MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

**NAPLAN**
I wish all of our students in years 3 and 5 all the very best for their NAPLAN tests coming up next week. I have been speaking with our year 3 and year 5 classes about NAPLAN and the message I have been giving to them is fairly clear and simple. I have been deliberately casual in my approach to the students in mentioning to them that we want our students to simply do their best in each of the tests. In previous years, there has sometimes been a lot of comments and articles in newspapers and on television about NAPLAN. I believe that this adds to the stress children feel about NAPLAN. Our students have had some practice. They have an idea of what they might expect. We have asked that they do their best, to have a go at some of the more challenging questions and to not quit. That’s all we want for our students. We are working at taking away the student stress that can be involved in NAPLAN.

**Student Clothing**
While we all enjoy our beautiful mild temperatures that we are currently experiencing, it might be timely to think about the upcoming winter. Now might be a good time to check that student names are clearly marked on the labels of track suit pants, jackets etc (the sort of clothes that students shed throughout the day). Clear labelling makes it easier for us to find the owner of discarded clothes.

**Pick Up Area**
I think that our pick up area is working a bit better most afternoons. This is helped by people slightly staggering the times that they drive in to pick up their children. I still need to check the extent to which the traffic backs up outside the school grounds. I hope it has eased a bit. I will need to now get back to the situation of cars double parking in the car park and the drivers leaving the cars and blocking both the flow of traffic and other car's ability to get into and out of car parks.

Kind Regards
Greg Horrigan
Principal
say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.  
Have your child’s school memories captured forever  
on 23 & 24 May 2016

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. All payments are due on photo day.

- You may pay by cash, or place your order online using your child's individual ‘shoot key’ listed on their envelope and pay with your credit card.

- Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.

- Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY FROM 8AM
  - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.

- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.

- All students should wear their correct school uniform.

- Students appearing in any Extra Curricular Group Photos will be notified on how to order these, via a personalised order envelope, issued after photo day.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact
MSP Photography  
ph 07 3848 3946  
e admin.seq@msp.com.au
Friendship Week

Friendship week at Springfield Lakes State School has been a huge success. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about making friends, being friends and what to do when there is a problem in a friendship. Students have also been busy ‘filling up buckets’ to make others feel good about themselves. I hope you have had the opportunity to discuss friendship week with your child/ren and have heard lovely stories of children getting along.

Enjoy these photos and quotes from children celebrating Friendship Week.

So what did the students think of Friendship Week?

Mia (Prep B) “You can be a good friend by helping somebody up.”

Zara (1G) “In friendship week I made a lot of new friends.”

Sam (2E) “You can play with other people and ask nicely to play.”

Aamira (3D) “Friendship week was fun and cool. I got a new friend and we play together all the time.”

Mackenzie (4F) “I liked the activities we did. We chose a name out of a box and wrote a letter to compliment that person.”

Sebastian (5A) “I learnt how people really feel inside. It was pretty fun. We drew a bucket and we put warm fuzzies on the bucket.”

Mason (6C) “I learnt to always look after your friends and how to make new friends. If you see someone alone you can ask them to play.”
COMMUNITY KICKBACKS

For every $5 that each person spends at Amart Sports, a point goes to our school. Every three months our school receives a total. For the last 3 months our school received $600 to spend on sporting goods for our children!

Every time someone makes a purchase at Amart Sports, in-store or online they just have to remember to swipe their Team Amart loyalty card or mention that you want the points to go to our school.

Join the Team Amart program and nominate our school on your account. It can be done online or simply at the cash register at your local Amart Sports store. It takes just 2 minutes.

Thanks for your support!
Danielle Fajzullin

MUSIC NEWS

Junior Band
Our Year 4 Beginner Band students will commence Junior Band rehearsals on Monday morning 9 May. Students who are in their first year of learning with Miss Mannell will need to come to school at 7:45 every Monday morning, ready to set up and start rehearsals at 8:00 sharp. All Year 4 Band students are required, as being a member of a school band ensemble is a condition of their continuing participation in the Instrumental Music Program.

Junior Band students will NOT need instruments for their first band rehearsal, but students with lessons on Mondays will still need to bring them for their lesson later in the day. Year 4 students who have lessons on Wednesdays, will need to bring their instruments on both days.
**Fanfare**
On Wednesday 1 June, our school will once again be holding a heat for the Metropolitan Regional Fanfare. Instrumental Music Fanfare is held every 2 years, alternating with Choral Fanfare. This year, our Senior and Junior Strings and our Senior Concert Band will be performing. Our Junior Band will not be performing, but will attend to watch the other groups from our school perform. Exact times and details will be sent home to families shortly, and more information will follow in the next newsletter.

**Rehearsals**
As all instrumental students in the Senior and Junior Strings and Senior Concert Band are expected to perform at Fanfare, it is really important that all students are attending all of their rehearsals and lessons. Unfortunately, if students are missing from rehearsals regularly, this will impact on the overall performance by the whole group. Please ensure your child is attending rehearsals every week. Weekly rehearsals are listed below.

**Junior Band** – Monday mornings (starting 9 May) arrive 7:45 start 8:00  
**Senior Strings** – Tuesday mornings arrive 7:30 start 7:45  
**Junior Strings** – Tuesday 1st break (after eating time)  
**Senior Concert Band** – Wednesday mornings arrive 7:30 start 7:45

**Springfield Cluster Instrumental Music Workshops (13 - 16 June)**
All of our Band students will be taking part in the Springfield Cluster Instrumental Music Workshops later this term. The workshops are being held at Woodcrest State College. Our Year 4 beginner students (Junior Band) will attend their workshop on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 June, and our Senior Band (Year 5 and 6 students) will attend their workshop on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 June.

More information will be sent home to those students shortly.

Strings students will be participating in similar workshops in Term 3 (August).

**Senior Choir – Anzac Day School Ceremony**
Our Senior Choir have been rehearsing in preparation for their participation in the school Anzac Day Ceremony which is to be held in the School Hall on Friday 22 April, commencing at 12:00. All parents and families are invited to attend.

**Regards,**  
Libby McRobert  
Music Coordinator
SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

There have been a number of parents who are coming into the school, going directly to your child’s classroom and pulling them out. The correct procedure at Springfield Lakes State School is:

- Parents must always come to the Administration Office as the first point of call
- Parents must sign your child out if they are leaving the school grounds
- Administration staff will call your child’s class and have them sent up to the office with their bag or
- Parents will be given a leave pass if the option is for them to collect their child from class.

Your adherence to Education Queensland policies and procedures would be greatly appreciated.

BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER NEWS

BPOINT is an additional payment option which is available to you to pay your school invoices.

The internet web link will provide you with a method of paying school invoices from your own computer.

You will need the Customer Reference Number (CRN) printed at the bottom of your invoice/statement.
Once you have entered above requested information you will receive a BPOINT transaction confirmation for your records.

If you have multiple items on your statement enter any one of the invoice numbers and enter the total $ amount. The system will then clear the entered invoice number and place the balance as a credit on your account. The school will receive a report showing the credit and will apply this credit to the remaining invoices. Alternatively you may enter each invoice separately.

Attached are visual instructions to pay with BPoint.

ALL 4 fields MUST be filled in!
LEARNING TWO LANGUAGES:

Is my child bilingual?

- Many children speak more than one language and this makes them bilingual.
- Some children may understand more than one language but not speak it. They are bilingual too.
- Children are exposed to English at school. Some children may not be fully competent in speaking/understanding English and that is ok! They have plenty of time at school to practice.

Does learning two languages cause speech or language difficulties?

- No, children will present with speech and language differences however, these will resolve as they continue to learn the language.
- When another language is introduced a child may go through a ‘silent period.’ This is normal and will go away.
- Some bilingual children might have difficulties in all languages and may require additional support from the speech-language pathologist.

How can I support my child?

- Talk to your child in the language you are most comfortable with. Even if this is different to the language they use at school. This will provide the child with a rich language model that they will use to learn the second
language.
- Don’t make a sudden change to the language you use, this may stress the child. Gradually make changes.
- Be consistent with the language you choose to use.
- Provide opportunities to be immersed in the language other than English to avoid loss of that language.
- Read books in both languages. Children will begin to make connections and growth in both languages.
- Don’t discourage a child from switching between two languages when they are talking. This is a good sign!
- Slow down and keep it simple. For children to learn language it has to be easy for them to understand. Not too easy! We want their language to grow and grow!

Children who know more than one language have many advantages!
Some include: stronger cultural identity, enhanced thinking skills and possible economic advantages in their future. By supporting your child you are providing them with a special gift!

References:

If your child is having difficulties learning language or to read, we highly recommend getting hearing and vision tested. Please provide copies of reports to the school. I was able to find a number of services, including free services in the Springfield Lakes/Ipswich area after a quick google search.

Information provided by
Vanessa Maiolo,
Speech Pathology Student | The University of Queensland
Tara Brown,
Department of Education & Training | Speech-Language Pathologist
Contact me! Email: tbrow542@eq.edu.au  Ph: 3437 9888
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* N.B. All due dates will be strictly adhered to. Any monies received after 10.30am on the above dates will not be processed. If there are exceptional circumstances, please contact the Principal. Payments received by BPay or internet banking after the due date will be refunded back to the payee.

Payment Times

8:00am to 10:30am daily
SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

SWPBL - School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning

Below are the expectations being taught to all our students. We ask that parents reinforce these expectations when in our school grounds.

Week 4
Whole School and Year Level Focus - Respectful Playground - Keep body parts and other objects to yourself.

Week 5
Prep - *Cooperative* - Report Issues to Duty Teacher.

Year 1 - *Respectful* - Care for the environment.

Year 2 - *Cooperative* - Departing the school grounds.

Year 3 - *Peaceful* - Be Resilient.

Year 4 - *Cooperative* - Follow the instructions of every member of staff.

Year 5 - *Cooperative* - Follow lining up procedures.

Year 6 - *Cooperative* - Listen and Follow Instructors Directions.

Week 6
Whole School and Year Level Focus - Cooperative

Tuckshop - Eat tuckshop purchases at the undercover area.
UNIFORM SHOP

‘School Uniforms are now available through your local Lowes store or Online by clicking the link below’

The Parent as ADHD Coach Program is a 4-part program designed to provide parents and caregivers with the information and tools to understand and support their child with ADHD.

The aim of the course is to couple understanding and practical strategies that support the family where ADHD is a feature and a challenge.

The four program sessions include:
1. Understanding ADHD
2. Social & Emotional Impact of ADHD
3. At Home with ADHD
4. At School with ADHD

The program provides a robust, plain language, knowledge of ADHD including core symptoms and executive functioning (including emotional and social self regulation).

We then apply this expanded understanding of the mechanisms of ADHD to address specific home and school issues for your child and your family.

The program is available in-person or online via webcast. The program consists of 4 1.5hr sessions run weekly. All group participants are provided with a program manual which includes key information from the program for use during the program and later reference.

Many clients are referred by their doctor however clients can and do refer themselves and do not require a confirmed diagnosis of ADHD.

NEXT SESSION COMMENCES MAY 23

To reserve your place or find out more contact us by the website, email or telephone below:

info@connectadhd.com
www.connectadhd.com

Ashgrove Serviced Offices
Level 1, Highpoint
240 Waterworks Rd
Ashgrove, Brisbane

0433 921 590
Domestic Violence Service at Springfield & Goodna

DVAC has satellite services at

Springfield and Goodna

If you are experiencing abuse from your partner or have been in an abusive relationship there is support available. We can assist you with:

- Information and referral to other support services
- Counselling
- Crisis Support
- Safety planning to help you stay safe
- Safety upgrades to make your home safe and secure
- Court support
- Advocacy on your behalf to other support services
- We use interpreters to provide information/support in your own language if required

Support available at:
Goodna on Mondays and Tuesdays
Springfield on Thursdays and Fridays

You can access support by phone or make a face to face appointment to chat with the DV Practitioner.

Phone: 07 3816 3000.
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- Learning about aircraft or tackling obstacle courses?
- Making new friends and experiencing new challenges?

Joey Scouts (6-7.5 years)
- Wednesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Cub Scouts (7.5-10.5 years)
- Wednesday 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Scouts (10.5-14.5 years)
- Wednesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venturer Scouts (14.5-17.5 years)
- Monday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

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