
Dear Parents and Carers

Canberra and Sydney Excursion

During the first week of this term I had the delightful responsibility of accompanying eighty-five (85) children and seven (7) other staff to Sydney and Canberra. The delight was seeing the light of knowledge switch on as the children had the opportunity to visit Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial.

This excursion was made possible through the support of The Australian Government.

At many of the places we visited our children were complimented on their manners and respectful behaviour. I would like to thank the children and staff who accompanied me who made the excursion so memorable.

Australian Government Assistance For National Capital Excursion.

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60- per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

2013

A significant part of my role in term four is planning for the following year. As we move towards 2013 I ask you to notify the office if your children will be leaving us at the end of the year (with the exception of our year 7 children).

Also if you are aware of families moving into the area or those who have prep aged children, would you ask them to contact the office for enrolment papers.

Finally I am seeking feedback in relation to the school’s starting times. Currently we commence Prep at 8:30am and the remainder of the school commences at 8:45am. This arrangement was put in place some years ago in an effort to reduce the traffic problems, especially at the end of the day. I am interested in feedback in relation to this arrangement. Specifically, does this arrangement make any significance difference to traffic issues around our school?

Pupil Free Day

On Monday of this week we held the last pupil free day of the year. Activities undertaken by staff included:

- First Aid training
- Seven Steps to Improve Writing (Sizzling Starts)
- Examining our data and discussions about what we further steps we can do to improve learning outcomes.

Car Parking

We are still having challenges with parking in and around the school. Please:

- Park in appropriate areas not driveways of our neighbours;
- Consider other options including walking as there are limited spaces.
- Do not park behind a parked car. If there are no spaces please go around the block.
- Do not park on footpaths to the entrance of our school.
Sun safety in our school
Sun safety is important for our school because our students are here during peak times for ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which is 10 am to 3 pm. Cancer Council Queensland says childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to a person’s risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetime, so our school encourages sun safe behaviours. Wearing wide brim hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students. Parents and guardians can check out Cancer Council Queensland’s website (http://www.cancerqld.org.au/page/prevention/skin_cancer/) for more information on being SunSmart

Staffroom for Improvement
The QTMB is conducting a completion in schools across Queensland. They are offering to renovate a school’s staffroom. It’s easy to participate in Staffroom for Improvement! When you do, not only will you have the satisfaction of supporting your school – you’ll also have the chance to win prizes like an Apple iPad and iTunes gift cards.

Start by registering your details here, http://www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au/ Once you’re signed up, the QTMB will send you an email to verify the information you provided. Just click the link in the email and you’ll be on your way!

You will visit this website each day, and click on The Big Red Button to support your school. The first time you visit, your click will give one apple to your teachers. Your second visit and click will count as two apples. Your third visit and click will give... (can you guess?!)... three beautiful juicy apples to your teachers. From there, the sky’s the limit! Come back each day and watch your apple giving power increase. We know your teachers will really appreciate your effort!

Please advise your friends and relatives of this great competition.

Warm Regards
Peter Doyle
Principal

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day
We are holding our 2012 Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day on Friday 2nd November for all classes. We would like to invite Grandparents and/or Special Family Friends to spend some quality time in the children’s classrooms. Please note that attendance of secondary school children would be inappropriate.

There will be a morning tea and a range of activities presented in all classrooms from 8:45 a.m. until the end of the first session (10:45a.m: P-3 or 11:15a.m: 4-7). As a conclusion to this morning, at 11:30a.m, our choir will perform in the hall for our adult visitors.

Warm Regards
Alexis Hay
Deputy Principal

Year 4 Camp – Underwater World/ Caboolture Historical Village
Last week a letter was sent home with the children with updated information in regards to the camp. Attached to this letter was a medical information form. Can you please ensure that this form is returned to the office ASAP so that we can collate this information ready for the camp. If your child requires medication while on camp, please ensure that you have filled out a medication permission form and followed the procedures as outlined in the parent letter. A reminder that final payment is due on Friday 9th November. No payments will be accepted after this date as final numbers need to be given to bus companies, Underwater World and Caboolture Historical Village. A parent information session will be held on Wednesday 14th November at 5.30pm in the staff room to discuss any questions you may have in regards to the camp.

Loud Shirt Day
The student council are fundraising for ‘Loud Shirt Day’ on Friday 26th October. The money raised will go towards helping give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children. Please come along in your ‘loudest’ shirt on that day to support this great cause.

You can find more information at www.loudshirtday.com.au

Warm Regards
Louise Whittering
A/Deputy Principal

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The Student Council are holding a ‘Loud Shirt’ Day on Friday 26th October to raise money for ‘First Voice’ charity who support children with hearing impairments. Children are invited to wear their brightest shirt and donate a gold coin towards this worthy cause.

**HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE USED?**

Your gift will help the members of First Voice give deaf children sound and speech. You’ll help open the door to a life in the world of sound, to opportunities for a full education, employment of choice, social integration with the hearing world and the chance to contribute to their community.

All First Voice centres receive only a portion of their funding from state and federal governments, and rely heavily on corporate and community support and fundraising to raise the funds necessary to deliver intensive therapy services to those families that need them.

It is only through gifts like yours that hundreds of deaf and hearing impaired children can now tell their mothers and fathers they love them.

**COMING EVENTS**

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**CURRENT EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES**

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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**

8:30am to 10:30am daily

**Payment Methods**

- BPAY – details on invoice
- Internet Banking – ensure Student name AND Reference/Item Code are included.
- Phone – credit card only. Call the school on 34379888 daily prior to 10:30am
- EFTPOS – **minimum $10.00 transaction**
- Credit Card - details on form provided with excursion – **minimum $10.00 transaction**

**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**

SWPBS - School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Below are the expectations being taught to all our students. We ask that parents reinforce these expectations when in our school grounds.
Week 3 - Tuckshop and Eating Areas  
_Cooperative_ – Queue and wait your turn; only attend the tuckshop if purchasing

Week 4 - Tuckshop and Eating Areas  
_Cooperative_ – Eat tuckshop purchases at the undercover area

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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

**Senior Assembly**

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**T-Ball Certificate – Best Player Award**

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**Demonstrating three school expectations**

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Welcome to the last term of the year. This term we again have a variety of Fundraising activities planned.
Firstly, we will be holding a ‘Sea World Resort & Water Park’ Raffle. Raffle Books will be sent home during the week beginning 15th October, 2012. If you didn’t receive your raffle book or require additional raffle books please contact Melinda on 0407 881 849.

The price is $3 per ticket and the prize is two nights’ accommodation at Sea World Resort for 2 adults & 2 children, one day entry into Sea World, $100 Food & Beverage credit and $100 Caltex Cash Card. All raffle books (including unsold tickets) and money are due back at school no later than 3pm on Friday 16th November 2012.

As there are a limited number of raffle tickets available, if you are unable to sell your raffle tickets please return the unsold tickets ASAP to the collection box at the Tuckshop.
The raffle will be drawn on Friday November 23rd 2012.

The next Fundraising Event will be Billy G’s gourmet Cookie dough. Notes and order forms (and a little treat) will be sent home week beginning 22nd October 2012, and money and order forms will be due back Wednesday 14th November 2012. This is a great product to have in the freezer for when unexpected guests pop in over the holiday season.

Friday 26th October will be a ‘Costume’ Disco. Prep to year 2 will be in the school hall from 5:30-6:30pm. Years 3 – 7 will also be in the school hall from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Children are asked to come dressed in their favourite costume.

If you are able to volunteer your time to assist with the supervision of these discos please email slsspcvolunteers@hotmail.com or contact Melinda on 0407 881 849 or Jai on 0447 799 374.

Further details about the above fundraising events will be provided closer to the time of each event. In the meantime if you have any fundraising ideas or would like to become part of the fundraising committee or are able to spare some of your time to assist with our fundraising activities please email slsspcvolunteers@hotmail.com

Thank you
Melinda & Jai
Springfield Lakes SS – P & C Fundraising Co-Ordinators
SPORTS NEWS

Ainsleigh Wait
On Friday 19th October Ainsleigh Wait and her team, the Central Bulldogs competed at the 2012 Broncos School Girl Challenge at Morayfield, under the coaches, Jon Simpson and Kerry Johnston. The girls played four games, winning the first 48-0, the second 14-0 and the third they drew 6-6. In the final they had a draw but unfortunately they weren’t the first try scorers. Ainsleigh was awarded by ARL development officers as ‘Best and Fairest’ in game three. The Central Bulldogs were then awarded carnival winners in division one. This was a remarkable outcome considering these girls came together as a team on Wednesday for an hour long training for the first time. Ainsleigh was also awarded the ‘Best and Fairest’ for the carnival for the Central team.

Congratulations, Ainsleigh, on an outstanding result.

Danielle Licit
P.E. Teacher
Springfield Lakes State School

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.

PEANUT AND OTHER NUT ALLERGIES
Parents are requested not to provide lunches or snacks containing nut products for children attending Springfield Lakes State School. This is to protect the significant number of students who have anaphylactic allergies to even traces of peanuts and other nuts. Some of these students are so allergic that even a minute amount of peanut butter or Nutella could cause an anaphylactic reaction. Please do not send Nutella, peanut butter sandwiches or other snack products to school that could put other students at risk.

Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe.
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 DOYLE LIKES DOGS**

While Mr Doyle 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.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES** TERM 3 - 2012

**MONDAY** 8.15am – 11.15am
**THURSDAY** 2.15pm – 3.15pm
CLOSED TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY

**Payment and Collections Options:**

**By person:** At uniform shop when opening times apply; pay by cash, credit or debit cards and cheque.

**By telephone:** Call 3437 9888 (request uniform shop) during uniform shop opening hours. Payment options include credit card or debit card only **NO CASH.** Your order will be processed the next available uniform shop working day and delivered to your child’s class.

**By fax:** 34379800 Order forms can be collected via office, school website or uniform shop. Payment options include credit or debit cards only, **NO CASH.** Your order will be processed the next available uniform shop working day and delivered to your child’s class; uncompleted credit or debit card details will result in non-delivery of uniform.

**By Administration Office:** Complete order forms are to be handed in to administration office. Payment options include credit or debit card only, **NO CASH.** Your order will be processed the next available uniform shop working day and delivered to your child’s class; uncompleted credit or debit card details will result in non-delivery of uniform.

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

A reminder to parents that online tuckshop ordering is available. You may want to see Sandra or, for parents wanting to know the online procedures, they are as follows:-

Log onto www.springfieldlakesss.eq.edu.au

**Step 1.** Click on “Parents”

**Step 2.** Click image of boy

**Step 3.** Click on “new user” – “register here”

**Step 4.** Follow further steps and check the terms and conditions box.
I can’t believe we are in Term 4 already!

My time here seems to be flying and I’m loving getting to know your children. Defence Kids Club is going great and I have lots of children coming to colour or play games. We are colouring some pages for Remembrance Day at the moment that will go into the display in the school foyer. They are doing a fantastic job.

Ladies and Gents, I will be hosting a morning tea on Monday 5th of November straight after drop off in the staff room……I would love to catch up and have a chat over a cuppa and a scone.

Just a reminder of the Christmas Treat @ Wet n Wild on Wed 5th Dec 2012. Tickets are available from Defence Bank (DEFCCREDIT). For more info contact FLGOFF Kristina Fillippi on 53615803.

DCO has established a national Facebook page which can be viewed at www.facebook.com/defencecommunityorganisation. This page provides an overview of the services delivered by DCO and posts information of national interest to Defence families and also links readers to the DCO website.

Cheers,
Kim Roberts
DSTA - SLSS
Ph: 3437 9888
Email: krobe319@eq.edu.au

FROM NURSE ERICA

Selected Triple P
Triple P Positive Parenting Free Seminar Series
Springfield Lakes State School
Facilitator: Erica Gwynne – School Health Nurse
Only 25 places available with a minimum of 5 for series to commence

Session One:
The Power of Positive Parenting – Friday 9th November 2012, time; 0900-1100am
This session gives you some suggestions about how to use positive parenting in raising children. Children of all ages need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well. Positive parenting is an effective approach to raising children that emphasises the positive. It involves creating a family environment that is loving, supportive and predictable. This is important in raising healthy, well-adjusted children who have the skills and confidence they need to succeed at school and in their relationships with others.

Session Two:
Raising Confident, Competent Children – Friday 16th November 2012, time; 0900-1100am
This session will give you some ideas on how to help children develop life skills and become confident and competent individuals. The values, skills and behaviours to encourage in children are the choices of every individual parent. However, some core skills are important for everyone. Children are more likely to be confident, succeed at school and get on well with others when they develop certain life skills. These life skills include being respectful and considerate, communicating well with others, thinking positively and having healthy self-esteem, being a good problem solver and becoming independent and able to do things for themselves.
Session Three:
Raising Resilient Children – Friday 23rd November 2012, time; 0900-1100am
This session provides some ideas on how to help children become emotionally resilient. One of the most important tasks of parenthood is helping children learn to deal with their emotions. All children experience periods of stress in their lives and need the emotional skills to deal with it. Children's emotional resilience or ability to cope with their feelings is important to their long term happiness, well-being and success in life.

RSVP: by Friday 2nd November 2012
Springfield Lakes Administration
Tel: 34379888

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YMCA IS A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION.
IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

I suppose everyone is wondering what is the new building near the basketball court that suddenly appeared over the holidays. It is the YMCA Springfield Lakes Outside School Hours building. We should be moving into within the next four weeks. We have been situated at the school since it opened and the staff and children can’t wait to move in.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Once again we are having the Active After School program
For this term we have organised golf on Tuesdays and Wednesday is Zova football
We are currently taking enrolments for 2013. If you know someone who has enrolled a child in prep and needs Child Care please let them know that we are now taking enrolments.
Places are filling up fast.

SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (AAEP)

Applications are invited for the position of temporary Administrative Officer (AAEP) at Springfield Central State School (currently 27 temporary hours per week from 29/10/2012 to 14/12/2012 and 23/01/2013 to 22/02/2013 with the possibility of extension).

An application package including the Selection Criteria which must be addressed is available either on our website www.springfieldcentralss.eq.edu.au or via email. To request an application package or for further information, please contact Jannette Cash, Business Services Manager, Springfield Central State School (Ph. 34708610 or email jcash7@eq.edu.au).

Prospective employees are required to make application for and be able to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. Current cost for “blue card” application is $70.

Applications for the position close on Friday 26 October 2012 and should be addressed and forwarded to the.principal@springfieldcentralss@eq.edu.au or posted to The Principal, Springfield Central State School, PO Box 4786, Springfield Qld 4300.
JUNIOR and SENIOR PLAYERS WANTED

at

ATTHOWS PARK,
WESTCOMBE STREET, DARRA

We have positions available for all age groups from U10 to Masters.

Register to be part of the exciting new Aussie T-Ball program launched in Australia last year. This program is aimed at children under 10 years of age and will run from Friday 12 October to Friday 7 December from 5.30pm-6.30pm every week.

For more information please contact our Club Secretary, Nicki Allardyce at banjam1@oputsnet.com.au or telephone 0409 811 704
Rookies2Reds at SPRINGFIELD LAKES SS!
63 Springfield Lakes Boulevard, Springfield Lakes QLD 4300

The 5 week coaching program for grades 1-7 begins on Friday 9th November 2012

SESSION DATES
Start Date: Friday 09/11/12
End Date: Friday 07/12/12

SESSION TIMES
Grade 1 - 7: 3pm - 4pm

REGISTRATION CLOSES Friday 16/11/12

ROOKIES2REDS AMBASSADOR
Quade Cooper said:
“Over 3,600 junior rugby players have already participated in Rookies2Reds throughout Queensland, learning new skills, making new friends and receiving the exciting Rookies2Reds participant pack. Start your journey from rookie to red today!”

FOR JUST $80 (INC GST) YOU’LL RECEIVE EXPERT COACHING AND ALL THIS GREAT GEAR!

TO FIND YOUR NEAREST CENTRE AND REGISTER VISIT WWW.ROOKIES2REDS.COM.AU