

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 4!

Stage 3 had a fabulous day out at Yarramundi YMCA on Friday. Thank you to Mr Scott for organising this opportunity and to all of our teachers and support staff who also went and helped to make this day possible.

Swim scheme started today and the rain certainly didn't dampen the excitement and willingness of our swimmers participating.

We are looking forward to our third Kindergarten 'Starting Big School' session tomorrow from 12-2:30pm. Our new students have been very settled and showing lots of enthusiasm for starting school next year.

Year 4 students are getting very excited about their overnight excursion to Zoo Snooze next week. This year, to align with COVID guidelines Year 4 will be split into two groups and attend over two nights. Thank you to our teachers and support staff who offered to attend enabling this opportunity for our students. Thanks to Mr McDonald who has volunteered to stay overnight on both occasions.

Information will be sent home this week to Year 6 students and their families about the Year 6 farewell evening on December 9.

We will be holding our celebration of learning on Monday 7 December and Bunmurra Day at school on Monday 14 December. These days will be fragmented across each of the stages so that our students can still participate in each event with their Stage group. We are unable to have parents/carers in attendance as we do not have the required amount of space to have both students and parents/carers together per the COVID guidelines for each of these events. We appreciate your continued support and understanding under the current circumstances.

Have a Wonderful Week!

Warm regards,

Melinda



COVID

The NSW Department of Education and NSW Health have implemented the following procedures that must be followed regarding school attendance.

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from <u>NSW Health</u>, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the <u>COVID-19 clinics</u>.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before being permitted to return to school.

The following is the most recent updated version from the NSW Department of Education with regards to COVID-19. Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19. More information can be found on the NSW Health <u>website</u>.

COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools will ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, documentation must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask. All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

All students and staff who reside in or have visited Victoria must have a permit to enter NSW and are required to comply with health restrictions relevant to their permit which may include the need to complete the 14 day self-isolation period commencing the last day they were in Victoria.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support in this matter assisting to keep everyone safe.



2020 Term Dates

Term 4

Last day of term 4— Wednesday 16th December 2020 for the students

Dates to Remember

November

Monday 23rd - Monday 30th November: Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

Tuesday 24th November: Starting Big School 12.00-2.30

Wednesday 25th Nov: Basketball program

Friday 27th November: Starting Big School 9.30-12.00. Year 5 Mosaic project

Monday 30th November: Zoo Snooze Group A and Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme program begins

December

Tuesday December 1st: Zoo Snooze Group B & Year 6 Orientation Day to Springwood High School

Tuesday 1st—Friday 4th December: Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

Wednesday 9th December: Year 6 Farewell

Friday 11th December: Year 6 Graduation & reports sent home

Monday 14th December: Bunmurra Day

Wednesday 16th Dec -: Last day of Term 4 for the students

January 2021

Friday January 29th: Students return to School

Dates to Remember

25/11– Graduation Bear money and order form due

Please note credit card payments have changed to online only via our school website hazelbrook-p.schools.nsw.gov.au. Payments can also be made with the office by phone. We encourage families not to put credit card details on permission slips as these slips need to kept on file and cannot be destroyed after payment is processed. Thank you for your patience with this change. If you need any financial assistance, please put your request in writing to the office or via the school email hazelbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

P&C



It's AGM time for most P&C Associations. So who does what in your P&C Association? What are your responsibilities as an Office Bearer? In general, Office Bearers provide their P&C Association with guidance, representation and ensure actions and decisions made by members are carried out accordingly.

Register for this webinar to get more information & the roles and responsibilities of the president, Secretary, Treasurer and vice President.

We encourage you to register for this webinar even if you cannot attend as we will notify all registrants once the recording is available for viewing. Register here: https://bit.ly/2CWloSR

Koori Kids in association with Department of Veterans Affairs and local registered clubs were instrumental in the overwhelming success of the 2020 Anzac School Initiative Competitions which saw over 63,490 entries from schools who participated in a variety of competitions.

Congratulations to Alannah R from KR for winning one of this years categories.



SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL Year 7, Orientation Day

Tuesday 1st December, 2020

Please join us at 8.45 am for a 9am start on Tuesday the 1st of December for an Orientation Day experience. Meet your Year Adviser, Mrs Sheree Sollazzo, School Leaders and make some new friends. You will be welcomed by our Principal (Rel.), Mr Stuart Harvie, experience a variety of mini lessons and lunch catered by our HSC Hospitality team prior to being collected by your parents at 12pm.

As this is a COVID safe event, only students are able to attend. Please adhere to drop-off and pick-up points for individual schools located on Grose Rd.

A parent information session will be available at 6.30pm on 1st December. We will send the invite via the email address supplied on your student's enrolment form.



PBL Week 6Winners **ES1** Mikayla B KH Nakita B 1HP **S1** Lily O 3/4A **S2 S3** Abigail R 5/6H

PBL Rule

I am responsible if I use the toilets for their specific purposes

Keep your eyes open for our new PBL mascot. During Well Being week, all students were asked to submit a new design based on our school totem, the blue tongue lizard.

Some of the submissions have been colourful and creative and we look forward to presenting them to you soon!







Stage 3 Sydney Zoo

On the 16th November 2020, the Stage 3 students embarked on a trip to Sydney Zoo!

While there, they learnt all these interesting things about customs and traditions of the Aboriginal Culture. They learnt how they looked after and what the very different roles of the male and female peoples were. Stage 3 also learnt about the stories and how very different their languages were between tribes. Some other things were the way the indigenous peoples turned everyday flora and fauna into incredible meals. Some of these plants which may seem like annoying WEEDS popping up in your garden are actually extremely useful. You know Lomandra grass? It's a pest, right? WRONG! It's actually a multi purpose plant. Another plant that was useful is Kangaroo Paw which the honey was used for cordial but don't eat the plant itself because it is very poisonous. Another plant was lemongrass. It fights bacteria and is yummy!

Did you know there are 9 different Boomerangs but only 3 come back! And that was only half the things we learnt! Genevieve B and Daisy B 5/6M











This week's bell song: 'I've Got Plenty to Be Thankful For' By Bing Crosby.



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The reason why this song was chosen to be this week's bell song:

In recognition of 'Thanksgiving' (Thursday November 26): Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States, and on various other dates in November from other countries such as Canada and Brazil. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest of the preceding year. Today, it is a day filled with many traditions in which families get together and enjoy one another's company while sharing a delicious feast.

Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby Jr. (1903 - 1977) was an American singer, comedian and actor. He is acknowledged as being the first multimedia star as Crosby was a leader in record sales, radio ratings, and motion picture grosses from 1930 to 1954. He made over seventy feature films and recorded more than 1,600 different songs, inclusive of 396 chart singles, and 25 No. 1 hit songs.

I've Got Plenty to Be Thankful For was recorded in May, 1942 and appeared on Crosby's 3rd studio album, 'Song Hits from Holiday Inn'.

I hope you enjoy the song.

Yours in music appreciation,

Mr Dewhurst