

Springwood Public School



Newsletter 5: 2019

11-3-19



**Grandparents & Harmony Day
Celebrations 2019**
Thank You to all our visitors!

2019 Calendar

TERM 1 –2019				
Week 1 – 28/1/19 Australia Day Public Holiday	29/1/19 Staff Return to School	30/1/19 Students in Years 1-6 return to school	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. Bookclub Orders close today
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 GRANDPARENTS & HARMONY DAY! <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 P&C AGM and 2 nd Meeting 7pm	26/3/19	27/3/19	28/3/19	29/3/19
Week 10 – 1/4/19 Honour Assembly <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 th April BILLY CART DERBY!! 



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11th March, 2019

Hello everyone,

What a magnificent roll up for our annual Grandparents Day/Harmony Day celebrations last week. Thank you to all our grandparents and visitors who joined us last week for a musical treat, special assembly, morning tea and class visits. The students and staff loved having you here to share our school and special day and we look forward to seeing you again soon at our next big event!

A reminder that a Stage 3 Mathematics evening will be held in Mr Halpin's classroom (5/6H, upstairs) tonight 7:30pm until 8:30pm. Please email or message Mr Halpin with any particular content or topics you would like him to cover and he will tailor the evening for those in attendance. The evening will be a fairly informal affair to try and encourage discussion: gary.halpin@det.nsw.edu.au

Our next big event for 2019 is our Annual Billy Cart Derby! The permission note and sausage sizzle order forms have been sent home either last Friday or in the next couple of days.

Next Monday, 18th of March, we will be having a short assembly in the Coolibah Hall, when the bell rings at 9.25am to present the badges for Librarians, Sport House Captains and SRC (Student Representative Council) members. A short invitation note will be sent home with these students during the week.

We are once again taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* surveys to gain insight and feedback from the students and parents. There is more information at the end of this newsletter and an opt out form if you do not wish for your child to participate.

Have a great week everyone!

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 th April
Billy Cart Derby Permission and Sausage Sizzle order form	Friday 22 nd March

Stage 3 Information

High School Enrolments

High School Enrolment forms were sent out last week. 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. Forms are due back to me on 19th March.

Maths

Stage 3 students will be bringing their first maths tests home this week for parent signatures. This allows parents to stay informed of your child's progress. Could you please ensure students have a display folder to use to store completed assessment in and return the folders and assessments promptly for storage at school.

STAGE 3 MATHS EVENING TONIGHT

A Stage 3 Mathematics evening will be held in my classroom (5/6H, upstairs) on Monday 11th 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

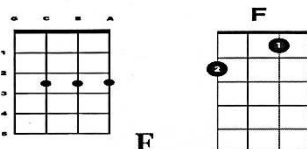
All students should have taken their novel home at some stage last week to do some reading or work on questions. Now is a great time to check in with your child and make sure they start the unit with good work habits.

Gary Halpin

(Stage 3 Assistant Principal)

Harmony Day Song

Chords: C minor



Cm

There once was darkness;

F

there was no light

Cm

F

Everyone was on their own

Cm

Stone hearts, cold shoulders,

F

Community? No,

Cm

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Everyone longed for a throne.

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Cm

People had kin

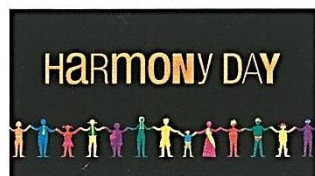
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And a small group of friends

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Block off from the world in the end



But we're stronger together,

We're stronger than stone

Accepting, belonging, no longer alone.

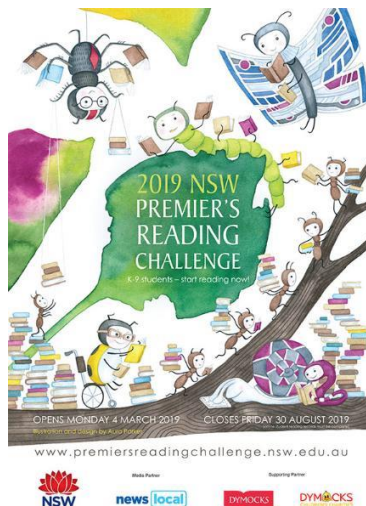
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Congratulations also to our new Springwood Ukulele group – SPUKE! They wrote a special song for the occasion and performed it on the day! What talented students we have! Well done!



Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019



The challenge runs from 4th March till 30st 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 31st.

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-

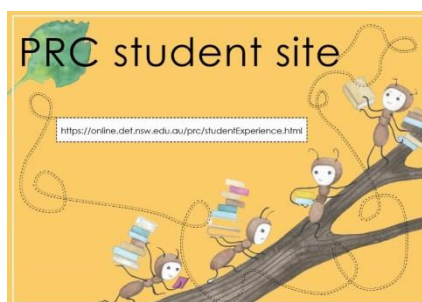
Information for stage 3 reading challenge to come shortly.

If you have any questions please email

pauline.millar@det.nsw.edu.au

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 - *Time for a new P&C executive!*

Hi everyone,

Next P&C meeting (**Week 9, 25th March**) we'll be holding our annual general meeting (AGM) at 7pm in the school staffroom (before we then go on to have our usual meeting). The AGM is where we elect new committee members for 2019 – that is, **our president, vice presidents (x2), secretary, treasurer and general member**.

Are you interested in getting involved? While all the positions involve a degree of commitment and work, they are also very rewarding and help build your skills base (**see the thoughts of our 2014 – 2016 treasurer Rebecca Drury below**).

Please have a think about it. If you're interested it might be worth having a chat to one of our 2018 committee members for more information (**you're welcome to send me an email at springwoodpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com or fiona.baron@gmail.com** – which is easier to remember!).

Thanks so much,

Fiona Baron

P&C Co-secretary

Why join the P&C?

"I first became involved in the P&C in 2011, lending a helping hand at events such as movie nights, Mother's/Father's Day stalls and Election Day bbqs. Being new to the mountains it was a great way to meet other parents and over my time in the P&C I've made many wonderful friends. I took on the treasurer position in 2014 and although I've always had a love of numbers, my accounting skills were non-existent. Turns out that was not a problem! I learned to use a simple book-keeping program to keep track of incoming and outgoing expenditure, to present monthly financial reports at general meetings and to provide support to the P&C members running fundraising programs. I have really enjoyed my time as treasurer, being able to help raise funds for our lovely school but also being part of a great team."

Bec Drury, 2018

Uniform Shop News

Introducing our new reversible hats!

They feature our school name printed on the front, have an adjustable elastic toggle, there is a place to write the students names (a big deal!), they are machine washable, crease resistant and provide appropriate sun protection. We have four different colours to match our house colours, and they will be the same price as the old hats at \$15! These hats are replacing the current bucket and legionnaire styles which we will be phasing out.

Available NOW in the Uniform Shop and online at <https://flexischools.com.au>



Scholastic Australia Book Club

Brochures for Issue 2 have been distributed to classrooms. As always, they are full of exciting new and old titles, a wide range of activities and fun educational resources. There is something for every age group and reading level. When ordering, please use the online LOOP system as the school cannot accept payments. Books will be delivered to your child's class before the end of term. Please order by **Friday 15 March**. After this date a postage fee will be charged.

Many thanks and happy reading!

Tonje Akerholt ☺

Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

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 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.

Election BBQ – help needed!

Hello everyone,

As you know we have a state election coming up – on Saturday, 23rd March to be exact. Our school will be one of the polling stations which is an excellent opportunity for us to offer sausage sandwiches to the public and raise lots of funds for our school.

Do you have time to help out? Even one or two hours would be greatly appreciated. All it involves is either bbq-ing or serving people. If you have kids in Year 6 they might want to help out too.

Where?

We'll set up shop outside the staffroom so all those people waiting in queue to vote can easily stop by to buy one.

When?

Anytime from 9am onwards.

How?

Volunteer opportunities for "BBQ VOTING" are now open online.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/497F3

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Jasmine Cook

Springwood P&C President

jazzylee@ihug.com.au





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

Springwood Public School

Saturday 6th 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**

**1st 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

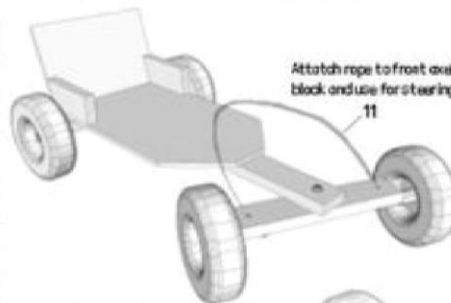
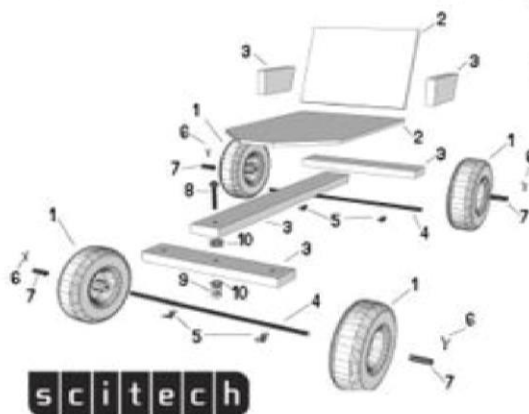
8:40. Event Closes

2019 SPRINGWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL BILLY CART DERBY

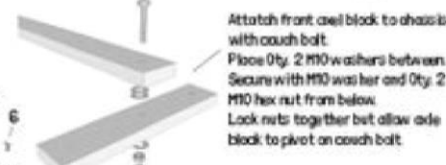
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Billy Cart Racer

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.

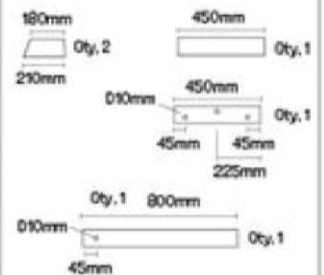
Set front axle forward to allow room for cup-head bolt.



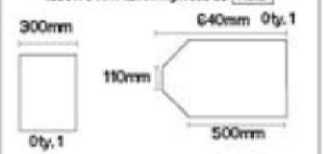
Secure axles with Brackets that come with the Adjustable Ambassador Axle set.

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

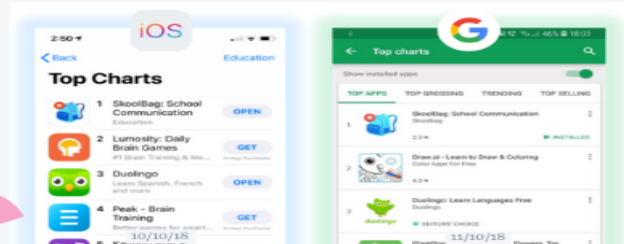
SkoolBag

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.



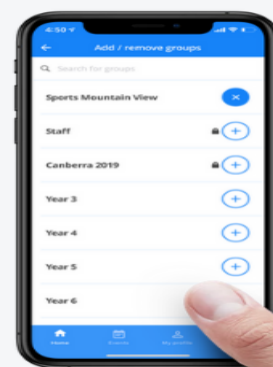
4. Allow Notifications

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.





Tell Them From Me student survey:
Information and consent form for
parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers

FOR YEAR 4-6 CHILDREN ONLY

In 2019, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want** your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by Friday the 15th of March, 2019.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website:
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Mehmet Mehmet
Principal
Springwood Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to our school by Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student/s ..... Roll class/es.....

Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer ..... Date .....