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Newsletter Term 3 Week 7 2018

Coming Soon

- Zone Athletics carnival Thursday 6 and Friday 7 September 2018
- Stage 1 excursion 11 September 2018
- Class Assembly Stage 1 Inspired Thursday 13 September 2pm in the school hall
- Elderslie Dance Spectacular Friday 14 September 2018
- CAPA & SPORTS assembly Thursday 20 September at 9:15am in the school hall
- Kindergarten excursion Friday 21 September 2018
- 2019 Kindergarten Orientation Tuesday 25 September 2018, 6:30pm school tour, 7pm welcome in the school hall
- Class Assembly K Kind Thursday 27 September 2pm in the school hall
- Term 3 2018 last day Friday 28 September 2018
- Students return to school for Term 4 Monday 15 October 2018
- Primary Camp 17 October to 19 October 2018
- School Photos 6 and 7 November 2018

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Photos

School photos will be held on Tuesday 6 and 7 November 2018. All students are to be dressed in full school summer uniform. More information will be provided in Term 4.

Lateness!

Thank you for to the families that have been making an effort to be on school on time. The office is still inundated with late students. Please continue to establish a good routine **the night before and in the morning** so that your child or children can get to school on time.

Similarly, setting up a good routine to regularly attend school, **provides the necessary life skills for your child or children to meet future deadlines and work on the skills of time management**. 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. If your child **arrives late, from 8:55am onwards** they are required to get a late pass from the school office, before going to their lines or classroom.

Disabled Parking, Kiss and Ride and unaccompanied student walkers

The new disabled parking on Harland Road allows disabled drivers and the school's special need students to have easier access into the school.

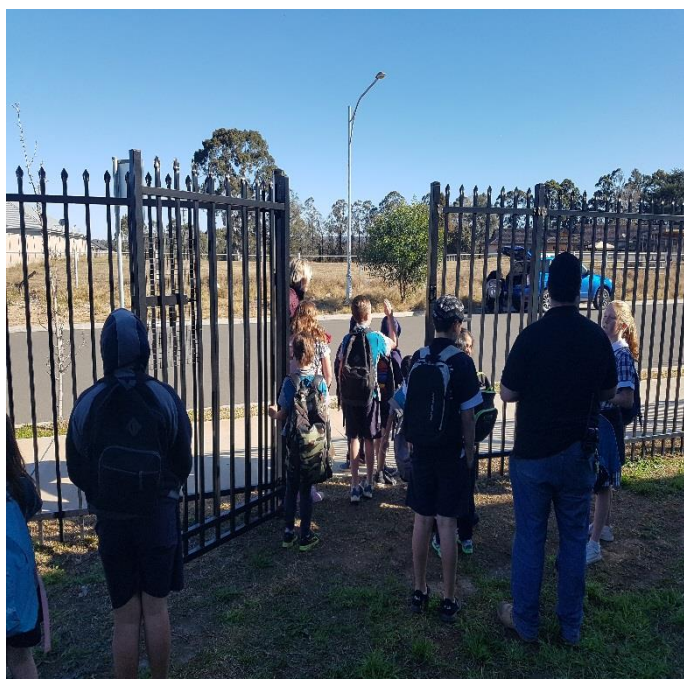
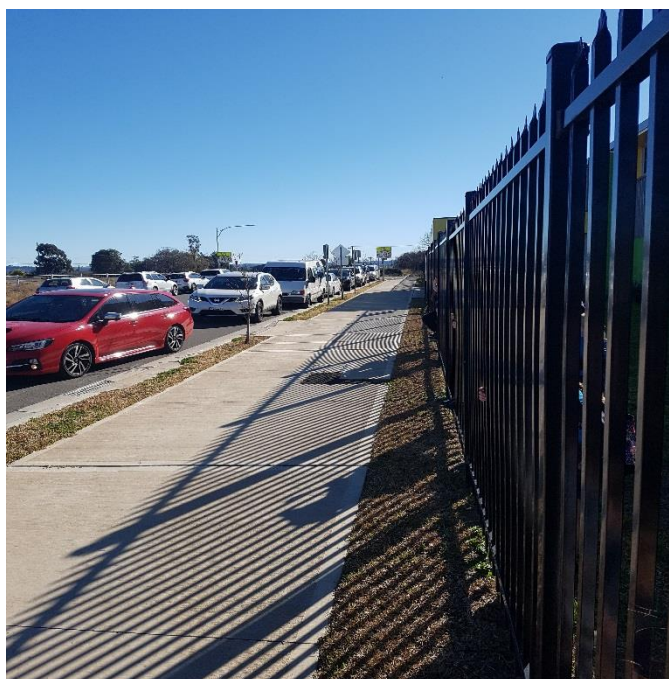
A new gate has been erected at the front end of the Kiss and Ride sign on the corner of Harland Road. A supervising teacher has been marshalling waiting students into their parents and carers' cars. Please remind your child/ren of the colour and make of the car so they know when they can go. At this time, we are encouraging four cars at a time to roll through the Kiss and Ride system.

I ask that all drivers demonstrate patience and adhere to the expectations and requirements of a Kiss and Ride system (the first car waiting at the sign will leave first and the other cars will continue in an orderly fashion).

Rangers will be out to educate drivers about the requirements for the disabled parking. Please be mindful that the school's special need students and their taxis, will be using these disabled parking spaces each day.

Students who walk home and are not accompanied by an adult, have been asked to line up in the Hop Scotch area each afternoon, as they will be accompanied by a teacher to cross the school crossing. Please remind your child/ren of this procedure as it is for the safety of all students.

Similarly, I ask all parents and carers to be good role models and use the **CROSSING** to cross Barley road in the mornings and afternoons. RMS have contacted the school and have observed that not many people are using the crossing which makes it difficult to prove that there is a real need for an official person to supervise the crossing.



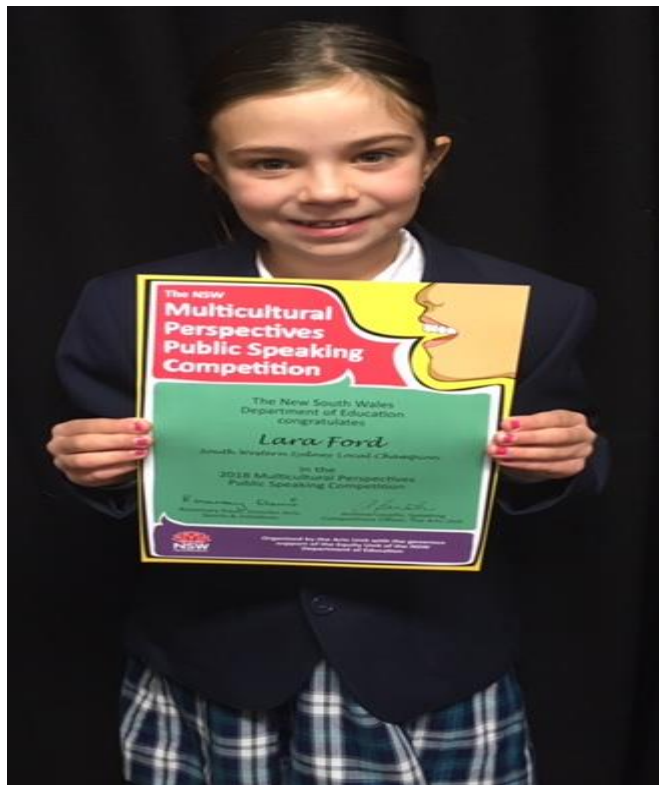
Student Leader's news

Thank you to everyone who supported the Super Hero Day on Thursday 23 August 2018. The school raised \$329.50 which will be all donated to Kids Heart Foundation.

The student leaders have also organised a Dress Up as a Farmer Day and a gold coin donation to raise funds for the drought relief. This will be held on 26 September 2018.

Multicultural Public Speaking

Congratulations to Lara who represented Spring Farm Public School at the regional Multicultural Public Speaking competition held at Lewisham in Sydney. Lara did exceptionally well in the competition. Thank you to Mrs Blackburn and teachers for their coaching, organising and ongoing support.



Wellbeing and Anti-bully program

The school and the crew from The Pit Self Defence studio from Smeaton Grange were very successful in implementing a wellbeing program that focused on building self-esteem and working on anti-bullying strategies. Thank you to Ms Milne, Mrs Cox and staff for the planning and organisation. It was a very successful day for all students and staff.



Spring Farm Public School staff

Congratulations to the staff for showcasing their Spirals of Inquiry action research to the EPIC conference held at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. We are all very proud of their achievements.



Class assembly as a community gathering to celebrate students and school successes

Each class will host an assembly every second Thursday from 2pm in the school hall. A majority of time we will start around 2:10pm to allow the classes to settle. At times, we may need to start on time at 2pm however, it depends on the content that needs to be covered. Details of which class will be hosting the assembly can be found on the top of the newsletter or in the calendar section from the school's website. This assembly is an opportunity to celebrate the successes of students and allows the host class to present small items or skits to the community. All parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Feedback from the community survey

Thank you to the families that have been able to fill out the school surveys that were available at the Learning Conferences and electronically. As a school we are taking on the feedback, making adjustments and implementing any suggestions. From one section of the survey, there were some requests for parents and carers to be alerted when their child receives a merit award. The merit award system is a complicated process, teachers may determine which student receives an award early in the week, while other teachers may leave it so that a student is encouraged to work towards their goals, which could be on the day of the assembly. Although we have a tracking system of the students who are receiving the awards, it is difficult to correctly coordinate specific details and alert all the parents and carers in a timely manner so that they can attend the assembly. As we grow in enrolments, we will continue to amend and revise the merit award policy and procedures. As students go up the merit award levels and achieve a higher award, such as a Principal's Award, parents and carers will be notified of this distinguished award and will invite them in a timely matter to attend the assembly.

P&C news

The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on Monday 10 September 2018 at 6:30pm in Block F. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Thank you to the P&C for organising and running a successful school Trivia Night. The P&C raised \$3546.61. This will assist in resupplying the school's first aid supplies and renewing a number of EpiPen's.

Thank you to the P&C for donating \$10,000 towards the purchasing more iPads and class readers for Stage 2 & 3. Thank you to the P&C for organising the Father's Day breakfast and stall.

Volunteers are required for the Narellan Bunnings fundraising barbecue on Saturday 20 October 2018. Please contact the P&C via email: springfarmpublicschoolpc@gmail.com



Donation to the Library

Thank you to the VIEW club who donated 3 quilts for the library. We are very grateful for their generosity.



The View club is a leading women's volunteer organisation and support network that empowers women to have their voice heard on issues of future wellbeing of Australian society. As a valued part of The Smith Family, VIEW members contribute significant fundraising initiatives and volunteering support to help disadvantaged children transform their lives through education.