**Welcome to Spotlight on Senior**

With so many fantastic things to celebrate at Springwood State High School, the Senior School Support Team agreed that we should create a newsletter to share them with you.

At Springwood SHS, our vision is *the highest expectations* and this is what we have for our students. Many of our students are exceeding our expectations and we would like to share their successes with you.

Did you know that we not only have students participating in traditional classroom learning, but also students who are engaged in school-based apprenticeship and traineeships; certificate and diploma studies with TAFE and other registered training organisations; first year university studies in addition to extra-curricular activities? These young people need to be celebrated.

In addition to updates about our students’ success, *Spotlight on Senior* aims to keep students, parents, the community and our business partners up to date with current programs and activities at Springwood State High School.

**OP and QCS Information Evening**

On Tuesday 25 February, the Senior School Support Team hosted an information evening for year 11 & 12 students and their parents.

Attendees were welcomed by our principal, Ms McCullough, and then Mrs Ormonde, HOD Senior Schooling, provided an overview of our 2013 outcomes. The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test was briefly explained in relation to it’s impact on the OP (Overall Position). Eligibility criteria and how OPs are calculated were then explained.

Mrs Flint, our Guidance Officer, provided further explanation about how to apply for university through QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Application Centre). Scholarships was a hot topic for the evening.

Mrs O’Donnell, Deputy Principal, summarised and closed the evening.

If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the power-point presentation or supporting materials, please email ILO@springwoshs.eq.edu.au and we will forward it to you.

**School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

We thought that you would like to be introduced a range of our school-based apprentices and trainees.

**Christie-Lee Hosking** (Cert III Business) is a SAT with Subway Springwood

Christie with her employer, Casey Mulholland

**Shaun Meiers** was recently signed into a Painting and Decorating Apprenticeship with Apex Painting and Decorating.

Shaun is pictured here with his employer, Therese Ryan.

**Colleen Graae** is completing a Cert III Hospitality with Zarraffa’s at Slacks Creek. A staff member told us that they love Colleen’s lovely smile and laughter.

**Christaan Fourmond** has worked tirelessly on Saturday mornings to secure his Automotive school-based apprenticeship with Rocky’s Motors at Kingston. Here we see Rocky with his new apprentice “Buddy”.

Thank you to the employers who are providing these opportunities for our students and congratulations students.

**Help Please**

If you are able to host a Year 12 student for a week of structured work placement (SWP) from Monday 31/3 to Friday 4/4, could you please contact Kim Frew on 3380 6135.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- **27/03/14** Year 12 Mighty Minds Workshop
- **31/3—04/04/14** Year 12 Structured Workplace Learning
- **01/04 & 02/04/14** Year 12 QCS Practice Test
- **23/04/14** Years 11&12 Careers That Shape the World