



Spring Farm Public School

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February 2018

Term 1 Week 2

Coming Soon 2018

School Captain's assembly Thursday 8th February

AFL in school clinic Thursday 15th Friday 16 February

Twilight Swimming Carnival - Camden pools Friday 16th February, 6pm - 8pm. Competitors and spectators welcome.

Parent/teacher conferences February 27th & 28th

Class Leader Elections Week 3 Term 1

Stage One Unique Class assembly - Badge Induction ceremony, Thursday 22nd February 2018 2pm in the hall

Stage 3 Curious Class assembly Thursday 8 March 2pm in the school hall

Stage 2 Courageous Class assembly Thursday 22 March 2pm in the school hall

Harmony Day Colour Run 21 March 2pm in the school hall

CAPA and Sports assembly 29 March 9:15am in the school hall

Easter Hat Parade Friday 29 March 2pm in the school hall

Stage 1 Dynamic Class assembly 5 April 2pm in the school hall

Cross Country 6 April 2018. Back up Cross Country 13 April 2018

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

Newsletters will be published by week 3, 6 and 9 of each term.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to everyone for a smooth transition to Spring Farm Public School. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all returning and new students and families to the 2018 school year.

We will begin the 2018 school year with 16 mainstream classes, 1 Multi-Categorical (MC) support class and two additional support classes. We have a growing community and for this reason we place students in **temporary** classes while our school population stabilises and school enrolments are lodged with the Department of Education in Week 3. It is only then that we are given our staffing entitlement and permanent classes will be announced.

All classes in each stage will deliver the same curriculum themes in the early weeks. Your child had been placed in their temporary class taking academic and social needs into consideration by last year's teacher and stage supervisors. Kindergarten have been placed in classes according to orientation observations.

Class placement is a complex process, especially in a growing community, with class sizes set by the Department of Education. 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. The school has worked to put a lot of thought and forward planning to prepare for an influx of student enrolments, especially in mid-year when a lot of new houses will be completed and new families are moving into their new homes.

Class structure at Spring Farm Public School

In New South Wales public schools, the curriculum and syllabus is separated into 4 Stages – Early Stage One (Kindergarten), Stage One (Year One and Year Two), Stage Two (Year Three and Year Four) and Stage Three (Year Five and Year Six). Within each Key Learning Area, there is a clear outline of what is expected of students in each Stage. Teachers use syllabus documents to plan and implement appropriate learning experiences for the students in their class.

Within each class, our teachers identify where each student is at in relation to the syllabus through consistent and thorough assessment, planning, lessons and evaluation. Learning and key concepts are then differentiated in order to support each student. Teachers manage workloads for a range of ages and abilities in any given class, whether it is a class that is a single grade or stage classes.

The stage outcomes for each syllabus are designed to be a sequential build-up of skills that increase in complexity and depth as students progress through school.

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. The amount of students in each class can be managed effectively and teachers can plan fluid academic movement for all students in their class. Stage and cross stage classes provide opportunities for students to broaden their friendship bases and be clear role models to others in their class. These types of classes will assist with the new enrolments throughout the year without disrupting existing classes. More information can be accessed on these links:

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

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/statistics-and-research/key-statistics-and-reports/composite-and-multiage-classes.pdf>

Current Teachers, Classes and Staff

Teachers & Staff	Stage	Name of Class
Mr Jance	Principal	
Mrs Pereira Acting Assistant Principal (AP)	Early Stage One and Stage One (K-1)	Proud
Miss Chircop	Early Stage One - Kindergarten	Talented
Mrs Cary	Early Stage One - Kindergarten	Creative
Mrs Kelly	Early Stage One - Kindergarten	Kind
Miss Neale	Early Stage One - Kindergarten	Nifty
Mrs Blackburn	Early Stage One - Kindergarten	Joyful
Miss Urry Assistant Principal (AP)	Stage One	Unique
Miss Delli-Fiori	Stage One	Dynamic
Miss Street	Stage One	Strong
Mrs Connor	Stage One	Colourful
Miss Milne	Stage One	Inspired
Mrs Creber Acting Assistant Principal (AP)	Stage Two	Courageous
Mrs Phillips	Stage Two	Resilient
Mrs Bowen	Stage Two	Persistent
Mrs Berry Acting Assistant Principal (AP)	Stage Three	Brave
Mr Clark	Stage Three	Curious
Mrs Boncompagni Monday-Wednesday. Mrs Gardiner	Multi-categorical class MC	Bright Team

Thursday-Friday		
Mrs Davison	Severe Intellectual Disability class (IS)	Dream Team
Mrs Morris	Moderate Intellectual Disability class (IO)	Magic Team
Mrs Levi	Learning and Support Teacher	
Mrs Evans	Learning and Support teacher	
Mrs Lee	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	
Mrs Scuteri	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	
Mrs Cox	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	
Mrs Walsh	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	
Miss Cruze	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	
Mrs Neal	Senior Administration Manager	
Mrs Glover	School Administration Officer	
Mrs Fulko	School Administration Officer	
Mr Berry	General Assistant	
Mr O'Reilly	School Counsellor	
Mrs Pickford	Speech Therapist	

Parent Teacher Conferences

The school will be conducting Parent Teacher Conferences (similar to Parent teacher interviews) on Tuesday 27th February from 3:30pm to 7pm and Wednesday 28th February from 3:30pm to 6pm. This is an opportunity to discuss with the class teacher, your child's needs and goals for the semester. More information will be sent to you closer to the dates as you will be able to schedule interview times online.

Class assembly

For 2018, each class will host an assembly every second Thursday from 2:00pm 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.

Class leaders and badges

During Week 3 of Term 1 2018, students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will have the opportunity to run for class leader. Students who were Class leaders in 2017 cannot run for class leader this year. Badges will be presented at Stage One Unique's class assembly on Thursday 22nd February 2018, 2pm in the school hall.

Parents and carers will be sent a letter stating that their child will be receiving a leadership badge at the class assembly. You will have the opportunity to pin the badge on your child.

Reminders 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 or **talking loudly about other students** so other people around can overhear. Please refrain from this type of behaviour and if there are issues between students, please see the class teacher and work together to resolve the problem/s. In addition, please be pro-active with **toddlers** so they do not interfere with the assembly.

Please refer to the Department of Education and Spring Farm Public School's Code of Conduct for parent and carer's expectations (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>

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

Structured pick up time

I ask for all parents and carers to keep the walk ways clear so that Stage 1 to 3 classes can settle in the green zone and Kindergarten can settle in the blue zone next to the school hall.

Seeing your class teacher in the morning

Like in any household, the morning routines can be hectic and busy. This is the same for teachers who are setting up their class and preparing for the day ahead. It is vital that all students are getting a good start in the morning as this can set the tone for the day.

If you really need to see the class teacher in the morning please make it as quick as possible **and 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 of your concerns and this will be passed onto the class teacher who will be able to address it during the day.** This provides the opportunity for the teacher to fully assess and clarify any issues in a less hectic environment.

One of the reasons that we have had structures Pick Up Zones after school is for 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.

Spring Farm Public School is a Nut Aware School

We aim to minimise the risk to children with documented allergies to nut products. We have some students who are anaphylactic and require their EpiPen injection if they have contact with these type of foods.

How can you help?

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

- ❖ Nuts
- ❖ 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.

Consider the 'Nut Aware Policy' when sending birthday cakes for student celebrations.

Spring Farm Public School request that if you choose to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you send in something that is a single serve such as mini cupcakes, donuts, cookies or a healthy alternative which can be given out at the end of the school day. Parents can then decide if they want their children to eat it or not. Please be mindful of the students who may have allergies when you make the food selection.

All Parents are asked to support the school's Nut Aware Policy by:

- ❖ Being sensitive and supportive to the needs of students with a history of anaphylaxis.
- ❖ Providing children with healthy food options that do not contain nuts.
- ❖ Encouraging children to wash their hands before and after eating.

General Parking

Parents and Carers please park correctly in the residential areas that surround the school. I have 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.



Kiss and Ride area: We have dedicated the South entrance of the school, Harland St, as our "Kiss and Ride" area, where Parents and Carers can pull up and allow their children to alight from the vehicle safely, see them enter the school grounds and continue on their way.

Bus Bay: The bus bay at the front of the school along Barley Road is for Busabout Buses and Before and After School Care transport buses only.

Before and After School Care

Sallywaggs Kindergarten are running a before and after school care program at Spring Farm Public School. Please contact <http://sallywaggs.com.au/> for more information.

Voluntary Contribution fees

The school and P&C worked together to set voluntary fees which help the school purchase i-Pad apps and pay for various online subscription such as Wushka (online home reading). Please follow the instructions below on how you can pay your fees for the year.

Per family: 1st child \$44
2nd child \$33

3rd child \$22

4th Child Free

PAYMENTS ONLINE

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting the tab **\$ MAKE A PAYMENT**. The school's website address is www.springfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and is printed at the top of the school newsletter.

Items that can be paid include all excursions, sales to students (e.g. Book Packs), Sport and Creative and Practical Arts activities. There is also a category called Other which can be used to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Book Club is the only payment that **cannot** be made using this system. Please continue to pay directly online to Scholastic.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the student's name, class and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the student registration number, reference and invoice number but these details can be left blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is confirmed. If you are paying on the closing date of an excursion or activity **the permission note must be received in the office by the closing date to ensure participation in the excursion or activity**. Online payment **must** be made before 6pm on the closing date to ensure inclusion. Multiple payments may be made for the same student but a separate online payment must be processed for each individual student. Parents are not charged a fee for these separate transactions. There is an option to email and/or print receipts.

Details of the payments are passed to the school the day following payment where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the online payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. It is a legal requirement that a signed permission slip for all activities is provided and the online receipt number should be written on the permission slip.

For any enquiries regarding the Parents Online Payment process please contact the School Administrative staff.

Air Conditioning

Over the holidays, the school had air conditioning units installed in 6 classes. I would like to thank **HavenAir** info@havenair.com.au for their commitment and flexibility to install these air conditioning units before school started. Thank you to the P&C for funding these 6 units. The school still has the library, 2 classrooms and a number of officers that still require air conditioning.

Adult toilets

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

restroom / parent feeding room.

Police and Rangers

Highway police and rangers will be in the morning and afternoons during drop off and pick up time. They will be providing advice and assistance with parking at the school.

P&C News

Welcome back to school on behalf of Spring Farm Public School P & C. We have an exciting term ahead with lots of events already being planned. Please find below a summary of what happened at the end of last term and what is happening in Term 1 2018. We would like to thank the school and the schools community for their ongoing support.

The Christmas Raffle raised \$601.10 and will be used to purchase some outdoor play equipment for the children at school. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and those who bought tickets. It was incredible outcome with only selling tickets on the night.

Silver Coin Jars raised over \$1200. Half the money was donated to charities (Cancer Council and Campbelltown Children's Ward) and the rest will assist in the purchase of outdoor play equipment. Sponsored Colour Run will be run by the P & C in conjunction with the schools Harmony Day activities on Wednesday 21st March. More details to follow.

Easter Raffle will be held at the school's Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29th March.

Cross Country Carnival is to be held on Friday 6th April. The P & C will be holding a sausage sizzle at this event. More details to follow.

Mother's Day Stall and Afternoon Tea will be held on Friday 11th May - more details to follow towards the end of term 1 2018.

Preloved Uniform Shop is hoping to be up and running by Week 4 - we will let you know more details in the next couple of weeks.

Stuck on You label fundraiser is ongoing. We have raised just over \$180 so far! If you need some name labels for lunch boxes or clothes or anything else, please order from Stuck on you and we get a commission from everything brought. Please see our facebook page for details or email the P & C.

Coles Sports for Schools. Our school is registered for Sport for schools. For every \$10 spent at Coles, you collect vouchers. There will be a box in the school office to place your vouchers. The more vouchers we collect, the more sports equipment we can get for our school.

Commonwealth School Banking - if your child signs up for school banking, they get to save and the school gets money from Commonwealth bank for our fundraising. Please see Jackie Vincent on Friday mornings 8.30am-9am for more details.

Our next P & C meeting is on MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY. Our annual AGM where all office bearers are elected will be held at this meeting, all parents and carers are welcome.

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Canteen

Fresh Start runs the school canteen. Their menus can be accessed on the school's website. As it gets busy in the morning with lunch orders and serving breakfast, we ask that students purchase their breakfast between 8:30am & 8:50am and leave the blue zone straight away.

WELCOME TO FRESH START CANTEENS 2018.

**MENU'S ARE AVAILABLE IN CANTEEN IF YOU
HAVEN'T ALREADY BEEN GIVEN ONE.**

**EXCITING SPECIALS OF THE WEEK WILL RUN
FROM WEEK 2.**

* THE CANTEEN WILL BE ADVERTISING THROUGH THE SCHOOL AND IN FRONT OF THE CANTEEN A WEEKLY SPECIAL AS WELL AS THE NORMAL MENU FOR RECESS AND LUNCH (LOOK OUT FOR OUR HEALTHY DELICIOUS SUPRISES)

* We now also have cards to be put in the lunch order bags for jelly and ice-blocks and ice cream to be collected from the canteen. Simply place your child's order on the bag and when the child receives their lunch order they will receive a card to return to the canteen for their item.

* If you have any concerns OR questions please don't hesitate to speak to your friendly staff in the canteen. We strive to ensure that children make healthy choices and encourage Healthy Eating habits with our Rewards program. Please see your staff member for your Healthy Eating Rewards Cards.

* Noodles are to be collected by your child from the canteen if your child orders them.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FRESH START CANTEENS.

Ten Tips for Parents of Children Starting School

1. **Provide information about your child's immunisation status**

Your child will be coming into contact with lots of other children and infections can spread very easily.

Immunisation records need to be presented for Kindergarten enrolment.

Under the Public Health (Amendment) Act 1992, children who have not been immunised may be sent home during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.

2. **Learn the names of the important people at the school**

Learning the names of staff will help you communicate with your child about their day at school. It is also important that you have a relationship with your child's teacher and principal to ensure you are up to date with your child's progress.

3. **Give all information about your child to the school especially medical and special needs**

You know your child best. Your child's kindergarten teacher will have many students to get to know. Help the teacher understand your child better and faster by sharing information and insights. This will also ensure that your child gets any essential attention.

4. **Provide emergency contact numbers**

The school might need to contact you urgently. Provide alternative numbers and contacts in case the school is unable to reach you.

5. **Make the school aware of any special family circumstances**

Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Inform your child's teacher and principal about any changed circumstances so that the child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, divorce or the death of a loved one.

6. **Establish routines with your child and stick to them**

Prepare your child for a more structured day. Make a daily routine that includes mealtime, talking time, and reading time.

7. **Make sure your child is road/travel safe**

Children should know to cross the road only at marked crossings. Please set a good example. Take particular care when you drop off and collect your child from school.

8. **Become familiar with school activities - develop a relationship with the school**

Parents/caregivers set an example. If you are positive and encouraging towards school, your child will be too. Both the students and teachers will appreciate your involvement and assistance in activities ranging from sports and excursions to music and drama presentations.

24th January 2018

Spring Farm Public School
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Spring Farm NSW 2570

Dear Principal,

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

I am writing 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



\$500 to help with education costs for you or your children

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs.



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lessons & activities

To join Saver Plus you must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

Contact

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Camden Kids COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Camden Council is developing a new Children (0-12 years) and Families Strategy. We want Camden to be the best place for families to live now and into the future.

We want to hear your experiences and ideas. Join our conversation about education, health and safety and social connections for children and their carers.



Another Great Camden Council Initiative

HAVE YOUR SAY!

WHEN?

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018

1:00PM TO 3:30PM

CHILD AND FAMILY SECTOR AND WORKERS

4:00PM TO 5:30PM

CHILDREN (5-12 YEARS), PARENTS,
CARERS AND GRANDPARENTS

*Limited spaces are available for
childcare upon request.

WHERE TO GO?

NARELLAN LIBRARY

19 QUEEN STREET, NARELLAN

WANT TO COME ALONG?

RSVP BY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018

Phone Camden Council Community
Project Officer - Children & Families
on 4645 5050

or go to www.sticktickets.com.au
and search Camden Children and
Families Strategy.