

## Dear Parents

### Retirements

As 2019 draws to a close I would like to announce the retirements of Mrs Odessa Brown and Mrs Anne Kortas. Both of these people have been influential in the education of many children across many years at Springfield. Mrs Brown (aka Mrs Pink) has developed the artistic talents of the children of Springfield whilst Mrs Kortas has been a long standing member of the Early Childhood Team setting many Springfield children up for a great start to their school years. I would like to wish them a healthy and happy retirement on behalf of Springfield Primary school.

### Staff Changes

The following staff will be moving on to pastures new for 2020:  
Mrs Joan Morrison will be moving to Bayswater Primary School  
Mr Malcolm Rathjen will be moving to Deanmore Primary School  
Mrs Delia Nicholas and Mrs Anca Puiu will both be moving on to Hocking Primary School. I wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

Mrs Pippa Kyanga will be on maternity leave for Semester 1 of 2020 and I'm sure you will join me in wishing for a safe and happy arrival of her new baby. Miss Olivia Petrou will be with us for Semester 1 covering Mrs Kyanga's maternity leave.

### Class Lists

On Monday 16 December class lists will be available for perusal in the library windows at the end of the school day. Please can I remind parents that these should not be photographed and shared through social media as they contain first and surnames of students.

On the morning of Tuesday 17 December all children will participate in a short visit to their new class to meet their new teacher. This experience will support positive discussions at home regarding transition over the long summer break.

### End of Year Events

What a fantastic turn out for last Thursday's Learning Journey and Christmas Concert. I'm sure you will agree that the children have demonstrated a huge amount of learning and personal growth during 2019. The P & C were very busy feeding families dinner, whilst the concert was a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together and see all the children of Springfield perform.

Tomorrow morning is our Book Award Assembly where we will showcase a review of the year, the choir will perform and award winners from Pre-primary to Year 5 will receive their book vouchers. I would like to thank the P & C for their kind donation of the book vouchers. Next Wednesday is our final event of the Year with our Year 6 graduation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and families for the support of the school this year and in particular the School Board and P & C for all their hard work and ongoing support.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and holidays and look forward to welcoming you all back for 2020. We will be starting the year with a Welcome BBQ supported by the P & C. Save the date so that 2020 starts with a high.

**Vanessa Blythe**  
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### Friday 13 December

PP-5 Book Award  
Assembly

### Wednesday 18 December

Year 6 Graduation and  
Lunch

### Thursday 19 December

Last Day of Term 4

## 2020

### Monday 3 February

Students return

### Thursday 13 February

P&C Summer BBQ

### Monday 17 to Thursday 27 February

Beach Swimming Years 5/6

### Wednesday 19 February

P&C AGM 7pm

### Friday 28 February

Staff Development Day -  
No students

### Tuesday 31 March

Faction Jumps & Throws

### Friday 3 April

Faction Athletics Carnival

### Wednesday 8 April

P&C Splash & Dash

# UNIFORM SHOP SPECIAL OPENING HOURS JANUARY 2020

The uniform shop will be open Friday 31st January 2020 10am-12pm for all back to school requirements.

If you'd like to avoid the queues, why not order in advance? All orders emailed to [springfielduniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:springfielduniformshop@gmail.com) and paid by Direct Deposit will be available to collect on 31st January 2020 10am-12pm. These will be situated at a special collection point outside Area 11. No cash can be taken at the collection point and all advance orders must be received and paid by 28th January 2020.

Bank Account details: Springfield Primary School P&C Uniform Shop BSB 086 495 Account no: 356229666

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Kirsti and Kate in the Uniform Shop.

## CHAPLAINS CHATTER

**Ho, ho, ho here we go!**

Christmas in Australia usually features the sun, beach, holidays, laughter and maybe a prawn on the barbie! We all celebrate this glorious time of the year differently depending on the traditions of our family. This year I am camping over Christmas! The most important thing to remember about Christmas is the love we have for each other and the need to connect with friends and families. Christmas can be a stressful time of year, so be sure to be well planned! It's funny how you may plan for this one day of the year for weeks in advance; looking for presents and battling with hundreds of people at the shop checkouts. If you find yourself at a loose end this year, there are events throughout the community. The City of Joondalup are holding their annual Christmas Lunch at Central Park. This is a free event, with the focus being that no one should spend Christmas alone! Register online at [joondalupchristmaslunch.com](http://joondalupchristmaslunch.com)



While on the topic of the spirit of community, I would like to thank those who contributed to the Salvation Army Food Appeal.

Merry Christmas to you all!

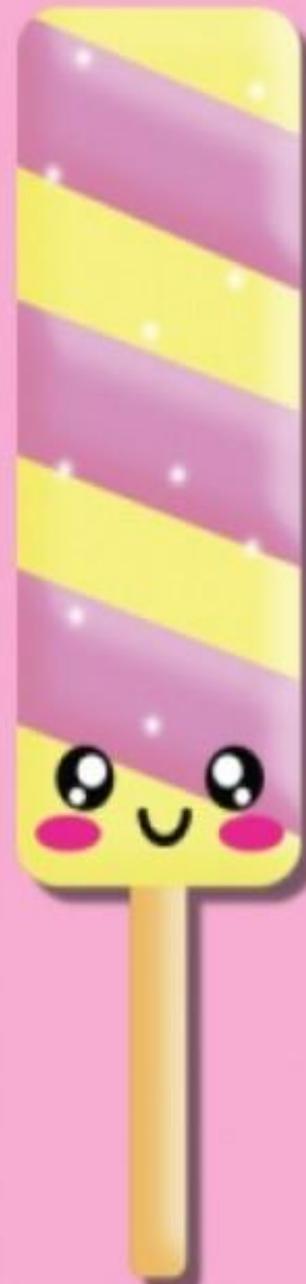
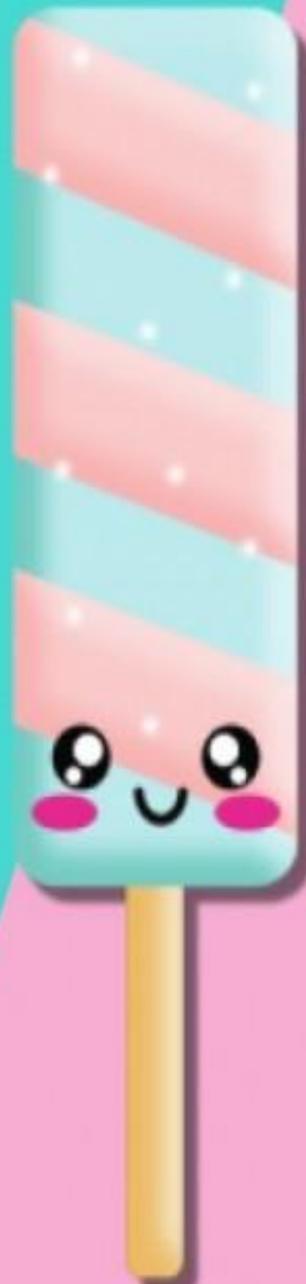


MBA Sports are offering a School Holiday program right here at Springfield during the January holidays.

Be sure to check their ad in this newsletter for more information

**This Friday (13/12) is going to be HOT!!!  
So we've decided to have an .....**

# Icy pole sale



**\$1 at lunchtime  
from the canteen**



# Christmas Concert



## AREA 6 IMAGINATION ISLAND PROJECT



Have you ever dreamt of owning your own island, just like Sir Richard Branson? Well the Year 4/5's in Area 6 went one better - they made their own islands!

As part of an integrated learning program, the students used an atlas to plot their island's geographical location on a world map and researched different physical features as well as climate, vegetation and land use. They learnt about important landforms like mountains, valleys, sea cliffs, volcanoes, peninsulas, lakes and rivers. Using this knowledge, the students created their own sand islands in the long jump pits, using their hands and bits from the local environment to shape and build their islands.

The context included learning about the history of their island, from the first inhabitants (the Indogars) to the arrival of the British in the 1830's; establishing a small settlement as a re-supply base for British trading ships on their way to Asia and Australia. The students investigated the islands natural rainforest ecosystem and the impact of human activity on this environment.

The next phase of the project involved the students forming groups of four, designing and naming their own island, drawing a flag, emblem and motto for their island. They then set about constructing a 3D scale model of their island, based on their design and using papier machè, plaster and a range of other materials to bring their island to life.



To develop the students' higher order thinking skills, each group member had a different role for their island. One acted as head of government, the second was a business entrepreneur, the third was a scientist and the fourth member was a tourist promoter. Each had to research their role as follows-

- ◆ Government- laws, provision of services, spending, international relations
- ◆ Business- Development and promotion of a business eg. Resort, mine, zoo
- ◆ Science- Environmental issues, rising sea levels, pollution, deforestation
- ◆ Tourism- Advertising, promotion, attractions on their island

Each group member had to produce an Annual Report outlining their achievements for the past year, the inclusion of the Indogars, their projections for the future and a budget outlining their income and expenditure. This was presented at the Imagination Island Annual Conference where students presented their National Anthems and competed to become Prime Minister, win the Business Council of the Year Award, the Nobel Prize for Science or the Diamond Tourism Award.





# FUN, HEALTHY & INCLUSIVE

Prizes and awards to be won!!!

**Multi Sports**  
**Springfield PS Summer Holiday Camp**  
**Children aged 4-12 years**  
**Price: \$30 per day or \$120 for the full week**



**WEEK 1** **MON 6 JAN - FRI 10 JAN**  
Time - 9am - 3pm  
Venue - Springfield Primary School



**WEEK 2** **MON 13 JAN - FRI 17 JAN**  
Time - 9am - 3pm  
Venue - Springfield Primary School



**WEEK 3** **MON 20 JAN - FRI 24 JAN**  
Time - 9am - 3pm  
Venue - Springfield Primary School



**SOCCER**  
**AFL**  
**NETBALL**  
**TENNIS**  
**HOCKEY**  
**KINGBALL**  
**CRICKET**

### SPORTS INCLUDE:

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**CAPTURE THE FLAG**  
**DODGEBALL**  
**GLADIATORS**  
**JAIL BREAK**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**HEAD CATCH**

Please bring a packed lunch, drink, hat and sunscreen



**AND MANY MORE!!!**

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE SO BOOK AHEAD TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT

Email: [fb@mbasportscoaching.com](mailto:fb@mbasportscoaching.com) - Call: 0467 156 964  
[www.mbasportscoaching.com](http://www.mbasportscoaching.com)



# SAVE THE DATE

FOR OUR P&C BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2020.  
More details will follow next year.



**THURSDAY FEB 13TH**

MUSIC / FOOD / GAMES / ENTERTAINMENT

**SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A EVENING ON THE OVAL

PLEASE FOLLOW THE P&C FACEBOOK PAGE AND EVENT PAGE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
& INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO HELP

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/463684980998296/](https://www.facebook.com/events/463684980998296/)

# TERM 1 PLANNER 2020

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b> Feb	3 Students Back to School	4	5	6	7
<b>2</b>	10	11	12	13 P&C Summer BBQ	14
<b>3</b>	17 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming	18 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming	19 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming P&C AGM 7pm	20 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming	21 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming
<b>4</b>	24 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming	25 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming	26 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming	27 Year 5/6 Beach Swimming	28 Staff Development Day - No students
<b>5</b> Mar	2 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3 MAR	4	5	6
<b>6</b>	9	10	11	12	13 Ride 2 School day
<b>7</b>	16	17	18	19	20 National Day Against Bullying
<b>8</b>	23	24	25	26	27 Area 4 Assembly
<b>9</b> Apr	30	31 Faction Jumps and Throws	1	2	3 Faction Carnival
<b>10</b>	6	7	8 P&C Splash and Dash	9 Last Day of Term ANZAC Assembly	10 Good Friday



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Dear Parents,

As we are due to expect very high temperatures and an extreme UV index this week, we would like to inform you of our response to these conditions. Sun protection measures are recommended when the **UV Index is 3 and above**. See [Meteye](#) UV Forecasts for Perth on the Bureau of Meteorology site.

As the classrooms are air conditioned, students should not be impacted by the high temperatures during lessons.

Over the next few days, students will spend recess and lunch time either inside classrooms, library or wet areas or in shaded undercover areas during days where the temperature exceeds 35°C.

They will have an opportunity to play with similar year classes during these times.

I have already spoken with staff about conducting all outdoors programs inside the classroom or in appropriate undercover areas.

Sun Protection and hydration (*slip, slop, slap, slurp and slide* etc) is critical in these conditions, we encourage you to reinforce with your children that they need to be well-prepared and extra vigilant before and after school in coming days.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to email via our school address [springfield.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:springfield.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or contact your classroom teacher.(Tel. 94073000)

Please update your child's health records and advise the school if any current medical condition requires special procedures during prolonged hot weather.

Yours Sincerely

Vanessa Blythe

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12 December 2019