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## Term 1 Week 6 2019 Newsletter

Please download the Skoolbag app for all school information: <https://www.skoolbag.com.au/parentinstructions.pdf>

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the year and a number of wonderful programs and activities have been implemented so far. Congratulations to the new Kindergarten students who have settled in and are working towards their learning goals as well as, understanding the routines and expectations of Primary school.

Spring Farm Public School is in a new and growing community with increasing enrolments that makes it inevitable that procedures and structures within the school will change to ensure the safety of all personnel.

### Changes and the importance of morning routine for all parents and carers

As the school grows in enrolments a number of logistical changes have had to be made for the safety of all personnel on school grounds.

Whole school assembly will be every Monday and Thursday morning on the green zone.

On the other days:

All primary students will assemble in the blue zone.

Infant students, Early Stage One (Kindergarten) and Stage One will assemble in the green zone.

Due to safety concerns for students and staff, **parents and carers are asked to keep the walk ways clear and staying behind the orange witches hats so that teachers can organise their classes from 8:55am.** Once the morning bell rings, I ask that parents and carers **say their goodbyes** and leave as soon as possible as this can **minimise separation issues** with students.

### Afternoon dismissal procedures

The school has slightly changed the afternoon dismissal procedures due to growing enrolments. From Monday 11 March 2019:

Early Stage One (Kindergarten) will all assemble at the Green Zone and students will be dismissed from this location

Stage One will assemble at the Green zone and students will be dismissed from this location

Primary students (Stage 2 and Stage 3) will assemble at the blue zone and students will be dismissed from this location

Students who walk home and are not accompanied by an adult, have been asked to line up in the hopscotch 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.

### **Obeying traffic rules**

Please be **mindful of the pedestrians and families** trying to cross the road or get into their vehicles especially in the morning and afternoon, as safety for everyone is paramount. In addition, please be aware of how you park around our **neighbouring properties**.

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

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### **Class assembly**

For 2019, each class will host a class assembly on either the Wednesday or Thursday afternoon 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 Skoolbag website and Assembly rosters can be viewed at the end of this newsletter.

The purpose of these class assembly, is to celebrate all student's successes and an opportunity to hand out the school's merit awards or other awards to students. It also allows the class to present small items or skits to the community. All parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to attend.

### **Condolences**

Our condolences go out to the Baldock family. Mr Baldock tragically passed away in the line of duty as a fire fighter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. The school and the community are supporting the family in various ways. The school community, staff and student leaders are currently planning a fundraising event to assist the family. More details will be sent out via the Skoolbag app.

### **Harmony Day**

On the 21 of March 2019, Spring Farm Public School is celebrating Harmony Day – *everyone belonging*. This year Harmony Day will be celebrated with a class feast. Please send in a plate of food from your child's country of origin to share with your child's class. Please be aware of the following:

- No heating or refrigerating facilities are available in classrooms.
- Food must be clearly labelled with ingredients.
- We ask that you do not send in any food containing nuts.

Students can wear orange clothing or cultural dress to show their support for cultural diversity and inclusive Australia. Classes will participate in harmony day activities with their class.

Please note, this is an in school event and students will celebrate Harmony Day & feast with their peers.

The school’s major community event will be held on Easter Hat Parade 12 April 2019. Please save this date with your family.

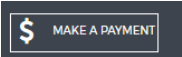
The school requires your help with Voluntary Contribution fees

At present, the school’s voluntary contribution fee for 2019 are below. The school relies on these fees to assist in purchasing resources for students. At present we use these fees to pay for various resources such as online subscription for ipads and Home Readers. 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: 1<sup>st</sup> child \$44
- 2<sup>nd</sup> child \$33
- 3<sup>rd</sup> child \$22
- 4<sup>th</sup> Chid Free

Payments to the office

Due to WHS and security reasons, it is imperative that any money sent to the school office be placed into 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.

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Inspiring creative & resilient learners

Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk (★) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

Student Details

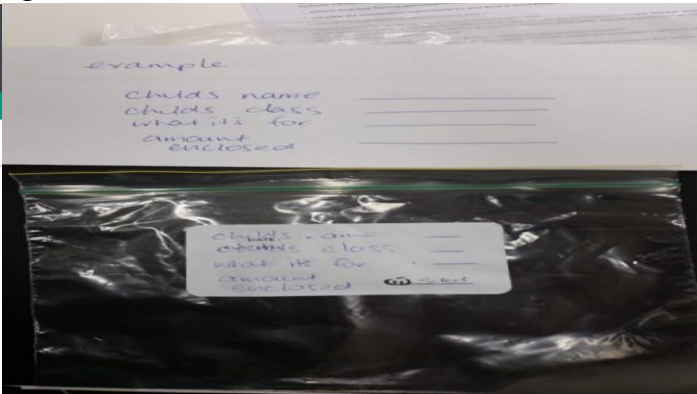
Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

★ Given Name

★ Surname

Class or Year



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.



### **School uniforms**

We are very proud of our uniform which stands out and is unique in the Macarthur area. We are establishing pride in Spring Farm Public and have stated that wearing full school uniform can assist in developing 'self-esteem and a sense of connection to the community,' more information about wearing the correct school uniform can be found on:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/connect/school-uniforms>

The school requires all students to wear a navy blue jacket, navy sloppy joe, navy blue shorts and pants and school shirt as we are trying to instill pride, set a good example for our new enrolments and develop a connection with each other. If you require assistance in purchasing various uniform please contact the P&C as they run a clothing pool. The school can also assist in this area. If you have any spare uniforms please donate to the P&C who will use them in their clothing pool.

### **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>

### **P&C meeting**

The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on Monday 18 March at 6:30pm in the Staff Room in Block A. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

### Assembly Groups

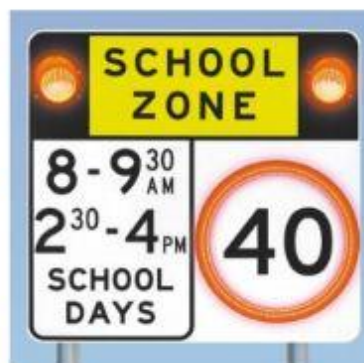
Term Week	Blue Group Hosts	Silver Group Hosts
8	CLASS LEADERS	CLASS LEADERS
10	S3 PEACEFUL	S3 CALM
2	S2 NIFTY	S2 PROUD
4	S1 FOCUSED	S1 COURAGEOUS
6	S2 BRILLIANT	S2 OPTIMISTIC
8	CLASS LEADERS	CLASS LEADERS
10	S3 MINDFUL	S1 WONDROUS
2	S1 NOBLE	S1 SUPERB
4	K MERRY	K HAPPY
6	S1 JOYFUL	S1 DETERMINED
8	CLASS LEADERS	CLASS LEADERS
10	K AMAZING	K PEPPY
2	K BUBBLY	K CHEERFUL
4	S1 ADVENTUROUS	TEAM MIGHTY
6	TEAM WISE	TEAM DARING
8	CLASS LEADERS	CLASS LEADERS
10	TBA	TBA

# Driving and parking safely near your school

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop your child off and pick them up on the **school side** of the road
- **never call out to them from across the road - It is very dangerous**
- always take extra care in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs - these help keep your child as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if it means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park - it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or a three point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your child
- always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.



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[Reminding parents and carers](#)

[Walking advice](#)

[Car travel advice](#)

[Riding advice](#)

[Bus travel advice](#)

**Driving and parking safely near your school**





**Our school community  
is proud to Take a  
Stand Together.**

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**  
TAKE A STAND  
TOGETHER

**Friday 15 March 2019**  
[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

**National Day  
of Action** against  
Bullying and Violence

## General reminders

### Reminder 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 with each other and being proactive with our **toddlers**. Please refer to Spring Farm Public School's Code of Conduct (in the Information Handbook page 4 on the school website :

<http://www.springfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/information-handbook1>

### Spring Farm Public School is a Nut Aware School

As a school, we aim to minimise the risk to children with documented allergies to nut products. We have some students who are **highly anaphylactic and require their EpiPen injection if they have contact with these type of foods that contain nuts or eggs!** Please consider what snack bar you send with your child or children as we are all responsible for the wellbeing of our students.

How can you help?

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

- ❖ Nuts or Nut bar
- ❖ 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. Please view the Department of Education policy on anaphylaxis procedures for schools:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/wellbeing-and-learning/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/conditions/anaphylaxis>

### Lateness

It is vital that you establish a good routine the night before and in the morning so that your child can get to school on time. 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 require a late pass from the school office, before going to their lines or classroom.



## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**School starts at 8.55am**  
**DON'T BE LATE!**



### **Signing your child in or out of the school**

Due to WHS guidelines and Department of Education policy, it is a requirement to sign in as a visitor at the front office. If you need to deliver something to your child, pick them up early or need to send a message please contact the school office and we can assist in these matters.

### **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.

I also ask for all parents and carers to **enter the school grounds from 2:45pm onwards** if they are picking up their 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** 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 School Community Charter

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>

### **Adult toilets in the school hall**

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

### **All dogs prohibited on school premises**

Under the Companion Animals Act, 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), all dogs are prohibited in school grounds, (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). Thank you for understanding and support.