



# Springwood Public School Newsletter *The Place To Be!*

Term 1 – Week 4

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024

## WHAT'S ON AT SPS IN 2024

### TERM 1 – 2024

#### TERM 1 WEEK 3

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
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K-2 Parent Info Evening  
3-6 Parent Info Evening  
Special Ed Info Afternoon

#### TERM 1 WEEK 4

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

P&C Meeting 7pm

#### TERM 1 WEEK 5

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Winmalee High School  
Expo Day for Year 6 students.

#### TERM 1 WEEK 6

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

#### TERM 1 WEEK 7

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

#### TERM 1 WEEK 8

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

#### TERM 1 WEEK 9

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
**Good Friday**

#### TERM 1 WEEK 10

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
**Easter Monday**

#### TERM 1 WEEK 11

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Honour Assembly  
Billy Cart Derby  
**Last Day of Term!**

Hello Everyone.

Our wonderful classes of 2024 have settled in beautifully and The Place To Be is full steam ahead for a wonderful school year!

Thank you to the many parents that attended our five Parent information sessions over two afternoon/evenings last week. Also a huge thank you to our wonderful P&C for putting on a free BBQ for our families. We appreciate your support for such a lovely gesture for our school community.

As part of our School Plan for the coming few years, we also sent home a survey via Schoolbytes and paper version during our information sessions. The survey is titled – Parents Supporting Children in Maths and English. Thank you for the wonderful response already in just under a week. As a staff we will examine the responses and publish results and outcomes in coming weeks. A big thank you to Mr Halpin, our Assistant Principal, Curriculum Instruction, on his leadership with this survey and associated result compilation. If you haven't had a chance to see the survey as yet, here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/oU4yhVFjmKFhnb8c8>

## **SRC 2024**

During Week 5 of this term, children in years 1-6 will be invited to nominate for the Student Representative Council (SRC). The SRC is a group of students elected by their peers to represent students. SRC members dedicate their time and enthusiasm to organise events which benefit the school and the wider community. Students wishing to nominate for one of the 2 class positions will be asked to speak briefly in front of their peers, informally discussing their suitability for the relevant leadership position.

*For further information please contact your child's class teacher or the SRC Coordinators (Mrs Duffy and Mrs Manion)*

Now that our new OSHC provider (FUNKIDS) has begun operation and we have a dedicated entry gate to the facility on De Chair Avenue. Can I please remind parents that the staff carpark is not for use for dropping off or picking up children for Funkids. We have transport taxis for our students in the Special Education Support Unit that are dropped off and picked up in the staff car park and we ask that you not drive into this carpark as we have students being carefully guided through this car park. Thank you for your understanding. As this is a safety concern we don't want to see any accidents or injuries.

## **Stewart House Donation Drive**

In Term 1, Donation Drive envelopes are distributed to all public schools across NSW. Entry into the draw is only

\$2.00 for your chance to win a great prize valued at \$4,000.

As NSW public education's Charity of Choice, they depend on school fundraising support to help run all programs. A donation envelope was sent home this week for your consideration. More information is available at [www.stewarhouse.org.au](http://www.stewarhouse.org.au)



## **Lost Property Reminder**

All lost property is kept in two big plastic buckets outside the canteen. One is for clothing and the other is for drink bottles and lunch boxes. Please remember to write your child's name on all items.

## **P&C Meeting**

Our first P&C meeting for 2024 is on tonight at 7pm at The Royal in Springwood. All welcome.

Have a great week everyone and thank you for your ongoing support for our wonderful school!

*Regards,  
Mr Mehmet  
Principal*

# Every Day Matters



## When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our P&C I would like to welcome back our returning families and extend a warm greeting to our new families. We would also like to extend an invitation to come along to P&C and see what we're all about.

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. 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, Mr 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.

We would love to meet and welcome you. You can also find out more about our P&C at our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Springwood Public School P&C> and we encourage you to join the Parent and Carers Facebook Year Groups.

### ***How do I join?***

To join the P&C simply complete the membership form below and pay the annual Membership Fee of \$5.00. Payment can be made via cash or bank transfer (Acc# 236 177 / BSB # 032-837 - please put your name & P&C Membership as the reference)

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.spspandc@gmail.com

Vice President – Ed Kirby - vp.spspandc@gmail.com

Secretary Email – Lauren Jones - springwoodpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

Treasurer Email – Hayley Barbera - treasurer.spspandc@gmail.com

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

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Please complete the form below and return it to the school office or to one of the emails above.

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

NSW Working With Children Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to meeting you soon,

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Charmain Shallis  
President  
Springwood Public School P&C

**THIRD PARTY SOFTWARE USE**

A five page Information package was sent out to all families last week outlining the Department of Education's Third Party Software Usage policy. The notes are available on our website. Please make sure you send in the signed permission as soon as possible.

*Thank you*

**Annual Billy Cart Derby Day!**  
**COMING SOON!!**



***Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of April***

***More Details out soon!***