FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to parents and our school community for your support throughout 2013 to ensure another successful year for students at Springwood State High School.

The focus at Springwood SHS is on individual students achieving success in the pathway that they choose. This also involves significant time and effort on the part of students, parents and teachers to ensure the subject choices and pathway option that each student makes will be rewarding and achievable. Our vision is “the highest expectations” and our five platforms for success involve academic excellence, pathways, community, wellbeing and sport and the arts.

Each year we have a large cohort of students seeking university entry through achieving an OP and the results for 2011 and 2012 have been outstanding. Last year 100% of Year 12 students achieved an OP, QCE and/or a trade qualification. Attending Springwood SHS means that each student has every opportunity to be set up for a successful future and we are looking forward to our results for 2013. Good luck to our Year 12s.

This year has seen the introduction of Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary Awards that are presented at special assemblies during the year to ensure we continue to recognise the great achievements of our students. We held our Year 12 Graduation at the Springwood Church of Christ function centre and this was a resounding success as the event was very professional and well attended. Thank you to the Church of Christ for hosting a great event.

Highlights for 2013 in The Arts and Sport programs include:

- Winners of the Logan Idol Competition (with Ben Frost taking out the highest score in the competition)
- Both the Symphonic Winds and String Orchestra receiving gold medals at the Music Fest Competition
- Our Cheer Squad achieved a 3rd in their division in the World Cup Cheer and Dance Regional Competition for Most Energetic Routine
- District Champions for Swimming for a 17th consecutive year
- Junior Girls Metropolitan Volleyball Champions

Good luck to our boys attending the National Volleyball Championships in the next few weeks.

To support ongoing outstanding achievement in Junior Secondary we offer academic excellence classes in English, Maths and Science. Also on offer is performing arts extension and sport extension classes to ensure our students have the best possible opportunity to learn and demonstrate their achievements. Our music program is highly regarded within the community and the student talent is exceptional.

Thank you to Subway for supporting the Springwood State High School students through traineeships. In 2014 Subway will also be supporting the school community in a number of ways including through sponsorship and job readiness skills.

Reading Priority – Book Drive
At Springwood State High School we will be putting the spotlight on reading in 2014. If you have any books or magazines that are in good condition and would be of interest and suitable for our Junior Secondary students it would be fantastic if you could donate them to the school.

Thank you again for your commitment to the learning community at Springwood State High School and see you in 2014.

Julie-Ann McCullough, PRINCIPAL
HPE NEWS
This year Springwood SHS entered 2 open mixed touch teams in this year All Schools Touch Competition. Both teams commenced training at the beginning of term two with up to 3 hours of committed training each session.
At the carnival the students showed a very professional approach to each game and were able to walk off the field with pride and contentment with their results. Both teams ended up third in their respective pools and were only one win away from making the finals on Sunday.
The students have shown interest in competing in next year’s competition and, with training beginning earlier next year, the chances of making the finals in 2014 looks achievable.

SCIENCE NEWS

BIOLOGY
Year 11 Biology students attended a camp at Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre from the 30th October until the 1st November.
We studied a variety of different ecosystems including mangroves, fresh water, sand dunes and marine using trawling. The students loved every second of this amazing opportunity to interact with all different kinds of animal and plant life. One of the highlights was the capture of the very elusive Antechinus mouse or (bonking) mouse caught by Renee Holdstock.
At the end of the camp we thanked our teachers Ms Richardson, Mrs Smythe and Ms Cliffe for the amazing trip but we would also love to thank the Jacobs Wells teachers, Gina and Kerry.
Dalvin Waters

AERO-CLUB

Our after school Aero-club hosted a quad copter workshop run by the QUT STEM project. Our young aviation enthusiasts enjoyed learning some introductory knowledge about the basic aerodynamic principles in quad rotor, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and firsthand experience piloting these machines.
The aero-club’s theme for the remainder of term is UAVs. Students are currently excited to be honing their flight skills with our Parrot AR Drone.

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)
Flashing lights now active

During October flashing light school zone signs were installed on Springwood Road.
Springwood State High School was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a $10 million Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.
You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the important addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.
So next time you’re dropping off or picking up your child keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.

2014 School Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

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VOLUNTEERS are needed to help serve on these days. If you can spare some time to help out on these days – please email pandc@springwoshs.eq.edu.au or speak to Gloria in the Uniform Shop as soon as possible. (It’s nice and cool in the air-conditioned Uniform Shop.)

Christmas Hamper Appeal

The Logan East Community Centre is currently collecting for its annual Hamper Appeal.
Any donations of non-perishable in-date food items, new toys and gift cards can be brought to the centre between 9am - 4pm Monday to Thursday and 9am-12noon on Fridays. Donations are required by 12.00pm on 13th December to allow for packing and distribution. The centre is located on the corner of Cinderella Drive & Vanessa Blvd Springwood.
Hampers are distributed to families living in the local community who need a helping hand. For more information please call 3808 4529.

Senior School News

The following information is to advise students about the arrangements for the online release and mail out of 2013 Year 12 results including OPs.
All results contributing to the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and OPs and FPs will be available in students’ learning accounts on the Student Connect website https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au from 9 am on Saturday 14 December 2013.
Students must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in and check their results. Students will be able to access their results more quickly if they have previously activated their learning account. If you cannot remember your LUI and/or password, please email Mrs Ormonde ASAP.

Mail out
Students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profile in the mail from Monday 16 December 2013. Depending on individual student’s circumstances and results, each profile will comprise one or more of the following documents:
- QCE
- Tertiary Entrance Statement
- Senior Statement
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.

Congratulations to Ben Hodgkinson and Lochlan Crowley, finalists representing Springwood State High School at the Annual State Aerospace Awards held at Parliament House. Our students were among leading aerospace students from throughout the state. Industry representatives such as Qantas, Boeing and the Guild of Pilots and Navigators made up the judging committees. The selected finalists and winners were chosen on the basis of submissions of work samples, school principal and head of department statements as well as their own written essay applications.

Lochlan Crowley was a finalist in the Qantas Quest Award and won the Guild of Pilots and Navigator’s Award. Lochlan will now participate in Tecnam sponsored pilot aptitude testing sessions via Griffith University Ben Hodgkinson, was a finalist for the Year 12 Aerospace Studies Award.

Well done Lochlan and Ben.
CLASS OF 85 SCHOOL REUNION

Website address is: http://shsclassof85reunion.blogspot.com/

For more information please contact the organisers Kerry Warnholtz, David McLeod and Justin Wilson. The reunion is scheduled for 2010.

SAVER PLUS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment, music tuition and TAFE or apprenticeship costs.

This year, the Benevolent Society celebrates 10 years of empowering Australians to save and build their financial confidence through Saver Plus. Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running financial education and matched savings program, with more than 20,000 participants to date.

Saver Plus is a free program that requires participants to set a savings goal, save up to $25 a fortnight and attend financial education workshops. When participants reach their savings goal after 10 months ANZ provides dollar-for-dollar matched funds, up to $500, for the participants nominated educational costs.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

The Benevolent Society delivers the Saver Plus program in the North Gold Coast. To find out more contact your local Saver Plus Worker Sylvia Constantin on 07 5644 9182 or email sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

OR

For more information on Saver Plus call or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, email saverplus@bsl.org.au or visit Benevolent Society Saver Plus website www.benevolent.org.au
**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 -12.00 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 whilst 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.

**P & C MEETING**
Now commences at 6.30pm in the Administration Block Common Room.
All welcome to attend.
Next meeting Tuesday 18th February 2014.
Springwood State High School P & C Meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at 6.30pm in the Administration Common Room.
AGM will be held Tuesday 18th March 2014.

**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.
URGENTLY REQUIRED

HOST FAMILIES

FOR
JAPANESE STUDENTS

from
NARITA KOKUSAI HIGH SCHOOL (Chiba Prefecture) 15 - 17y.o.

ARRIVING: 12th Mar (Wed) 2014
DEPARTING: 28th Mar (Fri) 2014

***Single Placement***

ATTENDING Springwood SHS WEEKDAYS
FREE TO SPEND WEEKENDS AND AFTERNOONS WITH THE FAMILY

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:

- NO OTHER JAPANESE STAYING IN FAMILY
- 3 MEALS PER DAY
- OWN BED, BUT CAN SHARE A ROOM
- OVER 18’S HOLD BLUE CARD OR WILLING TO APPLY
- SAFE TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Remuneration Provided

Please contact your school or the organising company for further information,

AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)
Email: ajsp.ritsuko@gmail.com
Phone: 0421 744 339 (Ritsuko Simpson)
Queensland school communities acknowledge tuckshop workers

The thousands of tireless tuckshop workers in Queensland schools are unsung heroes, so on the first Friday in November each year they get a collective pat on the back during Tuckshop Day.

Sometimes we forget to notice the important contribution tuckshop workers make to the everyday operation of schools. Tuckshop Day is the day to promote your school tuckshop and say thanks to the workers for their hard work.

**Thanking our volunteers**

On the first Friday in November each year schools are encouraged to develop innovative ways to officially acknowledge and thank their tuckshop convenors and volunteers for the valuable role they play in daily school life. Tuckshop Day 2013 will be held on Friday 1 November.

Tuckshop workers could be recognised on school assembly, at a special morning tea or with an official Tuckshop Day thank you certificate available on the Tuckshop Day website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/tuckshop/index.html. The website also has other ideas and activities to recognise and promote your school tuckshop.

**Become a school volunteer**

Family members like grandparents as well as local residents are welcome volunteers in schools and especially school tuckshops. The old saying “many hands make light work” is never truer than in school tuckshops. Volunteers don’t have to spend a whole day at the tuckshop. Parents or members of the wider community can make a real contribution by volunteering for as little as an hour. Some schools also have opportunities to help out with tuckshop activities such as stamping bags and packaging items out of school hours. You just need to ask.

For more information about volunteering opportunities in schools visit your local school’s website or the Volunteering Queensland website at www.volunteering.qld.org.au

All tuckshop volunteers, other than parents, are required to have a Working with Children Blue Card to ensure the safety of students. People wishing to volunteer in their local school tuckshops should apply as soon as possible as the Blue Card process may take up to eight weeks.

**Smart healthy food and drink choices**

The Queensland Government places great importance on providing healthy food and drinks in schools through the Smart Choices – Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools.

The Smart Choices strategy supports school tuckshops to offer healthy food and drink choices. Tuckshop workers use the ideas in the strategy to promote healthy eating as a way of maintaining good health. A nutritious diet ensures students’ “fuel” supplies are topped-up during the day which supports schools’ social and learning objectives.

To view the full Smart Choices strategy, related fact sheets and other resources, visit the Smart Choices website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-strategy.html

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I love my tuckshop

Smart Choices for Queensland Kids
There are 194 school days in 2014. Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**
Staff professional development days (student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when their three flexible staff professional development days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

**FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
November 21 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 28 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11. Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 5. All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 12.

In 2015, all state schools will re-open for students on January 27. The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2013) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar visit [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au)