Our vision: The highest expectations

Five Platforms: Academic Excellence, Student Wellbeing, Community, Sport and the Arts, Pathways

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sport and the Arts Platform
Springwood SHS has a strong focus on Sport and the Arts as part of our Five Platforms for success. Congratulations to our senior boys’ volleyball team who are playing in the top ten division at Qld Schools Cup. Our year 8 boys’ team is also playing in the top tier of the competition for their age group with the goal of qualifying for honours in 2014. Our wonderful Big Band is touring again on Thursday and Friday of the last week of term and they will take to the road to deliver some great music to our local primary schools. On Monday night 16th September, Springwood State High School won the ENABLE Logan Idol Competition. We competed against 8 schools, with each school providing two items of entertainment for the competition. Our items were performed by Ben Frost (solo) and Darhys Wong, Logan Aston and Maddison Armstrong with Ben on backing guitar. Ben’s individual performance was awarded the highest mark in the competition. The students performed beautifully and were well supported by staff, friends and family members in the audience. Well done to Kathryn Shaw and Trevor Hunter for the wonderful work they do with our Music students. Keep a look out in the local paper for a write up.

Teacher Aide Day
Thank you to our exceptional teacher aides who work incredibly hard to support our students with their learning in classrooms each day and also our teacher aides who support the general running of the school. You are all greatly appreciated by students and teachers.

Time Capsule
A reminder that on Friday 11th October we will be opening the 1988 time capsule and we are excited to see what was happening in the school twenty five years ago. This will also coincide with celebrating a number of fantastic upgrades to our facilities. Reserve your place by contacting us on 3380 6111 before Tuesday 8 October.

NAPLAN
Congratulations to our Year 9 students for a positive NAPLAN result. Specifically, this cohort of students made significant relative gains from their Year 7 NAPLAN results. The most impressive gain was in the Spelling Strand where a huge 93.6% of students have improved. This is also due to the great work of our English faculty and also all faculties who have put in place spelling programs for our Junior Secondary students.

MCCULLOUGH, Julie-Ann
Principal

Student Resource Contribution
Thank you to all families who have paid their Student Resource Contribution. A kindly reminder that all outstanding fees are to be paid by 20th September, 2013. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Business Service Manager Beryl McGreevy so that a payment arrangement can be put in place.

P AND C MEETINGS
Starting time will now be 6:30pm as of April’s Meeting.
Next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th October in the Administration block, common room.
All welcome to attend.
Indigenous Teacher Aide

Hi, my name is Amber Ballangarry, I am the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teacher Aide (ATSI Aide) here at Springwood State High School.

I am very excited to have started my position here at Springwood State High School and look forward to fulfilling all aspects of my job, which is to support the teachers and the ATSI students in class and out of class with:

- attendance
- assessments/homework
- parent liaising with phone calls, meetings and letters
- after school tuition

I will also attend career and community information days with and for the benefit of the students and teachers.

I am available at the school from 8.45am—2.15pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday and can be contacted on (07) 3380 6111.

Brisbane Writers Festival

On the 4th of September, year 8 and 9 Springwood State High School students as well as Ms Kahl and Ms Komselis attended the Brisbane Writers Festival. They each wrote a unique story about ‘Finding your Way’, which were submitted to win an entry ticket to the festival.

It was an amazing experience, which started off with meeting the one and only Rebecca Sparrow, not only did she talk about her new book called ‘Find your Tribe’ but she also incorporated humorous stories of her teenage life. As our day went on we became more fascinated with an urge to hear more and see more; our wish was granted with yet another magnificent author Randa Abdel-Fattah.

Randa captivated our attention by sharing her exclusive journey in writing ‘10 things I hate about me’, and it doesn’t stop here. During our breaks we were able to purchase wonderful books written by the authors, which were signed by them in person. It was not only just about their experiences in writing their books, but they also transmitted some of their miraculous talent into our minds with advice of how to write our own stories. The day ended with an astounding writer, Melina Marchetta who again mesmerised us with a range of advice and delightful stories about her books.

Sadly our day came to an end and we left with a whole different perspective of writing stories, it was the best day we have ever had yet. We hope to meet them again one day and thank them for all their advice. But this experience would not have been achievable without our brilliant teachers, Mrs Monange and Ms McCullough. We hope you too get to experience what we did some day.

Emily and Sreya
Year 9 students

Instrumental Music News

Creative Generation

Congratulations to Alyssa Poland and Marcus Hollstein, who recently participated in Creative Generation. Creative Generation is an initiative by Ed Qld that showcases students throughout QLD within dance and music genres. Alyssa and Marcus were part of the Drum Line group. They worked during the June/July holidays with 4 performances during Term 3. It was a great opportunity for these students to work with professional musicians and with their student peers. Both were pleased with their development during their time at the workshop. The performances from all groups were outstanding.

Election BBQ Fundraiser

Thanks to the families of the Instrumental music students for their efforts at our recent Election Day BBQ fundraiser. We set up early and had sausages and drinks for sale throughout the day. This was a great day and a success as a fundraiser. Many thanks to the Poland, Kennedy, Thorne and Sherwin families and to Ty and Melissa Williams. Many thanks to these people for giving up their Saturday in support of this activity. A big thank you to Jane Thorne for taking the time in the days prior in buying the sausages, etc in readiness for our fundraiser. Thanks to families for their donations of drinks. It was a great opportunity from all families.

Term 4

Term 4 is already busy with the upcoming performances and competitions. We have competition details and these times have been sent home.

Time Capsule Opening

The String Ensemble and select Drum Line students will be performing at the opening of the time capsule at school. We will meet on Friday, 11th October at 8am for a quick rehearsal. The performance will be at 9am until 10:30am. The first week of Term 4 starts on Tuesday, so the String Ensemble will not meet for their usual Monday afternoon rehearsal.

Looking forward to seeing everyone during a busy Term 4. Details are coming in regards to the planning of Term 4 and they will be forwarded asap. Any questions in regards to the upcoming busy Term 4 please let me know – Penny Williams (pwill8@eq.edu.au).

MusicFest 2013

We now have the confirmed times for MusicFest for String Ensemble and Symphonic Winds (Stage Band is not competing this year). Details are below:


Dress for these performances will be Full Formal Performance Uniform. A note regarding performances during Term 4 have been emailed and handed out as hard copies. Please make contact with Penny Williams (pwill8@eq.edu.au) if you are needing any other information.

Best wishes to these groups for their performances. Have a happy and well deserved holiday break.

Thank you.
Instrumental Staff
Heron Island

Late on the evening of 9th August, thirty excited year 11 and 12 students embarked on an amazing trip to Heron Island. We travelled by bus to Gladstone before boarding a high speed catamaran to Heron Island, where we stayed at the University of Queensland Research Station – a world class research facility. The week was spent learning about the incredible ecosystems of the Great Barrier Reef and the importance of preserving this amazing environment. We snorkelled off the beach and also travelled by boat to numerous snorkelling locations around Heron Reef, seeing sharks, stingrays, manta rays, turtles, coral and a diverse range of fish and invertebrate species. This week was an incredible, once in a lifetime experience that we hope students will never forget and will inspire a lifetime of learning about our natural environment.

Snowies

On the 22nd of June, nineteen year 11 and 12 students embarked on a trip to the Snowy Mountains in New South Wales. After a twenty hour bus ride, we were welcomed by powder snow! The whole week was spent skiing and snowboarding, making snowmen and snow angels. We battled the foggy and windy conditions on the first two days, enjoying each others company and the warmth of the delectable $2 hot chocolates. The rest of the week was blissful, skiing on a sheet of white under a sky of blue. Every morning we were fed with a wholesome breakfast and we then caught the bus to Perisher, where we skied or snowboarded either as beginners, intermediates or experts. We all had an exciting trip; crashing and getting battle wounds. After a fun day at the snow, there was always a special event on such as trivia night, disco, a visit from a legendary magician, and lastly origin (GO THE MAROONS!!!). Snowies is a trip of a lifetime, leaving us with many memories to carry on with us in our future endeavours. Hopefully, everyone (at some point in their life) will get to experience this wonderful trip as well.

By Sharni O’Connor, Chrisselle D’Mello and Morgan Blanch.

Maths Competition Results Are In !!!!!

Congratulations to the top 20 students in all year levels that competed in the 2013 Australian Mathematics Competition.

One student - Bryce Pollard in year 10 achieved a HIGH DISTINCTION, top 1% in State and Country!!!

Caitlyn Kennedy won the Prudence Award – most correct consecutively with 11. She just pipped Jimmy and Adam for that award!

Students who competed will receive their certificates on parade next term (Top students on whole school assembly and the Credit and Participation certificates at year level parades).

Congratulations one and all.

Leanne Townsend
Head of Department Mathematics

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)
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Every year the staff get together to raise funds for Cancer Research. This year was no different. "Don’t sit on your symptoms" was the message with bowel cancer the 2nd most deadly cancer in this country, with 13,000 people diagnosed each year, with 32% of these with a very poor outcome. However, over 90% of cases can be completely cured if diagnosed in time and treated. Find out more [http://www.bowelcanceraustralia.org/bca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=163&Itemid=289](http://www.bowelcanceraustralia.org/bca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=163&Itemid=289)

Love can Bite

On the 13th & 14th of August the Year 10’s participated in a program called ‘Love Bites’. It is an award winning program on healthy relationships that is supported by NAPCAN – Preventing Child Abuse. The program has two interactive education workshops on ‘Intimate Partner and Family Violence’ and ‘Sexual Assault’; followed by Art or RAP creative workshops that consolidate the information. The facilitators are a team that come to the schools from various backgrounds, such as School Based Youth Health Nurses from other schools; 2 Sexual Assault Workers from Logan & Ipswich Centres Against Sexual Violence; a Social Worker from Logan Hospital Sexual Assault Services; Police; and a Drug and Alcohol counsellor from ‘Coomera Healthy Living for Youth’.

The program was supported strongly by Mrs McCullough. Mr Stevens one of our fabulous teachers that has a big interest in social and emotional welfare of young people attended training and assisted in the workshops. We had great support also from Mrs. Hutson the Year Level Coordinator, Mr Ogier, Mrs Doyle and Karen our Chaplain, along with many teachers in the school that either supported or supervised the days.

It is important that we run these workshops before students begin serious relationships and start on the party scene. Research indicates that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5-8 boys will experience an unwanted sexual experience before they are 18 years, with 15% of young woman reporting unwanted sex. 1 in 4 students witness domestic violence at home (Mulroney, 2003) and 1 in 3 have experienced some sort of violence in their own relationships.

The intimate violence workshop utilises a film called “He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not” which is the story of Angel Barker, a beautiful young 16 year old that was assaulted by her boyfriend. It tells the story of their relationship of love and commitment and the shift of jealousy turning to possessiveness. Then came the verbal abuse; emotional abuse; stalking with needing to see her before and after work; telling her that her parents want them to break up therefore isolating her; many break-ups and arguments; and then 2 assault, one being life changing for Angela leaving her in a wheelchair with a significant brain injury. The students looked closely at what is in a healthy relationship and what it is not and how to help a friend that is caught up in the possessiveness power and control of an unhealthy relationship.

The 2nd film is of a party where we followed the story of 3 girls and 3 boys and how subtle and not so subtle sexual assault and abuse can occur. We talked about the myths around sexual assault; the risk of use of alcohol and substances and that these are not excuses to perpetrate or to be a victim; the law; how to look after a friend and discussed bystander behaviour. Consent was discussed considering the law, coercion, use of substances, body language and clear use of words.

We ran the workshops on the alternate days to the Set Planning and were lucky enough to have some student attend both days as they enjoyed it so much. Thanks to the Logan City Councils generous grant, we were also able to feed the students with a healthy hamburger and fruit and provide resources for the program. The school also contributed funds.

Some of the posters shown below will give testament to the information learnt. The 2 RAP song will be played on Assembly when they are available as they were recorded for our keeping. But I can tell you that they were awesome and the lyric writing that came out of those workshops were so professional and insightful.

Some of the comments in the evaluation from the students:
- It gave me a good insight into statistics of types of abuse. I’m glad the team came to Springwood SHS, because I learnt heaps of things I didn’t know about relationships and how sexual assault happen.
- It taught me about a healthy relationship.
- I really enjoyed the activities that we did on love.
- I liked the information they gave us and real life examples, so we knew it wasn’t just stuff that was being over dramatized.
- I learnt a lot about the law.
- The people who spoke to us were great! I felt like I could come to them for support if I ever needed to.

I am hoping to offer the program to Year 12’s next year, with some additional lessons in the BLAST classes.

Good Health Michelle Clekovic
**Somerset National Novella Writing Competition**

The Somerset National Novella Writing Competition is open to all Australian high school students. It is a wonderful opportunity for serious student writers, encouraging them in their literary growth. And there are also some fantastic prizes on offer!

Here’s what the competition entails:

- Write a novella of between 6,000 and 10,000 words
- Submit it by 6 December 2013
- Have it judged by an expert panel
- Winners from each State will be flown to the Gold Coast to enjoy the Somerset Celebration of Literature in March 2014 and will also receive a cash prize
- On top of the prize for being a State winner, the National winner also receives a first prize of $2,650, as well as a full editorial report from Penguin Group (Australia)

The Somerset National Novella Writing Competition is proudly sponsored by Bond University and Penguin Group (Australia).

For more details and to enter, please visit: [http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration/literature_competitions/novella_writing_competition/](http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration/literature_competitions/novella_writing_competition/)

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**Chappy News...**

**Term: 3 happenings...**

All activities again ran smoothly with heaps of interaction with the students and staff.

This term I had boys group on Friday with the year 9 and 10 boys.

*GYM - Growing Young Men*

In the boys program they did team building activities, such as "Marshmallow tower" and Burger making.

These activities were based on types of communication.

*Chappy Office/Lunch feed*

Every lunch break my office is full. Students are making lunch and just coming in to chat, play board games or table tennis.

**Grants...** Earlier this term I was given a $2000 grant from Lord Mayor Pam Parker to help with Breakfast program, my in school Programs (GYM & REFLECTIONS) and to purchase uniforms for families in need.

This has been wonderful to have, so a huge THANK YOU goes out to our Lord Mayor.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back in term 4!

**Blessings**

Karen Weston

Chaplain

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**P & C MEETING**

Now commences at 6.30pm in the Administration Block Common Room. All welcome to attend.

Next meeting Tuesday 15th October.

Springwood State High School P & C Meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at 6.30pm in the Administration Common Room.

Proposed future meeting date is: 19th November.

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**Volunteers Needed**

National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc

Can you temporarily open your home and your heart to a pet in need? Are you looking for good company and a heart-rewarding experience? We won’t ask for a loan or to borrow the car! We won’t stay out late and worry you!

We are free, all our costs are covered, we will offer you lots of cuddles and kisses. We will only ask for a warm safe home until we find our forever home.

We would be forever thankful for your part in saving our lives. We come in all shapes and sizes and we make great company and really need your help.

If you can help us please email our person narga.nfdc@gmail.com and she will send you some information. Thanks!

Together we will make a difference! [www.narga.org.au](http://www.narga.org.au)

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**UTurn**

Reduce your salt intake for better heart health

Did you know up to 6000 Australian lives could be saved if the amount of salt Australians eat was reduced by 30 per cent?

Reducing salt intake from processed foods by 15 per cent over ten years would avert 5000 heart attacks and 4900 strokes a year.

To spread awareness of the danger of excessive salt consumption, our friends at the Heart Foundation have launched the [Halt Hidden Salt](http://www.halthiddensalt.com.au) campaign.
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: 1234567890X). 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 -12.00 midday. (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 – 12.00 midday (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

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

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE:
STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE NOW HAS A NEW NUMBER
Telephone: 3380 6103
LOGAN EAST COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Guys Night Out

Father & son, grandad & grandson, uncle & nephew, mate & mate you are invited to our boys night out. This is a fundraiser for our centre and all money raised on the evening will go to the formation of a young men’s group.

Come along and be part of this fun evening. Trivia, games, raffles and guest speakers. Great raffle prizes include camping packs, meal vouchers, car packs and lots more.

Trivia

Raffles

Guest Speakers
Ian ‘Watto’ Watson
Founder of Shed Happens, AFL player & coach, mentor, author of ‘Every Blokes a Champion Even You’ a national speaker with a knack for telling it how it is to be a real bloke.

Dr John Hinwood
John is a renowned chiropractor, author, mentor, life coach and international speaker who inspires his audiences into taking practical steps to move their lives to new levels.

25 Year Time Capsule Opening
1988—2013

SPRINGWOOD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

“The Highest Expectations”

Friday,
11th October

8.45am for 9am start till 10.30am

Venue: School Administration

Light refreshments and morning tea provided

RSVP: Tuesday 8th October
Phone: 3380 6111