



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

For **TERM 4 WEEK 9**

Starting **10 DEC 2018**

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- 11th - Envirobank Collection
- 11th - Final Scripture and Ethics for year
- 12th - Chess (Final Session)
- 13th - P&C Working Bee for Presentation Day
- 14th - Fun Day
- 14th - Year 6 - Excursion
- 18th - Presentation Day - 9:15 - 11:30am
- 18th - Volunteers Morning Tea - 11:20am to 12pm - Aora Conference
- 18th - P&C Extraordinary Meeting 12pm Aora Meeting Room
- 18th - Year 6 Farewell Yiammas 6pm-8pm
- 19th - Last Day - Leavers Arch
- 20th - School Development Day - Last day to access office.



PRESENTATION DAY

As we lead up to the end of year, our annual presentation day will be held from 9:15am on Tuesday 18 December in our school hall. Apart from the presentation of awards, we will be having some performances to break up the presenting of awards. Families are cordially invited to attend but we ask you to let us know if you are bringing a large contingent to the awards. After the event, volunteers who have helped at the school are invited to a volunteers morning tea. The volunteers morning tea will be held this year in the Aora Meeting Room close to the school oval and gate. All volunteers who help this year are welcome to attend. An EGM for P&C will be held after this to discuss the Canteen and other issues held over from the last P&C meeting.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Our teachers are putting the final touches to the Semester 2 reports. These reports are based on work completed in terms 3 and 4 of this year and report across the Key Learning Areas as well as Chinese. This semester we will be reporting about Geography rather than History. Teachers have attempted to provide for English and Mathematics an area of strength and an area for development as well as encouragement for how to help develop this area. The reports will be sent home in school bags on Thursday. They will also be emailed to parents and made available via the parent portal. The school follows closely the NSW [Department of Education's Policy standards](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policy-standards) detailed at: <https://goo.gl/NQmPZR> but we provide a 3 point guide for achievement in Kindergarten.

SUMMER SIZZLER

Many of the teachers on Friday night attended and enjoyed the fabulous Summer Sizzler event put on by the P&C. It was very enjoyable with lots of community engagement, great food, games and dance moves. Then there was the fun dunk which was well simply... Thank you to the P&C for such a great event. A letter from The P&C is included at the end of this newsletter.

ENVIROBANK COLLECTION

This Tuesday the school will be collecting its final Enviobank Collection for the week. Please ensure that you have your bags at the school by Tuesday morning.

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Our focus this week is being Safe, Respectful, Learners in all areas



THE WEEK AHEAD IN LEARNING FOR TERM 4 - WEEK 9

This Week in Koalas - Year K

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Reading: Activities this week will focus on a Christmas/Summer theme.</p> <p>Phonics: We will continue revising our phonics, phonemes and word families.</p> <p>Sight words: This week we will revise sight words learnt this term with a focus on using them in simple sentences.</p> <p>Writing: We will continue writing simple imaginative pieces with a focus on constructing compound sentences using 'and, so and but' to join two simple sentences together.</p> <p>Handwriting: students will focus on writing number words with letters of consistent size, shape and direction.</p> <p>Talk time: This week the Koalas will be talking about "Road Safety" They need to share why it is important for us to be safe when using the road as a pedestrian and a passenger.</p>	<p>PDH: Our focus on personal safety continues with a review of what we have learnt about water, sun and road safety. We will also be revisiting some of the things we learnt in Peer Support about friendships.</p> <p>Class sport is on Tuesday and we will focus on fundamental movement skills through games.</p> <p>Got Game continues on Thursday. Koalas are really enjoying their gymnastics lessons</p> <p>Creative arts: We will do some Christmas and summer art and craft this week. We will also be working hard rehearsing our performance for Presentation Day.</p> <p>Science: We will be doing some fun STEM activities in Science this week.</p>	<p>Home Reading: Home reading continues this term as per previous terms. Please continue encouraging Home Reading. Remind your child to bring their folder in each day so books can be changed.</p> <p>Library: There is no library this week. If you haven't already, please remember to return all books.</p> <p>Talk Time (news): will continue this term. This week will be Science related and based on the object the Koalas created in class.</p> <p>Special Note: Please send in your child's library bag this week so we can start sending home some of the work we have completed this year.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Whole number: We will be completing some fun Christmas/summer themed number activities that will help us to revise our counting, patterns, adding, subtracting and grouping.</p> <p>Measurement and geometry: We will be looking at position this week with a focus on use terms 'left/right' to describe an object in relation to themselves.</p>		

This Week in Echidnas - Year K/1

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Guided Reading Groups daily.</p> <p>K: Reviewing double-letter phonemes such as 'ss' and 'll'. We will also look at the beginning consonant blends using 'r', 'cr' for crab, 'tr' for train and 'dr' for drink.</p> <p>Sight Words Weeks 9 & 10 (revision): play park jump ball walk they saw children party school</p> <p>Year 1: Focus phonemes: Revision of the long 'o' phoneme using 'o', 'oa' and 'ow'</p> <p>Sight Words: first good out brother sister</p> <p>Handwriting: Term 4 focus is ensuring capital letters and lowercase letters are correct placement and size in continuous text writing.</p> <p>Writing: Students will continue with personal writing using simple and compound sentences from a variety of sources, including texts and personal and shared experiences.</p> <p>Speaking and Listening</p> <p>Talk Time topic - PDHPE - Road Safety: We Must Be Safe When Using the Road.</p>	<p>PDHPE:</p> <p>Sport: During Term 4, students will develop locomotor skills, spatial awareness and cooperation through participating in minor games.</p> <p>Got Game (Gymnastics) is on Thursday. Students will learn about personal safety this term - water, sun and road safety.</p> <p>Science</p> <p>Students will experiment with a variety of objects to investigate the weight, size, materials and their ability to float on water. Using the text 'Who Sank the Boat?'</p> <p>Creative Arts</p> <p>Students will participate in art activities investigating primary and secondary colours.</p>	<p>Fun Day is this Friday -</p> <p>Students to wear their sports uniform. Please ensure your child has their hat and water bottle. Canteen will still be on for lunch orders.</p> <p>Sports uniform days -</p> <p>Tuesday (Class sport) and Thursday (Got Game).</p> <p>Library -</p> <p>Please continue returning all library books.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Home Reading continues every day. This is the last week for the Home Reading program.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Number & Algebra: Focus: Patterns & Algebra Describe a repeating pattern of objects/symbols in terms of a number pattern, eg: a two pattern and model and describe odd and even number patterns</p> <p>Measurement & Geometry: Position: Describe the path from one location to another on drawings, using terms such as left/right to describe.</p> <p>Statistics and Probability: Data: describe information using 'more than/less than and write a simple sentence to describe data</p>		

This Week in Wombats Year 1/2

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Students will continue revising more challenging words in spelling. They will write a persuasive text to a picture stimulus. The 'Talk Time' topic will be 'Road Safety - explain why we should be safe on the road' where students will try to persuade the audience to their point of view. As part of our Presentation Day item we will be writing a story. Students will continue learning how to use a dictionary (books and online) and a summarising strategy with information texts. Daily 'buddy reading' continues with a focus on reading, listening and reflecting.</p>	<p>PDHPE: Got Game focuses on gymnastics skills</p> <p>In class sport we will be playing games from different countries and looking at games as a part of celebrating.</p> <p>Our focus on safety in the water, sun and on or near roads continues.</p> <p>Science: Students will get creative with STEM activities</p> <p>Creative and Practical Arts: Celebrations Around The World activities and preparation for Presentation Day</p>	<p>Monday: Music with Ms Caponis.</p> <p>Tuesday: Scripture and Ethics and class sport. Students are to wear their sports shirt.</p> <p>Thursday: Got Game. Students are to wear their sports shirt.</p> <p>Friday: Fun Day. Students to wear sports shirts.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Number and Algebra: Students will describe how a missing number was calculated and work on 6x tables. Students will continue to work on mathematical algorithms with and without regrouping.</p> <p>Measurement and Geometry: Students will learn about position by making simple models from memory, photos, drawings or descriptions and use drawings to represent positions of objects along a path</p> <p>Statistics and Probability: Students will continue to discuss everyday scenarios and rank them according to the likelihood of their occurrence using simple language, eg, 'will/might/won't happen'</p>		

This Week in Goannas - Year 3/4

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Our spelling focus this week will be either 'ain', 'tch' or 'oe' words. Students will complete work in class using their words and homework is a crucial follow up to these activities.</p> <p>For writing students will finalise their puppet pal recreations of their imaginative texts. Students will use their drama skills to voice act their story.</p> <p>Poetry will continue this week. The Goannas will finalise their research on poetic devices and implement their new knowledge to create their own poem.</p> <p>Reading groups will continue this week, with students adopting a variety of roles to engage with texts.</p>	<p>Science- Students will complete their study on 'Beneath our Feet'. Students will wrap up their investigation of erosion and weathering by creating their own annotated diagram of how weathering can affect a landscape.</p> <p>Got Game- Gymnastics will continue this Thursday.</p> <p>Sport- Students will games some games to build their skills in relation to cricket.</p>	<p>Library- Borrowing has finished this year. Can all students please return their library books to Mr. Park.</p> <p>Class Sport- Will continue on Tuesday. Can all students please wear their house uniform.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>The maths challenge will continue this week. Students are completing challenges with a combination of operators daily.</p> <p>Students this week will complete their block 9 post test. Before that we will have one more review day of all topics covered to ensure that students can revise any topic they feel necessary. Later in the week students will work in small groups to solve a variety of past NAPLAN problems and work through solutions as a class.</p>		

This Week in Dingoes Year 5/6

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>This week in writing, the students will be reflecting upon the Garden Project. The Dingoes did an excellent job at cooking three delicious meals on Thursday, and next they will be considering our key inquiry question by determining if it is possible to drive positive change into our canteen using produce grown from the school garden.</p> <p>Students will be working towards their drama performance which they will be presenting on Tuesday as well as dramatising their chosen ghost story which they will present on the last day next week.</p>	<p>Science-The students will continue creating a video presentation of their science posters. We will be viewing these presentations later this week and will then be moving onto designing a fridge magnet that reminds families of how to conserve energy around the house.</p> <p>Creative Arts - Students will get a chance to finish their tessellating art this week</p>	<p>Monday: Wombats Assembly</p> <p>Tuesday: Drama Performances, class sport</p> <p>Wednesday: Chess</p> <p>Thursday: Writing Performances</p> <p>Friday: Merit certificate assembly</p>
Mathematics		
<p>We'll be working on problem solving this week with a focus on measurement and geometry. Students will be using the Think Tank boxes and working in pairs to solve problems before presenting them to the class.</p>		

This Week in Music

Koalas	Echidnas	Wombats	Goannas	Dingoes
<p>We will be completing our music portfolios for the year, revisiting our favourite songs and playing our favourite music games. We will be reminding ourselves of specific music vocabulary we have learnt and have a conducting competition!</p>			<p>We will be rehearsing for our Presentation Day performance and putting our music portfolios together for this year.</p>	





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'Summer Sizzler' 2018 – Event wrap-up

8th December 2018

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday night for our St Peters Summer Sizzler. We were lucky to have pleasant weather for the evening and there was a strong turnout of patrons enjoying the great food and entertainment.

We saw some cool moves happening at the disco, while the Disco Cantina plied everyone with treats and glow sticks. The jumping castles and garden games were all heaving with kids and the face-painting team were kept very busy indeed.

We were also treated to a visit from Santa, who arrived in an SES rescue vehicle and was escorted by volunteers from Marrickville SES and a pair of elf helpers. Many tried their hand at the treat coin toss and, as usual, the P&C put on a tasty BBQ to feed the masses.

The most popular attraction of the night by far was the Fun Dunk, with punters showing great determination to drench a roster of willing (and maybe not so willing) dunk-ees from Year 6 and the teaching staff.

It was wonderful to see so many past SPPS friends and families catching up at the event. Returning alumni were thrilled to spot themselves in the extensive array of school photographs at the history display. We also saw quite a few new faces from our 2019 intake having fun at their new school and getting a taste of what a wonderful school community we have here at SPPS.

A big thank you must go to all of the volunteers for your efforts in making the night a success, a lot goes on behind the scenes to get this kind of event off the ground and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to those who supported us by generously donating items for our raffle or loaning event equipment: Bike Bug, the Caloudis family, Coates Hire, Jones & Co., Just Cuts, Kitchen Queen, Little Dynamos, Town & Country Hotel.

The P&C was pleased to provide this relaxed family event to help wrap up the school year. All funds raised on the night will go towards making our great school a better place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

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