



Springwood Public School Newsletter *The Place To Be!*

Term 1 - Week 7

Wednesday 8th March, 2023

WHAT'S ON AT SPS IN 2023

TERM 1 WEEK 7

Thur 9th March Band Tour with Mr Earl
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
Wed 22 March Year 2 Warragamba Dam
Thursday 23 March Year 1 Warragamba Dam
Thursday 23 March Breakfast Program begins

TERM 1 WEEK 10

Thurs 30 March Honour Assembly
Fri 31 March PSSA AFL Gala Day
Fri 31 March SRC Disco: Crazy Hair Disco!

TERM 1 WEEK 11

Wed 5 April Kinder Teddy Bears Picnic
Thurs 6 April Billy cart Derby (Last Day of Term)

TERM 2 WEEK 1

Mon 24 April Staff Development Day
Tues 25 April ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
Wed 26 April All students return
Friday 28 April School Cross Country Carnival

Term Dates 2023:

Term 1 – 31 January to 6 April

Term 2 – 26 April to 30 June

Term 3 – 18 July to 22 September

Term 4 – 9 October to 15 December

Welcome to Week 7.

We've all been waiting for the big event this week – The Colour Run! We look forward to a fun filled student-centred day. Thank you to our P&C for organising this event. Thank you to our wonderful staff for getting behind it and ensuring we provide memorable experiences for our students.

Congratulations to our March Star Students who were presented with their badges and certificates last week. We had a lovely lunch together. Keep up the great work and we look forward to presenting our next Star Students at the April Assembly.

A little confusion over the start date in Term 2. Staff return on Monday 24th of April, then Tuesday 25th of April is ANZAC Day public holiday. All students start on Wednesday 26th of April for Term 2. Hope that clears everything up.

Springwood Ps will be trialling a school therapy dog!

He will mainly be in the support unit but will be out and about throughout the school during the day, he is a Labrador, Golden Retriever cross. His name is BEAR.

Bear will be assisting in transitions and high stress situations. He will start familiarisation with the school environment and work towards full days.

It is important that there are no other dogs on school grounds. If you have a therapy dog, please remember to ensure that they are clearly identified with their jacket.

We have checked for pet allergies, if you are concerned that your child might become fearful, please let the school know.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Swan: nicole.j.swan@det.nsw.edu.au

Introducing BEAR!



Hi and Welcome back to our School Library!

*I'm sooper dooper excited
that our school library will
be open for special events this
year, after a hectic past few
years!!*

*Class borrowing times will
commence from Monday
13/03/2023 (week 4)*

*Please check with your
child/ren's class teacher for
their borrowing day.*

*A bag with your child's name
and class is required to help
protect the books.*

*Encouraging them to hang
their bag in a place at home,
away from younger siblings,
helps keep our books safe.*

*Any questions please don't
hesitate to email me*

pauline.millar@det.nsw.edu.au

*Kindest regards,
Pauline Millar*



AFL DAY! 3rd March



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.

Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2023



- Challenge opens: Monday 27th February 2023
- Challenge closes for student entries: Friday 18th August 2023
- Challenge closes for coordinator validations: Friday 1st September 2023

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9.

K-2 reading challenge –

All K-2 students are registered to the challenge. PRC boxes have been sent to all Kindergarten, year 1 and 2 classes. The children's reading records will be completed through the library by August 25th.

3-4 reading challenge-

Students in stage 2 completing the challenge will have reading logs in the library, which they record when borrowing. Some children are recording their reading list on line at home.

5-6 reading challenge-

All stage 3 students are required to log their own reading record on the Premier Reading Challenge Website.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

If you have any questions please email

pauline.millar@det.nsw.edu.au

Regards Pauline Millar - Teacher Librarian

I respect the land of the Darug and Gundungurra people on which I teach and live.



SWIMMING CARNIVALS REPORT



Champion Senior

Boys Relay Team

Hugo

Henry

Andres

Charlie

Last Tuesday we had a fantastic, warm, fun filled day at our annual Springwood Swimming Carnival. Students eagerly cheered for their house and friends as they raced down the pool. This year as well as our competitive races, we ran 25-metre races throughout the day, which was a big hit. It meant that most students spent the whole day in the water, with quick breaks to reapply their sunscreen and eat something delicious from the canteen. Amongst all the fun, we had some terrific, often nail biting swimming races. Congratulations to the follow students who had some outstanding results,

Junior Champions: Brooke Lyne and Ashton Schreurs.

11 Yrs Champions: Kara Young and Henry Templeman.

Snr Champions: Charli Schreurs, and Andres Crous-Ellsworth.

Also, a huge Congratulations to our team of students who represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday. All our swimmers were amazing both in and out of the

pool. The competition was tough, as our swimmers raced against students from all over the mountains. We are excited to announce that the following students will be representing The Blue Mountains at the Area Swimming Carnival in the coming weeks. Hugo Wiessner, Henry Templeman, Andres Crous-Ellsworth, Charlie Lyne and Charli Schreurs. We wish them the best of luck.





Kinder Soccer Clinic!
Thank you Western Wanderers.



Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

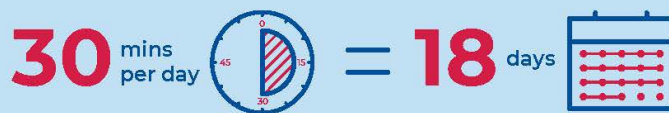
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Minutes lost = days lost per year

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

When your child misses just... they miss days per year



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





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In Darug and Gundungurra Country



P&C Colour Run

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited that our P&C colour run is on this Friday (10th March, 2023). I know parents and students have lots of questions about how this fantastic event will run, so here is all the information you need to know:

When

Friday 10th March, 12pm – 3:10pm

Where

School basketball court and school oval

Who

The whole school

How will the event be structured?

After recess, teachers will take students back to class to pack up rooms. Classes will then bring bags to an outside area as we won't want students back in the classrooms once the event has started. The school will assemble on the basketball court (with shade shelters used for shade). Mr Wilson and Mr Halpin will be our MCs for the event. In groups, students will be invited to complete laps around the oval, taking them past water stations, our mega water station run by visiting RFS volunteers and our colour station. The program for groups is as follows:

11:45 end of recess – return to classrooms. Bring bags outside and leave in a safe area of the school

12:00 pm – assemble on the basketball court (all shade shelters up)

12:10 pm – Kindy

12:20 pm – Year 1

12:30 pm – Year 2

12:30 pm – Year 3

12:40 pm – Year 4

12:50 pm – Year 5

1:00 pm – Year 6

1:15 lunch break

2:10 pm – Blaxland

2:20 pm – Lawson

2:30 pm – Macquarie

2:40 pm – Wentworth

2:50 pm – teachers

3:00 pm event clean up and

We will have some fun activities for students to participate in while they are waiting for their turns around the oval.

What safety elements have been considered?

The colour is non-toxic and each students will be supplied with a pair of goggles and a head band. Parents should pack sunscreen for students to apply prior to the event.

How is the colour distributed?

P&C volunteers will be manning the colour station. The colour comes in powder form in squirty bottles and will react with the water to create the colour. Students will go through water stations before they get to the colour station.

What should my child wear?

This will be a mufti school day. Students should wear older clothes in case the dye leaves stains.

Should my child bring a change of clothes?

If your child is **catching the bus** at the end of the day, they will need to have a change of clothes (and probably an old towel to dry themselves). We cannot let students onto the school bus if they are wet and covered in dye. Students who are walking home or being picked up do not need a change of clothes.

Does my child have to participate?

While the whole school will be up watching the event, no child will be made to participate in the laps of the oval. Some students may not be comfortable getting wet or covered in colour.

Will the canteen be open on the day?

No, unfortunately the canteen will not be open. The P&C volunteers will be busy on the oval ensuring the kids are colourful and having fun! The P&C have purchased Zooper Doopers for all students and staff however. These will be handed out free of charge at the end of the Colour Run. If you do not want your child to have a Zooper Dooper can you please contact your child's teacher to let them know.

Are parents invited?

Parents are more than welcome to watch any part of the day. Entry will be the usual method through the gates on Burns Rd as the other gates will be locked as a part of our risk assessment for the day.

We are looking forward to a fun afternoon with lots of colourful, smiling faces!

Kind regards,

SPS P&C and SPS Staff

