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2018

Term 1 Week 10

Coming Soon **2018**

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

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

Anzac Day March 25 April at Camden. Permission slips will be handed out to students Week 11 Term 1

School Anzac Day assembly 1 May 2018. 9:20am in the school hall, parents and carers welcome to attend

Mothers' Day stall and Afternoon Tea for all mothers and carers Friday 11 May 2018 more information will be sent out in due course

Stage 2 and 3 Leaders assembly Thursday 10 May 2pm in the school hall

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,

It has been a busy Term 1 with a lot of things happening. Congratulations to all the students who have settled in well and to the community for their ongoing support. Thank you to all the staff and P&C who either organised, assisted or contributed to the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, Harmony Day event, Colour Explosion, Sport's assembly and Easter Hat Parade. In amongst these community events quality teaching and learning has continued which is the primary focus for Spring Farm Public School.

SPRING FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL



Bullying. No Way! website (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) for practical advice and information to help students, parents, teachers and other members of the school community work together against bullying.

School entry and morning routine

The school has an electronic front gate that requires pushing the button and identifying who you are through an intercom. The gate will open towards Barley road. This was put in for the safety of students and for the security of the school.

In the morning, the school gates will be opened from 8:30am onwards for students and parents to enter school grounds. Due to WH&S requirements no student or community should enter the premises prior to 8:30am. Teacher supervision will commence at 8:30am.

Before and after school students accompanied with their parents or carers are permitted to enter the school grounds prior to 8:30am as they are under the responsibility of Scallywaggs' Before and After school Care and go straight into the school hall.

As the school continues to increase its enrolments there are more parents and carers especially with toddlers entering the school each morning. It is vital that students, staff and parents or carers follow the school's expectations of being safe and respectful. There are two teachers on duty on the green zone who are supervising students and the community. Please remind your child(ren) that there is **strictly no games that require running or playing with footballs etc as it is very crowded in the green zone area and someone could get seriously hurt!**

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. Even if the student is accompanied by their parents or carers to the lines or class, they will be asked to go to the office to obtain a late pass!

It is vital that all families establish a good routine the night before and in the morning so that your child(ren) can get to school on time. Parking around the school can be difficult, however, parking a few blocks down the school can be achieved and it has many benefits; as you have more chances to get a parking spot, less stress and walking a few more blocks is good for everyone's health. 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.

Labelling uniforms and all other items

Please label all school uniform (school hats, jackets and jumpers) and lunch boxes etc so that your child can easily identify them. P&C have organised Stuck on You labels. If you need some name labels for lunch boxes or clothes or anything else, please order from Stuck on you and P&C will get a commission from everything brought. Please see the P&C facebook page for details or email the P & C.

Helmets

It is encouraging to see students riding their bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. Please ensure that your child wear a helmet when using their bikes, scooters or skateboards when going to or leaving school!

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/bicycles/safety-rules/wear-the-right-gear.html>

Home Readers

The school is organising Home Reading hardcopy books for students throughout Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students. Students will be allocated books that are known as familiar reads. This will provide the opportunity for students to practise their fluency and accuracy when reading aloud. Students will be required to return their home Reading Book on certain days. The return and issuing of new home reading books will coincide with the class library time. Students are still encouraged to borrow books from the school library or Narellan library as it encourages the love of books and reading, as well as, an opportunity to sit as a family and participate in reading together.

The school will continue to utilise Wushka the online home reading site, as it provides more quality reading opportunities for all students from Early Stage 1 to Stage 3 and it incorporates effective comprehension questions that are linked to the online reading material.

Thank you to the P&C for contributing close to \$2000 and to a family who also donated \$1000 towards the purchasing of 650 home readers. Hardcopy home readers are very expensive to initially purchase, accession and organise. The issuing of Home Reading hardcopy books will start in Term 2 2018. As the school continues to establish itself we will continue to build upon the home reading stocks and books for the library.

The school requires your help with Voluntary Contribution fees

At present, the school's voluntary contribution fee for 2018, amounts to \$1300 so far. The school relies on these fees to assist in purchasing resources for students. At present we use these fees to pay for various online subscription such as Wushka (online home reading). The school and P&C have worked together to set the current fees. If you can afford to pay these fees for you child, please follow the instructions below the newsletter on how you can pay your fees for the year.

Per family: 1st child \$44
2nd child \$33
3rd child \$22
4th Child Free

Cross country

Spring Farm Public School will be holding our Cross Country Carnival on Friday the 6 April. All students will be participating, however only students turning 8 years and older may be allocated the opportunity to represent Spring Farm in the zone event.

All parents, caregivers, families and friends are invited to come and cheer on their children. The races will commence at 9:30am.

The age race that students are required to run in is determined by the age they turn in 2018. The race distances are as follows:-

Students who are 12 or 13 years old will compete in the senior category, which is 3 kms long.

Students who are 11 years old will compete in the 11 years category, which is 3 kms long.

Students who are 10 years old will compete in the 10 years category, which is 2 kms long.

Students who are turning 8 or 9 years old will compete in the junior category, which is 2 kms long.

Students who are 7 years and younger will complete 2 laps of the oval.

We would like to advise that the track for students who are 8 years or older will include students running on the pathway, outside the school grounds, for part of the distance. This is to create a realistic cross country track in preparation for zone.

Sports uniform is to be worn with appropriate footwear. Spiked footwear is not permitted.

All students who have asthma will be required to carry their puffers with them throughout the race.

The P&C will be organising a sausage sizzle barbeque. A note to pre order will be out shortly. Students will be taken with their teacher to collect their sausage sizzle after their respective races. The sausage sizzle will be running from approximately 10.45.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle, sunscreen and their hat for the event. If you are planning to come and a watch a blanket or chair would be recommended. Please notify the office if you are available to assist on the day as a track official.

In the event of wet weather, the backup date is Friday the 13 April 2018

CareMonkey-emergency contact details

All students will be receiving a paper version to of the CareMonkey information (a copy below) for families to fill out and hand it back to the office as soon as possible!

CareMonkey

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to advise you that we are adopting a new system named CareMonkey.

The CareMonkey system makes it very easy for you to respond to field trip, camp and other consent forms using your mobile phone, tablet or PC. No more paperwork! No more lost forms or notes covered in squashed banana in school bags, no more concerns about children missing out on information when they are absent.

It will greatly reduce the burden on you to provide information that is repetitive. For example, it will allow you to keep your child's emergency contact and medical information up to date; so you don't need to repeat this information again whilst your child is at the school. It also puts you in control of this data so you'll always know what emergency contacts and medical information is shared with the school.

We do need a valid email address from you in order to use the CareMonkey system. Please complete the details below and return this form to the school. (Hopefully this form is one of the last paper forms you'll receive from us). You don't need to do anything else until you receive an email invitation asking you to sign up for your free CareMonkey account. After that, you'll receive notifications whenever there is an electronic form to complete for the school.

From the schools perspective, your child's information will only be visible by the relevant staff for your child and will be managed in accordance with our privacy policies.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions. You can also visit the CareMonkey website for more information: www.caremonkey.com

We appreciate your assistance.

Please complete below and return to school ASAP. Many thanks.

Note: Parent 1 is the parent who usually completes forms for the school

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

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Parent 1 Name: _____

Parent 1 Email: _____

Parent 1 Cell: _____

Parent 2 Name: _____

Parent 2 Email: _____

Parent 2 Cell: _____

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.

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.

P&C News

Our next P & C meeting is on MONDAY 21 May 2018 in F Block class. All parents and carers are welcome.

P&C are conducting a uniform survey. Please click onto the link participate in the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GTQY6RH>

Raffle winners and thank you to these companies who kindly donated towards the Christmas raffle:

Spring Farm Public School Christmas Raffle 2017

	Description of Prize	Address of Donator	Donator	Winner	Collected? Y/N
1.	\$150 Hurricanes restaurant Voucher	81 Minorca Circuit, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	GSG Plumbing and Maintenance Service	J. Barks Blue A61	Y
2.	Large Christmas Hamper	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Woolworths, Spring Farm	Lorraine Mills Blue A3	Y
3.	Quadcopter	1/32 Bluett Drive, Smeaton Grange NSW	Ace Hobby Distributors	Brydee Wilson Blue A73	Y
4.	\$50 Voucher	Richardson Rd, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Choice Pharmacy	Daryl Ray Blue A45	Y
5.	\$50 Kids Gymnastics Voucher	Unit 2/72 Lasso Road Gregory Hills, NSW, 2557	Rec Alley Gymnastics	A. Craybell Blue A30	Y
6.	\$50 Gift Voucher	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Venus Nails, Spring Farm	Melanie Coleman Blue A29	Y
7.	\$50 Gift Voucher	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Venus Nails, Spring Farm	Melissa Keenan Green A45	Y
8.	\$50 Gift Voucher	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Venus Nails, Spring Farm	A. Pipper Red A38	Y
9.	\$50 Gift Voucher	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Venus Nails, Spring Farm	Michael Grimson Blue A20	Y
10.	Smile Consultation voucher	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Dental	Ava Saberras Blue A20	Y
11.	Smile Consultation voucher	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Dental	Archer Lee Blue A15	Y

12.	Smile Consultation voucher	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Dental	Kristie Cranar Red A54	Y
13.	Medium Cake	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Michel's Patisserie, Spring Farm	Ethan Parker Green A55	Y

14.	\$45 Voucher	25 Dutton Street, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Ellegant Hair	Susie Butcher Blue A57	Y
15.	Free Haircut	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Gold Fingers Barber & Hairdresser	Sarah Cagney Blue A37	Y
16.	Beauty Hamper	Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Oak and Blossom	Tyler Hooton Red A5	Y
17.	Woolworths Christmas Ham	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Woolworths, Spring Farm	Erin Nobbs Red A1	Y
18.	Small Christmas Basket	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Woolworths, Spring Farm	Josh Jensen Blue A81	Y
19.	Foam Glider and Small Remote Control Car in a can	1/32 Bluett Drive, Smeaton Grange NSW	Ace Hobby Distributors	Melanie Coleman Blue A30	Y
20.	\$25 Voucher	Unit 5-6/1 Gregory Hills Dr, Gregory Hills NSW, 2557	Grima Brothers	Brydee Wilson Green A63	Y
21.	P & C Craft Pack	Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Public School P&C	Steve Blue A59	Y
22.	P & C Craft Pack	Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Public School P&C	Gynelle Link Blue A49	Y
23.	Female Raffle Bag	Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Public School P&C Spring Farm Dental Practice	Anne Hockey Red A72	Y
24.	Male Raffle Bag	Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Public School P&C Spring Farm Dental Practice	Dennis Mort Green A58	Y <i>Collected by Melanie Coleman</i>
25.	Sampler Raffle Bag	Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Public School P&C Event Cinemas Macarthur Square Spring Farm Dental Practice	Leanne Gorman Red A25	Y <i>Collected by Melanie Coleman</i>
26.	Male Raffle Bag	Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Public School P&C Spring Farm Dental Practice	Marion Gill Blue A38	Y
27.	Male Raffle Bag	Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Spring Farm Public School P&C	Mynott Green A35	Y

28.	Letter Game	Spring Farm NSW, 2570	Spring Farm P & C	Mynott Green A29	Y
29.	\$20 Voucher	254 Richardson Road, Spring Farm, NSW, 2570	Macchina Espresso	Cheryle Green A52	Y
30.	\$20 Voucher	2/130 Argyle Street, Camden, NSW, 2570	Barenz	Morgan Hayward Blue A18	Y

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.



at Spring Farm Public School

Register by calling Big Yellow Umbrella on
(02) 4647 1283. Registration closes 9 April

Sausage sizzle available - gold coin donation



Friday 13 April
4.30-6pm

