

Springwood Public School



Week 4, Term 3, 2019
12-8-19

2019 Calendar

TERM 3 –2019				
Week 4 – 12/8/19 Hawkesbury Eisteddfod	13-8-19 Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Stage 1 Featherdale Excursion	14-8-19	15-8-19 School Athletics Carnival	16-8-19
Week 5 – 19/8/19	20-8-19	21-8-19 Book Week – reading is my power!	22-8-19 EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY 9:25- 11:10am BAND DAY!	23-8-19
Week 6 – 26/8/19	27-8-19 Star Student Assembly 9.30am	28-8-19	29-8-19 BAND DAY!	30-8-19 31 st AUGUST – TRIVIA NIGHT!!!
Week 7 – 2-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	3-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	4-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	5-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL BAND DAY!	6-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL BMPSSA ZONE ATHLETICS Carnival
Week 8 – 9-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	10-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL Kinder dog safety program	11-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	12-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL BAND DAY!	13-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL
Week 9 – 16-9-19 ← STAGE 3 Camp to Bathurst! →	17-9-19	18-9-19	19-9-19 BAND DAY!	20-9-19
Week 10 – 23-9-19	24-9-19	25-9-19	26-9-19 BAND DAY! HONOUR ASSEMBLY	27-9-19 Last day of Term 3
Term 4				
Week 1: 14-10-19 First Day of Term 4 – ALL STUDENTS Return today.	15-10-19 SPRINGWOOD SPECTACULAR!	16-10-19	17-10-19	18-10-19
Week 2: 21-10-19	22-10-19	23-10-19	24-10-19	25-10-19
Week 3: 28-10-19	29-10-19	30-10-19	31-10-19	1-11-19
Week 4: 4-11-19 P&C Meeting 7pm	5-11-19	6-11-19	7-11-19 Kindergarten Orientation Day 1	8-11-19
Week 5: 11-11-19	12-11-19	13-11-19	14-11-19 Kindergarten Orientation Day 2	15-11-19
Week 6: 18-11-19	19-11-19	20-11-19	21-11-19 Kindergarten Orientation Day 3	22-11-19
Week 7: 25-11-19	26-11-19	27-11-19	28-11-19	29-11-19



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Monday 12th August, 2019

Hello everyone,

What a wild, windy week it was last week. I'm sure we are all happy to put the icy conditions behind us. This week band students are out at Hawkesbury Eisteddfod, our athletics carnivals are on Thursday (K-2 students at school and 3-6 students at Glenbrook Oval) and Stage 1 are off to Featherdale. Fingers crossed that we have beautiful weather for our outdoor events.

ART SHOW

Our Friday evening Art Show was a wonderful success, and it was lovely to see so many families wandering through the classrooms and hall to share in the artistic talents of students and community members. Inside was a warm reprieve from the icy conditions outside! While it is impossible to thank all the people who make such an event a success, a few special mentions are necessary.

Mrs Honeysett and Mrs Tucker – Our event coordinators, who gave up countless hours in addition to their regular teacher duties to ensure a lovely evening for all who attended.

Chapman Real Estate – Chapman Real Estate kindly donated the sausages and bread for our sausage sizzle, and Jonathan Crisp cooked up a storm in the freezing cold. We appreciate your support of Springwood Public School.

Cassiopeia Coffee – For providing expert assistance and loaning us a coffee machine when our existing machine experienced technical difficulties. Thanks to one of our parents Zan Davies for overseeing the whole "hot drinks" experience.

Colourart Australia (Springwood) – For contributing prize packs for our winning student artists. Thank you to Mrs Goodman for her help in sourcing these prize packs.

Parent Helpers – A huge shout out to our parent helpers who worked both prior to the event and during the event in the canteen. Thanks to those who prepared yummy goodies. A special thank you to Rebecca Cooper for her day spent cooking the delicious pumpkin soup and Charmaine Shallis.

Contributing Artists – Filled with the talents of school and community members, the hall looked stunning. A very special mention to our Artist in Residence Mel Schwarz. While many artworks have sold, there are some beautiful artworks remaining. **These can be viewed in the school foyer and purchased through the office over the next fortnight.**

Any remaining pieces will be returned.

All proceeds from the evening will go towards our school hall fund to build the hall our school deserves!



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Sad News

It is with a heavy heart that I inform the school community that Mr Jack Sierra, teacher in the Support Unit, has passed away. Jack was a much loved teacher, staff member, father and grandfather, and his loss came as a shock to everyone. Our kindest thoughts and deepest sympathies are with his extended family during this difficult time, as the loss will be felt across a number of communities. The funeral will be held at 10am Monday 19th August, Pinegrove, Minchinbury. A number of staff will be in attendance.

Education Week Open Day

Next week we will be celebrating Education Week with an Open Day on the Thursday.

9:25 – 9:50am Classes open for parent visits

9:50 – 10:00am Move to the Coolabah Hall for Open Day Assembly

10:00 – 11:10am Open Day Assembly, including School Band, Cheer Groups, Dance Groups, Art Show Prizes, Penrith Eisteddfod Dance/Cheer Ribbons, Recorders, Kindergarten Singing

11:10 – 11:30am Morning tea. Please feel free to remain at school to have morning tea with your child

Tell-them-from-me Survey

It is that time of year again, when students from years 4-6 will complete these surveys in class time. Data is collated off site and at no stage are individual students identified. If for some reason you DON'T want you children to complete one of these surveys, please return the attached note to the office

NOTES SENT HOME	FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATES
Athletics Carnival	CLOSED
Stage 1 Featherdale Excursion	CLOSED
Swim School (Year 1 and 2)	Friday 27 th August
Stage 3 Bathurst Overnight Camp	Friday 6 th September

Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 3, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey part 2. 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 Thursday the 23rd of August, 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>

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Principal
Springwood Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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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 Thursday the 23rd of August, 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

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Kindergarten Orientation for 2020



Thursday 7th November, 2019
Thursday 14th November, 2019
Thursday 21st November, 2019
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

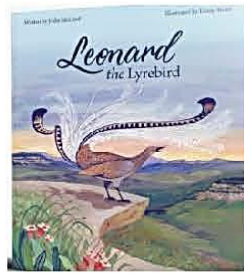
Guitar Lessons.

Positions are now available in the Friday morning guitar lessons with Eddie Boyd. Eddie is a graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and has close to 10 years of guitar teaching experience. Group lessons and private lessons are available.

Contact eddieboyd92@gmail.com for more information.

Author and Illustrator of Blue Mountains book

'Leonard the Lyrebird' to visit our school



We're very excited to have Blue Mountains children's book author

Jodie McLeod and illustrator Eloise Short (Mr Toohey's wife)

visit Springwood Public School

on Wednesday Morning 21st August 2019

to read and talk about their book *Leonard the Lyrebird*.

Set in the Blue Mountains and featuring the landscape and animals we all know so well.

Leonard the Lyrebird is a story about friendship, bravery and being yourself.

We're thrilled to have Jodie and Eloise share it with us.

If you'd like to purchase a signed copy of the book,

head to www.etsy.com/shop/LeonardtheLyrebird

please apply the code **LOCAL** upon checkout to waive postage fees.

Please include a message to say you're from Springwood PS and Jodie will bring your book to school for your child to collect.

If you'd like a personalised message in your book, include a note to Jodie when you make your purchase.

[OPTIONAL: Books will also be available for purchase and signing at school on the day. Hardcover books are \$25, soft cover books are \$17. Cash and cards accepted.]

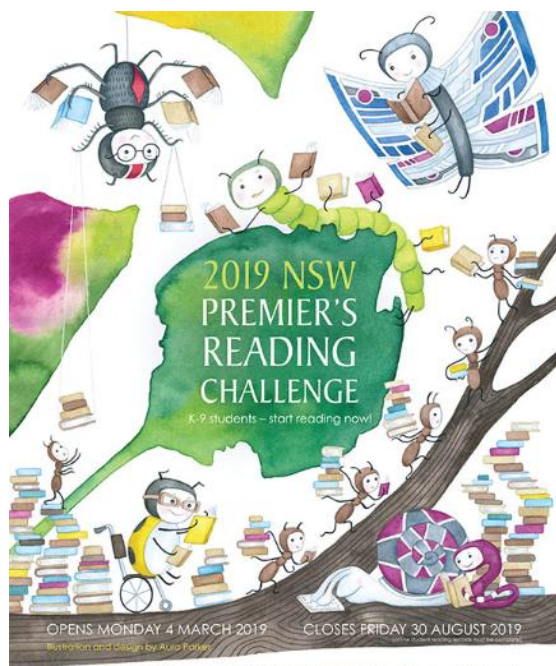
Here's a little preview of the story:

"Leonard is friends with everyone, and boy can he sing! But will his singing talents impress the one friend he really wants? Join this charismatic Blue Mountains bird in his search for the song that will change his life..."

And here's what award-winning local children's book author Tohby Riddle had to say about the book:

"Featuring the enchanting landscapes of the Blue Mountains, and one of its most magical residents, the artful story of Leonard the Lyrebird is like a precious slice of the Blue Mountains itself."

To find out more and read reviews, visit www.jodiemcleod.com/books



Dear Parents,
The Premier Reading Challenge for 2019 is coming to a close, as of Friday 30th August.

PLEASE NOTE:

All K-2 students will be completed online through the library.

3-6 students will need to do their book list online.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Students' are required to logon, using their school user name and password.

If you have any questions email

pauline.millar@det.nsw.edu.au

Kindest regards,

Pauline Millar



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Saturday 31st August

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Trivia Night



It's on again folks! The Springwood Public School Annual Trivia Night! Saturday the 31st of August.

Get your team together! Tables of 8 or come as you are and we'll put you into a team!

Only \$25 a head, this is one of our annual fundraisers in conjunction with your P&C. This year we are looking at raising funds towards our new school hall, so all donations accepted and appreciated.

**Put your names down in the office by Friday 23rd of August. There will be questions, games, music, prizes and much more! Best dressed team and table will also be awarded as well as lucky door prizes and much more!
Put it in the diary and book the babysitters!**

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- **Wed 8:45 Yr1-3 Class**
- **Thur 8:45 Yr 4-6 Class**
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