



SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 - Week 4
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This term saw the long awaited start of our **Peer Support Program**. After intensive training for our leaders, the first session was focussed on getting to know one another better and setting the scene for the year ahead. It is exciting to see our student leaders step up and take some responsibility for their peers as we soar to greater heights together. Our Peer Support Program is facilitated by our Chaplain who is employed under the National School Chaplaincy Program funded by the Australian Government Department of Education.



Congratulations to those students who represented our school at District Cross Country at Bowraville. The students did themselves proud as they competed against the elements and the tough course conditions. Well done to Ivy who made it through to the Mid North Coast Cross Country Carnival at Nana Glen. We wish her all the best.

A big thank you to the P&C who organised and ran the **Mother's Day** stall. It was a great chance for our students to show their love and gratitude towards their Mums by purchasing a special gift.



Well done to the students from Year 3 and Year 5 who are currently participating in the online National Assessment Plan – Literacy / Numeracy tests (**NAPLAN assessments**). This week the students will complete Language Conventions and Numeracy. Families will receive detailed results later in the year. The school will also receive a summary of results to assist with planning. For more information visit: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html>

National Families Week 
15-21 MAY 2019

National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your family and share in the enjoyment of family

activities within the wider community. The 2019 theme, **'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'** highlights the important role that families play as the central building block of our communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing. We have many planned activities that parents are welcome to participate in.

- Families Week kicked off today with class 2/3 cooking some foods that are commonly eaten in Papua New Guinea, which is the CWA Country of Study this year.
- Attached to this newsletter is an opportunity for students to create a **poster** 'My family is strong because we...' These will be displayed at school during the week. Just bring your entry in and hand it to your class teacher.
- On Wednesday 22nd of May, SRC would like to invite parents and community members to come along and join us for our Biggest Morning Tea at 11:00am. SRC will be selling cakes and slices for 50c a piece and we would appreciate if all families could donate a cake or slice to sell on the day. We look forward to seeing everyone there on the day.
- Students who have reached **'Silver'** level will experience their 'pop-up' reward on Thursday 23rd May. Thanks to all our **STARS – Students Taking Action and Responsibility!** Miss Kuilder and Mrs Vanderjagt will be hosting the event.
- A big invitation is extended to all our families to attend our **Peer Support** lesson which will have a family focus on Friday 24th May, 12:10-1pm.

This term each class will have a whole class cook-up for Kids in the Kitchen on a Monday where they will create their own lunch. Class K/1 will be cooking on Monday 3rd of June and 4/5/6 towards the end of term. Family volunteers are most welcome to come along and help for these sessions and stay to eat with us at lunch. A note with further details will be sent home with students shortly.

Every year, ceremonies, marches, speeches and presentations are held to commemorate **Sorry Day**, the day Australians express regret for the mistreatment of Aboriginal people. This year our school will commemorate Sorry Day at our morning assembly on Thursday 23rd May by displaying our whole school artwork.

We will be celebrating **Reconciliation Week** on Tuesday 28th May. The whole school will be involved in a range of Indigenous activities, such as storytelling, art and games. All parents are invited to join us for the afternoon from 1:45pm.

Thanks for your continued support.

Merit Awards



Braxten
Kyla
Chaz
Zaylia
Riley B
Ashlyn



Win Bin

Ari, Kien, Samantha

FISH Award Be There



Ari, Annabelle, Ryley K

Take Home Reading Reward System

Home reading is a great way to encourage and develop positive attitudes towards reading. Please help your child remember to read every night and sign their reading log. Rewards are given out at assembly for milestones. Home readers should be returned daily.



25 Nights: Braxten

50 Nights: Xavier H, Kayden, Braxten, Jessica, Tallow, Tahla

75 Nights: Charli, Ari, Olivia, Holley, Tallow, Tara, Jett, Tahla

Walk Safely to School Day was held last Friday. This annual event encourages parents and carers to walk to school with their children, in order to promote road safety, and individual and environmental health. It is an opportunity to focus on the key road safety education messages for pedestrian behaviour:

- ◆ **Hold a grown up's hand when you cross the road.**
- ◆ **Hold a grown up's hand when you're on the footpath.**
- ◆ **Use a safe place to cross the road.**
- ◆ **Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross.**

Walk Safely to School Day also enables the promotion of walking as a regular form of physical activity and an opportunity to raise awareness about the benefits of reduced traffic on our roads, particularly around schools. Please take the time to promote these key messages with your children all year round.

Athletics Carnival

Please claim the following date:
SPPS Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 19th June

Messages

DOES YOUR CHILD SUFFER FROM ASTHMA?
If so, we need your assistance as we are currently reviewing our Asthma Register

To assist us to update medical details please contact the school if your child suffers from asthma. (See attached info)

Arriving late to school: Students who arrive late to school (after 9am) **MUST** be signed in at the Office by a parent. Robyn will then hand out a 'pink' late slip to be given to the class teacher to be recorded in the roll.

- 1 Join a local community group and participate in local events.
- 2 Encourage each other and offer support.
- 3 Value everyone's contribution to family life.
- 4 Do something with your family to help others.
- 5 Take time to talk with, and listen to, family members.
- 6 Respect the differences in your family.
- 7 Ask for help when you need it.
- 8 Celebrate your family's achievements.
- 9 Build relationships with older relatives and community elders.
- 10 Keep active and eat well together as a family.



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On Friday 7th June our school will be joining with other local schools to celebrate Ocean Day at Scotts Head Reserve. The day will be filled with cultural activities and plastic solutions provided by local elders, community members, universities and sponsors. A permission note will be sent out closer to the date.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4

- 14th-24th May - NAPLAN Assessments Yr 3&5
- 20-25th May - Families Week
- 20th May - 2/3 KIK 11.30am
- 22nd May - Biggest Morning Tea
- 23rd May - Silver Pop-Up Reward
- 24th May - Assembly

Week 5

- 26th May - National Sorry Day
- 27th-31st - Reconciliation Week

Upcoming

- 3rd June - K/1 KIK 11.30am
- 7th June - Ocean Day Scotts Head
- 13th June - CWA New Guinea
- 19th June - Athletics Carnival



Each Wednesday lunchtime there is a dedicated group of students who came along to the Library for Playground Box. Some prefer to draw and colour, and others read a book or go online on the computers. The most popular activity is LEGO.

The LEGO company was started by a family in Denmark in 1934. LEGO means “play well” and it has had a long and interesting history which continues to this day. This history is detailed in a short movie which can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdDU_BBJW9Y

There are amazing benefits from spending time working with LEGO. These include building fine motor skills, encouraging group work, improving creativity, developing persistence and problem-solving skills.

This year Australia has the LEGO Masters reality television show is being aired. At Stuarts Point Public School we have our own LEGO masters:



Parent Information



ASTHMA AT SCHOOL

SPPS is an Asthma Friendly school.

Asthma affects around 1 in 9 school aged children. This means that in an average classroom there will be at least 3 students with asthma. Schools and staff can work together with the wider school community to provide a healthy and safe educational environment for students with asthma. Student health and safety are essential in schools to allow all students to achieve their best.

HOW DOES ASTHMA AFFECT STUDENTS?

Asthma is a leading cause of absenteeism in school students, which, in severe cases, can cause them to fall behind in their work. Asthma symptoms commonly occur overnight, which can mean a lack of sleep for the student, leading to a reduced ability to concentrate in class. Students can also show signs of worsening asthma, especially after vigorous exercise, and may have an asthma attack while at school, which requires an immediate response.

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT?

Responsibility for the management of a student's asthma is shared.

PARENTS SHOULD:

- Inform the school that their child has asthma
- Provide sufficient information and equipment to school staff to allow them to support the child at school. This includes having an asthma action plan from a medical practitioner and completing the child asthma record for school.
- Advise if there has been a change in the child's health, or in their medical management
- Ensure the child has their reliever medication with them each day at school

SCHOOLS SHOULD:

- Encourage parents to provide up to date information about their child with asthma
- Enable and encourage staff to attend training and obtain information about asthma and how to manage an asthma emergency
- Ensure sufficient equipment is available and accessible for use in an emergency
- Have policies that support the staff to act appropriately and effectively in an asthma emergency, including during off-site activities
- Allow students to access (or carry with them) their reliever medication at all times, unless the child is too young to be responsible for using their medication appropriately

STUDENTS SHOULD:

Take their regular preventer medication (generally taken at home in the mornings and/or evenings) as advised by their doctor

- Know how to recognise when their asthma is getting worse and what to do
- Carry reliever medication with them at all times
- Tell their friends that they have asthma, and what to do if they have an asthma attack

www.asthmafoundation.org.au/

P&C NEWS

Thank you to those who attended our P&C meeting last week. We gladly welcome Mika Jeffrey as co- Vice President. Many hands make like work and the extra help is very welcome.

A big thank you also to those parents who helped wrap and run the Mother's Day stall. It was a great success and I'm sure all the Mum's had a wonderful day.

A reminder that membership fees of \$5 are now due for all members. Payment can be made to Ashlea or to the office. WWC also need to be handed in to the office.

Uniform order forms are available from the office. See Cilla or Nicole for all enquiries.

Orders must be paid for in full at the time of ordering.

SPPS will hold its Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 19th June. The P&C will run canteen for students and spectators with a special menu going out closer to the day. Anyone who can help out on the day should see Nicole.

The canteen has recently been a through a menu check with NSW Healthy school Canteen Strategy. Congratulations to all involved on our certificate for operating a Great Choice Healthy School Canteen. A commendable effort for such a small band of volunteers.

Canteen Roster: Week 4 24/5/ Cilla & Rachel
Week 5 31/5/ Nicole & Mika

Thank you to our small but dedicated group of volunteers for always being there

Lee Taylor
Vice President

My Family

is strong because we....

Draw a picture



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