MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Chickenpox

We wish to advise that we have an outbreak of Chickenpox in the school. Children with chickenpox should be excluded until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 (five) days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised people and less in immunised people.

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?

Solar Eclipse

When dawn breaks across Queensland on 14 November 2012, the early chatter of birds and animals will be replaced by an eerie silence. The temperature will drop as the moon overtakes the sun and casts a shadow so large the land will be plunged into darkness. The best place to view the eclipse is in Cairns. However, we will experience a partial eclipse on the morning of the 14th November. This will be occurring as the children are walking to or arriving at school.
There is a natural curiosity to look at the sun, however, please take the time to explain to your children the dangers of looking at the sun.

Musical Evening

Last week we held our first Gala Music Showcase at the school. Over 250 children sang, danced or played on stage. Congratulations to all the children who participated and the parents and staff for their support and encouragement. We are hoping to make it an annual event.

Uniform School

Our school is a uniform school and all children are expected to wear the correct school uniform every day. A uniform is designed to promote a sense of community and belonging. Some issues of concern are:

Coloured shoes and or shoe laces. The requirement is black shoes and shoes laces

Flowing long hair. Long hair must be tied back in a ponytail or plaied.

Navy shorts is the school’s uniform, not grey or black.

There is an appearance of American baseball caps in the school, especially among the older boys. The correct school hat should be worn each day.

Warm Regards

Peter Doyle
Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

Religious Education Week 8

There will be a special Christmas Concert for all children who participate in the Religious Education Program on Wednesday Nov 28. Instead of the usual RE lesson that week, children will attend a Christmas Concert involving puppets, music, drama and story. The concert lasts 40 mins and will present the Christmas story in a fun and entertaining, interactive style. Children who do not participate in the Religious Education program will participate in alternative activities during that time.

Warm regards

Wendy Davis
Head of Curriculum
COMING EVENTS

Nov
21-22nd Year 4 Underwater World Camp
27th P & C Meeting 7pm Admin Staffroom
12th Year 7 Graduation
12th Celebration Parade

Dec 14th Last Day of Term 4

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 5 - Tuckshop and Eating Areas

Cooperative - Sit while eating/follow eating procedures.

Week 6 - Discovery Centre

Cooperative - Pack up before leaving/Take turns and share with others.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Junior Assembly

1J Olivia R Spencer W
1M/D Lucas W
1C/D Kristelle Th Atlas B
1D Adam P Stella K
1G Naomi T Manaki T
2B Jitahli D Jack M
2D/M Shanellah S Tyrell B
2F Kaitlyn B Redan D
2K Chelsea B Ciara S
2NT Brook K Caleb W
   Jessica H
2P Henry G Ma'ata H
   Gemma C Jessica M
2Y Mason G Isabella C
3A George S Sydney T
   Jerry S William S
3K  Jack B  Madison C
3M  Lilly-May V  Mason S
    Georgia H
3S  Emilie W  Ethan S
3W  John H  Joshua R
3P  Lauren M  Samantha M
3N  Vivian D  Jenna B

Senior Assembly
ICAS Mathematics Competition
Distinction Award
4K  Yalindi B

P & C NEWS
Springfield Lakes State School P&C Fundraising News

By now you should have received your ‘Sea World’ Raﬄe tickets. If you are unable to sell some or all of your raﬄe tickets, please return them ASAP to the white collection box at the Tuckshop. Raﬄe tickets (including unsold tickets) and money are due back no later than 3pm Friday 9th November 2012.

• All monies raised from the Raﬄe tickets will be going towards the air conditioning of the Grade 3 classrooms along the oval as these classrooms can reach temperatures of mid 30’s by 9am. We would love to be able to air condition at least 2 of these classrooms before school starts back next year. Can you help us by selling a book of 10 tickets at $3 each? There are 20 prizes up for grabs. For a full list of prizes please refer to our facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/groups/177916935591012/

• You should also have received your Cookie Dough order forms. Cookie Dough orders and money are due back at school no later than 3pm Wednesday 14th November 2012. Delivery of the Cookie dough will be Monday December 3rd 2012. If you have not received your Raﬄe tickets or Cookie Dough order forms and you would like some please email slsspcvolunteers@hotmail.com or call Melinda on 0407 881 849 or Jai on 0447 799 374

• Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help supervise the Costume Discos. Without your support we would not have been able to have such a wonderful night for our children.

The P&C are currently looking for volunteers to assist in the Uniform Shop. If you would like to help support your school and P&C and meet some new people, then please leave your
details with Shelly in the Uniform Shop.

Thank you

Melinda & Jai
Springfield Lakes SS – P & C
Fundraising Co-Ordinators

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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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.

UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES  TERM 4 - 2012

MONDAY 8.15am – 9.45am

WEDNESDAY 8.15am - 9.45am

THURSDAY 2.15pm – 3.15pm

CLOSED TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES 2012

WEEK 9
MONDAY 3\textsuperscript{RD} December 8.15am - 10.45am
TUESDAY 4\textsuperscript{TH} December CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 5\textsuperscript{TH} December 8.15am – 10.45am
THURSDAY 6\textsuperscript{TH} December 1.15pm – 3.15pm
FRIDAY 7\textsuperscript{TH} December 8.15am – 10.45am

WEEK 10
MONDAY 10\textsuperscript{TH} December 8.15 – 10.45am
TUESDAY 11\textsuperscript{TH} December 8.15am – 10.45am
WEDNESDAY 12\textsuperscript{TH} December 1.15pm – 3.15pm
THURSDAY 13\textsuperscript{th} December 1.15pm – 3.15pm
FRIDAY 14\textsuperscript{TH} December CLOSED

JANUARY 2013 UNIFORM SHOP
EXTRA OPENING TIMES
MONDAY 21\textsuperscript{ST} January 8.30am – 2.00pm
TUESDAY 22\textsuperscript{ND} January 8.30am – 12.00pm
WEDNESDAY 23\textsuperscript{RD} January 8.30am – 12.00pm
THURSDAY 24\textsuperscript{TH} January 8.30am – 2.00pm
FRIDAY 25\textsuperscript{TH} January CLOSED

FIRST DAY BACK TERM 1 2013
TUESDAY 29\textsuperscript{TH} January 8.30am – 11.00am
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 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.

**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.

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](http://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.
FROM NURSE ERICA

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.
From one of our children...

The Springfield Lakes State School Gala Music Showcase that was held on Wednesday 31 October was amazing. There were nine different groups performing: The Concert Band, six choirs (including a massed choir - a huge choir made up of all the participants in boys, Sapphire, Jade, Senior and Stage Choirs) and two string groups, Junior and Senior, to really make our concert special.

The wonderful teachers Libby McRobert, Adam Hornagold, Jill Genova and Matthew Hoey conducted the groups but there were also lots of staff helping behind the scenes, getting students ready and on and off the stage quickly and quietly.

Overall the Springfield Lakes State School Gala music Showcase was a great success, raising money from gold coin admission. Over two hundred students participating in the event and all had a marvellous time.

By Eva Bullman (6C)

From our choir director ( and talented Music teacher!)

Last Wednesday over 200 of our best and brightest musicians took to the stage for our first Springfield Lakes Gala Music Showcase. The audience were entertained by our Concert Band, Junior and Senior Strings, Boys, Senior, Stage, Jade and Sapphire Choirs, as well as the grand finale with all of our Choir students singing together as a Massed Choir.

Many people worked extremely hard to ensure the night was a great success. I would especially like to thank the Music Staff, Rachel Gambarini and Shiralee Bremner from our Music Support Group, Peter Sabelis (our sound tech for the evening), our Stage Crew: Emily, Emilio and Jack, as well as the extra parents who helped on the night. Without your support, the night would not have been such a great success.

Warm Regards

Libby McRobert

Music Teacher
COMMUNITY NOTICES

YMCA IS A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

PROGRAM: The children are expressing their ideas on what they would like to do whilst in our care. We have received a lot of new ideas for the staff to implement into daily activities that the children can participate in, sports being one of the most popular.

VACATION CARE: Christmas holidays are only six weeks away. We have organised some great activities to keep the children occupied. We are only having one excursion - Ten Pin Bowling on Tuesday 8th January, 2013 and three incursions.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2013. All families need to complete a 2013 Enrolment Form which is situated on the sign in/out table. Please return them by the 12th November, 2012.

YMCA Springfield Lakes OSHC

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F: 07 3288 3162
M: 0437 823 073
asf@ymca.org.au

Bahá’í Education in State Schools:

Information for Parents

Bahá’í spiritual education classes are being offered at Springfield Lakes State School next year, 2013. The emphasis of these classes is on learning to think, reflect and to apply spiritual principles to the life of the individual and society. They are based on a strong belief in the nobility of all human beings and that every child is a “mine rich in gems of inestimable value”. These “gems” are spiritual qualities or virtues such as unity, kindliness, love, justice, truthfulness and service. These qualities are explored in the class through the memorization of a quote (e.g “In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love…”), the students then participate in a range of activities (prayer, song, story, drama, cooperative games and art) that assist them in their understanding and application of the spiritual quality.

While inspired by the principles and ideals of the Bahá’í faith, Bahá’í education classes are not classes of religious indoctrination. The moral principles they seek to impart are applicable to people of all faiths, and the personal beliefs of the children and their families will be respected at all times. Parents are welcome to be present during the classes.

Teacher of Bahá’í RE classes:

David Anvari

Ph: 0413 838 881 for more information;

Email: davidanvari@gmail.com
Springfield Lakes
COMMUNITY UPDATE
November 2012

READY ... SET ... GO!
2012 Qld Canoeing Sprint Series

Queensland Canoeing Inc is bringing Kayak Sprint Racing to Springfield Lakes on Sunday 4 November, racing action kicks off at 8:30am.

Sprint Racing is fast, furious and fun for competitors and spectators alike. If you’re interested in racing, recreational paddling or want to see the best in action, come down to Springfield Lake and check it out.

Events will include:
- Zoom/scrack out style racing, categories for all ages
- K1, TK1, K2, Ocean ski and SLISA spec.

If you’d like more information or to register to compete, go to www.qld.canoe.org.au

Olympians to demonstrate their speed
Alex Haas and Jake Osmaghey are only 17, but already hold the honour of representing Australia at the 2012 London Olympic Games in the Men’s Canoe Double (C2) 1000m. Alex and Jake will be visiting Springfield Lakes on Sunday 4 November to participate in an exhibition race as part of the Sprint Racing.

If you’re interested in racing, recreational paddling or want to see the best in action, come check it out!

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