



Springwood Public School Newsletter

The Place To Be !

Term 3 - Week 8

Wednesday 7th September, 2022

WHAT'S ON AT SPS...

TERM 3 – WEEK 8

5-9-22 (All Week) Year 3 Swim School
7-9-22 Year 2 Farm Excursion
7-9-22 P&C Meeting 7pm
8-9-22 Year 1 Farm Excursion
9-9-22 Pyjama Mufti &
Movie Night

TERM 3 – WEEK 9

15-9-22 RUOK Day

TERM 3 – WEEK 10

22-9-22 Term 3 Honour Assembly
23-9-22 P&C Burger Day! Also,
last day of term.

TERM 4 – WEEK 1

10-10-22 All students return today

TERM 4 – WEEK 2

20-10-22 **Springwood Spectacular!**
21-10-22 Summer Games

Term Dates 2022:

Term 3 – 19 July to 23 September

Term 4 – 10 October to 19 December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone, Welcome to Week 8, Term 3.

We're in the middle of a very busy week as outlined in the Skoolbag message on Monday. Today our Year 2 students ventured out on their farm excursion. We look forward to hearing all about it and seeing the photos in future newsletters. Year 1 have their farm experience tomorrow as well!

You may have noticed some extra fencing on our oval in recent days. After almost a two year process we have received approval from the Department of Education for our very own Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) building. This building will provide before and after school care for our students. The new tender process for a provider will also be advertised soon all ready for a fresh start in 2023. YMCA will continue to run their current service in our school library until announcements are made as to who the successful tender is.

BEFORE photo of new OSHC Hub building.



DANCE FESTIVAL

A huge congratulations to our senior and junior dancers for a wonderful display of entertainment and magical dancing at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. We are very proud of you all. A huge thank you to our amazing staff Mrs Goodman and Mrs Maloney for all their hard work and the opportunities that they provide for our students as well. Thank you to our parents for the continued support of these wonderful extra curricular activities.

With all that is happening with swim school and excursions, etc this week, we have decided to push our recognition of R U OK Day to next Thursday 15th of September. R U OK Day is actually this Thursday 8th of September. Our SRC will be discussing how they will recognise this event at their meeting this week and we will inform our school community by the end of this week via Skoolbag.

Don't forget to enrol your children for Kinder 2023! We will be sending Orientation information home soon! Also, please let our office know if your children will not be at Springwood PS next year or if you plan on moving, etc. Thank you.

The students are all looking forward to an exciting end to the week on Friday for **PYJAMA Day!** Please make sure students wear shoes, no open sandals or thongs please. Please remember that Movie Night payment will be at the door on the night. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support during these very challenging times.

Take care, stay safe. Mr Mehmet

MORE Zone Athletics updates

We are pleased to announce that Springwood came **second** in the Zone Athletics! This is out of nineteen Blue Mountains PSSA schools. Also, further results that were finalised since last week:

- Violet McRae came third in the 200m
- The junior girls relay came first and have progressed to the Sydney West Area Carnival.
- John Lau came first in the 13 yrs boys 100m.

*Thanks,
Mr Toohey*

BABY NEWS!!!

Congratulations to Mrs Excell and her family on the arrival of her beautiful baby girl Valencia. We wish them all well from the Springwood School Community.



Warami Yiyura (Hello families), as part of Springwood Public school's Aboriginal Education program, each class will be participating in lessons over a 2 week period where they will be taught about Aboriginal History and Culture.

A basic outline of the program is as follows:

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1:

- Learn about the Dreamtime, Dreamtime stories and the meanings and messages that we can take from these
- Learn basic Darug words and phrases eg. body parts, greetings,
- Sing some songs in Darug eg. 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes'
- Learn about Country (what Australia looked like over 60,000 years ago compared to modern day through maps)
- Learn about respect for Mother Earth/Nature and practical ways we can care for nature
- Learn about our school's Totems (the red-crowned toadlet and Eastern long-necked turtle)
- Spend time communing with nature

Stage 2:

- As above plus:
- Learn names of Australian animals in Darug
- Learn songs in Darug with more complex language
- Take part in Aboriginal games and learn the stories behind these
- Compare past and present (direct link to History lesson)

Stage 3:

- As above plus:
- Learn Aboriginal symbols and how they tell stories
- Students will use symbols to design their own art works based on Dreamtime stories
- Students will share their stories in "Sharing Knowledge" circle times.

As a further involvement for parents/carers, each week one or two Darug words will be included in our newsletter so you can practice as a family!

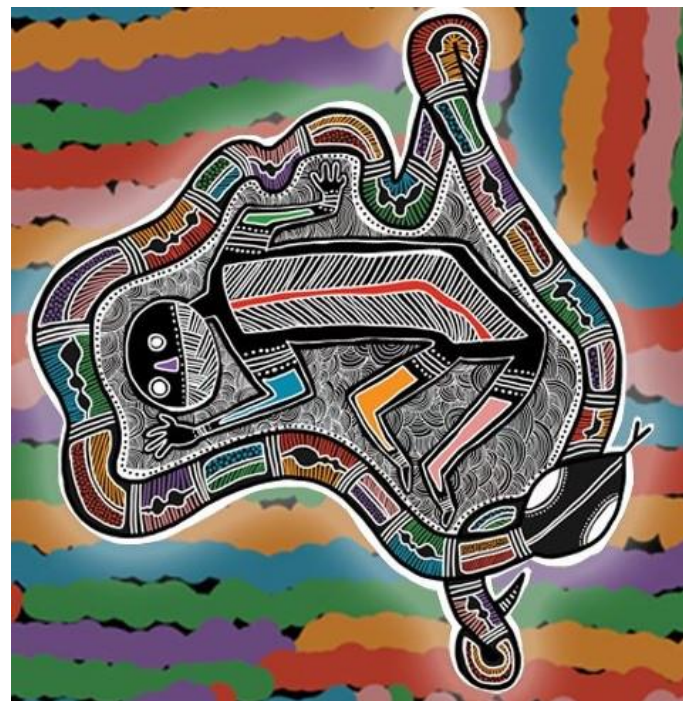
Didjurigura (Thank you)

Mrs Tracey McManus

Learning and Support Teacher

Aboriginal Educator

Vice-president Ngarra Wingarru (Blue Mountains AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group))



Movie Night Fundraiser for Bilbies!

WHY BILBIES?

There is more to 'why save bilbies' than the fact that they look amazing, they have adorable ears and beautiful silky soft fur.

Firstly, bilby ancestors have been found as fossilised remains dating back 15 million years – which make them a very special species. They have been an intrinsic part of the landscape across 70% of the Australian mainland for all that time. From the time Europeans arrived, bilbies stretched from the Great Dividing range in the east to the Gascoyne coast in the west. Yet in the last 100 years they have been pushed to the brink of extinction as a direct result of colonisation, change of land use, population growth, and introduced non-native species.

The bilby is also an animal at the heart of Australia's First People's culture and is a significant creature present in many dreamtime stories and cave art. Secondly, bilbies are a scientific 'flagship' species. This means that their protection is even more important because their survival in turn increases the chances of 16 other threatened species and countless others who share the same habitats and threatening processes in the wild.

Bilbies are one of nature's eco-engineers, they play a really important part in the restoration of soil and rejuvenation of vegetation in arid Australia. They use their strong front paws to dig deep burrows which spiral down into the ground for roughly 2 metres.



Our Movie Night Fundraiser hopes to raise enough funds for a special camera used by the Bilby Foundation.

The cameras capture visual and audio footage – so they can be "Save the Bilby Fund's" 'eyes and ears'

to get to know bilbies. They are triggered by motion, which also saves battery life

The night vision is excellent – especially important for nocturnal bilbies

They have a battery life of a whole year – so "Save the Bilby Fund" can 'set and forget' them once they're in place.

Many Thanks – Mrs McManus.

FROM YOUR P&C

We hope all the children are happy with the gifts they purchased at the Father's Day stall. We hope those receiving the gifts were just as happy 😊

Any child who forgot to bring money was allowed to select some items to "Lay By". If this was your child, they will come home with a note with the items they selected and the cost. Should you wish to complete the order, please return the note & money owing to the office ladies and they will give the items to the child to bring home.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers - Hayley Barbera, Lauren Jones & Kerrie Hodge.

A big thank you to our wonderful office ladies as well as the fantastic year 6 helpers - Isla Bullock, Mieke Ferguson, Brayden Frias, Shaun Maher & Isla Miller.

*Thanks
Charmain – P&C President*

Next P&C Meeting – Tonight!

Wednesday 7th of September, 2022. All invited at the Royal Hotel for a 7pm start.

The poster features a decorative border with various fruit and leaf illustrations. At the top left is a slice of orange. To its right is a green leafy branch. In the top center is a whole pineapple. To its right is another green leafy branch. At the top right is a slice of watermelon. On the left side, there is a green leafy branch, a whole pineapple, and another green leafy branch. On the right side, there is a slice of orange, a green leafy branch, a whole pineapple, and another green leafy branch. At the bottom left is a whole pineapple. At the bottom center is a slice of orange. At the bottom right is a slice of watermelon.

The Green Team Kitchen

*Open
Friday 9th September
during Recess & Lunch*

Chips (Smith's 45g) \$2.00

Cheese, Cabanossi & Crackers \$1.50

Zooper Doopers 50c

*Fruit Bowl - Bananas, Apples & Mandarins
50c each*

Banana & Choc Chip Muffin- \$2.00

Blueberry Muffins \$2.00



FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Springwood Public School Movie Night

Individual Items

Bag of Popcorn \$1.50

Popper \$2.50

Chips \$2.00

Ice cream \$2.50

Movie Deals

Popper, Popcorn & Fun Size Chocolate \$4.00

Popper, Chips & Fun Size Chocolate \$4.50

Popper, Popcorn & Ice cream \$5.00

No pre ordering - items can be purchased from the Canteen
prior to the Movie starting





SPRINGWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL SRC MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

Our Student Representative Council have organised their next event – A Movie Night to raise funds for the Bilby Foundation. The SRC are independent in the choices they make as a committee as to what they would like to raise funds for. We applaud their ability to think outside the box and their endeavour to be world citizens!

There are two films available to the students, Boss Baby 2 and Encanto. There will be plenty of room for everyone! Our wonderful P&C is also providing snacks for sale from the canteen prior to the films. The menu is attached to this note. As this is a charity event the cost will be \$10 per child, (\$20 per family for 2 or more children). This event is only for students of Springwood Public School.

6pm – Canteen open for movie food purchases

7pm – Movies begin

Between 8-8.30 movies end

8.30 – Parent pick up time



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Springwood Public School SRC Movie Night: Friday 9th September, 2022

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the movie night. Their chosen film is: **Boss Baby** **Encanto** (please circle)

Signed: _____ (Each child must have their own permission note)

\$10 per child (\$20 per family) Payment will be made at the door.

Please return to Movie Night Box in the Front Office by Thursday 8th of September