FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Great Results Guarantee

As a part of the Great Results Guarantee funding Springwood High is investing in programs and initiatives to support improvement in reading and numeracy. These programs include:

- A literacy Head of Department appointed to drive the development and implementation of a whole school reading program, including data analysis linking to strategies to support improved reading outcomes.
- A Master Teacher appointed to work with teachers to implement key classroom strategies.
- Benchmarking student achievement to determine student learning needs and targeting strategies.
- Implementing the Corrective Reading Program to support students to reach their potential.
- Implementing a project to support students in the Upper Two literacy bands in NAPLAN.
- Implementing Mathletics and small group work with additional classroom support including extending students to reach Upper Two Bands.

As part of this reading project, explicit literacy teaching strategies are being used, and coaching, co-teaching and classroom observations are in full swing as the school community works toward whole school improvement.

NAPLAN

Since the start of the year, students in Year 7 and 9 have been preparing for NAPLAN. Students will complete writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy papers over three days from Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May. NAPLAN results are an important benchmark for students as they can often be a predictor for further achievements during senior schooling years. It is essential that students are prepared, have had a good sleep and breakfast and are encouraged to do their best.

Congratulations to our Volleyball teams

Our volleyball teams have received another accolade. As our teams won in many of their categories in the recent 2015 Queensland Volleyball Beach Schools Cup, Springwood High has been awarded the Champion school. Well done; all team members train hard and deserve this award.
**Subway Supports Sport at Springwood SHS**

Springwood SHS will embark on a year full of sport with a focus on extracurricular Touch, Volleyball and Basketball, with the target of attending the All Schools State Championships. This year will possibly be one of our most successful years in the above sports with students already attending training and competitions.

Subway Springwood has, for the second year provided financial support for the teams and the owner Dallas Mulholland stands behind the efforts of our school teams, as they try to replicate their success of 2014. The money from Subway Springwood will go towards team uniforms, competition and bus fees. Subway Springwood are also going to run a supporters day later in the year where $1 from every foot long sub sold will go to Springwood SHS’s sporting teams.

The HPE and Sport department thanks Dallas, Casey and Subway Springwood for their support and we are excited to have the support of local businesses. We hope that this support will encourage the teams to perform at their best at the upcoming State Carnivals.

**Great Sporting results in Term 1**

Term 1 has become a very successful term for sport at Springwood SHS. This term we have regained the title of Enable Cup Champions for Open Boys and Girls Volleyball, with both teams going through the competition undefeated and bringing home the trophies and gold medals.

We also had eight teams competing in the Queensland Beach Volleyball Schools Cup at Suttons Beach, Redcliffe. Of the eight teams, five brought home medals, with the Open Boys Pairs, Open Boys Fours and Junior Boys Fours bringing home Gold, Junior Girls Fours receiving the Silver and Open Boys Fours B team getting a Bronze Medal earning them the title of Queensland Beach Volleyball Champion School for 2015. Well done to all the teams and competitors and good luck with your training for the Queensland indoor competition later in the year.

Also this term Springwood SHS has also entered an Open Mixed Touch Team into the Wednesday Night competition at Whites Hill, BMTA in preparation for All Schools Touch Competition in October. They have been developing their skills and are progressing well as a team. Good Luck to the team as they start their run to finals.

All sporting teams would again like to thank Subway Springwood for their continued support and hope that the success from term 1 continues throughout the year.
A Dramatic Simulation for the Year 12’s

The RACQ and the Queensland Government have remodelled the ‘Docudrama’ road safety program, originally put together by retired school teacher Barry Collis, in an effort to prevent road trauma among young drivers. RACQ aims to take the Docudrama program to 33 schools in south-east and central Queensland. “Around 40 percent of deaths in teenagers and young adults aged between 15-25 years in Queensland are caused by road crashes,” says a RACQ representative.


At Springwood SHS on March 13th, a mock car crash scene was witnessed by our Year 12s with three of the talented drama students Trey Muller, Gabrielle Kennedy and Josh McAndrews acting out the scene. As we walked down to the oval we saw a red car smashed into a tree with two bloodied young men unconscious in the car and a young woman lying on the ground with bleeding from her head. It was emotionally driven with the sound of the song “Hallelujah” in the background as the scene was played out. There was a time at the crash scene where the survivors were confused, distressed and alone until the emergency services came which seemed to take such a long time.

An ambulance and two officers; the local police (Joe Kelly our Community Police Officer and his colleague); and two gentleman from Metropolitan Funerals were attending to the crash and they simulated how a crash site would be managed when a person passes away. There was also realistic fighting between the boyfriend of the girl that died and the driver who that they barely knew that was fatigued from working back to back shifts, did not make sure the girl had her seatbelt on, had been drinking, was speeding and using a mobile phone at the time. The men were separated by the police and later the driver was charged.

The RACQ education officers then led a de-brief about the circumstances leading up to the collision. They highlighted the top five reasons for accidents; speed, no seatbelts, fatigue, alcohol or other drugs, distraction with mobile phones. Other issues discussed were having a designated driver, a ‘Deso’ that is not drinking, to take everyone home and the dangers of accepting lifts from questionable drivers. They warned the students accepting a lift from someone they don’t know when the ‘Deso’ becomes a ‘Dero’ and has been drinking is unsafe and is not the only solution when they could call a parent or another responsible adult to take them home. Crashing at the party was deemed OK but showed that there was no forward planning. Having enough money set aside or using a key card for a taxi is another great strategy.

The students were then asked to vote anonymously on how they would react in a range of scenarios. This voting exercise allowed the students to see that other young people do not have the same opinion and experiences as themselves. If the students got lots of ‘red flags’ in this exercise they were encouraged to rethink some of their strategies when going out and partying.

There was so much great information. They told the students that being up to 2 – 3 am in the morning is like driving drunk to .15 even if not drinking. They also said at many crash scenes when they find the mobile phone on the floor somewhere or under a seat there is often only 2-3 words on it showing that this few seconds of distraction is often the cause of the accident. The hands free is illegal and even having the phone on a seat or near them may make the police suspicious that they have been distracted by it. The latest advertisement on TV addresses this issue and it is a poignant reminder for all of us.

The session ended with a card given to the students asking them to go home and discuss a safe getting home plan with their parents that they can sign and put on the fridge. This contract will outline that they can phone a parent or another designated person anytime of the night if they find themselves in a situation where they cannot get safely home.

The docudrama is ongoing education given to the students through their curriculum on safe driving and responsible use of alcohol and with many of them now on L and P plates we are happy to be working in partnerships with families to ensure these fantastic young people survive these years when socialising and driving is at its peak.
Enable District Term 1 Chess Challenge

On the last day of school last term around 15 of our students ventured ‘o hill ‘n’ dale to the wilds of Shailer Park SHS Library. And there they were treated to dynamic learning experiences promulgated by the intrepid team from Gardiner Chess Academy and forthright competition from each other and the students of Flagstone College, Shailer Park SHS and Kingston College. Many of our students gained National Accreditation Levels and a MEDAL!

Special thanks to Mr Stevens for his guidance and Rebecca Evans the Enable District Schools Project Officer for facilitating the event and providing bonza tucka.

Leanne Townsend
HOD Mathematics
(07) 3380 6112

REM: CHESS CLUB
E6 Maths Block Computer room every MONDAY second lunch – ALL WELCOME.

2015 Open Afternoon & School Tours

Principal school tour dates :-
• Monday 4th May
• Monday 18th May
• Monday 1st June
• Monday 15th June

These tours will be conducted 9-10am on each Monday listed above.

P & C Meetings
New and continuing parents and community members are invited to attend the P & C meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise advertised). P&C Meetings begin at 6:30pm and are usually completed in an about an hour depending on the items being discussed. Please join us, have a say in decisions and be informed on what is happening in your school. Hope to see you there!

Meeting dates: May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20 and Nov 17.

Canteen Help Wanted

With the introduction of EFTPOS there is a greater need for volunteers in the canteen especially during first break at 11am. If you would like to help out in the canteen, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please phone Judy and Julie in the canteen on 33806139 and they will be happy to help you out with a time/s and day/s to help.

Uniform Shop

Volunteers wanted – got some spare time on a Tuesday or Friday morning? Join Gloria our volunteer operator in the uniform shop from 7:45am – 9am – or any time in between.

PARENTS PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS WHEN DROPPING AND PICKING UP STUDENTS. WE HAVE HAD COMPLAINTS REGARDING PEOPLE PARKING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS WHICH HAS IMPACTED ON THEIR ACCESS

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/
Harmony Day at Springwood SHS

Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. This is the 15th year we have celebrated it in Australia.

Springwood SHS celebrates Harmony Day every year and this year we celebrated it on Friday 27th March. Each year it has got better and better as the students start to feel the importance of celebrating cultural diversity and coming together as one, as Australian.

We started with an assembly where we heard from Ms McCullough informing the school about the significance of Harmony Day and that we have 35 different countries of birth in the school, but we also recognize that many students have parents that were born in other countries and therefore identify with the family culture so there are many more cultures represented in our school. We then heard from two of our seniors about their experiences as coming from a strong cultural background from other countries and being Australian.

Haromi Poutapu welcomed us in Maori language and tradition, greeting us on behalf of her family and the area in New Zealand her family is from and on behalf of Harmony Day at Springwood SHS. She translated some of those tricky Kiwi sayings into Aussie which was informative and entertaining. We now know, “Sweet” means “OK”.

We then heard from the talented Barns Iopu and Nathan Soochoon as they played on the guitar and sang a Samoan song. Esther Isbon, our vice-captain, gave an emotionally charged speech about her experiences as an Australian and implored us to talk to 15 different people in the day and find out about their culture to mark the 15th anniversary of Harmony Day. Esther recently won an award for her speaking skills.

Then we had the Tahitian Dancers Donlynn Tapine, Sharmajaya-Rae Karena, Colleen Graae and Jackai Cobb who professionally showed off the culture in dance and costume with infectious smiles.

We were planning to have our amazing Samoan and Maori young men and woman to do their Haka performance at Morning Tea but they looked so good with their freshly done Moko facial painting, created by one of our wonderful parents, and sarongs that we pushed back the commencement of the Cross Country and the watched enthralled with their confident and creative performance. They started with a Samoan prayer circle, then the Samoan young men lead by Ian did their Haka facing the Maori boys and then the Maori young men and woman led by Sydney did their Haka reciprocating. There were lots of body action, loud calling, use of traditional implements with great leadership from the young men. They regrouped for prayer and then this amazing reconciliation part of the performance happened where the Maori leader offered a token of peace to the Samoan leader. The 2 separate groups then came together as one group with loud announcements from each leader in their language. The peace process was then celebrated in a form of circular ceremonial steps and shouts. This was a poignant message reflecting the Harmony Day message of inclusiveness, respect and belonging. Though we have many differences and sometimes strong affiliations with our own family or countries culture, we can all be one as Australians and work in unison in friendship and peace.

Then if that was not enough, the incredibly generous Year 12 student Ally Martin planned, prepared and with a team of helpful year 9 and 12 students cooked some international food. Unfortunately we did not get it finished until 2nd break and the students donated a gold coin for the Vanuatu Cyclone victims. We were tantalized with Japanese Lotus Root fries with pink Himalayan salt and spices; New Zealand goats cheese pizza; Australian Indigenous Kangaroo sausages; and West African black eyed peas fritters.

Whilst we were cooking this the Savi Islands girls Robyn Fifita, Agnes Togagae, Lei Afui, Zayvier Stowers-Tafengatoto, Tyra Coromandel and Nakita Holani danced in the MPS at Morning Tea. They were graceful and very professional and supported by our fabulous school community.

When Springwood High does Harmony Day, they do it well. I am so looking forward to next year where we can be even more creative as the interest and desire to come together as one community grows.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH METRO SOUTH HEALTH SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

PHONE 1300 300 850

(Monday to Friday – 7:30 to 4:00).

Have your Medicare Card and Health Care Card (if you have one) with you when you call.

For further information, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth/
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Delivery 1st Break THURSDAY
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/Client.

Paying by phone: Payment by Credit Card ONLY
Call the school on 3380 6103 or 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.

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, 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.
# ORDER FORM

**SPRINGWOOD STATE HIGH SCHOOL**
**P & C ASSOCIATION**
**UNIFORM SHOP PHONE: 3380 6163**
**Email:** Uniformshop@springwshs.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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If you are turning 13 this year and are not older than 18, why not visit our unit, see what we’re about and obtain your joining pack. But hurry – spaces are limited.

TS Gayundah
Bulimba Barracks, Apollo Rd, Bulimba
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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.

**FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
November 20 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 27 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 4.

All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 11.

In 2016, all state schools will re-open for students on January 25.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (August, 2014) but may be subject to change.