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Newsletter Term 3 Week 1 2018

Coming Soon

- All students attend school Tuesday 24 July 2018. Staff development day Monday 23 July 2018
- Kindergarten 100 days celebration Friday 27 July 2018
- Working Bee, Sunday 29 July 2018 10am to 1pm
- Athletics workshop, Tuesday 31 July for staff, parents and carers wanting to assist at the athletics carnivals, please email the school prior to attending the training
- K-2 leaders' class assembly, Thursday 2 August in the school hall 2pm
- Premier's Spelling Challenge 7 August 2018 9:30am for infants and 12:15pm for seniors in the school hall, parents and carers welcome to attend
- Education Day celebrations open classrooms & Book Parade Wednesday 8 August 2018
- K-2 Athletic Carnival, Thursday 9 August 2018
- 3-6 Athletics Carnival, Friday 10 August 2018. In case of rain, back update, Friday 17 August for 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Learning Conferences 14 and 15 August 2018 times TBA
- K- Creative class assembly, Thursday 16 August in the school hall 2pm

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 lovely school holiday break. Students have received their first semester written report. This is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's learning. Please take the time to read the teacher comments and work collaboratively with the school on any recommendations that could assist your child's progress.

If your family requires an additional student written report, please contact the office and we can arrange another copy for you to either pick it up from the school office or it can be emailed or mailed out to you.

On 14 and 15 August 2018, the school will be holding Student Learning Goal Conferences which will provide students, parents and carers the opportunity to review learning goals and discuss the written report. 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

Bus Stops on Richardson Road

The school has been working with Busabout (school bus) to stop on each side of Richardson Road between Liz Kernohan Drive and Hampshire Blvd. Students will not have to cross that busy section of Richardson Road from the 30 July 2018. Thank you to Busabout for making student safety a priority and amending the bus route.

Students walking safely to and from school

The school and the P&C have been continuously working with Camden Council and the RMS on the traffic issues around the school. The school is waiting on the outcome from the RMS for a supervisor to be at the school crossing.

Would 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.

For safety reasons, the school is requesting all **students, parents and carers who need to cross Barley Road to enter the school via the official pedestrian crossing 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 as everyone's **SAFETY** is a **priority**. If you are accompanying your child or children when walking, please demonstrate good role modelling and cross at the pedestrian crossing near the school's electronic sign.



Air Conditioning

Over the January school holidays, the school had air conditioning units installed in 6 classes. Thank you to the P&C for working with the local Member of Parliament Chris Patterson, to secure a Community Grant of \$20 000 in late 2017. This directly funded 6 air conditioning units for 6 classes and the remainder of the grant will assist in installing air conditioning into the Library and offices.

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.

Parents and carers are asked to **enter the school grounds from 2:45pm onwards** if you are picking up your 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 or at lines** 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 for code of conduct for all members of the local community as well as the Department of Education Code of Conduct

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/code-of-conduct-policy>

A sample of the expectations by parents, carers and visitors at Spring Farm Public School can be viewed below:

Code of Conduct Required by Parents and Other Persons

Schools should be places where students, staff, parents and visitors to the school should feel safe and happy. Ensuring that our school remains a pleasant and safe place for all is the responsibility of all who enter the school grounds. Please refer to the Department of Education's expectations for people entering school grounds (page 6):

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/The-2014-Code-of-Conduct-approved-by-Minister-1-July-2014-updated-Dec-2016-not-tracked.pdf>

Parents and visitors to the school are expected to behave in a civil manner. They will:

1. Treat all persons associated with the school (staff, students and visitors) with respect and courtesy
2. Keep clear of all buildings and entrances. Adhere to the school's morning routine and dismissal routines
3. Communicate with the school office staff when removing their child/ren from the school grounds or notifying their presence on the school site (for interviews or parent helpers)
4. Make appointments in advance and follow the proper complaints procedures when expressing a concern about the school
 - i.e. Class Teacher , Assistant Principal then Principal
5. School-related or welfare - related issues of students or families at the school need to be dealt with teachers or executive staff at the school. The school will follow the Procedure of Fairness and work with the school and Department of Education's policies, deal with issues between student or students as part of the school's Reward, Discipline and Welfare policies. Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference
 - ❖ Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed. Never enter the school grounds with animals (pet dog etc) smoking or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Never swear or use intimidating language or approach another person's child or children.

Working Bee

On Sunday 29 July 2018, from 10am to 1pm, Spring Farm Public School will be organising a working bee. This will be to prepare for the K-6 athletics carnival, as well as, weeding and mulching. Any parents or carers that have some spare time and can assist on the day, please RSVP via the school email. Thank you in advance for your support.

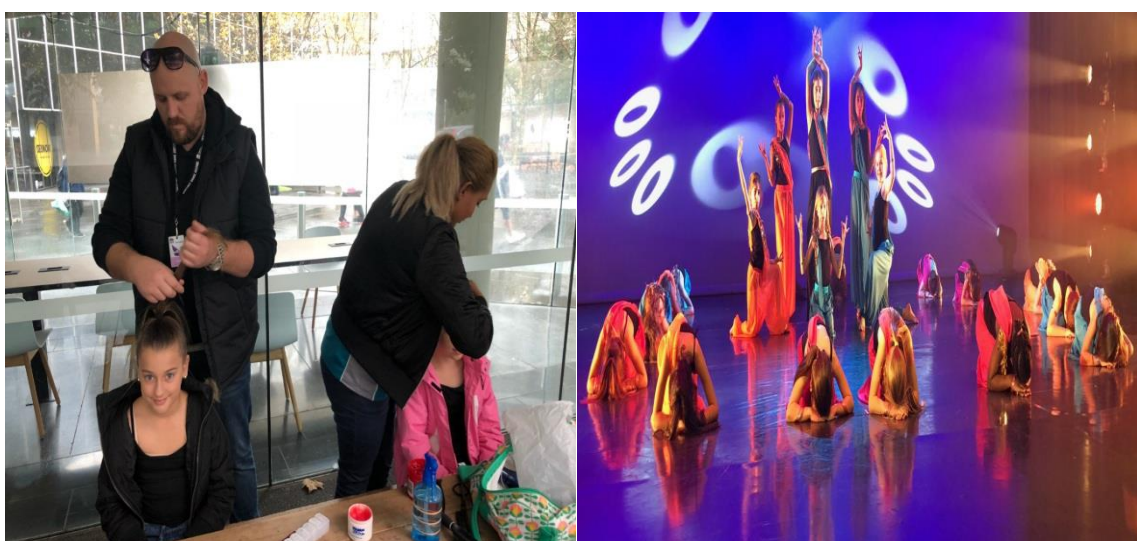
Spring Farm Public School helping our students

Spring Farm Public School funds a Speech Therapist who has conducted a number of screeners for students who are displaying some communication impairments. If you receive a letter from the speech therapist about your child, please take note of the recommendations and contact Dayna the Speech Therapist who attends Spring Farm Public School fortnightly. You can email the school or contact the office to organise a time to discuss the recommendation and seek further support. I cannot stress the importance and correlation between language development and effective communication skills in all students. More information can be accessed on the Fact Sheet tab:

www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

Dance Festival Seymour Centre

The junior dance group performed on Tuesday 19 & 26 June 2018 at the Seymour Centre, we were all very proud of their effort and resilience. Thank you to Mrs Berry and Ms Delli-Fiori and teachers, office staff, parents or carers for all of their hard work.



Multicultural Public Speaking

Congratulations to all the students who represented Spring Farm Public School for the Multicultural Speaking competition held at Camden South Public School. Stella, Lara, James and Sharni did exceptionally well in the competition. Sharni received highly commended and Lara was the winner of the local final for her age group. Lara will now represent Spring Farm Public School at the district finals, we wish her all the best! Thank you to Mrs Blackburn and teachers for their coaching, organising and ongoing support.



New Assistant Principal Appointments

Congratulations to Mrs Berry and Mrs Pereira for being the successful applicants for the Assistant Principal positions at Spring Farm Public School.

NAIDOC celebrations

Thank you to the Aboriginal Educational committee, staff and P&C for organising a great event on Wednesday 4 July 2018. The school was honoured to celebrate Aboriginal Education and acknowledge the influential females in our lives. Thank you to the guests and families who all contributed to the celebration.



PSSA Success

Thank you to all the teacher coaches and parents for training and supporting all of the school's PSSA teams. The junior and senior boys soccer were finalists. For mixed Hockey, the junior team were runners up and the senior team did very well. The netball team also did very well, the senior teams were runners up.



P&C meeting

Thank you to P&C for their morning tea for the guests and community at NAIDOC celebrations, as well as, a number of fundraising activities throughout Term 2.

P&C are organising a fundraising Trivia night on Saturday 25 August 2018. More information will be provided this week.

The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on Monday 13 August at 6:30pm in Block F. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

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EDUCATION WEEK 2018

Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world

We are very excited to invite our families and friends to our Education Week celebrations at Spring Farm Public School!

What is on during Education Week?

Tuesday 7 August 2018 - Premier's Spelling Bee Finals

Class finalists in the school hall.

9:30 -11am (*approximate finishing time*): Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two finals

12:15 -1:30pm: Stage Two and Stage Three finals

Wednesday 8 August 2018 - Book Parade and Open Classrooms

9:20am: Book Parade - students will have an opportunity to show off their awesome Book Week costumes at our Book Parade

10:30am: Open Classrooms - Visit your child/ren's classrooms, participate in a fun STEM lesson and see the awesome learning happening at Spring Farm Public School.

11am: Picnic Lunch/Reading Time - Read a book with your child and enjoy an extended picnic lunch.

The day will conclude at **12:10pm**. Students will return to class lines to return to class.

Please note, if you wish to sign your child/ren out prior to the end of the school day, you will need to see the classroom teachers at the **start or conclusion of lunch only**. This is to ensure student safety and welfare. If your child is going to be going home with someone other than a direct parent/carer, a written note needs to be provided to the classroom teacher.

Thursday 9 August 2018 - Kindergarten to Year Two Athletics Carnival

9:15am: Activities commence. Students will participate in a range of athletic skill activities and fun games throughout the morning. Students will rotate through activities in groups. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. Students will be advised of their house colours prior to the event.

Students aged 5-7 will compete in a 100m race. Students turning 8 this year, or have already turned 8, will compete in the 100m race at Friday's Years 3- 6 carnival.

Please note, if you wish to sign you child/ren out prior to the end of the school day, you will need to see the classroom teachers at the **conclusion of the carnival only**. This is to ensure student safety and welfare. If your child is going to be going home with someone other than a direct parent/carer, a written note needs to be provided to the classroom teacher.

Friday 10 August 2018 - Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

9:15am: Activities commence. Students will compete in field and track events throughout the morning. Students will rotate in their age groups.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. Students will be advised of their house colours prior to the event.

Important: Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year, or who have already turned 8 this year, will be competing in all events in this carnival.

Please note, if you wish to sign you child/ren out prior to the end of the school day, you will need to see the classroom teachers at the **conclusion of the carnival only**. This is to ensure student safety and welfare. If your child is going to be going home with someone other than a direct parent/carer, a written note needs to be provided to the classroom teacher.

Parent Helpers for Carnivals

If you wish to help out at our Athletics Carnivals this year, please contact the office via email prior to Friday 27 July 2018 (Week 1) so appropriate training and induction can be provided.