May, 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Visit with the Prime Minister – Biggest Morning Tea
Two Springwood State High School students and two teachers had the opportunity to attend a Biggest Morning Tea celebration at Marsden State High School attended by the Prime Minister. Year 12 students Tiarna Coops and Jordy Hain were accompanied by Ms Doyle and Mr Morgan and had the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister.

Facilities
In the last newsletter, information was provided regarding a number of building and facility upgrades that are about to commence. There will be some disruption around the school and your cooperation and that of our students is greatly appreciated.

F block is to be totally refurbished and the work commenced on Monday 13th May. All classrooms will be fenced off and unavailable to students during the rest of Term 2. A number of our tennis and basketball courts are going to be resurfaced, our administration entry and common room will receive a makeover, one of the student amenity blocks is on the schedule along with getting the showers in working order, major roof work is about to commence and the art block is to receive a makeover. Whilst there might be some disruption in the short term our school is going to look even more fantastic once the work is complete.

Can I also remind those who drop off and pick up students to be mindful of the speed limits around the school and observe parking protocols. The school has received complaints from neighbours regarding parking across driveways and speeding vehicles. Also a reminder that you must have a pass to drive your car into the school grounds before and after school. If you have permission to enter the grounds you are required not to drive in or leave between 2:40 and 2:50 when our students are leaving the school.

Lace up and walk safely to school
Parents and students are encouraged to lace up their shoes and take part in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 24 May. You are invited to get up early on this day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school. For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way? The day promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. For more information visit the Walk Safely to School website.

NAPLAN testing time again
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing this month, to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14-16th May. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the ACARA website.

MCCULLOUGH, Julie-Ann
Principal

DATE CLAIMERS
2013

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Thursday 16th May—
Saturday 18th May—
Sunday 19th May—
Monday 20th May—
Tuesday 21st May—
Wednesday 22nd May—
Friday 24th May—
Monday 27th May—
Monday 3rd June—
Thursday 13th June—

Visit with the Prime Minister
Naplan
Spin Off Stationary Bike Challenge
Yr 11 Geography Camp
Chaplain Fundraising Family Night Out
Met East Cross Country
P & C AGM
National Reconciliation Week
Senior Exam Block
WCC Cheer Competition
School Tour

Our school values:
Respect
Industry
Cooperation
**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

**ANZAC Day**
Thanks to all families who were in attendance at the ANZAC Day performance this year. It is a wonderful opportunity for the instrumental students to perform for the greater public. There were some lovely comments given from the organisers and from the public and our families. Hopefully dates for next year will enable the students to perform for the school ceremony.

Thanks to Brandon Kennedy for his trumpeting at the SSHS ceremony and for 3 primary school performances. Chatswood Hills SS, Slack Creek SS and Springwood Central SS were very keen to have him perform Last Post and Reveille. Thanks also to Mr Thompson for driving Brandon to some of these performances. Great work Brandon!

Thanks also to Jemma Drummond (Yr 8 student) who is a member of Symphonic Winds playing flute. She volunteered to sing the NZ National Anthem. This was a great opportunity for her and welcomed by the organisers. Thanks Jemma – and we’d like to have you sing again in the future.

**Rehearsals**
This term is going well with rehearsals – however we are changing the routine with the Stage Band. Thanks to the core group of students who have been on time to rehearsal. For other students there have been difficulties to attend on time to rehearsals on Friday morning. There have been frequent weekly interruptions as students come late to rehearsal or some having to leave early to see teachers. This is proving very difficult for the onward progress of the ensemble and not fair to those students who come on time and stay for the duration of rehearsal.

Mr Scheerle would like to try this rehearsal at 1st break (11am), we are keen to try this arrangement for the next 3 weeks (10, 17, 24 May) to see if this different time will work out for everyone. This will mean that any students needing to see teachers must see them before school or during 2nd break. We are now requiring all students to commit to this ensemble – the potential is there for a great standard from these students. We have our annual performance for “Jazzin’ Up The Mall” early in Term 3 and we are now assessing the viability of this performance. There is expense with entry fees and buses that need to be warranted – and this will happen at a rehearsal level. If the group is ready we would like to take up this performance opportunity. This group of students are a very exciting group as we have no Yr 12 members. That means that Stage Band will have these current students for 2014 also plus the new Yr 8 cohort. This is a great time to utilise the rehearsals to keep aiming for an increase in standard and see where the combined talent leads this group.

Remember we are starting this new rehearsal time at 11am on Friday. Please be on time as we will need to be very strict with the finish time so that students are not late going to period 3. There is no 7.20am start. We will reassess after the 24th May.

Thanks to all.

Instrumental Staff

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**YEAR 8 CAMP**

Thirty-six year eight students and teachers spent a fun filled 3 days camping at Edmund Recreation Park in Thornton last week.

Once we finally arrived at the location, we realised how isolated we now were with no access to mobile phone or internet services, but it was a great experience to revert back to the days before technology became an integral part of our everyday lives. The students learnt to interact with each other on a different level and soon became accustomed to their exciting bush surrounds and how much we can do without technology.

While on camp students engaged in activities such as bushwalking, dynamic high ropes, low ropes, initiative games sessions, treasure hunts, swimming and the flying possum to name a few. Our first night was an exciting range of trivia games and minute to win it competitions followed by our second night where students participated in a talent quest and then huddled round a big bon fire singing songs and star gazing.

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The Woolworths Earn and Learn program is back!

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn and Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn and Learn point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Use the attached points sheet to collect your stickers, then place sheets in collection box located in the student admin area. Extra sheets are available from admin.

Thank you
Communities ‘Spin Off’ for their School Chaplain

On May 18th this year, in the lead up to the annual ‘Chappy Week’ celebrations are held across Queensland, hundreds of eager riders will put their feet to the pedals for the second annual ‘Spin Off Stationary Gym Bike Challenge’.

The event, hosted by SU QLD, aims to raise funds and awareness for the work of school chaplains across the state. Competitors race each other and the clock to pedal the furthest distance in 30 minutes, with the winning teams crowned the ‘Kings of Spin’.

Almost 100 teams of up to ten riders have so far registered for this year’s event, which will be hosted by Olympic Gold Medallist Duncan Armstrong. Spin Off will be held at the Sleeman Sports Complex, with teams competing across multiple categories, including school groups and an open category.

All funds raised in the lead-up to the event will be provided directly to each local school’s chaplaincy program. Springwood State High School Chaplain Karen Weston has 3 teams entered in SPIN OFF. The teams are fundraising for Chaplaincy and are ready to pedal the distance. The Springwood High Senior boys Pedal Prix team is one of the teams competing on the day. The boys are dedicated and ready for the challenge.

Other fundraisers coming up

- **Family Night Out**
  Monday 20th May
  5pm – 6pm
  **MCDONALD’S SPRINGWOOD**

Help support Chaplain Karen by coming into McDonald’s Springwood between the hours of 5pm and 6pm and purchase something from the front counter and chaplaincy gets a % of sales. Please bring all your family and friends along for a yummy dinner out. PLUS! - There will be a lucky door prize as well.

**Coffee Club Springwood**

The Coffee Club is supporting our Chaplaincy with the following two events. Please have a read and let me know if you are interested in attending the breakfast and cut out the voucher to use on your visit to the Coffee Club Springwood in the week of 19th to 26th of May.

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**You’re invited...**

To a very special **CHAPLAINCY BREAKFAST SUPPORTING CHAPPY KAREN @ SPRINGWOOD STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

See you at

**THE COFFEE CLUB**

Springwood

**WHEN:** 7am Friday 24 May

Where we’ll eat
Bacon & Eggs,
Have a hot drink
And Orange Juice
All for $30

& The Coffee Club will
Donate $10 per person to
Springwood High Chaplaincy

Oh, there’s amazing door prizes too!

Please let Chappy Karen know if you can come as soon as you can on mobile 0407 410 970 or email: kwest151@eq.edu.au
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

OQ Open Stage Workshop & Rock the Schools

Open Stage Workshops

Opera Queensland spent a week at Springwood State High working with our talented music students. The workshops were attended by 27 of our students (ranging from years 8 -12) who had the amazing opportunity to work with and learn from OQ’s professional staff – singers, musical director and stage director. They were given the chance to explore styles of music from folk music to opera, jazz and popular music. Working various team and individual building activities the students were able to experience many new things and grow as musicians and actors. The ensemble worked beautifully together and stunned OQ leaders with their openness to learn and expressing their feelings and talents.

After a rigorous week of singing, dancing, acting and movement students and OQ staff presented a concert showcasing the pieces rehearsed during the week. Students invited family and friends to build a warm and enthusiastic audience of 100 people. A concert that was exciting, polished and heartfelt. It was a true credit to all who undertook this wonderful experience.

Special thanks must go to the P&C for their support of this wonderful opportunity to work in these workshops. We look forward to the opportunity to be part of this program next year.

Rock the School

Rock the School Program brought to Springwood an amazing experience for our Music Industry students to see the hard work and processes necessary to set up a concert and create professional music. The presenters delivered a series of workshops to show the modern technology used in creating music and mixing it to make the best sound.

Students participated in the setting up (bump in) and sound check for the band “Bad Pony” who presented a concert during the lunch break. Their music was very contemporary and appealing to our students. After the concerts the students were able to discuss with the band how to obtain the highs and lows of beat and see the hard journey and work needed to be successful.

A great experience for these students and students from Loganlea SHS, Kingston College and Springwood Road SS who also participated and all learned so much.

NUMERACY, MATHEMATICS AND NAPLAN NEWS:

Year 9 Students and Parents:

The wonderful NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy) are occurring this week for ALL Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. All Year 9 students will be assessed in all aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. There will be a 40 minute multiple choice test with NO calculator (Problem Solving) and another WITH calculator. Please ensure your student has their own calculator and brings it to school every day (for practice lessons and the actual test).

Please refer to the Parent brochure in this newsletter.

All students should bring their own scientific or Graphics Calculator to class every lesson every day.

Reminder the Graphics Calculators are available for hire ($40/year).

PLEASE call Ms Townsend, phone 33806112 or email: ltown7@eq.edu.au for further information.

Other brand types may be problematic if you purchase a graphics calculator...so please check with me first!

Maths Investigations:

The Year 11 and 12 Maths B students are doing some interesting investigations and use of technology. In year 11 we are looking at Newton’s Law of Cooling. And in year 12 we are finding the areas of usual shapes using Monte Carlo Method and other Integration Techniques – such as CalCOOLus!

ROCHDALE WILDCATS BASKETBALL CLUB

We are looking for new players for our U16 and U18 boys and girls teams. New season starting Mid July 2013.

If you are interested in playing you can contact the Club Chairman Rob Timms on 0411-062-301, for more information. Alternatively you can email us at rochedalesswildcats@gmail.com

Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre

Free budgeting workshops will be held at Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr Cinderella Drive & Vanessa Boulevard, Springwood. These workshops will help you with practical ideas on how to manage your money. The workshops are running on 27th May and 3rd June, 9:30am - 12:30pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the centre on 3208 2387. ( Funded by Logan Chamber of Commerce)
ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

The Springwood State High School learning community recognised ANZAC Day at a whole-school ceremony on Wednesday, 24th April. In a moving start to the ceremony, Year 12 student - Travis Holmes - sang the national anthem unaccompanied. We were fortunate to be joined by Mr Alan Smith, President of the Springwood Tri-Service RSL Sub-Branch, who gave an inspiring address to students about the on-going significance of ANZAC Day. Our school captains and vice captains provided moving addresses to their peers about the history and meaning of the ANZAC legend and the ceremony was closed with a solemn playing of the Reveille and Last Post by Year 11 student, Brandon Kennedy. Year 12 RAAF cadets – Kaustubh Mamdyal and Patrick Graae – assisted with the laying of the wreath at our school memorial site in full regalia, adding a final, formal touch to our ANZAC ceremony. Lest we forget.

2013 SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 19th April students competed in our annual school cross country event. All students were given the opportunity to participate in the event to gain points for their lodge. Students had a fantastic time participating on the 3km track which saw Golden Wattle narrowly beat Red Cedar to take out the crown as 2013 champions.

School Carnival Results:
1st Golden Wattle
2nd Red Cedar
3rd Blue Gum
4th Green Pine

Our 2013 Cross Country Champions:

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A big congratulation to our 2013 Cross Country Champions for their inspiring runs.

LOGAN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday the 3rd May 2013 over 80 Springwood runners travelled to Loganlea State High school to compete in the 2013 district cross country carnival. The students ran extremely well in the 4 – 6 kilometre races on a tough track. We had a very successful day finishing 3rd overall, winning the senior girls shield and having Renee Holdstock being named U16 Girls Logan District Age Champion. Congratulations to all of our competitors on the day and good luck to the students who have made the Logan District Cross Country Team. We wish you all the best at the Met East Trial day!

CASUAL CANTEEN ASSISTANT

An opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and highly motivated casual Canteen Assistant to work within the Springwood State High School. Please enquire at office for an application criteria.

CANTEEN ORDERS

Want to collect your lunch order without having to wait in a long queue and risk missing out on the food you want??

Yes, then you are invited to please place your order in the morning before school.

Vegetarian or other dietary requirement – please talk to the canteen staff and PRE ORDER your food to ensure it is there for you! Canteen staff are happy to accommodate students' dietary needs.
SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

This month has seen a number of students signed up to complete a school based traineeships. This month we congratulate:

Jess Lefeber – Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical, Logan City Council.
Aavishka Kumar – Certificate III in Business, Logan City Council Libraries
Ashleigh Morris – Certificate III in Hospitality, Coffee Club Eight Mile Plains
Ambrose Niyosaba – Certificate II in Vehicle Presentation, King of Kings Car Detailing
Jessica Carter – Certificate II in Retail, City Beach

The talented Mrs Parker is currently in the process of finalising work experience placements for the Year 12 Workplace Practices students, who will be heading out to the work force in the last week of this term. As these students are studying a Certificate II in Workplace Practices, they are required to complete a 40 hour work experience placement as part of this certificate – and are looking forward to this opportunity.

The remaining Year 12 students will be working on an alternate program in the last week of term, which includes information talks from the University of Queensland, as well as a master class with Mighty Minds, before commencing a two day practice of the QCS test. Students sitting the QCS test recently received positive feedback from Mighty Minds and now have the opportunity to participate in after school tutorials on Wednesday afternoons, to further enhance their skills before the official QCS test in September.

Year 11 students participating in the BRAKE driver education program through their BLAST classes were lucky enough to have Detective Sergeant Lane from Springwood SHS visit their classes and speak about the program and tips for safe driving.

A selection of Year 10 students attended an information day at SkillsTech on Friday and applied to be part of the Trade Taster program at SkillsTech, which will assist them in gaining valuable experience and qualifications in a variety of construction areas. Students are still waiting for confirmation on who will be chosen to participate in this program and we wish these students every success.

Ms Debbie Kahl
Acting HOD Senior Schooling

STUDENT AWARD CEREMONIES

Over the past month, we have held two special ceremonies to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students. On Friday, 26th April students from Year 8 & 9 participated in a Junior School Awards Ceremony and on Friday, 10th May students from Years 10, 11 and 12 were recognised at a Senior Awards Ceremony.

The Student Awards are linked to Springwood State High School’s Five Platforms. Students received awards for:

1. **Academic Merit** – tied to our Academic Achievement Platform. This award recognises students who have consistently demonstrated high levels of achievement across their subjects. In Years 8 and 9: a student must achieve 5 A’s and no less than a C on their Term 1 report card. This is an outstanding achievement!

2. **Industry and Attitude** – part of our Pathways Platform. This award recognises students who are engaged in their learning and demonstrate a positive attitude and focus across the balance of their subjects. This award recognises students who are positive about school - who attend regularly, have a preparedness to learn, complete homework regularly, participate well in class and demonstrate a commitment to their education.

3. **Community Service** – linked to our Community Platform. This award recognises the extra-curricular achievements of students and can be awarded for activities performed as a representative of Springwood State High School or in other capacities outside the school. The types of activities students will participate in include (but are not limited to) the Chamber of Commerce, School Musicals and performances, Cadets, Volunteering, etc.

**Individual Student Achievement** – part of our Wellbeing & Academic Achievement Platforms. This award recognises those students who have taken demonstrable steps to improve their outcomes in one or more areas of their schooling.

We were overwhelmed by the number of parents and family members who attended our award ceremonies to celebrate with their students. In addition to their school award certificates, each student also received a McDonald’s voucher thanks to our wonderful chaplain, Mrs Weston.

With another Awards Ceremony planned for Semester 2, we encourage all our students to continue the fantastic work they are doing and to strive to attain an award over the coming terms.

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**AJSP URGENTLY REQUIRED HOST FAMILIES**

FOR

① Yumoto High School (Japan)
② Sue High School (Japan)

ATTENDING SCHOOL: Springwood SHS

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:
- No other Japanese students staying in family
- No pet or children
- Host family must share a room with host child
- Must have a valid Blue Card or willing to apply

*Single Placement, Remuneration Provided*

Australia Japan Study Programme (AJSP)
Email: ajsp.ttsaol@gmail.com Ph: 0421 744 339 (Ritsuko)

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Payment Window Closed Tuesday 21st May and Wednesday 22nd May. We apologise for any inconvenience.

ALSO

Student Payments via EFT

Please ensure when making payments via eft to use the student’s 11 character (10 digits and 1 letter) identification number as a payment reference. If there is room available, please include the excursion code.
Tips on how to build bonds with boys.

Steve Biddulph, author of *Raising Boys* and Generation Next speaker talks about the importance of giving boys different bonding experiences as they grow. He says that boys experience 3 main developmental stages as they go through life:

0-6 years old: bonding with mum and learning to love.

A recent study published in the journal *Child Development* found that boys who have a close and loving relationship with their mothers during these years are less likely to have disciplinary issues as teenagers.

**Building bonds:**
1. Make sure he knows he is loved, with cuddles, hugs, eye contact and setting firm limits. This will give him inner security and confidence for the rest of his life.
2. Talk to him and show him new things, this helps develop the brain and encourages socialisation which is important when he starts preschool or school.
3. Build in him a love of life, play games, share sports like swimming, kicking a ball around, explore nature and enjoy the world around him. This will build resilience skills that he will need as he begins to go into the world.

6 – 13 years old: bonding with dad through play and sharing experiences

The study also observed that ‘At the other end of the scale children tended to have greater behavioural problems when their fathers were more remote and lost in their own thoughts, or when their fathers interacted less with them’, said lead author Christopher Trentacosta, an assistant professor of psychology at Wayne State University in Detroit.

**Building bonds:**
1. Dads and sons can enjoy playing sports together or take up a shared hobby. During these times talk to your son about your own childhood experiences, the difficulties and successes. At this age they are eager to listen to what their fathers have to say and learn from them.
2. If work permits, it is best for dads to try not to spend extended periods of time away on business trips. Be at home and be available.
3. Single parents – try to include an uncle, best friend or coach into your son's life. If they have an example of a 'good man' then they will learn the skills they need from them.

13 – 21 years old: bonding with a mentor helps him become part of the community

Steve Biddulph explains that parents need to: ‘organise some good mentors in their son’s live or he will have to rely on an ill-equipped peer groups for his sense of self. The aim is for your son to learn skills, responsibility, and self-respect by joining more and more with the adult community’.

**Building bonds:**
1. As boys become more independent they are less inclined to listen to their parents. However they are usually willing to take note of a trusted mentor, this could be an uncle, someone who teaches them a hobby or the boss at their weekend job. Put them in contact with mentors who are good role models, allow them to experience their freedom and have more contact with other men in their lives.
2. In traditional societies this is the time when young men would pass through initiation ceremonies conducted by the elders of the community. Young boys would become young men and learn essential lessons about life during these ceremonies. For our young men today we need to re-create this ‘rites of passage’ using the community and network we have around us.

Steve Biddulph is a Generation Next guest speaker at their Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People seminars which are held Australia wide during 2013. For more details or to register go to Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People.

*Raising Boys (author Steve Biddulph)*

Writer Helen Splarn. Editor Dr Ramesh Manocha.

Generation Next Blog

*Source: Child Development (Journal, USA). Raising Boys (Steve Biddulph).*

If you’re new here, you can find out more about Generation Next events here. Thanks for visiting!

This entry was posted in Culture & Society, Mental Health & Wellbeing and tagged adolescent, adolescent


Good Health
Michelle Clekovic
School Based Youth Health Nurse

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**Logan Catch up Clinics for students who missed immunisation at school and all students up to the age of 15 years who can receive a free HPV Vaccine**

**Beenleigh Library**
Crete Street, Beenleigh
Every Thursday 9am - 10am

**Caddies Community Care Centre**
19-33 South Street, Jimboomba
Every Thursday 11am – Noon

**Springwood Child Health Centre**
16 Cinderella Drive, Springwood
Every Thursday 11am – Noon

**Logan Central Library**
26 Wilbur Street, Logan Central
Every Thursday 3.30pm - 7pm
## NAPLAN 2013 tests timetable

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- **Language Conventions** includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- **Numeracy** includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- **Calculators are NOT permitted in the Numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, there is one Numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.**
What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Convention (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the test. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

What will be tested, and how?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and Mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample Writing task can be accessed on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school counsellors or the principal. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do their best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments which reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can provide you with more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Whenever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 17 May.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:
- visit www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child’s school
- contact your state or territory’s education authority (details available on the NAP website)
PAYMENT INFORMATION

Student I.D Numbers
A friendly reminder to Parents/Caregivers to use your student's I.D. number as a reference, when making payments via internet banking. The correct I.D number is 10 digits with a letter on the end (eg. 1234567899X). The old six digit student I.D number is now obsolete. This is particularly important when making payments via internet banking so that the school’s Finance Department can apply the payment.

If your student does not have an I.D. card or you are unsure of your student's I.D number, please do not hesitate to contact our Administration Department. I.D cards can be collected from the Payment Window.

Paying via Internet Banking: Direct Payment into School Bank Account
- School's Bank Account Name: Springwood State High School
- BSB Number: 064-170 (CBA Branch Springwood)
- Account Number: 00090094
- Reference/Details: Please record the student's I.D. number in the reference/details section so that your payment can be recorded correctly. **If insufficient details are supplied, payments will be applied to the oldest debt for that Family/Customer.**

Paying by phone: Payment by Credit Card ONLY
Call the school on 33806167 or 33806111 Tuesday to Friday between 8am -12.00midday. (Closed Mondays)
Please have the account and your credit card details with you when you call.
VISA or Mastercard accepted.
Cheques and Money Orders made payable to Springwood State High School.
Post to PO Box 77 Springwood QLD 4127

Paying in Person: Payment by Credit Card, Debit Card, Cash, Cheque or Money Order:
Payment can be made at the school Payment Office Tuesday – Friday 8am – 12.00midday (Closed Mondays)
Credit Card and Debit Cards (EFTPOS), Cash, Cheques and Money Orders are accepted.
Credit Card Payment Advice form attached on page 7.

**PAYMENT WINDOW CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**

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Clarification to Australian Dietary Guidelines
In last months edition of UTurn we featured a story about the revised Australian Dietary Guidelines that contained an error.
The revised Australian Dietary Guidelines do not suggest one slice of bread per day, however the serve size of bread has decreased from two slices to one slice of bread.
The grain (cereal) foods provide important nutrients for good health, therefore the updated guidelines recommend all adult Australians aim to consume three to six serves of grain (cereal) foods per day, depending on gender and age.
For further information you can refer to the Australian Dietary Guidelines.

Just like chocolate, only healthy
You've probably heard about cacao from the ‘clean eating’ phenomenon taking over the world’s Facebook newsfeeds.
Cacao, pronounced 'ca-kow’, comes from the beans of the cacao plant and can be purchased as a powder, butter or as fragmented pieces used to make chocolate. Cacao is quite bitter which helps your body stimulate digestion by stimulating the bitter tastebuds on your tongue.
While it’s not the smooth milk chocolate your tastebuds might be used to, the flavour of cacao is so intense that you’ll probably only need one of two smalls pieces to satisfy your chocolate craving.
Cacao has been scientifically named as the most nutritionally complex food on the planet, containing 621 antioxidants – compared to just 32 for blueberries.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMPUTER FUND - STUDENT LAPTOPS
A reminder to students that the laptops are the property of The Department of Education and Training. It is the student’s responsibility to take care of the laptops.

General precautions are:-
- Food or drinks should never be placed near the device.
- Plugs, cords and cables should be inserted and removed carefully.
- Devices should be carried within their protective case.
- Devices should never be carried with the screen open.
- Ensure the battery is fully charged each day.
- Turn the laptop off before placing it in its bag.
- Do not graffiti or deface the laptop or bag.
- Do not put stickers on the laptop.
- Do not write on the bag.

The $90 fee for the laptop is an annual resource fee and subject to change. As per the Laptop agreement, students who complete their schooling or transfer from school **must return the laptop to the school** or the school will initiate recovery procedures. If the Laptop is not returned in the condition it was loaned to the student, reimbursement will be sought. Laptops must be returned to the school I.T. Department by the completion of each school year.
HAVE YOU MOVED?
If you have moved, changed jobs, changed your telephone number (including mobile) or if your emergency contacts have had any changes to their contact details we need to know. Please send a note to the office with your child or phone the office on 3380 6111 to let us know of any changes.

MEDICATION
Just a reminder that if your child needs to take medication of any kind while at school we can only administer prescription medication. This medication needs to be in the original box/container with the chemist label adhered to it. Students are not permitted to hold medication of any kind in their bag. All medication must be brought to the office, authorisation forms filled out and signed by parent, guardian and students then come to the office for staff to administer the medication. Should you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL
Students are to be reminded that it is at their own risk if they choose to bring a mobile phone to school. It is understood that some students have a mobile phone for safety purposes whilst travelling to and from school, however it is this school’s policy that phones are to be switch off and out of sight during lesson times. If a mobile phone is used during class time, then the teacher may take the action of confiscating the phone until the end of day. Students are encouraged to hand their mobile phone in to the office for safe keeping during the school day.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
TUESDAY & FRIDAY - 7:30am to 9:00am
VOLUNTEERS needed and welcomed on these days. Please see Gloria in the Uniform shop.

NEW SCHOOL CAPS, SPORTS SHORTS & SPORTS POLO SHIRTS NOW HERE (caps $10)
Please contact our Administration Department on 3380 6111 and leave your contact details and we will endeavour to organise a suitable appointment time or alternately download an order form from the school website and email to Uniformshop@springwoshs.eq.edu.au

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
Help wanted every day 8.30-11.30am. Can you help out daily, weekly, fortnightly or monthly? Why not drop your student off and help out for a while in the canteen. Please call Judy or Julie on 3380 6139 if you’d like to help, or turn up and lend a hand.

NEWSLETTER EMAILED
The school Newsletter will be emailed to parents/guardians. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please complete the form below and we will email the newsletter to you. However if you do not have an email address you will still be able to obtain a paper copy of the newsletter. Simply ask your son/daughter to collect the monthly school newsletter from the Student Reception. The newsletter is also available via the school website.

Student Name..............................................................................
Parent’s Name..................................................................................
Email Address..................................................................................
(Please print)

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School Tour

Thursday, June 13th, 2013

Car parking available off Parfrey Road
9-10am, meet at the Office

Please call 07 3380 6111 for further information