, the school sport captains will be hosting an assembly to recognise and celebrate the achievements of students participating in either a Creative Arts group or in a Sports group such as the cross country. Senior students will be providing updates and progress of their PSSA teams or Creative Arts group. Other students will be receiving a certificate or ribbon for their effort and contribution. This will also be an opportunity for various groups (choir or dance) to perform their items.

### **General information about school merit awards and end of year awards**

In line with the school's wellbeing policy, students are recognised for positive behaviour through the Gotcha award system or through individual class reward systems. Similarly, the school utilises a merit award system that is connected with the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning Expectations and these include:

- being safe
- being respectful
- being a learner
- being a problem solver.

Students are awarded these merit awards at class assemblies, which are held every third Thursday of the term. As the school population grows, the merit award system will be constantly reviewed and updated.

### **End of Year Presentation**

The end of year presentation is to recognise outstanding effort and performances by students in Key Learning Areas. We will host a Presentation Day in late term 4, which 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.

Although all students are deserving of an award, Presentation Day Awards recognises the extraordinary efforts and achievements of individual students. Performance outside school such as sporting or the creative arts are not taken into the consideration simply because this process is about school performance and effort.

### **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.*

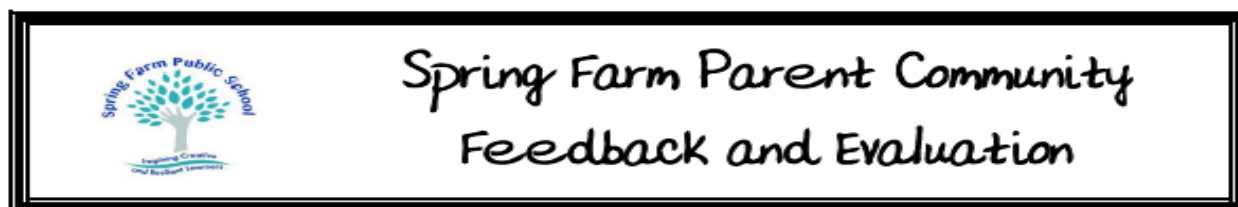
*Families of award recipients will be formally invited to attend the ceremony by mail. Families of recipients of perpetual Year 6 awards will receive a letter pertaining to the importance of their award.*

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

### **School Survey**

The school is in the middle of obtaining feedback and suggestions for the school's new Strategic Plan 2017-2019. A paper version was provided to parents and carers at the Learning Conference, Open Day and at the P&C meeting. The paper version is available at the school office and a digital form <https://goo.gl/forms/aUCN9ZbauJf1H5H3> can be accessed for anyone who could not fill out the paper version. This will be a great opportunity to make suggestions or provide practical advice that can continuously develop the school's vision, work within the school's budget and support the Department of Education policies and practices.

Example:



### **Strategic Direction 1: Student Engagement, Achievement and Wellbeing**

This strategic direction is focused on the engagement and wellbeing of our students. Please consider providing feedback on;

- PBL and rewarding positive behaviour eg. gotchas, assembly merit awards, PBL wristbands, class dojo points etc.
- Extra-Curricular programs eg. dance group, choir, PSSA etc.
- Support and extension of students
- Library eg. Borrowing, access and books available

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### **School Photos**

School photos will held on Tuesday 31 October 2017. More information will be sent to you in early Term 4 2017. Log into [www.handprint.net.au](http://www.handprint.net.au) for more information.

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

Thank you to the P&C and fundraising committee for applying for various grants and raising much needed funds for the school. P&C have donated close to \$4,500 which have paid for air conditioning and contributed towards establishing the Computer Lab, we are very lucky to have a proactive P&C. The next P&C meeting will be on **Thursday 7 September 2017 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)

### **Purchasing new PM Readers for the school**

The school has spent \$9,000 on new high quality PM Readers for students. This provided a total of 260 packs which contains 4 books in each. Class Readers and Home Reading books are very expensive and require a lot of work to accession, cover and store them correctly.

As the school grows, we will require more of these readers in the classrooms. By supporting the school through fundraising activities and paying the school contributions fees these funds can assist in purchasing vital resources for all of our students. The school's online reading program Wushka will continue, as it provides value for money and provide quality levelled readers.



## Book Club News

Exciting news! Scholastics Book Club brochures will be sent home to all students next week. If you wish to purchase something, all orders are to be made on the Scholastic Book Club LOOP online system which is explained on the back of the brochure. No cash or cheque orders will be accepted. Book Club orders close on 9 September 2017

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx>



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# Managing Challenging Behaviours Collaboratively

*The popular programme developed by Dr. Steve Walker, Brief Therapy Solutions*

**Workshops for parents with children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Conduct Disorder (CD) or challenging behaviours**

## **What you will learn....**

- Child development and the link to seriously challenging behaviours
- How to look for and identify lost skills in your child
- Parents as partners in managing behaviour
- Strategies to reduce outbursts
- How to make a difference in your child's challenging behaviour

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## **Next workshop series commences in October 2017**

<b>Dates</b>	Every Monday from 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 until 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2017.
<b>Venue</b>	Sales and Information Centre, Oran Park Drive, Oran Park
<b>Time</b>	12.30pm to 2.30pm
<b>Presenters</b>	Carmel Flavell - Manager Quality and Inclusion (Master Child/Adolescent Welfare, BA (Socio/Women's Studies and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment) and Nicole Humphries - Casework Team Leader, Family Support - Wollondilly/Camden (Bachelor Social Science (Social Welfare)).

There is no fee charged for this course. All sessions need to be attended; there is NO childcare available for these workshops. Please call Nicole at Community Links Wollondilly on 4683 2776 to book your place. Please note these workshops are not for people employed in the sector, it is for parents and carers only.

