



Springton Primary School

Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

27/10/2017	Karate Demonstration
30/10/2017	SRC Visit Aged Care Mt P.
5-11/11/2017	Year 7 Canberra Camp
13/11/2017	Coffee & Chat
02/12/2017	Mt P Xmas Parade
13/12/2017	School Concert
14/12/2017	Splash Day

From the Primary Class:



It is so exciting when learning opportunities develop from 'great' to 'brilliant' in front of our eyes!

For our Reading Comprehension lesson this morning we were focusing on the skill of being able to compare and contrast information - in this instance, we were learning about the Silkworms and White Cabbage Butterfly caterpillars (collected from the veggie barrels) that we are raising in the classroom. We observed some little yellow cylindrical objects in with the caterpillars and engaged our NOTICING, WONDERING and INVESTIGATING SKILLS. What we found is that we are actually observing the lifecycle of parasitoids which are at work in our garden; acting as natural (although somewhat gruesome) pest control for our Brassica plants. How amazing is that!

Principal's Report

Spring Fair

I hope you are enjoying Week 3!

Welcome

We had our first visit from Leroy this morning. Leroy is one of our new Reception students for next year. He had lots of fun meeting his new schoolmates! I would like to welcome his parents, Daniella and Brad, to our school community. We're thrilled to have you all join us!

Congratulations 1

I would like to congratulate Springton Primary. We have been selected as one of the top 50 high achieving schools to attend the 2017 Premier's Reception for the Premier's *be active* Challenge. At the function we will receive a cheque for \$1000 which is very exciting! We will use the money to purchase new sports equipment. It was great to see our students take such a positive and enthusiastic approach to physical exercise. Well done everybody and thank you to Ida Webster and Kristy Roney who coordinated the program.

Congratulations 2

We have had even more invitations! Springton has been invited to the Premier's Reading Challenge Reception next week. We were chosen because of the 100% completion rate of our students. Well, done to our students! We're very proud of you. Thank you to Ida Webster for doing such a great job of coordinating this program.

Staffing 2018

Staffing for next year is almost finalised. We have been looking at providing ways to ensure greater consistency and smoother transitions, particularly for the younger class and this has meant that we have had to make some changes to our staffing arrangements. From next year, we have extended Kristy Roney's permanent position of two days per week to four days (Monday to Thursday). We believe it will be beneficial for the Junior Class to have the same teacher for most of the week. This has meant we sadly do not have a position to offer Cindy Sharrock next year. I would like to thank Cindy for the enormous contribution she has made to the school in her time here and we wish her all the very best for her future career. If you would like to discuss next year's staffing profile, please make a time to come and see me.

Facebook

Finally, I would like to let everyone know that Springton Primary now has a Facebook page which is only open to members of the Springton school community. When you are in Facebook, simply search for 'Springton Primary' (not 'Springton Primary School'). You will recognise our page when you see a picture of our sign out the front.

Kind regards,

Michael



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SRC News

On Monday the year 7 and SRC students enjoyed a visit to Mt Pleasant Aged Care Unit. The students entertained the residents with a "We will rock you" dance, and were able to meet and chat while they handed out roses, chocolates and cards with a self-composed poem (see below). Thank you to Susy Lanthois for her help with transport, and to the staff of Mt Pleasant Aged Care Centre, who made us feel very welcome and were thrilled to introduce the students to everyone. I want to say a special thankyou to our SRC and Year 7 students who made me feel very proud of them as they greeted each resident with smiles, great manners, and also looking out for each other.

MRS T (Dorothy)

"Roses are red
Violets are blue
I wish I could spend
All day with you!"
(Sam)



'A true friend is someone
Who reaches for your hand
And touches your heart!'
(Jordan)



To the World you are but one person
But to one person you are the World
(Annie)

'I like the soft fluffy clouds
Just floating in the sky
I like the different shapes they make
As they go passing by'
(Lexie)



PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Position Vacant

Springton Primary School

Schools Ministry Group and the Torrens Valley Inter Church Council are seeking applications for this 9 hour per week position commencing Term 1. The position exists to offer a chaplaincy service to students, staff and the school community. A Job and Person Specification and details on "How to apply" is available from SMG on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au.

Closing date: November 20th, 9.00am.



for more information go to www.smg.asn.au or call Steve, SMG Regional Manager, 0408 959 807

Community News

Christmas Poster Competition



One of the many, fun things available for children for this year's Street Party will be the opportunity for them to create a drawing /collage / picture, showing:

"What Christmas means to me"

Age groups:

- Preschool & Reception
- Years 1 & 2
(Parents may want to help start the very young ones off!)
- Years 3, 4 & 5
- Years 6 & 7

Be sure to include the name 'Mount Pleasant Street Party', and the date - 2nd December.

Please submit entries on A4 or A3 sized paper.

Any medium, but no glitter, please - although glitter glue is OK.

Print the artist's name, age group and a contact number on the back of the page.

Return entries to the Mount Pleasant Primary School before 15th November.

Good luck!

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and Parade



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