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Springfield School Newsletter

Tuesday 20th February 2018 – Week 4 Term 1

Dates to Remember:

Friday 23rd February
Year 5/6 Top Town Event

Tuesday 13th March
Sheffield / Springfield
Swimming Sports

Wednesday 14th March
PALs Training

Thursday 15th March
Year 3/4 Sportstart Sport
Spectacular

Monday 19th March
BOT Meeting

Friday 30th March
Good Friday

Monday 2nd April
Easter Monday

Tuesday 3rd April
Easter Tuesday

Friday 13th April
End of Term 1

Wednesday 25 April
Anzac Day

Monday 30 April
Term 2 Commences

BEACH EDUCATION

Our thanks to the parents who supported the children's day out at the beach on Friday.

A fantastic and enjoyable day of learning was had by all.

We could not have participated in the programme without you.

Extra thanks to Zoe and Dave for both coming so that the children did not miss out, to the teachers, bus driver (Caroline) and Fiona for wading in fully clothed to enable the children to stay in the water despite the "drift" and a big woo to Bronwyn who held her corner of the "box" despite being pummelled by the waves.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Tuesday 13th March

The Sheffield / Springfield swimming sports will be held on Tuesday 13th March. The whole school participates. We will provide more details when we receive the programme.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Sally completed eight lessons with the children last Thursday. She will be back 8th & 9th March to do top ups before the swimming sports.

GOAL SETTING

These meetings are held each year to help us build strong links between home and school.

Our starting point is the next steps in learning your child identified when reviewing their 2017 goals and developing these and broadening them to include parent and teacher feedback.

An expectation of the New Zealand curriculum is that students and parents are involved in discussing, clarifying and reflecting on co-constructed goals, strategies and progress with their teachers.

At the beginning of Term 3 we reflect upon these goals and continue, adjust, or set new ones depending on the progress made.

In Term 4 2017 we stepped out of routine because our new teachers had started mid-year and had our 3-way learning conferences in December. Children reflected on the goals we set in 2017 and many identified their next steps in learning.

We offer goal setting interviews again this year however if you feel the 3-way learning conference clarified goals/next steps for 2018 you do not need to attend.

Please indicate if you would like a goal setting meeting with your child and teacher. We will set a date and time for interviews.

ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Ursula McCulloch a consultant clinical psychologist who works for the school based mental health team touched base last week.

She has agreed to run a workshop for parents who have children who experience anxiety.

This will be held on Tuesday 27th February from 3:15pm - 4:30pm.

I am happy to provide supervision of children so that parents can attend the workshop.

The workshop is called "Anxiety in Children" and it covers how anxiety works, what it looks like in children, and tips to manage it. It will be discussion based and there will be opportunities for parents to ask questions and talk about strategies.

Ursula has had 20 years experience working with children.

If you are interested could you please fill in the return slip so we can see if we have enough numbers to proceed.

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HOME LEARNING

The home learning (homework) policy is up for review this term.

We invite you to go onto the Schooldocs website and give the Board of Trustees feedback on this.

<http://springfield.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there is no “www”!)

Our username is: springfield

Our password is: alps

ERO REVIEW

We received notification at the beginning of Term 1 that our school will be reviewed by the Education Review Office in Week 6 (5th March →).

MERINO JERSEYS AND CARDIGANS

We are able to source fine quality merino jerseys and cardigans in school colours and with a school log.

The merino jerseys are machine washable, very easy care, they hold their shape and will not pill. Merino is a 100% natural fibre with amazing qualities including warmth and durability and it's produced by New Zealand farmers with the jerseys themselves made and produced in Christchurch.

We are seeking interest in making an order for students for winter this year. Please indicate if you would be interested in purchasing a jersey or cardigan for your child.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES

In the event of adverse weather conditions or loss of power we will make every attempt to inform you if school is open or closed.

However sometimes in the past we have had no way to inform parents. If you are ever in doubt stay at home until you receive a clear message about the status quo.

WANTED

If you have a hand egg beater you no longer require, Room 1 would really appreciate them.

Kind Regards

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Principal

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****Community Notices****



The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion Richie McCaw is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky primary schools, by helicopter.

Nominate your school for a chance to win by entering at richiesmilkrun.co.nz

T & Cs apply

SUMMER *in* SELWYN

UPCOMING EVENT IN LEESTON

NEW WORLD ROLLESTON Picnic in the Park
and FARINGDON Music on the Green

Thursday 22 February, 5.30–8pm
Leeston Park

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