Welcome to the last term of 2014. Springwood High staff are ready and very excited about receiving our first cohort of Year 7 students and also our historical Year 8 students in 2015. We hosted a school tour on Monday 20th October (Pupil Free Day) and a large crowd attended to look through our refurbished Year 7 classrooms, our science and aerospace labs, automotive and hospitality facilities, pool and to hear about our HPE, Performing Arts, Music and Academic Extension Programs. Our Orientation Day is being held on Tuesday 2nd December for all new students attending in 2015. Don’t forget to make an enrolment appointment if you have a child ready to start high school next year.

Teaching and Learning Framework
Springwood State High School is introducing the Art and Science of Teaching (ASOT) to support teaching and learning. The ASOT framework assists teachers to reflect upon and develop their teaching practice in a way that results in improved student results. Effective classroom instruction results in engaged students and improves student outcomes. “Art” reflects the creative way teachers implement the “on the spot” lesson segments and “Science” refers to the structured way that teachers implement the “routine events” lesson segments. The Art and Science of Teaching has been developed by Robert Marzano, a highly regarded education researcher.

Focus on Reading
We have been very fortunate to have been successful in our application to be funded for an additional Head of Department role for the next six months to support our focus on literacy and reading. Emma Williams is a Special Education teacher with a wealth of experience regarding the teaching of literacy. Emma will still spend some time in her teaching role along with fulfilling the half time Head of Department position.

Sport
The Year 9 Boys volleyball team competed in the Junior Schools Cup and won the title of Volleyball QLD Champions of Division 1 for U14 Boys. You can read more about this great victory and other sporting successes in the article in this newsletter. Congratulations to the team.

P & C
Please note that the next P & C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11th November commencing at 6pm. This is a week earlier than usual due to the Year 12’s schedule for their last week of school. The P & C is a very welcoming group and is always looking for new members. We hope to see some of you at the meeting.

Andre Moore visited Springwood High to teach students basketball skills and to talk about making good choices. Our students had a great day.

Julie-Ann McCullough
PRINCIPAL
Mental Health Week takes place in the week of World Mental Health Day, which is marked each year on October 10. It was a chance to reflect on mental health and take some positive steps to highlight the importance of mental wellbeing.

This year, the theme in Queensland is “MIND-CLICKS – where minds meet” and there were a number of events on around Brisbane.

MIND-CLICKS is a campaign under which individuals and organisations can generate a groundswell of thought-provoking outcomes.

MIND CLICKS focuses on the moment you click with a person, activity or group and find a sense of understanding and support that helps you feel more positive, more in control and more aware of your mental health.

It’s the ‘ah-ha’ moment where understanding the importance of proactive mental health clicks into place.

Check out the website where many people have posted some mind click thoughts. http://www.mindclicks.org.au/index.htm

In the school we are holding a photography competition over the Mental Health Month where we are asking the students to take a photo of something that makes them feel good or relaxed. Part of looking after our mental health is making sure we have set times where we work hard and achieve things that make us feel good but this needs to have a balance of taking time out to enjoy the things that make us happy such as spending time with friends, skating, going to the beach, going to a movie, going on a bushwalk, playing with our pets, going to the gym, visiting people, dancing, singing, playing an instrument, going to a club where we meet likeminded people or just talking to someone we care about.

Life is so busy for every family and we are heading into one of the busiest seasons, so it might be good to sit down together as a family and talk about opportunities to find that relaxation space for everyone. We parents are not good at doing this for ourselves and might need to spend less time at work and more time for ourselves doing some exercise or connecting with family and friends. Do some reflecting this month on your own strategies to stay mentally healthy and connected to others.

Good Health
Michelle the School Based Youth Health Nurse.

Kokoda Challenge Information Evening

This year saw Springwood State High School’s inaugural participation in the Brisbane Kokoda Challenge in which four teams successfully completed a 30km course through rugged bushland well within the 9-hour time limit.

In 2015 we want to build on this success by entering school teams in the 30km Brisbane event and in the 48km and 96km Gold Coast events. These events will challenge the participating students both physically and emotionally as they work as a team to complete the challenges. Importantly, the support of parents and guardians is essential to achieving success, particularly during the Gold Coast events where support teams are needed.

To start the journey, we are holding an information evening at the school at 6.00pm on Tuesday 4th November. If your child is interested in participating in one of these events please advise Mr Baker or our administration staff, and take the opportunity to find out more about the Kokoda Challenge.

Have you checked out your new eDiary?

View homework assigned to you by your teachers, school events, announcements or enter notes and other reminders.

The first step is to activate your account. You have been emailed an invitation with an activation link. If you can’t see the email in your inbox, please check your ‘Junk’ or ‘Spam’ folder in case your invitation landed there. You will need to click on the activation link in the email to log in to your account.

Where has my invite been sent?
Student emails have been sent to their MIS (EQ/school) email address. Parent emails have been sent to the email address held on file by the school.

What happens if I didn’t receive an invite?
Ask an eDiary administrator for another invitation (email rodon45@eq.edu.au)
If you have changed email addresses or have not provided the school with an email and would like to access the eDiary, please email rodon45@eq.edu.au

Where is my eDiary located?
Your eDiary web address is: https://springwoodshs.myediary.com.au/
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.

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SPRINGWOOD HIGH’S EXCITING ANNUAL SKI AND SNOWBOARDING TRIP

In the first week of the June/July holidays, a group of Year 11 & 12 students will attempt to conquer the Snowy Mountains on skis and snowboards. They will be continuing a proud tradition of over 28 years. The trip to Perisher Blue is always a highlight of the year for these Seniors. It’s a week filled with new experiences, lots of fun and laughter. The group will be staying at Ski Rider Motel on the snowline at Wilsons Valley and will commute daily the 15 kilometres to the snowfields. Ski and snowboard lessons with qualified instructors ensure that students soon become quite competent skiers and snowboarders, and are then able to set off to explore the other three fields, Perisher, Blue Cow and Guthega. Students can secure a place on the ‘Snowies’ trip by paying the deposit of $100 by Tuesday 11th November 2014. The payment and consent form is attached to the Parent/Carer letter that has been distributed to interested students.

SPRINGWOOD SUCCESS AT SPRINGWOOD SHS

It’s been another great year for sport at Springwood SHS with some fantastic results from teams at district, regional and state level competitions. This year the students at Springwood High have participated in a number of extracurricular competitions including Volleyball QLD Beach, Senior and Junior Schools Cups, All Schools Touch Competition, Enable Cup Volleyball, Basketball and Touch.

The most recent carnivals of All Schools Touch and Volleyball Senior and Junior Schools Cup, which produced the best outcomes of the year. In early August the Yr 11 Volleyball team travelled to Toowoomba to compete in the Senior Schools Cup and through team work, courage and determination received their best result ever gaining the Bronze Medal in the Honours division.

For the second year Springwood High entered two open mixed touch teams in the All Schools Touch Competition. Both teams were undefeated during the Logan interschool sport competition and they continues the winning into the All Schools Competition. This competition is the largest touch competition in the world with over 250 teams and over 3000 students participating from QLD, NSW NZ and Singapore over the four days. After the pool rounds the Springwood 1 team only had one loss and progressed to the top 16 finals played on Sunday morning. It was a hard fought final against Bundaberg SHS with the lead changing hands several times, the Springwood team unfortunately lost 5-4 however this placed them in the top 10 teams in the state.

Finally the Yr 9 Boys volleyball team competed in the Junior Schools Cup and after the pool rounds ended up top of their pool. They continued the winning form through the semi-finals beating Craigslea SHS in 3 sets. They then played Toowoomba Grammar and after losing the first set they fought back and were titled Volleyball QLD Champions of Division 1 for U14 Boys. A fantastic effort by the boys which showed determination and character to fight back and win.

A big thank you to Subway Springwood for their support of the teams this year and congratulations to all team members for their efforts and the titles they achieved. The school looks to encourage this success and continue to help students improve throughout 2015.

MEETING NOTICE!

P & C MEETING
TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Please note, there has been a date and time change for this meeting. The P & C will meet at 6.00pm in the administration common room on Tuesday 11th November. All welcome to attend.
CHAPPY NEWS

My news: I am in Springwood State High 5 days a week for the rest of this term. I have enough funding to do Chaplaincy 4 days a week and on Friday’s I am in the role of Youth Support Coordinator until end of term 4.

Breakfast program is running every Wednesday morning. Lunch times are busy in and out of the Chappy office. The students are visiting both breaks, some make lunch, and sit to chat, play board games and listen to music.

All grades visit and it is lovely to have so many of our students finding the Chaplaincy service a place they are happy to access. Chaplaincy is running well with heaps on.

We have started a SUBWAY lunch fundraiser. Students can order Subway at our Breakfast program on Wednesday mornings and Subway Springwood will deliver our lunch to the school every second Thursday 1st break, see details on the Subway flyer. Our next SUBWAY day is Thursday 30th October.

Formal is coming up fast and I have had 6 formal dresses donated for any of our Year 12 students who may not have one yet, if you are aware of anyone please contact me. I also have Melissa from “Soul Sister Shoes donating shoes to a couple of our girls.

Wednesday night, I had a ‘Thank You’ evening at The Coffee Club Springwood for my Supporters and Volunteers, it was a great night. Thank you to all who attended.

I look forward to the rest of this term, not long until our year is done.

If anyone would like to drop in and say hi please don’t hesitate to call, my office number is 3380 6168.

Karen Weston
Chaplain

P & C NEWS

The next P & C meeting has been moved forward to Tuesday 11th November at the earlier time of 6pm, NOT the 18th November as published previously. At our recent meeting we voted to support Chaplaincy again for 2015, if you have any queries or concerns please call the school, or for more information regarding our Chaplaincy program please see our school website. Below are our Uniform shop hours over the school break and the updated uniform list can be found on the next page of our newsletter. The Uniform shop will also be opened between 7.45—9.30am Transition Day, Tuesday 2nd December.

2015 School Uniform Shop

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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.)
# ORDER FORM

**SPRINGWOOD STATE HIGH SCHOOL**
**P & C ASSOCIATION**
**UNIFORM SHOP PHONE:** 3380 6163

**Email:** Uniformshop@springwoshs.eq.edu.au

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**Payment is not required until collection. The uniform shop is open Term 1 & 4 from 7.30am – 9.00am and Terms 2 & 3 from 7:45am - 9:00am on Tuesdays and Fridays (or by prior appointment) and is located at the end of ‘H’ Block. Email orders welcome.**

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**Effective 1 November 2014**
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. 123456789X). 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 3380 6111 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 – Thursday 8am – 12.00 midday (Closed Mondays and Fridays)

Credit Card and Debit Cards (EFTPOS), Cash, Cheques and Money Orders are accepted.

PAYMENT WINDOW CLOSED EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY

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.

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, this includes no writing on protective case.
- Do not put stickers on the laptop.

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 prior to the completion of each school year for annual software updates.

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Changes to the School Dental Program

Good dental health begins at home. That’s why we’re making changes to our school dental program to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in their children’s dental care.

What’s changing?

We now ask that a parent or legal guardian attends every dental appointment with their child. To fit in with busy families, we’re offering free treatment at any of Metro South Health’s public clinics across the region.

That means you will now need to book an appointment for you and your child; we will no longer arrange appointments through your child’s school.

When you attend the appointment, you will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns and receive expert advice from our oral health professionals about your child’s dental care. Research shows that children have better long-term dental health if their parents understand their unique dental needs.

How can I make an appointment?

Simply call our new telephone line – 1300 300 850 – to arrange an appointment at a time and location convenient for you.

Who is eligible?

✓ All children 4 years old through to year 10 students
✓ Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
✓ 0-3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
✓ 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

For more information, visit health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth
2015 school calendar
Queensland state schools

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There are 195 school days in 2015. Semester 1 2015 commences for teachers on January 22 and for students on January 27.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days for teachers are January 22 and 23, and October 19, with three additional flexible days. Schools are able to decide when their flexible 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.

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For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au

Great state. Great opportunity.