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Newsletter: Term 3, Week 1

Friday, 21 July 2023

Term 2 Planner

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	24 JUL 	25 JUL Education Interactive Science Incursion Y4-6 Y3&4 Junior Robotics 2.30-3.45pm	26 JUL Running Club 8am K-Y6 Science Alive Incursion Kindy B to Y3 Snr Choir Practice 8am Jnr Choir Practice 1pm Lego Club 2.30-3.30pm	27 JUL Ukulele Group 8am Y5&6 Senior Robotics Club 2.30-3.45pm	28 JUL B2 Assembly 8.30am Kindy Dance Program Form & Money Due PP Applications 2024 Due Pink Enrolment Information Forms Due
3	31 JUL	1 AUG Year 4 PEAC Testing Kindy A – Art in Movement Dance Lesson Y3&4 Junior Robotics 2.30-3.45pm	2 AUG Running Club 8am K-Y6 Year 3-6 Australian Maths Comp Snr Choir Practice 8am Jnr Choir Practice 1pm Lego Club 2.30-3.30pm	3 AUG Ukulele Group 8am Kindy B – Art in Movement dance Lesson Year 3-6 Australian Maths Comp Y5&6 Senior Robotics Club 2.30-3.45pm	4 AUG P&C Pyjama Day K-Y6 Gold Coin Donation Year 3-6 Australian Maths Comp

Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers, welcome back for Term 3. I hope you all have had a chance to enjoy the break and recharge for another busy, yet rewarding school term. We have many exciting events over the next nine weeks, please continue to check each newsletter for the most up to date information. A copy of the term planner went home with students this week.

Staff News

Last term, we farewelled Sarah Mawer, Pre-Primary Teacher. We wish her all the very best in her new role. We warmly welcome Chloe Adams who will be teaching in our Pre-Primary classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Pink Enrolment Information Request Forms – Please Return

Last term, pink enrolment information request forms for 2024 were sent home. All families are requested to return these slips to enable us to organise classes for next year. Please return to the office no later than Friday, 28 July 2023. Spare forms are available in the office.



Pre-Primary 2024 Applications - Reminder

Information was provided to families on 21 June 2023. A friendly reminder that applications close on Friday, 28 July 2023. Application forms can be collected from the office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9232 3600.

Open Night – Save the Date

This exciting annual school community event will be held on **Wednesday, 23 August 2023** from 5.30-7.00pm. More details will be provided in the coming weeks. We will be hosting Parent Stalls for a donation of \$20.00. If you are interested in promoting your business/club contact the office. Limited spaces available.



Year 6 Camp



The Year 6s are getting very excited about the upcoming Dwellingup Dare Adventure Camp which will take place on Wednesday, 30 August to Friday, 1 September 2023 (week 7). **All camp fees must be finalised no later than Friday, 18 August 2023.** Please note that students who are not attending camp are still required to attend school.

Read-A-Thon

Our annual Read-A-Thon will commence on Monday, 31 July and conclude on Wednesday, 23 August 2023. Notes will be sent home with students next week. Students are encouraged to read as many books as they can and record minutes in their reading log. There are prizes to be won for most minutes read! Class winners will receive their prize in class, year level and the overall prize winner will be announced at the Book Week assembly on Friday, 25 August 2023. Please note that this is not a fundraising event.



P&C Pyjama Day

The P&C are holding a Pyjama Day for students on Friday, 4 August 2023. Kindy A Group will have theirs on Monday, 7 August 2023. Notes have gone home with students this week. Don't forget to bring a gold coin! Proceeds will go towards student resources.

Aussie of the Month

Our Year 3 Aussie of the Month Award was presented on Friday, 30 June 2023. This went to Charlotte G in B3. Congratulations!

Values

Our Term 2, week 10 raffle winner was Marley B from B5. Well done!

Megan Barnett

Principal



Week 10 Honour Certificates Awarded – Well done!

ECC1	Nolah N	Cody C	B3	Liliana P	Coby P	Merylrich R
ECC2	Alexander D	Tyrone D	B4	Starna D		
A1	Noalaniah A	Sloane F	B5	Imogen V	Isla L	
A3	Benjamin M	Amaia B	C2	Mohammed A	Tiana S	
A4	Aria S	Euan D	C3	Mylee F	Santiago D	
A5	Sami I	Lyla G	C4	Evie G	Harris M	
B1	Cartah B	Emerson G	C5	Danika L	Bo Yu C	
B2	Abraham M	Harmony B	Music	Emerson G	Ella F	

PARENT SURVEY 2022 RESPONSES

We asked... "What are areas you would like to see our school improve on?"

You said... "We would like the sand pits under the play areas".

So we... have updated our play areas in kindy and on the oval. Additional areas are currently in the planning stages.



ATTENDANCE

What to do if your child is absent

At South Thornlie Primary School we prefer a telephone call or SMS to the front office advising staff of the reason for your child's absence. Telephone: 9232 3600 or SMS 0438 579 518. From there, we notify the class teacher that your child is away and the reason why.

A student's absence must be explained by the parent or caregiver only, not the student. Students who are absent for more than 2 days are requested to provide a medical certificate upon returning to school.

Please ensure your details are up to date at the front office so that we can contact you about unexplained absences.

If your child/ren will be away for an extended period of time e.g. overseas holiday etc. The school must be informed in writing.

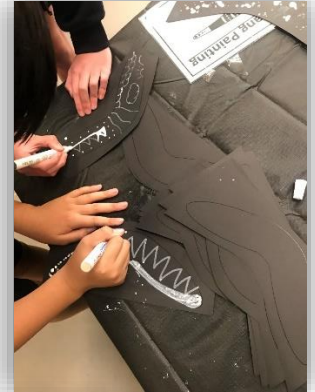
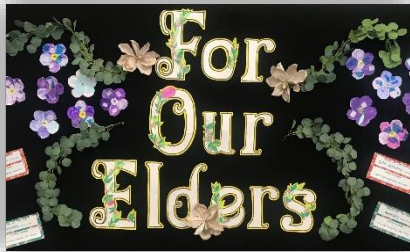


WOOL NEEDED

Donations of any colour wool are needed for an art project. Please send to the office. Thank you.

NAIDOC WEEK

We celebrated NAIDOC with a lot of fun and creativity on Friday, 30 June 2023. C5 and some of our Aboriginal students, presented a beautiful assembly filled with singing and dancing. This was followed by a variety of activities in the Arts Centre. As well as our traditional favourites: face painting, damper tasting, making friendship bracelets, flag making and boardgame playing, we used some popular activities from last year such as: boomerang painting and necklace making. We also introduced two new activities: honkey nut painting and nature collage making. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Jo and Brooklyn Taylor, Kassie Taylor, Suzi Sheridan and her daughter Mya for their hard work and help throughout the day.



HEALTHY HABITS



Sun Smart Tips

It does not have to be hot for sunburn to occur – UV radiation is not the same as heat. Most people get burnt when the temperature is between 18 and 27 degrees.

A tan doesn't last a lifetime, but skin damage does! Remember to Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

Crunch & Sip

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South Thornlie is a Crunch & Sip school!

Did you pack water and a healthy snack today?

Give your child the chance to re-fuel in class with fruit or vegetables. This helps improve physical performance and concentration, as well as promoting long term health.

There are so many fruits and veggies to choose from!

What will you choose today?

Crunch on vegetables!

This term our school is encouraging families to get excited about eating veges by packing them as often as possible for Crunch&Sip®.

Why vegetables?

Vegetables and fruit are both important food groups packed with a range of nutrients that promote good health. However, while most primary school children are doing a great job of eating enough fruit, **only 1 in 16 are eating enough vegetables**. That's why it's important for children to get an extra serve of vegetables during Crunch&Sip® breaks.

Benefits of eating vegies for Crunch&Sip®

- Vegetables contain lots of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre which help promote healthy growth and development.
- Vegetables can be a very cost-effective option - a serve of carrots or celery costs less than 30c!
- Do you have a fussy eater? When kids see their peers eating different foods, they are more likely to join in and try something new.



We encourage you to support us in this initiative by providing a healthy snack of whole or cut up vegies as the preferred option for Crunch&Sip®.



Learn more at crunchandsip.com.au

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Marieka Rendall
Teacher / Coordinator

CHALLENGE CLUB

Year 2/3 students are investigating how to communicate without using paper. The students have been learning Morse Code. They have been writing statements about themselves and secret messages for older students to decode. Additionally, the Year 2/3 students have been using playdough to create secret messages for their peers to decipher during challenge time. They are also learning sign language to teach their peers.



Michelle Murray
Challenge Club Teacher/Coordinator

PHIL MAKES THE EXAMINER

Phil, our amazing crosswalk attendant has recently returned to STPS. Check out the article below, published recently in the Examiner News about his welcomed return.

Crossing 'rockstar' returns in glory

• By Liam Ducey

Good news can be hard to come by, but for parents and students at three Ovens Road schools, the return of crossing guard Phil Spencer was the best news they could have hoped for.

Mr Spencer manned the crossing five days a week for five years, helping students from Sacred Heart and South Thornlie primary schools and Thornlie High School navigate the busy road, becoming an integral part of the schools.

That stopped just prior to the start of the 2023 school year when Phil was told he was being moved for "operational reasons".

It was something parents and students didn't see coming, and it was something they wouldn't stand for. After months of campaigning, including an online petition, Mr Spencer returned last week, permanently, to rapturous support and



Phil Spencer has finally returned to Ovens Road, and in his own words he's been made to feel like "a bloody rockstar". Photograph — Richard Polden.

he couldn't be happier.

He said it was a shock to be relocated in the first place.

"Geez what a shock that was, I had no

idea I had that effect on people," he said.

"It says in your contract you can be relocated, but I wasn't expecting it. I didn't want to go, I offered

to give up my mileage payment but they wouldn't hear it, I was being relocated if I liked it or not. So I was at Maddington Primary but I kept up

with the parents and the kids at Thornlie and they said they were going to get me back.

"I thought that would be great but I wasn't holding my breath.

"The more I spoke to the parents, they got a petition going and I thought I might be in with a shot."

Two weeks ago, Mr Spencer and the schools got the news they wanted. "They called me and said they wanted to know if I'd like to go back ... I underplayed it a bit, like 'oh you know I guess so' but I was thrilled," he said.

"The first week back has been fabulous, the parents and the kids, I feel like a bloody rock star. Cars are going past with people I've never met, tooting their horns just to say hi.

"It's been bloody amazing, it has. The support from everyone has been terrific and I'm so happy to be back where I belong."



Develop a Sense of Togetherness With Family Rituals



Ritual One: Try new things every month.

Example: Eat a meal from a different culture.

Ritual Two: Volunteer together.

Examples:

- ✿ Rally the troops for a beach or park clean up.
- ✿ Visit an animal shelter to walk dogs or socialize cats.

Ritual Three: Share a daily family mantra.

Examples:

- ✿ "May we be safe. May we feel happy. May we be healthy."
- ✿ "We can do hard things!"

Ritual Four: Practice being a team.

Example: Give each family (team!) member a responsibility in the morning. Pack lunches. Toast the bagels. Clear the table.

Ritual Five: Reflect on the day at dinner time.

Examples:

- ✿ Ask each other questions that begin with "how" or "why".
- ✿ Encourage each other to share something that made you laugh.

CAN YOU GIVE ME A HOME?

Hi, my name is Splotch and I am looking for my forever home.

Could that be with you?



I show my affection with a thunderous purr that'll leave you feeling warm and fuzzy inside. Whether I'm lounging on the sofa or cozied up in bed, I'm always up for a snuggle with hoomans!

Splotch would be best suited to a home with:

Cats ✓ Dogs ✓ Children ✓

To find out more about adopting Splotch, contact Perth Rescue Angels today!

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