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Newsletter Term 3 Week 9 2017

Coming Soon

- Summer PSSA Gala Day 15 & 22 September 2017
- K – Perisher Class Assembly 2:10pm Thursday 14 September 2017 in the school hall
- Sports and CAPA assembly Tuesday 2pm 19 September 2017 in the school hall
- Early Stage One excursion 20 September 2017. Payment due by Wednesday 13 September 2017
- 2018 Kindergarten orientation afternoon 5:15pm -7pm in the school hall 20 September 2017
- Student pizza lunch Friday 22 September 2017. **Last day to order and pay 19 September 2017**
- Students last day 22 September 2017. Students return Monday 9 October 2017
- Stage 2 and 3 camp 18, 19 & 20 October
- 2018 Kindergarten transitions program 16, 17, 23, 24 October 2017
- School Photos 31 October 2017, please contact www.handprint.net.au for more information.
- Grandfriend's Day 10 November 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,

It has been an extremely busy term with many community events taking place and a lot of student learning. Thank you for your ongoing support and contribution. I would like to recognise all of the teachers and ancillary staff for all of the organisation and hard work to make these various events so successful, these include: Book Parade, Book Fair, excursions, dance, choir, spelling bee, public speaking, sporting and community occasions. The photos tell the stories of our Term:





Police Youth Liaison

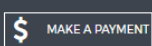
We had a visit by the Police Youth Liaison's officer Mr Mark Scambary. He has been assisting our PSSA OZ Tag team with their training as well as discussing with our senior students the importance of developing and maintaining positive relationships. The group also discussed appropriate strategies on how to deal with negative incidents between peers. We thank Mr Scambary who is a regular visitor to our school.



Sending money to the School Office

The school office has a Silver Payment Box underneath the office counter. Please lift the lid and drop the money within 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.



Safety for all!

I continue to 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 the Children Crossing where there are bright fluoro flags up on Barley road near the school's Electronic Sign.**



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.

Parents and Carers please park correctly in the residential areas that surround the school. The school has received a number of complaints from our neighbours about families who have parked their cars along the driveways of many of our neighbours. I have directed them to contact the police and parking rangers about this matter.



Students are required to bring in their head phones!

Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the online NAPLAN trials in Week 10 of this term. We have organised the computer hardware and scheduled various times for the students to take the test. The school will be getting some head phones for the students to use. However, it will help the school if the Year 3 and 5 students have their own headphones that they can bring to school and use for the test.

Class assembly

Each class will host an assembly every third Thursday from 2pm in the school hall. Details of which class will be hosting the assembly can be found in the calendar section from the school's website. This assembly is an opportunity to hand out the school's merit awards or present any other major awards. It also allows the class to present small items or skits to the community. All parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Anti-bully program

The school and the crew from The Pit Self Defence studio from Smeaton Grange are working together with our primary students and their teachers. We are trialling this program to see if we can implement this throughout the entire school.

Appreciation to St Andrews Public School

Thank you to St Andrews Public School for loaning their school bus to our junior and senior dance group. The bus allowed the dancers to be successfully transported to and from Elderslie High School to perform at the Elderslie Dance Spectacular at the matinee and evening performances. Thank you to our wonderful teachers, staff and parent helpers for all of their commitment and hard work; all of our dancers were amazing and made Spring Farm Public School very proud.



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. Sports captains 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. The dance groups will be performing their items.

P&C achievements and meeting

Thank you to the P&C for organising a successful Father's Day Breakfast and Father's Day stall. The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on **Thursday 14 September 2017 6:30pm** in Block C. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please contact P&C via email: springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com



Support from Narellan Bunnings Warehouse

Thank you to Narellan Bunnings who donated a number of fruit trees for the school's vegetable garden.



FLIP YOUR LID

Dear Parent/Carer

Spring Farm Public School P & C is holding an end of term fundraiser on **Friday, 22 September 2017**.

FLIP YOUR LID - Get creative and wear a hat that stands out in a crowd or just wear your favourite hat for pizza lunch. \$5 gets two slices of pizza which will be pre-ordered for lunchtime. Pizza's that will be ordered are Cheese, Vegetarian, BBQ Meat Lovers and Hawaiian. If you would like to order more than 2 pieces of pizza for your child, please indicate on the slip and include the extra money.

Complete the order slip below and hand in to the school office **no later than Tuesday, 19 September 2017** to **ensure we cater appropriately and your child does not miss out.** If the order is not received by this date, your child will not be catered for.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the P&C by emailing springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com or by contacting the school office on 02 4658 3057 and an office bearer will return your call as soon as practicable.

As always, we appreciate all your support and thank you for assisting in making our community such a great one.

Kind regards

Spring Farm Public School P & C

Email: springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com

FLIP YOUR LID, Pizza Lunch – 22 September 2017

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

NUMBER OF SLICES

☐ **Marguerita**

☐ **Cheese**

\$5 PER 2 SLICES

☐ **Ham and Cheese**

\$7.50 PER 4 SLICES

☐ **Pepperoni**

☐ **Require gluten free base**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

NAPLAN Online Newsletter

August 2017

06/08/17 25/3/18

The NAPLAN Online school readiness test period commences Monday 14 August. The test period will run for six weeks with schools participating in the week they selected. The readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools and is an important opportunity for schools to prepare for the transition to NAPLAN online.

In this edition of the NAPLAN Online newsletter we focus on school readiness activities, disability adjustments, support details and where to find more information.

School readiness test

More than 3,000 NSW schools across all educational sectors are expected to participate in the school readiness test.

School preparations

To help schools with their preparation for the school readiness test the transition program team has collated all the information submitted by schools in the technical readiness checklist. With this information and the assistance of Directors Public Schools NSW, nominated NAPLAN Online network facilitators and IT support team leaders we have been able to contact most schools directly and provide assistance and support to help with their preparation for the school readiness test.

For some schools support has included the provision of loan devices, with many devices already arriving in schools. Across the state device preparation is also underway with the locked down browser installed on more than 49,000 school devices.

Exempt schools

A small number of schools are exempt from participating in the school readiness test. These schools have been sent advice about their exemption from the school readiness test.

It is anticipated that a low bandwidth solution will be available for trialling in satellite schools in October and November 2017.

NAPLAN Online training

Face-to-face training to support the transition to NAPLAN Online is now complete. Training was delivered across the state in 272 locations with 3,735 registered participants.

Staff who attended training have been provided with information and resources to train additional school staff in the co-ordination and administration of the school readiness test.

E-learning is now available and will assist as a refresher for staff who attended training or for those who participated in in-school training. The e-learning can be accessed from MyPL.

Disability adjustments

Adjustments have been introduced for students with disability to enable access and participation in the school readiness test. Information on available disability adjustments is published on the NESA website.

Information packs recently sent to schools for the school readiness test include the process for determining the appropriate adjustments for each individual student. Schools are asked to familiarise themselves with these disability adjustments.

As every student with disability has individual needs, experiences and functional abilities, no typical or uniform testing experience can apply to all students with disability.

Teachers and schools are in the best position to determine the needs of individual students, in consultation with students and their parents/carers.

Familiarity with the features and functionality of the NAPLAN Online test is encouraged with the use of the NAPLAN Online public demonstration site. Students may use their assistive technology in the public demonstration site.

For more information on students with disability and NAPLAN Online refer to: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/naplan-online/school-readiness-test>

CAMDEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROUDLY PRESENTS...



CARERS WEEK MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

1:00PM-3:00PM   
WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

NARELLAN CHILD FAMILY
AND COMMUNITY CENTRE
QUEEN STREET, NARELLAN

HEAPS OF INFORMATION STALLS
PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BLACK DOG
INSTITUTE & SOUTH WEST SYDNEY PHN
LIGHT AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED



Black Dog
Institute

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

Next workshop series commences in October 2017

Dates	Every Monday from 16 th October 2017 until 4 th December 2017.
Venue	Sales and Information Centre, Oran Park Drive, Oran Park
Time	12.30pm to 2.30pm
Presenters	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.

