



# Springwood Public School Newsletter

## *The Place To Be!*

Term 1 - Week 3

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

### **WHAT'S ON AT SPS IN 2023**

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 3**

Mon 6 February Kindy attend 9.25-3.10  
all of Week 3

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 4**

Mon 13 February Kindy attend 9.25-3.25  
**Kindy Info Session 6pm**  
Stg 1 Info Session 4.30pm

Wed 15 February Kindy Soccer program begins  
**Special Ed Info Session 4pm**  
P&C Meeting – 7pm

Thurs 16 February Stg 2 Info Session 4.30pm  
Stg 3 Info Session 5.45pm

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 5**

Tues 21 February Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Fri 24 February PSSA Zone Swimming

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 7**

Fri 10 March P&C Colour Run Day

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 8**

Wed 15 March NAPLAN Begins

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 9**

Mon 20 - Fri 24 March Dental Van Visits

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 10**

Thurs 30 March Honour Assembly

Fri 31 March PSSA AFL Gala Day

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 11**

Thurs 6 April Billycart Derby (Last  
Day of Term)

#### **Term Dates 2023:**

**Term 1 – 31 January to 6 April**

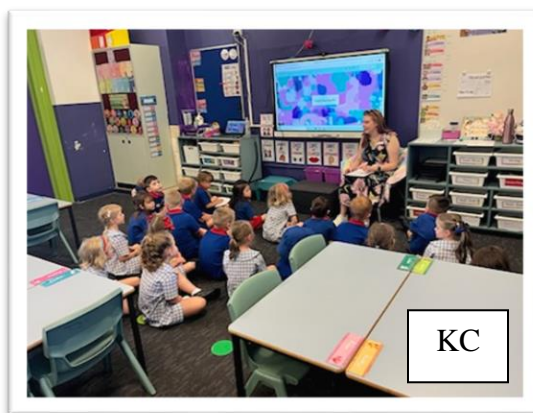
**Term 2 – 25 April to 30 June**

**Term 3 – 18 July to 22 September**

**Term 4 – 9 October to 15 December**

Welcome to Springwood PS and a very special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community in 2023. The children have settled very quickly and smoothly into their new classes.

Last Friday we welcomed our new Kindergarten students. There are two classes this year, and it will be an exciting time as the children start their first year of school. Thank you to Kindergarten parents for assisting with making the transition so successful.



During the holidays work commenced on the driveway upgrade for the Burns Road bush carpark. Further work is required and as such the Burn Road bush car park will be closed from tomorrow 9<sup>th</sup> of Feb, until Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience and understanding.

It has been fantastic seeing all our new classes settle into great learning routines so early in the term.

Our teaching staff and class structure this year are as follows:

### K – 2

Miss Holly Craig	KC
Mrs Brooke Maloney	KM
Mrs Bronwyn Duffy	1D
Miss Anna West	1W
Mr Glenn Wilson (AP)	2W
Mrs Katrina Saliba	2S

### 3-6

Miss Michelle Barlow & Miss Hayley Adamski	3BA
Mrs Jacqui Weston-Cole (AP)	3WC
Miss Nicole Sloan	4S
Mr Matthew Toohey	4T
Mrs Rebecca Goodman & Mrs Hoppe	6GH
Mr John Hugo	5H
Mrs Libby Morrison	5M
Mr Steve Cross	6C
Mrs Jenny Williamson (AP)	6W

### Special Education Unit

Mr Corin Mallas	Unit Mallards
Miss Nicole Swan (AP)	Unit Swans
Mr Paul Thomson	Unit Toucans

### Other Support Teaching Staff

Mr Gary Halpin	APC&I
Mrs Pauline Millar	Teacher Librarian
Mrs Jennifer Manion	LaST
Ms Tracey McManus	RFF/LaST
Mr Rod Cummins	RFF
Mr Luke Brandjes	RFF
Miss Hayley Adamski	RFF
Mrs Sue Hoppe	RFF
Miss Jessica Vernon	RFF

### Parent Information Sessions

Parent information sessions will take place in week 4. Please see the timetable below for further details:

	Date	Time	Location
Kindergarten	Mon 13 Feb	6.00pm – 7.00pm	School Hall
Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)	Mon 13 Feb	4.30pm – 5.30pm	School Hall
Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)	Thurs 16 Feb	4.30pm – 5.30pm	Mrs Weston-Coles Room
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)	Thurs 16 Feb	5.45pm – 6.45pm	Mrs Williamson's Room
Special Ed Unit	Wed 15 Feb	4.00pm – 5.00pm	Support Unit Class Rooms

Year 6 parents, please note we will be discussing high school enrolment procedures including changes for 2023 at the end of this session.

Looking forward to a great Term 1!

Kind Regards  
Mr Mehmet  
Principal

## School Swimming Carnival

Our 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February at Lawson Public Pool. The day will provide all students with opportunities to swim competitively and participate in a range of events that cater for everyone's swimming ability. Please ensure you return your permission slip and payment to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Should you have any queries please contact Mrs Weston-Cole who is coordinating the event.

## 2023 Student Leadership Team

Following an enriching leadership program and elections in Term 4 last year, these students have been elected by their peers and teachers to represent the students within the school.

POSITION	STUDENT
School Captains	Henry Templeman Pearl Yatman
Vice Captains	Oliver Rozyn Indy Fitzpatrick Matilda Dodd Charli Schreurs
House Captains <b>Blaxland</b>	Joel Thompson Hugo Wiessner
House Captains <b>Lawson</b>	Emmaline Birtles Sam Napper
House Captains <b>Macquarie</b>	Charlie Lyne Kara Young Edie Jensen
House Captains <b>Wentworth</b>	Matilda McAlister Eliza Brown



2023 Sports House Captains

## 2023 School Fees

The fee structure for this year has now been set. We rely on this income to support the programs in the school that we would otherwise not be able to afford to run. These funds give the students the best possible resources to supplement their education.

**Voluntary Contribution Fee is:**

**\$50** for the 1<sup>st</sup> child,

**\$30** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> child

up to a total of **\$80 per family** (2 or more children).

**The Resource Fee** is a mandatory payment as we have to pay for these additional supplies for the students.

The fee for each stage, which is called a *Resource Fee* is set at **\$50 per child**.

This includes textbooks, exercise books, a resource pack for use in the classroom, subscriptions to different classroom teaching programs as well as other incidentals as required by students e.g., craft materials, etc.

Statements of Account will be emailed out in week 5 week – please note that no invoice will be issued. Thank you.



2023 School Captains & Vice Captains

## Back-to-School Vouchers

The State Government has extended its back-to-school voucher program and these can now be used for school uniforms (Via the Uniform Shop Only) and school excursions. An option to use your vouchers for excursions will be included on excursion paperwork later this year. Please remember that no change can be given from these vouchers and that they must be used before the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. The vouchers must be presented in person to be applied to the invoiced amount.

### Who do I speak to?

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please don't hesitate to use this process and raise any issues as they arise.

1. The classroom teacher should, where appropriate, always be spoken to first. Contact the school office, leave your name and number and the teacher will return your call asap to discuss the issue over the phone or make a suitable time to meet.

2. Issues that aren't appropriate for the classroom teacher should be directed via the school office to the Assistant Principal of the relevant Year or Stage. The Assistant Principals liaise with the Principal on all school issues.

## Absences

As the term begins, it is important to remember that regular school attendance is essential for the wellbeing and learning of all students.

If your child is absent from school for all or part of a day, you are required to provide an explanation within 7 days of returning to school. You can do this via the Skoolbag app, email or by sending in a note. **The Skoolbag app is our preferred notification method.** If no explanation is received within 2 days, your class teacher will send home an Absence Reminder slip. A more formal letter will be sent home if no explanation is received after 7 days.

## Partial Absences

Please try to avoid partial absences wherever possible as they can create distress for your child and are unsettling and disruptive to the teaching and learning that is happening in the classroom. When the situation is unavoidable, please remember to bring your child to the Burns Rd gate and direct them straight to the front office.

If you need to pick your child up early from school – please enter through the Burns Rd gate and see the office to obtain an early leaver's pass. Your child will be called to the office at this time.

Students who arrive late to the school office without a parent/carer at the gate, or without a note explaining their late arrival, will have their partial absence recorded as Unexplained until a note is sent to the class teacher.

Whole day absences and partial absences will be included in students' semesterly school reports. It is a Departmental requirement that all absences (both full day and partial) are fully documented by classroom teachers.

Teachers appreciate when explanations of absences are provided promptly as following up unexplained absences is time consuming and takes away from teaching, learning and lesson preparation time.

Thank you for your assistance and continued support.

For more information on attendance requirements, please visit:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/media/documents/attendance-behaviour-engagement/attendance/attendance\\_parents.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/media/documents/attendance-behaviour-engagement/attendance/attendance_parents.pdf)



## School Bus Information

Students may be eligible for free or subsidised travel to and from school under the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS).

### Types Of School Travel Assistance Available

Different subsidies or passes are available depending on where you live and the availability of public transport.

### School Opal Card or School Travel Passes

Eligible students can receive free travel to and from home and school on approved trains & buses during school term. To apply for a school travel pass for the first time or to renew/ update a school travel pass please visit:

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticketeligibility-concessions/school-student-travel>

If the student doesn't qualify for free school travel, you may be able to buy a School Term Bus Pass for discounted travel on buses between home and school.

### Afternoon Buses from SPS

Students should move directly from class to the De Chair Avenue bus lines and sit in their bus lines until the teachers on duty give the directions to move.

All buses are scheduled to arrive at school from 3.30 onwards.

The bus numbers are:

**8618** (formerly No.11) –

Tanderra/Springwood/Bee Farm Rd/Faulconbridge

**8526** (formerly No.445) –

Burns Rd/Valley Heights

**8606** (formerly No.4) –

Huntley Grange/Winmalee

For further information regarding the exact routes and times of dedicated school bus

services please ring (02) 4751 1077 or go to [Springwood-PS.pdf \(cdcbus.com.au\)](#)

## Medication

All medication must be taken to the front office where appropriate paperwork must be completed. Students should not be in possession of medication during the day, with the exception students suffering from asthma. It is the responsibility of the students to present themselves to the office at the appropriate time, where the office staff will supervise the children taking their medication. Staff are not trained nurses. It is only through goodwill that office staff will supervise children taking medication.

**No prescribed medication will be administered to your child without the appropriate paperwork being supplied beforehand.**

For students who are asthmatic, parents should discuss the child's asthma management plan with the office staff and/or the child's class teacher. It is recommended that these children have their puffer with them at all times. Springwood Public School is an Asthma friendly school. All staff are trained in asthma emergency procedures

## Lost Property

Every child should have his/her name clearly labelled on all items of clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles, bags etc. This makes it easy for belongings to be returned to their owners. Anything without a name goes into the lost property box, which is on the verandah outside the school office.

Care of items brought to school remains the responsibility of the children. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss of any item.

Periodically unclaimed lost uniform items are donated to the clothing pool and then sold for a nominal price.

Parents are strongly advised not to let their children take cherished or expensive items to school.

### Settling into Kindy Tips for Parents

It's normal for children to experience some separation anxiety when settling into new environments like starting school. Tearful, overwhelmed and clingy goodbyes at the school gate are common. These big emotions are hard for kids and parents. Putting the right supports and strategies in place can help make it easier on everyone.

The research tells us that when we safely and gradually face our fears—and nothing bad happens—our brain learns that the thing it was scared of is actually not bad or dangerous at all. When children are struggling to attend school because of separation anxiety we have to show them that (a) school is safe and fun (b) their loved ones will still be there for them when the school day is done. Having a predictable routine helps keep anxious feelings under control. This includes your 'goodbye' routine in the morning before school.

It's important not to linger and let your own emotions overwhelm you when you're saying

goodbye. If you model contagious calm when it's time to say goodbye, it helps your child feel reassured that there is nothing to worry about. Your ritual with your child might be a quick wave, kiss, or hug and a "see you this afternoon".

Once the ritual is completed it's important to leave and let your child settle in at school.

Be mindful of any additional overwhelming-triggers that might be making it harder for your child to manage their feelings. Even adults find it difficult to regulate their emotions if you:

- Haven't had a good night sleep
- Haven't had breakfast/are hungry
- Are feeling rushed/stressed or that the people around them are stressed

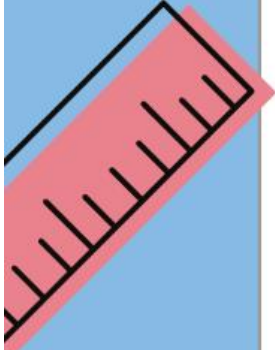
It's not always possible to prevent additional stressors—but the more you can manage these, the more likely your child will experience success with managing their anxious feelings. This might mean no technology on school nights, packing snacks for the drive in the morning, leaving plenty of time to get to school, playing your child's favourite music on the way to school, or even walking to school together if you live close by to get the nervous energy out. Whatever works for your child and your family.

**Thank you.**



**P&C**  
**Calling all Springwood Public**  
**School Mums, Dads,**  
**Grandparents and Carers!**

**The P&C would love to hear from you. We need your voices, thoughts and ideas about what our School needs and how the P&C can enhance our children's experience at School.**



**If you are new to P&C, you are in no danger of being nominated to an executive position on your first visit. You are likely however to find a group of like-minded parents and carers who value public education, like to organise fun events for the school to raise money and all of whom are willing to work for and support Springwood Public School.**



**Come along to our next meeting to see what it's all about.**  
**WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY,**  
**7PM , THE ROYAL HOTEL**  
**SPRINGWOOD**

# COLOUR RUN



The P&C are organising a Colour Explosion Run for all students on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

Information regarding the event and fundraising opportunities will be sent out in the coming week.

Parent Volunteers will be needed to run this event. Please email [president.spspandc@gmail.com](mailto:president.spspandc@gmail.com) if you can spare any time to help.