FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Opinion Survey
The annual School Opinion Survey is on again. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what we do well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week, and can be accessed online from 21st July to 3rd August 2014. If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to complete the survey online at the school in the office. School computers will be available during school hours.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to the office on telephone 07 3380 6111.

School Tours, Enrolments and Year 7
Our school tour program is offered on a number of Mondays throughout the year from 9am to 10am. These tours have been very successful as this opportunity enables prospective students and parents to see us in action; visit our newly refurbished Year 7 classrooms and outdoor area, science labs, workshops, automotive, sport and the arts facilities, pool and showcases our spacious and well-kept grounds and fantastic learning environment. If you are enrolling or know of a family who wants to enrol for next year please call our office to make an enrolment appointment as soon as possible so we can efficiently plan for 2015.

We are finalising our Junior Secondary Program for 2015 including factoring in the historic move of Year 7 to high school. Year 7 students will participate in Humanities (English and SOSE) classes where they will have the same teacher and STeM (Science, Technology and Maths) classes where they also have the same teacher. This is to reduce the number of teachers our Year 7 students need to get to know and will minimise the number of times they move around the school. These classes will also be conducted in the morning which is a prime time for learning.

We have also a strong induction and support program for our Year 7 and Year 8 students to ensure they transition smoothly into high school life. Our Junior Secondary students will have a number of opportunities to experience subjects such as manual arts, hospitality and we also offer academic, arts and fitness and sport extension classes.

Literacy and Numeracy
Literacy and numeracy continues to be a key focus for students at Springwood SHS with our literacy teacher and numeracy teacher aide working closely with the classroom teacher and students to ensure we extend the skills of all of our students. Research clearly indicates that reading skills are a major factor in learning success. Please contact the school or one of your child’s classroom teachers if you would like to know more about our programs.

Julie-Ann McCullough
PRINCIPAL

PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT WINDOW CLOSED MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS
JUNIOR SECONDARY SPOTLIGHT—Trudie Devenish-Meares

SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIOR SECONDARY @ SPRINGWOOD HIGH

Exciting changes await our school as 2015 marks the first year that Year 7 will be a part of high school. This means that next year, we will be welcoming both Year 7 and 8 students into our community.

Many of you will recall making that transition with your children over the past few years, and we’re focused on providing as much support as possible to the students coming across from our local primary schools. Especially with the double cohort expected next year.

The students starting in Year 7 and 8 here next year will be a part of Junior Secondary for Years 7, 8 and 9, along with those students currently in Year 8. The Junior Secondary model we have developed will best support the academic, social and emotional needs of students who are in these early years of high school.

We are really looking to our whole community to welcome and support the students coming across to our school next year. We will be holding information sessions in the coming months which will be a great opportunity to showcase our community and our Junior Secondary model.

Please feel free to talk to any member of our staff if you have any questions about welcoming Year 7 and 8 students to Junior Secondary at our school. We are here to help.

Springwood State High School’s new eDiary!

A reminder that the Springwood State High School eDiary has been launched. Students and parents have been sent an email, inviting them to activate an eDiary account. The eDiary mirrors the new-look 2014 School Organiser and allows teachers to set non-deletable homework for students. This means students can access homework even if they have been away from class and parents can log in to check their son or daughter’s homework for the week.

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/

STAFF RECOGNITION

During the July holidays, Ms Debbie Kahl – LOTE Coordinator at Springwood SHS – attended the two day National Symposium on Japanese Language Education (NSJLE) conference in Sydney.

The symposium, held on the 10th and 11th of July, focused on the theme: Local Connections Global Visions. During this conference, Ms Kahl attended a variety of workshops and sessions that focused on professional development, including: The Australian Curriculum: Japanese, How Visible Learning Helps In The Japanese Classroom, Japanese Beyond The Classroom – using the Tohoku disaster to connect with students in the real world, and Improving Reading Fluency through ICTs.

The conference, which was run in conjunction with the International Conference on Japanese Language Education, was an excellent opportunity to network with other Japanese educators from within Australia and around the world.

Huge thanks must go to the Japan Foundation Sydney, who organised the conference and provided teachers from around Australia with travel grants to attend the conference. Ms Kahl was successful in attaining a travel grant and this assisted with some of her expenses to Sydney to attend the conference.

MEETING NOTICE!

P & C MEETING
TUESDAY
19TH AUGUST

Springwood State High School P & C Meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at 6.30pm in the administration common room.
All welcome to attend.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Term 3 is a busy term for the instrumental music students and teachers. We are embarking on an interstate tour to Tenterfield. We are performing at Warwick West SS, Mingoola Public School and Mummulgum Public School. As well as that we are climbing Bald Rock and having a group photo under the light house at Byron Bay. 18 students and 3 teachers are involved – we travel from 11 August to 13 August.

There will be a Farewell Concert on Thursday, 31 July at 6pm in the MPS. Everyone is welcome to attend. The concert will be approximately 30mins long. After the concert we are holding a quick Information Session for families and students of those coming on the tour. If any members of the public would like to come to the concert please feel free to attend.

Thanks to the school P&C and also to the dedicated IMPS (Instrumental Music Parent Support committee) for their financial support of the tour. Both groups have contributed to cover some of our costs as well as the travel insurance and also entry into the Stanthorpe Maze where we are going to have fun after our Warwick concert.

Thanks to the families who are again supporting the students of the instrumental music program. We tour every 2 years and though this one is shorter in duration comparatively to previous tours it is looking like it will be another wonderful experience for our students.

GoMA EXCURSION

On Tuesday the 16th July students from years 8 and 10 went in to the City and South Bank to visit the Apple Store and the Gallery of Modern Art with Ms Crystal Roy and Ms Karen Vickers. Students gained experience travelling on public transport, as well as participating in workshops at the Apple Store. During the workshops students were able to design their own pieces of music, and record and keep them on a USB, and explore some new apps. Students were given a t-shirt and USB by the team at Apple. Students also visited GoMA where they looked at many different exhibitions and created their own bandanas using stencils and paint. It was a great day.

2014 SNOWIES TRIP

In the first week of the school holidays 20 enthusiastic students and two committed teachers trekked off to the Snowy Mountains for six days of skiing and snowboarding fun. Congratulations to all the students for reaching your amazing ability levels in such a short time. We can confidently say that all students and teachers had a fantastic time in some of the best snow conditions possible. We encourage all Year 10 and 11 students to talk to those who attended and start saving to attend the trip in 2015.

Expression of interest forms will be circulated later in the year.

Dean Higlett & Janelle Cliffe

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)
MATHS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Time for our Springy Maths Students to Shine!

On Thursday August 7 (Period 1 in the Library) over 100 of our top Mathematics students will do the Australian Mathematics Competition. Each of the top 20 students in each year level will be issued with a congratulatory letter and invitation to do the competition by their Mathematics Teacher (the Maths Department will pay for the entries).

Students achieving in the top 20% of the country receive a Credit Certificate; Top 10% receive a Distinction Award; the top 3% achieve a High Distinction and the top student in the state wins CASH and entry into the Maths Olympiad in 2015. Good luck everyone.

2014 EARLY SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
Welcome back to Term 3 – An important time for Year 12 students - Term three is a very important and busy time of the year for Year 12 students. If you haven’t already decided what you are going to do in 2015, this is the time to access information about the options available. The following is a selection of events and activities that will be held in term three to help you with your decision-making.

Institution Open Days - Most of the institution open days occur in Term three. Open days provide an opportunity to learn more about the institutions and courses in which you are interested. Make the most of open days by developing a list of questions to be answered at the event. See open day dates on the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/Schools/OpenDays.htm.

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<td>University of the Sunshine Coast</td>
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QTAC applications open – QTAC applications open on 5 August 2014. The application is online and costs $34. Students are strongly encouraged to apply by 29 September 2014 for tertiary courses commencing in Semester one 2015. A late fee of $130 is imposed from 1 October 2014. For information about the QTAC application process, see Section 1 of the 2014/2015 QTAC Guide and the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/. The 2014 QTAC Guides to tertiary courses starting in September 2014 through to August 2015 are now available for Year 12 students. The Guides will be distributed to all Year 12 students. Students need to come and get their copy from the Guidance Officer. When students collect their copy they will also receive their LUI number (Learning Unique Identifier) on a sticker and they then need to attach the sticker to the outside of the QTAC Guide for reference. The number will be necessary for applications to universities and other educational institutions. Parents and students are welcome to make appointments to discuss post Year 12 options. The Guidance Officer does require an interview with every student that is wishing to make a QTAC application. Students will receive information via their school email account, school newsletters, daily notices and BLAST lessons re QTAC procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email or call.

Scholarships - Most university scholarship applications open in Term three and close in October/November. An exception is Bond University, which has its scholarship closing date on 31 July 2014. Every university has a section on its website about scholarships. Find out the application process and due date early to avoid missing out on a scholarship. If in doubt about your chances, apply anyway. Students are encouraged to research these options via the University websites and then discuss their application with the Guidance Officer.

Updates from Griffith University - Open Day – This is a great opportunity to explore the Griffith campuses, check out the courses and talk to students and staff. It will be held on Sunday 10 August at the South Bank, Nathan and Gold Coast campuses. Find out more at http://www.griffith.edu.au/open-day.

Griffith Connect Admission and Academic Excellence Bursary – Springwood SHS is a Griffith partner school and students can apply for this bursary. Online applications open in July and close on 20 September 2014. See the Guidance Counsellor/Officer for more information.

Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies Program (GUESTS) – This program is for OP eligible senior students who wish to undertake a subject at Griffith. Year 11 students can apply for Semester 1 2015. Applications close on 15 October 2014. Find out more at http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program.

Aptitude for Engineering Assessment – This test offers students a pathway into the B Engineering or the B of Engineering Technology at either the Nathan or Gold Coast campuses. Registrations close on 9 September 2014. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/engineering-information-technology/griffith-school-engineering/future-students/aptitude-engineering-assessment

Cathie Flint – Guidance Officer
E: cflin4@eq.edu.au P: 3380-6111
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YEAR 10—12 STUDENTS

OPEN DAYS
As Year 10 students continue to explore their options for Senior Secondary and post College, it is highly recommended that students visit the following Open Days and events with their parents. Please preview the information on each website listed below.

Date: Sunday 27th July, 2014
Time: 9am to 3pm
Venue: Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane CBD
Weblink: https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day

Date: Sunday 3rd August, 2014
Time: 9am to 3pm
Venue: St Lucia Campus
Weblink: http://youruq.com/openday

Date: Sunday 10th August, 2014
Venue: Sippy Downs Campus

Date: Sunday 10th August, 2014
Time: 9am to 3pm
Venue: Southbank Campus AND Nathan Campus
Weblink: https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day

Date: Sunday 17th August, 2014
Time: 9am to 3pm
Venue: Caboolture Campus
Weblink: https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day

Date: Sunday 17th August, 2014
Time: 9.30am to 3pm
Venue: Gatton Campus
Weblink: http://youruq.com/openday

Date: Sunday 24th August, 2014
Time: 10am to 2pm
Venue: Springfield Campus
Weblink: http://www.usq.edu.au/future-students/experience/open-day

SBH WHEEL AND WALK FUN RUN FOR CHARITY:
The Wheel and Walk Fun Run starts and finishes at Captain Burke Park, Holman Street, Kangaroo Point (underneath the Story Bridge). You can park in nearby streets or think about catching the ferry from South Bank or the City to the Holman Street terminal.

When: Sunday 10th August 2014

Time: 9.00am - Registration

9.30am - Run begins after warm up with qualified instructors from Pure Health Clubs.

Distance: 5km or 2km short course

Contact: Kylie Harrison on 3844 4600

** PRIZES for Race Winners and Highest Fundraiser. Holidays and other great prizes to be won.

Entry forms available from our website - www.spinabifida.org

or enrol and fundraise online at http://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/wheelandwalk2014

More information available on back page
Is your resource fee paid? Reminder—payment window closed Monday and Fridays.

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

Bridges Reconnect/ Girls Spot Support Group

'The Girl Spot' is a support group for 12-18 year olds vulnerable youth designed to empower girls and to support each other. It is held at Bridges Reconnect at 100 Railway Parade, Woodridge, and meets every 2nd Thursday from 4-6 pm during school terms and 10am – 2 pm during school holidays your young person is interested contact Donna, Allan or Tammy on 32081478.

Logan Woman’s Health & well-being Centre

Programs at present:
- ‘Women of Strength’ – aims to grow self-respect, learn how to encourage each other and recognise our value as woman. Logan Woman’s – Suite 2/18 Carol Ave, Springwood. 10 -12 noon. 24th July – 11th Sep. Cost $10
- ‘Let it Be’ 8 weeks of Mindfulness. 6th Aug – 24th Sept
- Yoga at Hotel Gloria
- Art Therapy commences on 28th July 10 am at Logan Central CASV
- Dietitian visit
- Involvement in The Power Program at Mabel Park SHS – supporting young pregnant and parenting teenagers (13-17 years) to achieve their education goals.
- Monthly MT
- Parenting courses
- They also provide counselling, sexual health and support services.

An Opportunity for a Young Person to be on the Reference Group for the Headspace service coming to Logan

The headspace Logan team are currently calling for young people living in the Logan area with an interest young people’s health and wellbeing to take the time to consider the opportunity of being involved in the new headspace Logan Youth Reference Group (LYRG).

The LYRG will be involved in the establishment and ongoing development of this exciting new service. Email ellen.heathwood@aftercare.com.au. Application close 4th August.

What does Headspace do?

Their focus is the mental health and wellbeing of all young people. Getting help early is the key to resolving these problems quickly.

They help young people 12-25 years with issues around:
- General health
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Education, employment and other services
- Alcohol and other drug services.

So they are there for you young people that are:
- are feeling down, stressed or can't stop worrying
- haven't felt like yourself for a long time
- can't deal with school or finding it difficult to concentrate
- are feeling sick or worried about your health
- want to cut down on your drinking or drug use
- want to talk about sexuality, identity or relationships
- are having difficulties with friendships
- have sexual health issues or want to find out about contraception
- are being bullied, cyberbullied, hurt or harassed
- are worried about work or study or if you’re having money trouble

headspace-inala/what-we-do

Young People can also go online and receive support from the qualified counselors
https://www.eheadspace.org.au/

Good Health
Michelle the School Based Youth Health Nurse
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 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.

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.

RE: NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMPUTER FUND - STUDENT LAPTOP
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.

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Do you love the colour orange? Terrific – so do our school leavers every year!

New Volunteers are currently being recruited to register as Schoolies Support Team (SST) Volunteers for the annual Gold Coast Schoolies Community Safety Response.

In November each year following the conclusion of Year 12, thousands of school leavers descend on the Gold Coast to celebrate their achievements. As a result the Queensland Government coordinates a Safety Response.

In excess of 1,000 Volunteers from all walks of life and a variety of community organisations participate each year to support the school leavers enjoy their celebrations safely.

Annually the SST Volunteers assist with authorised wristband distribution, conduct street and beach patrols and provide walk home services, a friendly smile and a wise ear to school leavers. The SST Volunteers wear bright orange tabards whilst on shift in order to be easily identified and provide important information about the schoolies hub, safety response and overall experience.

Volunteers are being sought for this year’s Safety Response. Some Volunteers are required during the day on the first Saturday with the rest of the week involving night time work 6pm to midnight approximately. You can volunteer for as little as one shift or if super keen you can participate every day!

All Volunteers are required to hold or obtain a Positive Notice (Blue Card) for Working with Children from the Queensland Governments Public Safety Business Agency. You will be assisted to obtain your Blue Card, free of charge, as part of the volunteer recruitment process.

Being an SST Volunteer is a fantastic way for parents of school leavers to connect with the safety response without cramping the style of their children. Often Mums and Dads also volunteer in the years prior to their children leaving Year 12, so that they can experience the safety response directly and be more assured and prepared for the day their own child wants to join in the excitement.

Consider volunteering today. Visit the website for more information or to register your interest: www.schooliesvolunteer.com.au or call Crime Stoppers Queensland who are the SST Volunteer Coordinators on 1300 309 355. Crime Stoppers Queensland is a registered charity and community volunteer organisation.

LOGAN METRO TOUCH

Competition Contact: Kelly Turner
Venue: Gould Adams Park
Email: loganmetrotouch@bigpond.com
Website: www.loganmetro.mytouchfooty.com

Junior Touch Competition
SUMMER 2014
(Fully Affiliated and Insured with Touch Football Australia)

Saturday Mornings from 9.30am

LOGAN METRO

Interested in playing Touch Footy? Great!
Come on down to Gould Adams Park Touch Fields,
Register your team or we can help find you team to play in.
Don’t miss out!
Season is for 12 rounds plus finals.

Sign On - Saturday Aug 2nd 2014
9am – 10.30am
Games Starts: Saturday 16th Aug 2014
GRAND FINALS: 29th Nov 2014

Full Fees $90.00 includes Playing Shirt
(Covers Registration, Insurance & Game fees)
Get start vouchers accepted (more details on our website)

DIVISIONS: Under 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16s (Boys, girls, mixed teams)
(Subject to nominations)

Nomination forms are available on the website: www.loganmetro.mytouchfooty.com

Southern Stars Baseball Club
Regency Dr, Regents Park
Come & Try Days
26th July and 2nd August
9am – 2pm
Under 8 – Seniors welcome
Contact Karen – 0421 773 768
A Flying Start for Queensland Children

Year 7 is joining high school

Queensland’s education system is changing for the better. From 2015, Year 7 will become the first year of high school. This is a significant change which will benefit all Queensland students.

By 2015, almost half of the students in Year 7 will be turning 13 and in their eighth year of school, which is the right time for high school to begin. Educators agree that young teenagers are ready for greater independence and depth of learning that high schools provide.

In high school, our students will have greater access to specialist teachers and resources, such as science teachers and labs, which will open up new and exciting educational opportunities. Moving Year 7 to high school will also bring Queensland into line with the majority of other states and territories, which will benefit families who may need to move interstate while their child is still in secondary school.

Preparing for the move of Year 7 to high school

The start of the school year in 2015 will be historic, as state and non-state secondary schools across Queensland welcome almost 100,000 students into Years 7 and 8. As you prepare to enrol your child in a new high school, you should feel confident that much work has been done since 2013 to ensure a smooth transition of Year 7 to high school in 2015.

For state schools, this includes:

- rolling out an extensive capital works program to accommodate Year 7 students, which will see around 365 infrastructure projects delivered at 288 state schools across Queensland
- piloting the move of Year 7 in 30 state secondary schools so that we can share the first-hand experience of the pilot schools before all secondary schools prepare to welcome Year 7

- encouraging all secondary schools to develop a specific program to support the wellbeing of students as they move to the transition to high school
- implementing Junior Secondary for students in Years 7 to 9, which focuses on the specific academic, social and emotional wellbeing of students in the early years of high school
- recruiting up to 1,100 passionate teachers to Junior Secondary settings who have the skills and experience to effectively support the distinct learning needs of young adolescents
- supporting these new teachers in Junior Secondary with comprehensive professional development
- boosting the financial support available for families living in rural and remote parts of the state by increasing the Living Away From Home Allowance for eligible Year 7 students to the secondary student rate.

How you can help to support your child

The move from primary school to high school is a significant moment in the lives of students and their families. Early adolescence can be a time of rapid change as students become more independent, have additional educational responsibilities and start to feel influenced by their peer groups.

Our primary and secondary schools will be working closely to support students as they prepare to make the transition to high school. There are also practical things that you can do to assist your child to make a smooth and successful transition.

Before your child starts high school:

- Make arrangements for before or after school care and ensure your child has a range of emergency contact details.
- Ensure your child has a safe, welcoming and quiet space
- The necessary equipment to successfully study out of school hours. Help them to develop a study plan around their other commitments and activities.
- Talk positively to your child about the change. Be realistic with them about the time it will take to settle into new routines. Identify things to look forward to e.g. making new friends, experiencing new subjects.

You can start to:

- Research the academic program and student wellbeing support systems of your chosen high school, so you can be sure it’s a good fit for your child.
- Attend parent information sessions at your chosen high school, so you can get to know the principal, teaching staff and structure of the school.
- Be enthusiastic about the move to high school and talk positively to your child about the transition.
- Listen to any concerns or worries and reinforce the positive things your child is excited about. High school will have a wealth of new experiences for them to enjoy.

Later this year you can:

- Check out our starting high school videos and other resources about the transition to high school at www.fyestart-qld.gov.au
- Encourage your child to participate in any orientation and transition programs offered by either their primary school, or their new high school. This will help smooth the way.
- Ensure your child has school requirements such as the right uniform and looks ready for the first day of school.
- If your child is taking public transport to school, do a test run of the journey to and from school, so they are confident travelling to school.
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Is there someone in your life who is experiencing mental health difficulties?

SBH Queensland
SBH Queensland has been supporting children and adults with spina bifida and hydrocephalus since 1969. This year, through generous community support, over 700 people will receive information, support and therapy from SBH Queensland.

Please join with us in supporting SBH Queensland’s Wheel & Walk and help us to create a brighter future for people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

**PLEASE NOTE: This year we are again in the top section of Captain Burke Park.**

**Event Details**
The Wheel & Walk Run starts and finishes at Captain Burke Park, Holman Street, Kangaroo Point (underneath the Story Bridge). You can park in nearby streets or think about catching the ferry from South Bank or the City to the Holman Street Terminal.

Where: Sunday 10th August, 2014
Time: 9.00am - Registration
      9.30am - Run begins after warm up with qualified instructors.
Distance: 5km or 2km short course
Contact: Kylie Harrison
        07 3844 4800
        kharrison@sbhqld.com.au

Sausage Sizzle, live entertainment by “Leave Pass” and Life Be In It activities after the race.

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