

Springwood Public School



Week 5, Term 3, 2019
19-8-19

2019 Calendar

TERM 3 –2019				
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	28-8-19	29-8-19 FATHER'S DAY STALL 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 Star Student Assembly 9.30am 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 19th August, 2019

Hello everyone,

Welcome to another busy week at Springwood Public School, "The Place to Be". Unfortunately, Mr Mehmet has been off for the last fortnight due to ill-health and he will be off for a further fortnight, returning in Week 7. We all miss him and wish him a speedy recovery. I will continue to relieve in the Principal role until his return to ensure it is business as usual. Mrs Goodman will relieve me as Stage 3 Assistant Principal until Mr Mehmet's return. A huge thank you to Ms Paull for teaching 5/6H for the last fortnight and for Mrs Hoppe for teaching 5/6H for the next two weeks.

Gary Halpin

The Week Ahead...

Monday

Mr Sierra's Funeral – A number of staff, students and parents have been in attendance at Mr Sierra's funeral today. Our deepest sympathies and best wishes are with the family, and all who were in attendance, during what is a sad and difficult time.

Tuesday

Stage 2 Crazy Hat Day – Stage 2 students are encouraged to wear their craziest hat or beanie to celebrate some of the crazy poetry that is being written in class as a part of our poetry unit. This is a no-cost event and **only** for Stage 2 students. Normal school uniform should be worn with the crazy hat.

Wednesday

Visiting author and illustrator - Ms Millar has organised a literary treat for the school on Wednesday, with visiting author Jodie McLeod and artist Eloise Short (Mr Toohey's talented wife). Please see below for further details.

Thursday

Education Week Open Day

THIS 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 Coolibah 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

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

The Week That Was...

Monday

School Band – Hawkesbury Band Eisteddfod

On Monday, our Senior Band Ensemble competed at Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. They did a marvellous job and achieved a first place in their category, winning a trophy and \$50 in prize money! On the Tuesday, the full school band competed and achieved a second place in their category. Many thanks to Mr Masman and Mrs Williamson for their continued efforts to ensure a successful School Band Program.



Tuesday

Featherdale Wildlife Park

Stage 1 enjoyed a fabulous day out at Featherdale Wildlife Park on Tuesday. Surrounded by a vast array of Australian wildlife, students enjoyed the stunning weather as they wandered around the exhibits with teachers. Students displayed exceptional behaviour and made their teachers very proud.



Thursday

Athletics Carnival

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our two athletics carnivals on Thursday. K-2 had a lovely day at school, while our 3-6 students enjoyed the opportunity to compete at Glenbrook. Students are to be congratulated on the positive supportive spirit and exceptional behaviour demonstrated on the day. Many thanks to Mr Toohey for his organisation of another successful 3-6 carnival. Congratulations to competitors who tried their best, achieved PBs, won ribbons or made it through to the District Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Park. Many thanks to our volunteer students from Winmalee HS who helped out on the day.

Our age champions for athletics were:

Jnr Boys Champion – Flynn Driver

Jnr Girls Champion- Isabella Ferguson

11 yrs Boys Champion – Felix Mann

11 yrs Girls Champion– Lily Brown

Senior Boys Champion – Angus Byrne

Senior Girls Champion- Isabella Wilkinson



Things you should know...

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Josie Birtles from Year 6 who was successful in placing at the district Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and will progress to the regional finals. We wish her every success in what is a very difficult competition in which students are required to give a prepared speech as well as an impromptu speech. Well done to Miss West, whose dedication to the development public speaking continues to be reflected in our students, both at school and in representative situations.



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.

Springwood Spectacular

By next week's newsletter we will have locked in audition dates for Springwood Spectacular. The likely days will be next Tuesday and Wednesday. Students will need to have a relatively polished act as there are limited places available for individual and small group acts. A Springwood Spectacular Parent Information sheet will also be sent home next week in the newsletter.

Father's Day Stall

This year the P&C will be holding the Father's Day stall on Thursday the 29th of August. Gifts will range in price from \$2 to \$10 – lots of goodies to choose from. Laybys will be available for children who forget their money on the day. Parent volunteers are required – so if you have some free time please see Jasmine Cook on the day!

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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.

Springwood & District Preschool Kindergarten

Open Day 2019

Saturday 31st August

10am to 1pm

Meet the staff and parents and see our extensive range of resources and high quality educational programs. We cater for the individual child and have highly competitive fees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION... Phone: 4751 3360

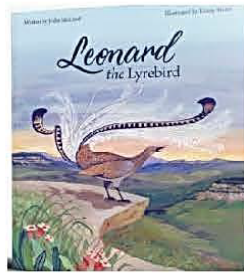
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Author and Illustrator of Blue Mountains book

'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.]

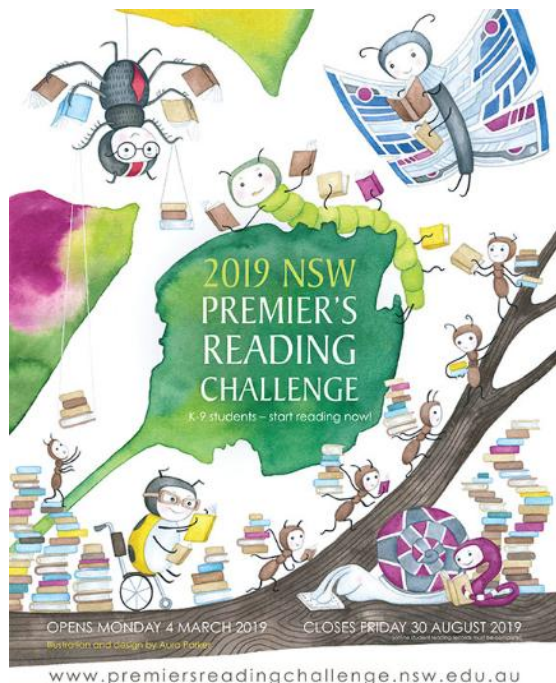
Here's a little preview of the story:

"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>

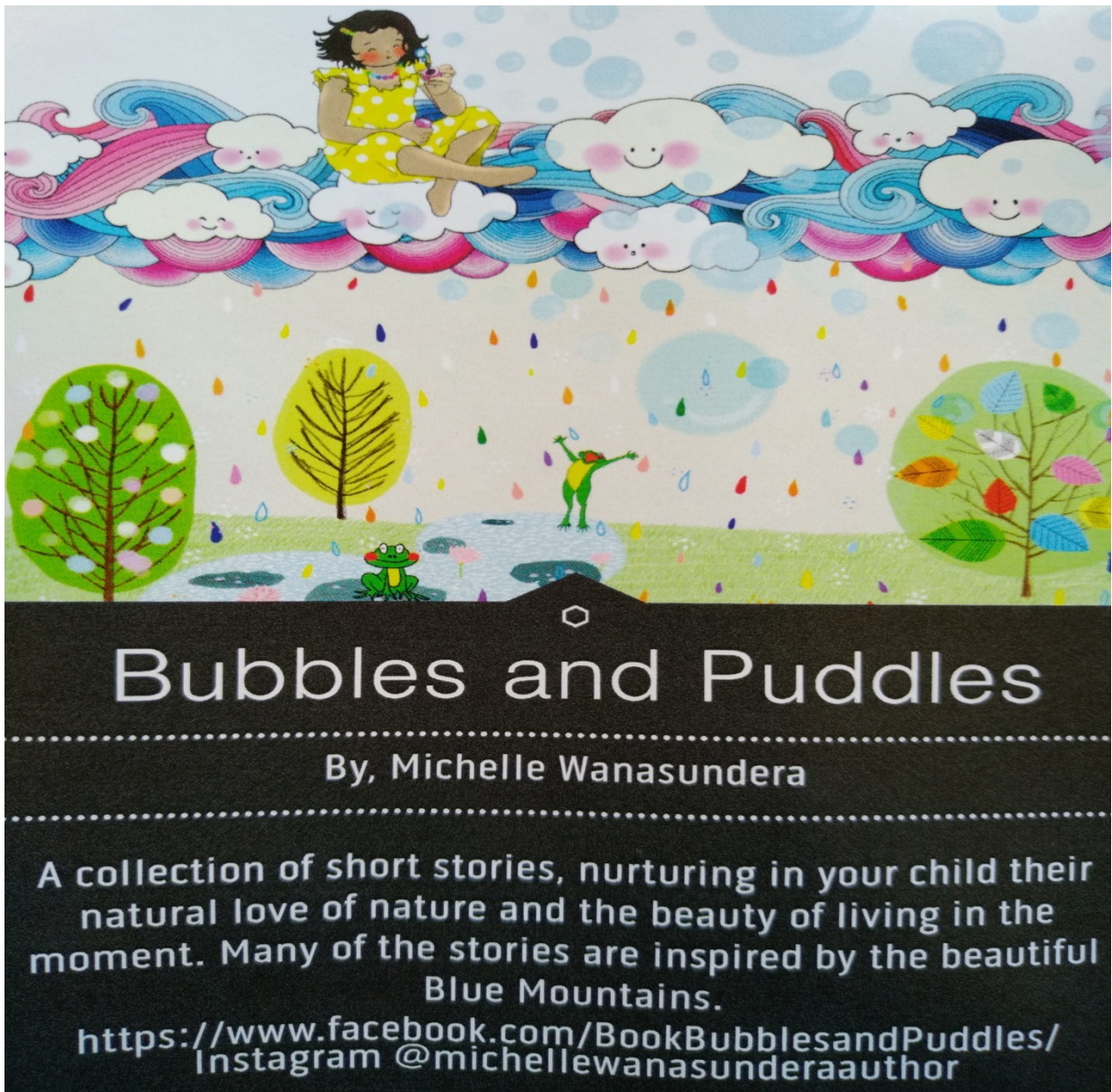
Students' are required to logon, using their school user name and password.

If you have any questions email

pauline.millar@det.nsw.edu.au

Kindest regards,

Pauline Millar



Michelle Wanasundera is a local author, and parent at Springwood Public. She's offering a Book Week special price of \$15 for her Bubbles and Puddles hardback (RRP \$20) for SPS students and locals of Springwood and Winmalee (delivered).

Go to [bubblesandpuddlesbook.com](https://www.bubblesandpuddlesbook.com) - and enter code: BOOKWEEK in checkout.

Books will be delivered to your child's classroom. Please leave a note if you would like it signed.

Bubbles and Puddles is a collection of 12 rhyming stories - based on slowing down, enjoying our beautiful Blue Mountains, with a little magic sprinkled in. The stories hold tips for managing various challenges children face - such as popping worries away in 'Belly Bubbles.'

Children's Book Author, and radio host for Northern Beaches 'By the Book', Brydie Wright:

Would heartily recommend this collection of holistic poetry for sensitive and creative children, of primary school age. Keen readers ages 5-6 will need their parents help and there is a lot of text, so breaking it down to one or two poems before bed, may be the best way to foster appreciation and a love of repeat reads.

For middle-primary readers, able to read independently and developing an interest in poetry, this book is the kind I can see them reaching for frequently, depending on their mood and which poem resonates on any given day.

The dream-like illustrations (which conjure up fairy tales of yore), are pure escapist joy and will help ensure this book's long shelf-life, along with the heartfelt verse, which pays tribute to the way the author's daughter, Amali, views the world.

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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!**

THE GREAT SPRINGWOOD CLOTHES SWAP

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- Thur 8:45 Yr 4-6 Class
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