MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday we held our Memorial Service for Xavier Corcoran. It is always so terribly sad when little people pass away. Xavier’s Mum, Dad and family members were here as part of our Memorial Service. We shared some anecdotes, listened to some of Xavier’s favourite songs and listened to some trombone music. Xavier had an attraction to trombone music and 2 of our students played a piece of trombone music.

Xavier’s class teacher, Ms Butler, has done a wonderful job of looking after the wellbeing of the students in her class these last 2 weeks. It has been accredit to her and her professionalism that through her own grief, she was there for her students.

Schools are about learning. Schools are equally about people, big and small. What is important about this is how the interactions between people, especially teacher-student, take place. The last couple of weeks has again reminded me of the value of the positive relationships that exist in our school.

There will be a funeral next Monday afternoon at 3.00 pm at Centenary Gardens.

Writing

An aspect of literacy we have been focussing on at school is student writing and we start this early. I was with a year 1 class last week and they showed their clear understanding of punctuation such as question marks, exclamation marks and speech marks. Year 1 students are also able to give examples of noun groups and adverbs.

All of our students have been working on openers for their stories and have been building this skill in providing sizzling starts.

I have put in some of these starts from year 5 students.

*It was the dawn of light. Everything was still and quiet. The wind was howling through the stick like trees. The soil was soft like wool, however underneath was a world we did not know about. And soon they will be in trouble!*

*Three days earlier.*

“Please don’t forget to bring your books home, Jack” Ellie mentioned curiously.

*Gabriella Klose Year 5B*

“Ooh!” spooked the ghosts.

“Beware the ghosts are hovering!” the weary traveller haunted his brother, as he crept through the creepy caves. Unexpectedly, the two brothers vanished into thin air. Then the awful Genie mischievously cackled. He had been purposely let free from the lamp by one of the ungrateful brothers.
The poor village fell down into darkness because the brutal genie. Meanwhile, in Jeremy’s house on the far side of town, Rose whacked Jeremy on the head with her sturdy walking stick, annoyingly, to warn him of the danger in the town centre.

Harrison Holt Year 5B

WHOOPING COUGH

We wish to advise that there has been a confirmed case of whooping cough at the school. Whooping Cough often starts like a cold with a runny nose with sneezing and tiredness over several days, and then the characteristic coughing bouts develop. These bouts may end with a crowing noise (the whoop) as air is drawn back into the chest. Coughing episodes are frequently followed by gagging or vomiting.

The bouts of coughing may continue for many weeks even after appropriate treatment. Vaccinated children, adolescents and adults may not display the typical whoop.

Children should be excluded from school for at least five days or maybe longer after they have started antibiotics, as this will reduce the time a person is infectious to others and may reduce symptoms if given early in the disease. For further information: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/varicella.asp

Kind Regards
Greg Horrigan
Principal

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL CROSSING
REMOVAL OF BPAY FUNCTIONALITY

Dear Parents

With the introduction of BPOINT to schools earlier this year, this is now our preferred method of payment for all invoices/accounts and the BPAY functionality has been removed.

BPOINT is an online system to pay school invoices for example School fees, excursions, camps etc. Payments that are accepted are MasterCard and Visa and cardholder details are securely held. There is a link for parents on our website for BPoint. For those who haven’t previously used BPoint, when you receive an invoice from the school it is an easy process to finalise a BPOINT payment as displayed below. You just need to put in your individual CRN number which is displayed on the bottom left of your invoice along with the Invoice Number, EQ Id and student’s name.


Regards
Jannette Cash
Business Service Manager
VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Dear Parent/Caregiver

You are invited to join the Voluntary Financial Contribution Scheme for this year, which is managed by the school. From 1 January 2011, the Voluntary Financial Contribution Scheme is operated under the policy and guidelines of FNM-PR-023: Voluntary Financial Contributions.

**Voluntary Financial Contribution**

The scheme is voluntary and will supplement school grants for the purchase of ipads, laptops, desktop computers and projectors. The provision of this contribution ensures that our students have the most state of the art technology.

Voluntary Financial Contributions are used by the school to provide an educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning. Voluntary contributions in previous years have funded new reading resources for our library. This year’s contributions will be allocated to technology resources for all year levels.

Our contribution amount is $75 per child for the year.

We have adjusted the contribution amount to make it more affordable for families with 2 or more children. Please see below:

- $75 for the first child
- $70 for the second child
- $65 for the third child
- $60 for the fourth child to a maximum of $270 per family.

Our preferred method of payment is via BPOINT (instructions over page). Payment may also be made by credit card using the payment advice over the page, or by cash.

Thank you for your valuable contribution and ongoing support.

*Yours faithfully*

*Greg Horrigan*

*Principal*
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION PAYMENT 2016

Child’s Name: ___________________________________  Class: ___________
Child’s Name: ___________________________________  Class: ___________
Child’s Name: ___________________________________  Class: ___________
Parent’s Name: ___________________________________________________________

- **Credit Card** (complete payment form below and return to the School Office)
- **Cash** (Payments can be made at the School Office between 8.30am and 10.30 am daily)

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**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

Payment for: **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

Total Payment Amount

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**MASTER CARD**  **VISA CARD**

Card Number:  

Cardholder's Name: .................................................................  Expiry Date:.........../........

Cardholder's Signature: .................................................................
Voluntary Financial Contribution Information Sheet

Each state school is resourced by the State Government through appropriation funding to provide a core educational service to students. Voluntary Financial Contributions are used by school's to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for students learning, recreation and comfort.

Operating Statement

1. The costs of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students at the school are met by the State Government for students enrolled at the school who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or the children of Australian citizens or permanent residents.

2. The school is resourced by the State Government through school appropriation funding to provide a core educational service.

3. Section 56 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 provides that the Principal may ask the parents of a student of the school to make a voluntary financial contribution to supplement government funding for instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school. If the student is an adult, the principal may ask the student to make a voluntary financial contribution.

4. Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.

5. A voluntary financial contribution is not a fee. Debt recovery action will not be undertaken by the school for non-payment of all or part of a request for a voluntary financial contribution.

6. A voluntary financial contribution is separate from a Student Resource Scheme that might operate in the school.

7. While the request to parents may indicate a nominated amount, the financial contribution to the school is voluntary, and there is no obligation on a parent to make all or part of the contribution.

8. To enable an informed decision to be made by the parent, the request for a voluntary contribution should indicate how the funds will be used by the school.

9. The school and the parents share decision-making and responsibility for the operation of the voluntary financial contribution funds. The amount of the requested contribution and the operation of the voluntary contributions are endorsed by the Parents and Citizens’ Association annually.

10. The voluntary financial contribution funds may be managed by the school or the Parents and Citizens’ Association, but not by a third party.

11. The voluntary financial contribution is not to be a deterrent for a student enrolling at the school, participating in extra-curricular activities or undertaking a particular subject.

12. Where a parent decides not to make a voluntary financial contribution, instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school will continue to be provided by the school, and the student will suffer no educational detriment by way of school action as a result of the decision.

For any payment by cash, cheque or credit/debit card, a receipt will be issued.

Uncontrolled copy. Refer to the Department of Education and Training Policy and Procedure Register at http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au to ensure you have the most current version of this document.
SPRINGFIELD LAKES STATE SCHOOL

TUCKSHOP HOURS

MONDAY to FRIDAY

8:15am to 9:00am

The tuckshop is open for counter sales and orders during the times above. In store counter orders must all be handed into the tuckshop by 9:00am daily. ONLINE ORDERS - Must be processed by 8:00am. For all details please go to the website. www.flexischools.com.au

Tuckshop phone number is (07) 34379836.

Please phone between 7:30am -8:00am or 12:00pm-1:00pm.

Absentees from school who have ordered tuckshop, please call the tuckshop direct to postpone your order

Tuckshop Convenor - Sandra Goss

Tuckshop second in charge - Lauren Lovell

Please scroll down further to download menu

[Image: Tuckshop icon]
NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER TO WIN

The following teachers have been nominated:
- Miss Marsh
- Mr Koning
- Mrs Dornhart
- Mrs Davis
- Mrs Serra
- Mrs Kuner

Please show your support for your favourite teacher by going to
www.river949.com to vote!

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair Wrap-up

Thanks to all who participated in our latest Book Fair. We sold $7973 worth of goods and this gives us Rewards Dollars to the value of $3139 which will be used to purchase books for the library. We have drawn the winners for the $30 book vouchers and they are Zoe in 5A and Dainja in PC. These are able to be used for either Book Club or Book Fair. We will be holding another Book Fair early next year. Thanks again to all those who came along and helped raise funds for school resources.

Thanks
Wendy Coates
Teacher Librarian/ICT
FRIENDSHIP WEEK

As a part of Friendship Week, classes throughout the school submitted posters outlining how their class creates a positive, friendly environment. Throughout the week classes completed activities together to emphasise how to be a good friend.

A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS... To the poster winners

Seniors
First Prize goes to... 5D - Mrs Pearse
Second Prize goes to... 4F - Mrs Rose

Juniors
First Prize goes to... Prep F - Mrs Devi
Second Prize (TIED) goes to... 3B - Mrs Todd and 3C Miss Attard

These classes enjoyed their prize-blocks / Popcorn / Chios!

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

Brisbane Schools Bands Festival

Congratulations to our wonderful Instrumental Music students who competed in the Brisbane Schools Music Festival last Saturday. Our Senior and Junior Strings and our Junior Concert Band were awarded a Silver Award, and our Senior Concert Band were awarded a Bronze Award. Our students have worked so hard to prepare for this competition over the last few months and they need to be commended on their efforts. A big thanks also must go to all the families who came out on Saturday and supported our students.

Date Claimer

Our final Music Concert, which will include all of our Music students in our Instrumental Ensembles and choirs will be held on Monday 5 December in the hall, starting at 9:30. All parents and families are welcome to attend. This concert will conclude our Music Programs for 2016.

Junior and Senior Bands combining!

Following our success at the Brisbane Schools Music Festival over the weekend, we have decided to combine our Junior and Senior Concert Bands into one. This means that all Junior Band (yr 4 students) who usually rehearse on Monday mornings before school, will start Wednesday morning rehearsals from Wednesday 9 November. A note will go home to Junior Band students early next week regarding this change.

Springfield Cluster Choir Day

Our Senior Choir students are attending the Springfield Cluster Choir Day at Springfield Central SHS on 3 November. This day is held in conjunction with Music Count us In, where students all across Australia sing the same song at the same time, to promote music education and its benefits.

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.
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!

CRN: Customer Reference Number
FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8.00 - 4.00
Tuesday 8.00 - 4.00
Wednesday 8.00 - 4.00
Thursday 7.30 - 3.30
Friday 8.00 - 4.00

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
Parents are requested to call the Student Absence Line on 3437 9860 to advise the school if your child/ren will be absent.

STUDENT PERSONAL DETAILS
We are reminding parents to ensure that all contact details are up to date. We have had a number of incidents of late where we have needed to contact parents due to accident or illness and the phone numbers that we have on file are incorrect or have been disconnected.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS
We are receiving an increasing number of messages to pass on to students in relation to end of day arrangements/pickup. It becomes extremely difficult to pass these messages on to students when we receive calls from parents minutes before the bell. We ask families to please make arrangements before leaving in the morning.

MOBILE PHONES
Bringing mobile phones to school is not encouraged by the school because of the potential for theft and general distraction and/or disruption associated with them. However, we understand that on occasions parents require their children to have a mobile phone. This is to be logged into the office on arrival at school, with the mobile phone register being signed. Children collect their phones and sign them out in the afternoon.

WHEN PACKING LUNCHES FOR OUR CHILDREN PLEASE KEEP IN MIND CONVENIENCE IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST SOLUTION.
The small cans of spaghetti or fruit with the pull ring lids are a very convenient solution for a meal but have also caused nasty accidents for little fingers. Please be mindful of this and perhaps take the time to open and pour the contents into a small plastic container.

MR HORIZANAL LIKES DOGS
While Mr Horrigan likes dogs not all dogs like each other.
Please do not bring your dog to school as some dogs bite and some dogs like to fight.
COMING EVENTS

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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

Payment Methods

When the school organises an event all parents are expected to meet the deadline for payments. We give as much notice as possible for the events and provide options for payment. However, late payments place a burden on the school’s staff. The cut off for school camps and excursions is two weeks before the event and the cut off for school incursions is one week before the event.
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 5**  
Cooperative - Playground Procedures.

**Week 6**  
Prep - Year 1 - *Cooperative* - Buddy Benches.  
Year 2 - Year 3 - *Respectful* - Bullying.

Year 4 - Year 6 - *Cooperative* - Buddy Benches.

**Week 7**  
*Cooperative* - End of Break Procedures (Transitioning).

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to these students who achieved well or who have been excellent citizens.

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UNIFORM SHOP

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

Springfield Lakes
State School
63 Springfield Lakes Boulevard, Springfield Lakes

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

LOWES
www.lowes.com.au
Orion Springfield Central
1 Main st, Springfield Lakes QLD 4300
07 3470 5078

LOWES will pay a commission to the school on every item of school uniform sold in our local store.

Please shop at LOWES, home of
BEARE & LEY
PREMIUM QUALITY SCHOOLWEAR

EXTRA 3% DISCOUNT OFF EVERYTHING YOU PURCHASE WITH YOUR EZY-WAY CREDIT CARD, OR AN EXTRA 3% REWARD VOUCHER ON ALL YOUR PURCHASES THAT IS SENT TO YOU TWICE A YEAR.
## Girls All seasons Uniform

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*All prices are subject to alteration*
TUCKSHOP NEWS

New GLUTEN FREE MENU AVAILABLE at the tuckshop

SAVE TIME, ORDER TUCKSHOP & UNIFORMS ONLINE!

At Springfield Lakes State School we now have a great new online system to make the ordering of lunches and uniforms easier and more convenient.

- Order at a time convenient to you
  in the morning, night before, or weeks in advance!
- No searching for cash required
  it’s already paid online!
- Teach students healthy eating in a fun way
- Order from home or work

It’s so easy!
Go to www.flexischools.com.au
Or go to the quick link
www.springfieldlakes.qld.edu.au

1) Click “Register Now” to create account
2) Top-up your balance
3) Start ordering immediately

To view a demonstration
Go to the www.flexischools.com.au website and in the “Find Your School” box, enter a few letters from our school name and the name when it appears below.

How Does It Work in the Tuckshop?
Go to www.flexischools.com.au and click
“Register Now” in the Login Box. Then
enter your student’s name, school and
class, and add funds (say $50) into a pre-
paid account. You can log into the
website at any time to place orders and
then order lunch or purchase uniform
items.

What Does It Cost? The online
menu is the same price as the usual menu. However, there is a
small fee for the online orders to
help pay for the labels and the
website system. So why not order
your next lunch online?

What payment methods can I use?
FlexiSchools accepts payment via Visa, Mastercard, and Bank Transfer. To perform a bank transfer
to your Flexischools account, click “Top-up Account” when logged into the Flexischools website and select
‘Bank Transfer’ you will be given your unique EFT code. You can then make a transfer via your bank’s
internet facility or at your branch.

BIRTHDAY CAKES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE THROUGH TUCKSHOP
Incorporating language and literacy activities into everyday living may not always be easy. As we discussed last fortnight, learning doesn’t always mean sitting at a desk, there are many ways to teach your child practical language and literacy skills. Driving can be a good opportunity to boost your child’s skills, as you are provided time together that is uninterrupted.

**I Spy**

During the car ride, you and your child can take turns to “spy” on things. This helps your child by expanding their vocabulary and word finding ability. Describe something that you see, and let them guess what it is, and vice versa. For example, “I spy something tall, it has three big circles that are different colours – red, yellow and green. Your choice of words can be flexible depending on your child’s age and what they are learning at school. When your child answers with the target word, for example: “Traffic light”. You can expand on their language by saying, “Yes, and the traffic light tells you when to stop and go!”

**“Tell me about your day!”**

Help your child practice their language and recounting skills by asking about their day at school on the car ride home. Gradually increase the difficulty of questions, ‘Who?’ → ‘What?’ → ‘Where?’ → ‘When?’ → ‘Why?’ → ‘How?’.

For example: “What did you and XXX play?”, “How did you win the game?”. If your child makes an error, use the modelling strategy to show them how to say it correctly. Eg. Child: “He threw the ball to me” → Parent: “He **threw** the ball to you did he?” If your child’s response is limited, you may like to ask yes/no questions to prompt them. E.g. “Did you play with XXX today?”. Or ask their teacher first so you can facilitate the discussion.
Collaborative Story-telling

You can create a story together by taking turns to add in a new sentence. For example, you can start off by saying, “Once upon a time, there was a princess who lived in a faraway land…”, your child can then add in another sentence to continue the story e.g. “She lived with her parents and her unicorn Rainbow…” As you create the story, you can help your child include all elements, such as introducing the setting and characters at the beginning, a problem in the middle, and providing an appropriate conclusion at the end. Who added the best/funniest element to the story? Who used the best describing words?

Phonological Awareness

You can talk about the concept of rhyming words, or words that start with the same sounds. For example, think of a word that the child is familiar with, such as ‘car’, and take turns to think of other words that start with the same sound as ‘car’, such as ‘cake’, ‘key’, ‘kite’ or ‘cone’. You can also talk about rhyming words with your child, for example, words that rhyme with ‘car’ can be ‘jar’, ‘bar’ or ‘star’.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL STATE HIGH SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS

Springfield Central State High currently have places available in their MAGNA Academic and MAGNA Arts programs in years 7, 8, 9 & 10.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in either of these programs please contact the following people:

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SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL STATE HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY

Springfield Central State High School: Year 7 Enrolments 2017:

We have an Orientation Day coming up near the end of this term for year 6 students who will be coming to Springfield Central State High in 2017.

Parents/Carers you need to be aware of a change in our process.

This year students will be invited to attend the Orientation Day.

The invitations will only be given to students who have already enrolled at Springfield Central State High and have had an enrolment interview.

This means that students who are planning on coming to Springfield Central State High and have not submitted paperwork or had an interview will not be allowed to come to the Orientation Day even if they are in catchment or have a sibling at school.

So parents/carers, this means if you have a child you are planning to send to SCSH and you have not yet started the enrolment process, you need to do so ASAP.

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