

# Springwood Public School



## Newsletter 4: 2019

4-3-19



# 2019 Calendar

TERM 1 –2019				
Week 1 – 28/1/19 <b>Australia Day Public Holiday</b>	29/1/19 <b>Staff Return to School</b>	30/1/19 <b>Students in Years 1-6 return to school</b>	31/1/19	1/2/19
Week 2 – 4/2/19	5/2/19	6/2/19 <i>Stage 3 Parent Information Evening</i>	7/2/19	8/2/19
Week 3 – 11/2/19 Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 – Lawson Pool	12/2/19	13/2/19 Morning African Drumming recommences YOGA with Carly recommences this afternoon <i>Stage 1 and 2 Parent Information Evening</i>	14/2/19	15/2/19 Guitar lessons with Eddie recommence today – no current vacancies. <b>Bookclub Orders close today</b>
Week 4 – 18/2/19	19/2/19	20/2/19	21/2/19	22/2/19 <i>BMPSSA Zone Swimming carnival</i>
Week 5 – 25/2/19	26/2/19	27/2/19 <i>Kinder Parent Information Evening</i>	28/2/19	1/3/19
Week 6 – 4/3/19 P&C Meeting 7pm	5/3/19 <b>GRANDPARENTS &amp; HARMONY DAY!</b> <i>March Star Students</i>	6/3/19	7/3/19	8/3/19
Week 7 – 11/3/19 Stage 3 Maths Information Evening 7.30pm to 8.30pm	12/3/19 <i>Sydney West PSSA Area Swimming Carnival</i>	13/3/19	14/3/19	15/3/19
Week 8 – 18/3/19	19/3/19	20/3/19	21/3/19	22/3/19
Week 9 – 25/3/19	26/3/19	27/3/19	28/3/19	29/3/19
Week 10 – 1/4/19 <b>Honour Assembly</b> <i>April Star Students</i>	2/4/19	3/4/19	4/4/19	5/4/19
Week 11 – 8/4/19	9/4/19	10/4/19	11/4/19	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April <b>BILLY CART DERBY!!</b> 



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4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

Hello everyone,

We look forward to seeing our grandparents on Harmony Day/Grandparents Day during Senior Citizens Week **TOMORROW!** Remember to wear orange! Kids can wear orange on the day as well, no other colours, or just school uniform is fine. *(More information below)*

Our first P&C meeting for 2019 is on tonight from 7pm in the school staffroom. All invited, refreshments provided. See you there!

## Student Welfare – Discipline Code

A reminder about how our Discipline Code operates. Most issues are dealt with in classrooms and on playgrounds by the teachers on duty. For major events, Stage Leaders are referred to with either a Classroom or Playground Incident Slip. Investigations are made, parents are contacted and action is taken if required, be it removal from playground, classroom, excursion or suspension if a more serious matter. Serious matters that may require suspension from school are referred to the Principal, based on recommendations from Stage Leaders and parents are always notified for serious offences. Our data shows us that in the last five years our Student Welfare programs have been working very well, mainly due to the large extent of programs that we offer the students during recess and lunchtimes. Keep them busy and out of mischief! Seems to work well! If you are ever concerned about any type of behavioural issues please make contact with the classroom teacher first. When the kids get home this afternoon please tell them how proud we are of them for all their efforts so far this year! In coming days we will also be announcing our first Star Students for the year!



## What is a STAR STUDENT?

A Springwood STAR STUDENT displays the following behaviours:

- ★ Excellent Manners and Behaviour at all times!
- ★ Happy and Pleasant Nature and a good Role Model!
- ★ Excellent Level of Effort in Class Work!
- ★ Proudly Wears Correct School Uniform!
- ★ Helpful To Others!





# EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A 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!**



Remember this little bit of advice from last year.....

**Technology, technology, technology...** gotta love it! I'm going to give everyone **ONE** answer and I'm sure you will be able to work out the questions....

**The answer is 13** - The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is **13**. YouTube requires account holders to be **18**, but a **13-year-old** can sign up with a parent's permission.

*Wouldn't the world be a happier, safer place if Primary school students weren't exposed to, stressed by, pressured into and by, lured into and obsessed with these apps/programs that they aren't even supposed to be on? Please check out the E-Safety website for the best resources - [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)*

Have a great week! We look forward to Grandparents Day tomorrow!

*Remind your kids everyday how special they are and how much you love them! Hug the ones you love and hold on for an extra second or two, it makes a world of difference.*

Mr Mehmet

NOTES SENT HOME	FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATES
Resource Fee & Voluntary Contribution	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April

## Stage 3 Information – A New Addition to the weekly Newsletter.

### High School Enrolments

High School Enrolment forms will be sent out later this week. This will give parents a couple of weeks to complete them and return them to myself or our School Office. If you are applying for an out of area school, please check the relevant high school website for suitable criteria. Without supporting criteria, it is unlikely that an out of area application will be accepted.

### Maths

Stage 3 students have completed their first Maths test on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Copies of the marked test will be sent home sometime next week for parents to review and sign. Could you please ensure students have a display folder to use to store completed assessment in.

**A Stage 3 Mathematics evening will be held in my classroom (5/6H, upstairs) on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 7:30pm until 8:30pm. Please email or message me with any particular content or topics you would like me to cover and I will tailor the evening for those in attendance. The evening will be a fairly informal affair to try and encourage discussion.**

### Novel

Stage 3 students will receive their class novel this week. The novel will need to be read at home and at school, and as the unit progresses, written work will have to be completed at home as well. Please help your child by ensuring the novel is placed back in the school bag ready for the next day's work.

### Behaviour concerns

Stage 3 boys were spoken to at our weekly stage meeting regarding reports of disturbing language and conversations. We have had reports of boys discussing pornography and other explicit topics on the playground. There has been no suggestion of students accessing anything inappropriate at school, however it might be a good time to check filters and histories on devices at home, as well as having a frank discussion about maintaining respectful attitudes towards girls and women. Students have been asked to report any explicit conversations to parents or teachers. If you become aware of anything at home, please feel free to contact me via email or on my mobile.

### Girl talk!

Mrs Goodman has had a discussion with the girls in our stage meeting about periods to try and demystify the topic for girls. This included a quick Q&A session. It might be a wonderful time for parents of our stage 3 girls to follow up in a little more detail.

Gary Halpin

(Stage 3 Assistant Principal)

## Spot the difference!



*Excitement a couple of weeks ago as lightning hit one of our big trees on the oval!  
Unfortunately it had to come down as it had been damaged beyond repair!*



# Grandparents Day

## 2019



## National Harmony Day Celebrations



### To our dear Grandparents!

We would like to invite you to our wonderful school on **TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March** to join us in celebrating Grandparents Day during NSW Seniors Week, and also to help us celebrate Harmony Day on the same day.

**Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2019 we celebrate 19 amazing years of Harmony Day!**

We would like to see as many of our grandparents as possible, to help us join in celebrations of Seniors Week combined with Harmony Day. Students, and Grandparents are encouraged to **WEAR** orange clothing on the day to celebrate the Harmony Day aspect of our day, which signifies the harmonious nature of our multicultural society.

### The day will offer the following:

**9.am:** Grandparents can start arriving at school. Enjoy a cup of tea and some goodies from the canteen.

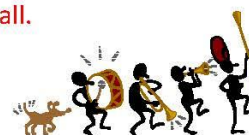
**9.40am:** Entertainment Display in Coolibah Hall.



*School Band & Kinder Singing*

*March Star Students awarded*

*2H Recorders & Ukelele Group*



**10am:** Grandparents are invited to visit the classrooms with the students.

**11am:** Grandparents spend recess time with children on Playground.

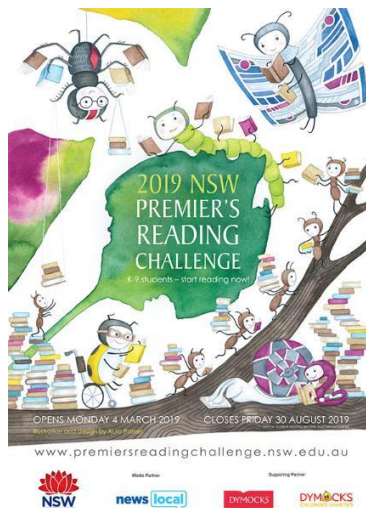
**11.30:** Activities End. Thank You for visiting our school.

***We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March!***

***Springwood Public School – The Place To Be!***



# Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019



**The challenge runs from 4<sup>th</sup> March till 30<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9.

## **K-2 reading challenge –**

All K-2 students are registered to the challenge. PRC boxes have been sent to all Kindergarten and Stage 1 classes. The children's reading records will be completed through the library by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **3-4 reading challenge-**

Students in stage 2 completing the challenge have reading logs in the library, which they record when borrowing. Some children are recording their reading list on line at home.

## **5-6 reading challenge-**

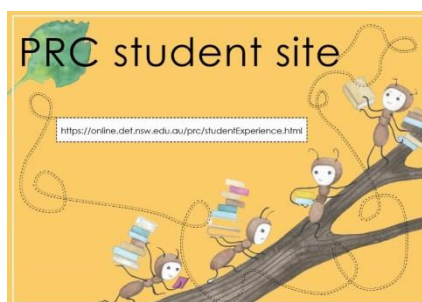
information for stage 3 reading challenge to come shortly.

If you have any questions please email

[pauline.millar@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pauline.millar@det.nsw.edu.au)

Or

Visit NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019 : Home  
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



Regards Miss Millar  
Teacher Librarian



## P&C News

*The first P&C Meeting will be held **TONIGHT** on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of March. We look forward to seeing you there. Treats and refreshments supplied. 7pm in school staffroom. All Welcome!*

This year we are trialling the My School Lunch Box website for lunch orders. Available Wednesday/Thursday/Friday each week. Visit [www.myschoollunchbox.com.au](http://www.myschoollunchbox.com.au) to see the delicious menu and order now!



Lunches will be packaged in 100% recyclable lunch boxes, because My School Lunch Box is passionate about looking after the environment we live in. These lunch boxes are labelled with your child's name, year, items and school. After being packed the lunch boxes are then placed in either a 'cold' (with freezer bricks) polystyrene, or 'hot' polystyrene box, depending on the items you select. These boxes are delivered to your child's school, just before their lunch time.

My School Lunch Box uses a commercial kitchen, based in Leura, to produce outstanding meals for your children. On our regular checks with the council, we have achieved the highest level of food safety practice and hygiene.

Orders can be placed on the site at any time, and should be submitted no later than 8am on the morning of the day you wish the lunch to be delivered. This means that by 8am, the order and payment has to be completely finalised.

If you miss the cut off, or are concerned that your payment might not have gone through quite on time, then give us a call (no emails please!), on 0425346704, so we can make sure that your child gets their lunch.

If necessary a particular day's order may be cancelled by calling us on 0425 346 704, **before 9am** on the day of delivery. Cancellations *must* occur **before** 9am. If we cancel an order (or part of an order) before the 9am cut-off we will provide a refund for the cancelled items. Any cancellations after 9am on the day it is to be delivered will be non refundable.

If we have any parent volunteers that can help with distribution and overseeing the delivery of the lunches we would appreciate your help between 12.30pm and 1pm on the days that the lunches are ordered. Thank you.





Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and entertainment at:

**Springwood Public School**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**3:30pm – 8:30pm**



**Amusement Rides For All Ages:**

**Round up**

**Sizzler**

**Flying Fish**

**Fantasy Cups**

**Giant Slide**

**Flying Elephants**

**Jumping Castle**

5 hours of unlimited rides:

Pre-purchase your armband voucher at a discounted price of \$30

Available from the school office

**Over 30 great  
market stalls**

**FIREWORKS**

**Incorporating  
Springwood  
Growers Market**

**1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Food Fest.**

**3:30. rides and market open**

**3:30 – 4:30. Entertainment TBA**

**4:45 – 5:45. The Quokkas live  
on stage**

**5:45 Acknowledgements**

**6:15 – 8:15. The Blue MUGS  
live on stage**

**8:30. Fireworks**

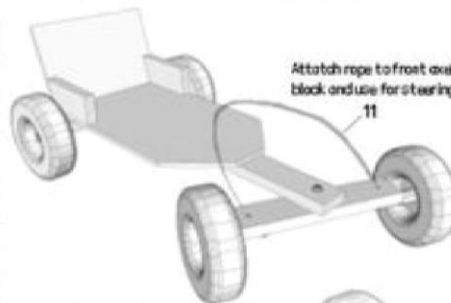
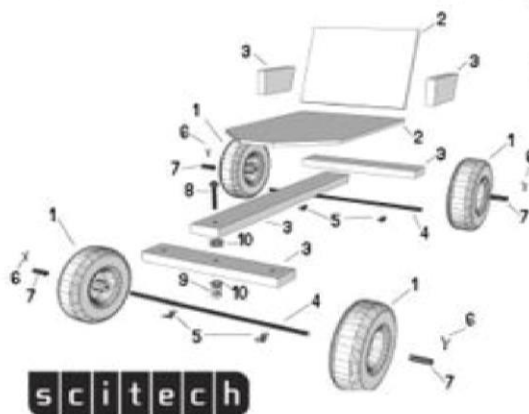
**8:40. Event Closes**

# 2019 SPRINGWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL BILLY CART DERBY

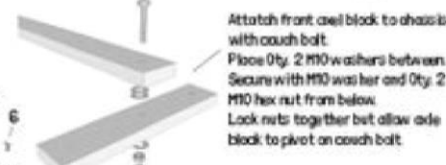
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## Billy Cart Racer

No.	Description	Qty.
1	3.5 x 4" Pneumatic Trolley Wheel	4
2	1200 X 396 X 12mm Plywood BC	1
3	1200 X 90 X 35mm Pine	2
4	Axle Adjustable Ambassador 450 - 600mm 1/2in	2
5	Mounting Brackets supplied with Adjustable Ambassador	4
6	Split pin	4
7	Clear Vinyl Tubing 10mm X 2mm	1 Roll
8	Zenith M10 75mm Stainless Steel Cup-head bolt	1
9	M10 Hex Nut	2
10	M10 Washers	3
11	10mm Rope	1 Roll
12	25mm Wood Screws	as required



Cut the clear vinyl tube to 60mm length and push onto axle. Slide wheel on to clear vinyl tube and secure ends with a split pin.



Attach front axle block to chassis with cup-head bolt. Place Qty. 2 M10 washers between. Secure with M10 washer and Qty. 2 M10 hex nut from below. Lock nuts together but allow axle block to pivot on cup-head bolt.

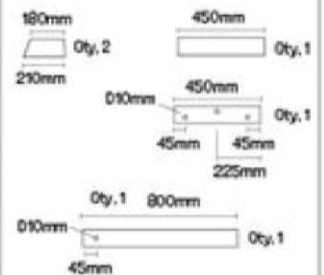
Set front axle forward to allow room for cup-head bolt.



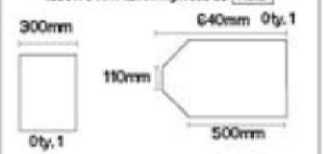
Secure axles with Brackets that come with the Adjustable Ambassador Axle set.

### Wood Cutting List

1200 X 90 X 35mm Pine **No 3**



1200 X 396 X 12mm Plywood BC **No 2**



Use the angled lengths of pine to set position of backingboard and screw in place.

backingboard should finish level with the rear axle block.

**ingenious!**



**Billy  
Cart  
Derby  
Day**





# 5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

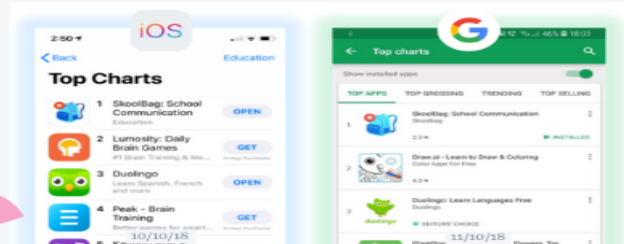
## SkoolBag

SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

### 1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication



### 2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

### 3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



### 4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



### 5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.

