



Springwood Public School Newsletter

The Place To Be!

Term 1 - Week 5

Wednesday 22nd February, 2023

WHAT'S ON AT SPS IN 2023

TERM 1 WEEK 5

Tues 21 February Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Thur 23rd February Springwood High Expo
Evening
Fri 24 February PSSA Zone Swimming

TERM 1 WEEK 6

Tues 28 February Winmalee High school Expo

TERM 1 WEEK 7

Fri 10 March P&C Colour Run Day

TERM 1 WEEK 8

Wed 15 March NAPLAN Begins
Fri 17 March P&C St Patrick's Day Canteen

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

What a wonderful day we had for our annual swimming carnival yesterday. Thank you to all our staff involved in organizing and running such a fun and vital event for our students once again. The students were wonderful representatives of Springwood Public School and we're proud of their behaviour. Once all the results are tallied and Age Champions decided, we will have a full report in the next Newsletter. All students who qualified for the Zone Carnival have been given permission notes this morning, these notes need to be returned tomorrow please.

Thank you to the many parents that attended our first P&C meeting last week. It was great to see so many new faces. Many plans were made for fun and food days over the coming weeks and terms. To name a few of the events that the P&C will be involved with or organising –

- The Colour Run
- St Patrick's Day canteen
- Autism Awareness Day canteen
- Election Day BBQ
- Billy Cart Derby BBQ
- Mother's Day Stall

More information will be sent out closer to each event. We thank all our P&C helpers who go above and beyond for the sole purpose of providing resources and opportunities for all our students.

We have our local High School Expo Days coming up for Springwood High and Winmalee High over the next few days. The flyers were already sent home to all our Year 6 students but we have included them in our newsletter as well.

Please remember to notify the school as soon as possible if your child is absent for any reason. Attendance is a high priority with the Department of Education once again and we will be following up all unexplained absences weekly. You can ring the office, send in a paper note, email the school or simply use the Skoolbag App and enter your child's absence. There are many options, please get into the habit of doing this as a priority. Thank you.

From The Office

CHANGE OF ROUTINE

If your child's afternoon routine is changed for any reason, please contact the office to let them know. Emails sent directly to the teacher may not be seen during the course of the day and the new arrangement may not be passed on to your child. To ensure that everyone goes home to the correct place, we ask that you either submit a form via the Skoolbag app the evening before, or alternatively ring the school office on 4751 1333 to provide the alternate arrangement details before 3pm.



**SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
WELCOMES CURRENT
YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR
PARENTS TO THE:**

YEAR 6 EXPO EVENING

**+ FOLLOWED BY
A SCHOOL TOUR**

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY

4:00PM-6:00PM

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HALL



Winmalee High School

Year 7 2024 – Student Expo Day

Tuesday, 28 February 2023

10.00am - 12.30pm

Year 6 students are invited to an Expo Day at Winmalee High School. A range of activities and events will be held on the day including taster lessons, morning tea and a concert performed by our students.

Winmalee Public School students will walk to and from Winmalee High as a group. Students from Springwood Public School and Ellison Public School will be picked up by bus and transported to and from Winmalee High.

Students from other local schools who would like to attend should contact Winmalee High via phone or email to reserve a place.

Further information regarding arrangements for each school will be shared with primary schools and with individuals who have reserved a place for Expo Day.

Year 7 2024 - Parent/Carer Information Evening

Tuesday, 28 February 2023

6.30pm - Winmalee High School Hall

Parents/carers are invited to attend an information evening for Year 7, 2024 students.

Parents/carers will be provided with an opportunity to ask questions, join a tour of the school and seek further information about enrolment.

For further information please contact the school office:

Ph: 02 4754 2822

Email: winmalee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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.

What do we do?

To date our fundraising efforts have supported building programs and maintenance, subsidised educational programs, provided classroom resources and fitted out new classrooms.

e.g. Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, new air conditioners, musical instruments

In addition, we have a strong commitment to building relationships within the school community.

e.g. Ice-Cream Afternoon Tea, Special Canteen Days, Billy Cart Derby Sausage Sizzle, School Discos & Movie Nights.

The P&C also runs the Uniform Shop with the help of our dedicated volunteers.

Why become a member?

Membership entitles you to stand for and vote for executive positions. It also enables you to vote on issues that the P&C is considering e.g. spending funds, running events etc. You will be well informed about the running of the school and be given lots of opportunities to assist the school and meet like-minded parents.

When do we meet?

The P&C meets on a **Wednesday night from 7.00pm at The Royal Hotel, Springwood on the 3rd and 8th week of each term.**

The meetings are informal, and we generally finish by 8.30pm. At these meetings we organise fundraising and social events, discuss contributions to the school and receive a report from our Principal (Mehmet Mehmet).

Even if you are not able to attend a meeting, you will receive an emailed copy of the minutes of each meeting and you can make contributions/comments via email to be shared with the group.

How do I join?

To join the P&C simply complete the form below and pay the annual Membership Fee of \$5.00.

If you intend to volunteer at school events, you will require a NSW Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW. There is no fee if applying for a volunteer role.

<https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply>

P&C Contacts

If you have any questions and would like to contact a P&C member please feel free to drop us an email

President Email – Charmain Shallis - president.spspanc@gmail.com

Secretary Email – Hayley Barbera - springwoodpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

So make your voice heard, join the P&C!

Please complete the form below and return it with your payment of \$5.00 (CASH ONLY) to the school office.

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Eldest Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

NSW Working With Children Check Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Privacy Notice: The details provided on this form will only be made available to P&C office bearers and/or their authorised delegates.

Star Students



What is a STAR STUDENT?

A Springwood STAR STUDENT displays the following behaviours:

- ★ Excellent Manners and Behaviour at all times!
- ★ Happy and Pleasant Nature and a good Role Model!
 - ★ Excellent Level of Effort in Class Work!
- ★ Proudly Wears Correct School Uniform!
 - ★ Helpful to Others!

How does a student become a STAR STUDENT?

A Springwood STAR STUDENT is chosen by the class teacher each month and at a morning assembly each of the Star Students are presented with a badge and certificate and also join the Principal for a special luncheon later that same day!

What does a STAR STUDENT badge look like?

As well as the teacher's choice each month, there is also a Principal's Award.



Good Luck Everyone!!

Our first Star Student Assembly for 2023 is coming up soon. We will be sending out invitations for a short assembly one morning very soon. At this Assembly we will be announcing our March Star Students, our Student Representative Council (SRC) members for 2023, House Captains, Indigenous leaders and Special Education Unit Leader. All badges will be presented at this assembly! Keep an eye out for an invitation!

Towards the end of last year, a few of our parents brought the idea of a Breakfast Club opportunity to me and we successfully held a couple of these in the last two weeks of Term 4. Along with a few new parents and a local business (more revealed soon!) we will soon be starting up our Breakfast Club once again!

Thank you to all our Bush Car Park parents that were patient whilst the upgrade took place last week. Please remember there is a 10km/h speed limit on all school grounds and car parks.

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

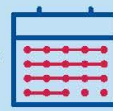


30 mins
per day



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18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

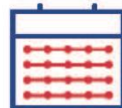
and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**



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4 weeks



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Over

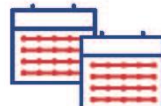
1 year missed

1 day per **week**



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8 weeks



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Over

2.5 years missed