



# Springwood Public School

Newsletter – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

## School Leaders 2021 Speech Day





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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4. We are now into the second half of Term 4 and in full swing with yearly report writing. We are also currently planning our end of year events like the Year 6 Farewell and our Celebration assembly. Due to covid guidelines both these events will be very different this year. More information will be sent home as we near the events in coming weeks. After much discussion and planning we have put together our school plan for our end of year Celebration Assembly. Full details are on the next page. Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Just a reminder to those parents who drop off and collect their children at our De Chair Avenue entrance, that our lovely neighbours near by would greatly appreciate it if you did not block their driveways or park illegally in this area. Please remember that a large parent car park is available to all parents on the Burns road side.

Today we held our School Leaders 2021 Speech Day and the students were all articulate and well presented. We are proud of all our senior students who continue to be wonderful role models for the rest of the school. Well done everyone!

*Take care please. 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**

## Parenting Tip:

Let your child choose an activity where you hang out together for 10 or 15 minutes with no interruptions. There's no better way for you to show your love.

parents.com



## Environmental tip of the week – Week 6

Take time to smell the roses and appreciate Mother Earth!

Follow this link to watch beautiful photographic images as a mindfulness experience.

<https://www.facebook.com/louiefilms/videos/855771121128429/>





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## End of Year “Celebration Assembly” COVID-19 Plan – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Having reviewed the current regulations regarding end of year assemblies, we have formulated a plan for the **2020 End of Year Celebration Assembly**. The requirements are quite specific and, as such, the assembly will operate quite differently to previous years. In order to be transparent, the assembly has been organised around the following principles:

1. It is important that parents of award winners have the opportunity to attend in person
2. It is important that Year 6 parents have a final opportunity to attend the school and see their child ‘graduate’ Year 6
3. It is important that the incoming captains have parents attend in person to celebrate their achievement
4. Parent attendance is more important than whole school student attendance
5. In order to accommodate the large number of split families within our society, it is preferable to allow two attendees for each student involved rather than one

Following these principles, as well as regulations, the following are the arrangements for this Year’s Celebration Assembly:

- A live assembly will take place in the central Coolibah Hall area on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.
- This will be an **invitation only** event for parents, and a **COVID declaration form** will need to be completed and returned to the school prior to the event by attendees.
- Students involved in the assembly will be held in the hall and moved out to the assembly in small groups so that they do not need to be counted in the event numbers whilst awaiting their participation. Each person at the assembly (student, teacher or parent) requires 4m<sup>2</sup> to comply.
- Presentations included in the assembly will be:
  - 2 class awards for each mainstream class and 1 class award for each of our support classes
  - Year 4 major awards
  - Year 6 major awards
  - Year 6 graduation certificates (usually handed out at formal)
- Unfortunately, we are not allowed to have parents back in the classroom for the traditional certificates for each student. This will still take place, but with only students and teachers in attendance.
- Wet weather will wreak havoc with our plans as there is no suitable under cover option. The assembly will go ahead and if parents still wish to attend they will need to bring large umbrellas as some of you will be in the rain!

Parent invitations will be sent out by early week 8, with a Skoolbag announcement reminding parents to be on the lookout for an envelope from school. Invitations will contain further details about the assembly structure in order to ensure it is COVID-19 safe.

We thank you for your ongoing support of SPS whilst we do our best to provide opportunities for parent involvement. We would dearly love to celebrate the end of the school year with representatives from every family, but it is simply not possible.

Kind regards,  
SPS Staff

## News from “The Hub”

*“The Hub” is Springwood Public School’s Learning and Support Space.  
Throughout the week students utilise this space for a range of purposes.*



This year has been very busy in The Hub.

We would like to remind the parents and carers of students who attend The Hub that you are welcome to make an appointment to discuss your child’s progress.

Please call the office to arrange an appointment or email [jennifer.manion@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.manion@det.nsw.edu.au)



During 2020 our school started some new and exciting supported playgroups at recess and lunch time.

If you are doing any Spring cleaning or Pre-Christmas cleanouts we would greatly appreciate any donations of old toys which are in good condition. Specifically, anything durable which is appropriate for use outside (eg. toy cars, farm animals, small figurines etc). These donations will help us make these groups an even bigger success in 2021.

Please deliver any donations to the front office. Donated items which are not appropriate for this purpose will be donated to charity.