MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

P & C Fundraiser
We are all aware of the upcoming election on Saturday 7th September.

The school's Parents and Citizens Association are holding a number of fundraisers and need your help on the day.

- Can you sell coffee?
- Can you sell raffle tickets?
- Can you cook sausages on a barbecue?

If you said yes to one or more of the above questions can you please fill out form attached under community notices and return to the office as soon as possible? We need your assistance.

An election day is an opportunity to catch a huge number of customers as we are expecting up to 3000 voters through our hall. Even if each voter spends $2.00 that is some $6000 for your school.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Book Week
Last we celebrated Book Week at school. Our parade on Monday was just fantastic. I would like to thank all the boys and girls along with all the school staff for participating. You made the day so special.

I would also like to thank all the parents and carers who prepared costumes for their children. Without you the day would not have been the success it was.

Date Claimer
Please remember that the last day of term Friday 20th September is “Talk Like a Pirate Day”. On this day we will be raising money for Childhood Cancer Support (CCS). CCS is a charity which supports not only children with cancer but also their families. Further information on this wonderful organisation can be found at: http://www.ccs.org.au/

We ask all members of the school community to dress up as a pirate on Friday 20 September and make a small donation between $2.00 and $5.00 to this worthy organisation.

Contact with another parent’s child
In previous newsletters I have written about the inappropriateness of speaking to another person’s child. To them you may well be a complete stranger. Likewise making contact with another person’s child via social media is also inappropriate.
If parents have a concern about a child’s behaviour or interactions, in relation to the school, please talk to your child’s teacher or one of the school’s administrators.

**Safety in Schools Week**

Help educate your children about preventing accidents during Safety in Schools Week from 26–30 August. Each day has a different theme with the aim of teaching children how to be safe around common hazards at home or school. There are information and activities for parents on the Kidsafe Queensland website: [www.kidsafeqld.com.au/school-safety](http://www.kidsafeqld.com.au/school-safety)

**Staffroom for Improvement**

QT Mutual Bank’s “Staffroom for Improvement” is back again this year giving our school the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover.

With the competition kicking off on Wednesday 28th August we are trying to encourage as many staff, parents and friends as possible to vote for our school in the hope of taking out the top honours in 2013.

While the ultimate prize of a $20,000 staffroom makeover will undoubtedly be appreciated by our school staff, there is also a chance for individual voters to win one of five $1,000 QTMB bank accounts.

QTMB Marketing Manager Chris Moses said although the competition originally started as a way of giving back to teachers, over the years it has grown to be a much bigger community event.

“We’ve seen the competition gain a life of its own, which is a testament to how much communities want to see their teachers rewarded for everything they do”.

To be crowned the 2013 winners we will need as much support as possible so make sure you register for this year’s competition and read the terms and conditions at [www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au](http://www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au)

**Students invited to enter QTU Peace Awards**

Students of all ages are invited to enter the Queensland Teacher’s Union (QTU) Peace Awards.

The theme of this year’s awards is *Education for Peace*. To enter students are asked to design a postcard-sized artwork.

Entry categories include:

- Prep to Year 1
- Years 2-3
- Years 4-6
- Years 7-9
- Years 10-12
- Special Education.

Category winners will receive an award to the value of $100. Special awards, valued at $50, may also be presented in each category.

Judging will be conducted by members of the QTU’s Social and Environmental Issues Networks and winners will be notified by the end of November.

**Kindest Regards**

*Peter Doyle*

*Principal*
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Timetable Of Visits By QRail

Monday, September 9
- 10:45- 11:15 Year 4 and 5

Thursday September 12
- 9:15-9:45 Prep/Year 1
- 10:00 – 10:30 Year 2/3
- 10:45-11:15 Year 6/7 plus 4D and 5B

As you may be aware, the Richlands to Springfield rail component project is scheduled for completion later this year. The rail component of the project will see a 9.5km dual track passenger rail line constructed between Richlands and Springfield, and two new stations at Springfield (opposite Woodcrest College) and Springfield Central (opposite Orion Town Centre).

There will be times on excursions, weekends and school holidays that the children may frequent trains now that rail is a public transport option in the area. It is therefore imperative that students are educated in rail safety, personal security when travelling on trains as well as expected behaviour. This is a free service that the Queensland Rail offers and the Community Education team visits schools all over SEQ to talk about rail safety.

Topics covered include:
- How train drivers operate trains
- Speeds, weights and stopping distances of different types of trains
- Railway Level Crossings : different types of crossings e.g. pedestrian, car, overhead bridge, subway tunnels
- Behaviour at Railway Level Crossings
- Platform safety – the yellow line, holding on to hand rails and general behaviour when waiting for the train
- Train etiquette and appropriate behaviour expected on trains
- Electricity and other dangers in the rail corridor
- Choices and consequences around the rail corridor
- Respect for Queensland Rail people and property

In a nutshell, it is teaching students how to be ‘Railsmart’.

Arts Showcase September 13th

All of the children and teachers are excitedly preparing for the upcoming showcase. There will be a mixture of live performances and displays. We will also feature the silent auction which was so successful last year.

See you there.

Kindest Regards

Alexis Hay
Deputy Principal
COMING EVENTS

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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 8 - Year Level Focus
Prep – Cooperative – Be in the right place.
Year One – Cooperative – Include others in your lunch time games.
Year Two – Cooperative – We are cooperative when we are in the correct place in the classroom and we stay in the correct play areas.
Year Three – Respectful – Keep hands and feet to yourselves.
Year Four – Peaceful – Walk quietly when moving around the school.
Year Five – Peaceful – Recognise the need for calm down time. Stay calm and maintain self-control.
Year Six – Peaceful – Use Stop, Walk, Talk to solve playground problems.
Year Seven – Respectful – Use manners when speaking to staff and students.

Week 9 - Whole School Focus
Peaceful – Stop, Walk, Talk

SPRINGFIELD LAKES PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Springfield Lakes has a very social group of people who meet monthly in the Community Centre attached to the school. Our meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7pm and the cost to attend is a gold coin donation. We are not a competitive group but a social group with varying levels of expertise willing to exchange skills to improve our photography. If you are interested in photography at any level and want to meet new people then this is the group for you. We have a Facebook page (Springfield Lakes Photography Club) that you can join and see what we are all about. We also organise photo shoots to practice the skills we are learning each month. Feel free to come along to the meetings or contact Wendy Coates in the school library for further information.

Kindest Regards

Wendy Coates
Teacher/Librarian
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.

UNIFORM SHOP

SCHOOL BANKING IS EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING IN THE UNIFORM SHOP 8.15AM - 9.15AM. PLEASE NOTE parents/students must have the correct money for School Banking as change cannot be given out.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES TERM 3-2013

MONDAY 8.15am – 9.45am
WEDNESDAY 8.15am - 9.45am
THURSDAY 2.00pm – 3.00pm
CLOSED TUESDAY and FRIDAY

Payment and Collections Options:

In 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.

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.springfieldlakesss.eq.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 click the name when it appears below.

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.

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 until the 8am cut off for same day orders. Or, you can order up to 2 weeks in advance. As purchases are made, the funds are taken from your pre-paid account. The account can be topped up again in the same way, or set to automatically top-up via credit card when the balance falls below a pre-set minimum. Each order is sent automatically to the kitchen, where an easy-to-read label is produced with the student’s name, class and order details. At lunch time, students can simply pick up their order without the need for cash.
**Fundraising**

Term 3 is going to be a busy term for fundraising as we have several major fundraising events coming up.

**Wednesday August 28th & Thursday August 29th** the Father’s Day Stall will be held in the School Hall. Gifts will range in price from 50c to $5

**Election Day** will also be a major fundraiser for the P&C where we will have a sausage sizzle, hot and cold drinks and a mega raffle on the day. The date of the election is yet to be confirmed.

**The School will be holding an Arts Showcase on Friday 13th September, where the P&C will be selling snacks and hot and cold drinks.**

All monies raised from the above fundraising events will be put towards air conditioning the children’s classrooms.

If you are able to assist with any of the above fundraising events, or have any fundraising ideas please contact Scott on 0439 703 595 or Melinda on 0407 881 849.

Have you joined the P&C Facebook page? Join us today to keep up to date with all P&C news. Find us here: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/177916935591012/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/177916935591012/)

Thank you,

_Melinda and Scott_

_P&C Fundraising Co-Ordinators._

**MUSIC NEWS**

**SINGFEST**

Our Senior choir students have been putting in many hours of hard work in preparation for this year’s Singfest, which will be held at our school hall on **Friday 30 August**. Students from our school will join with students from other schools around the area in an all day workshop with Guest Conductor Harley Mead. The massed choir will then present a concert to parents and friends showcasing the works they have been rehearsing.

The concert will begin at 5:15pm and is free for all families and friends to attend. Our Music Parents support group will also be selling some light refreshments prior to the beginning of the concert.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

_Regards,_

_Libby McRobert_

_Music Co-ordinator_

[lmcro2@eq.edu.au](mailto:lmcro2@eq.edu.au)
Hello Defence Families,

We have been having some fun at school these past couple of weeks with our Oreo afternoon teas. Your children and I have been munching on Oreo’s and milk while we have a catch up. It has been lots of fun.

It is that time of the year so if you know you are on the move please let me know so I can support your family if needed.

Kindest Regards
Kim Roberts
Defence Transition Aide

CHAPPY NEWS

The Greater Springfield Run For Life

The opportunity has arisen for our school’s Chaplaincy Service to partner with Westside Community Care to raise funds at the Greater Springfield Run For Life. All children and families from Springfield Lakes State School who enter into the event and register as part of the Springfield Lakes State School Team will have 75% of their $10 registration fee paid to the school’s Chaplaincy Service.

Children may also wish to raise funds for the Chaplaincy Service through sponsorship with 100% of their sponsorship money being donated to the school’s Chaplaincy Service. All sponsorship money and entrance forms will need to be returned to the school’s office by Friday 6th of September.

Our School Staff will also be entering a team in the event. If you would like to support the staff there will be a chaplaincy collection tin in the office.
Our Chaplaincy Service needs your support.

Our Chaplaincy Service operates for two days of the week through the Federal Government’s National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program Grant with the further day being provided for by a generous donation from the Springfield Lakes State School P&C. Our Local Chaplaincy Committee would love to see the program continued and extended well into the future and have developed a Chaplaincy Information and Donation brochure which is available at the school office. Or you can donate at http://donate.to.suqld.org.au Our Chaplaincy service is provided by SU Qld and is a registered charity, all donations over $2 are tax deductible and will go directly to benefiting the children at Springfield Lakes State school by ensuring them access to a School Chaplain.

“Swiched On” is the annual Scripture Union Queensland, Ipswich primary school cluster holiday camp. Children from grades 5-7 can embark with us on five extreme days of swimming, water sports, team challenges, action packed games and really tasty food. Bring a group of friends from your school or just come along and meet some great new people. Each day will be filled with exciting activities, and a time to talk about the bible and what it means to us. Don’t miss out because space is limited, so jump online and/or print a out a form now to apply at http://www.sucamps.org.au

**Springfield Lakes State School Student Discount:** The first 5 Children from Springfield Lakes SS will receive a $25 discount from the Springfield Lakes SS Chaplaincy Service.

**Where:** Glendalough Campsite Peregian Beach

**Cost:** Early Bird Discount $225 (register before 31st August), Regular $250 (registered after 31st August).

**When:** 23rd-27th September (1st week of the Spring Holidays)

**Who:** Children from grades 5-7

For further information contact Hayden Bridgeman 0405 335 647 or Nicole Arthur 0449 685 411
YMCA IS A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION

YMCA SPRINGFIELD LAKES OSHC

BEFORE, AFTER & VACATION CARE.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CO ORDINATOR.

VACANCIES:

The Centre has plenty of vacancies for Before School & After School Care. Call into the our Centre for a tour and meet the Educators.

VACATION CARE:

Only three and a half weeks away, we have organised some awesome excursions-Book in as places are limited.

Friday the 27th September- We're off on a road trip to Australia Zoo.

Tuesday 1st October – Richlands Bowling Centre.

Wednesday 2nd October – Tennis expo at Brookwater and it’s free. Excursion for older children.

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I can help the P&C on Election Day at the hall on Saturday, September 7.

Times are available from 7a.m until 7p.m.

Please let us know when you can help

☐ _______________________________ (Time/s)
☐ Anytime

My name: (please print)_____________________

Child’s name and class:_____________________

My phone number:_______________________

Please return the completed form to the Front Office or electronically to the Principal and the fundraising coordinators will get in touch with you to confirm times.

On behalf of the P&C, thank you so much.
14 August 2013

BreastScreen Queensland's Ipswich Service will be providing access
to free high quality breast cancer screening for a limited time only at:

Digger's Rest, Cnr Church and Queens Streets, Goodna
5th August to 13th September 2013
Springfield Education City, off Sinnathamby Boulevard, Springfield City
14th September to 28th September 2013

Women aged 50–69 years of age, are particularly encouraged to attend, but the service is also available for women aged 40-49 and women over 70.

We would appreciate your help in spreading the news about our visit by displaying the enclosed promotional material in your staff room. It would also be appreciated if you would consider including the above details in your school newsletter, as we aim to ensure all eligible women within your school community are aware of this free service.

Should you require any further information please contact me at the BreastScreen Queensland Ipswich Service on 13 20 50 or 3817 2537.

Yours Sincerely

[Signature]

Deb West
Health Promotion Officer
BreastScreen Queensland,
Ipswich Service
Deb_West@health.qld.gov.au
Greater Springfield
run for life
2013

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 7th September
Robelle Domain Parklands

Live Music & Entertainment, Robelle Markets, Free Rides, Food Stalls, Showbags, Games and Prizes (including prizes for competitive runners!)

"NEW" 10 km  5 km  1 km  "NEW" Springfield District Veterinary Clinic
dogwalk 2 km

Our new website will handle all registrations for this year's run.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
runforlife.org.au

Office:
07 3818 2915

Correct at date of printing: 11/7/2013
STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school or an iPad Mini for yourself just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 3.

The school with the highest percentage of active students making at least one School Banking deposit in Term 3 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of 1 school banking deposit in Term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad Mini or a Dolliamite Backpack.

For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.

Stay Connected:
commbank.com.au/schoolbanking  Facebook  Twitter  YouTube  CAN
Two minute loading zones around schools are installed for parents to pick up and deliver their children quickly and safely.

Unfortunately, they are often misused by motorists who park longer than the allocated time or leave their vehicles to enter the school. This can lead to traffic problems as motorists queue to enter the loading zone and end up blocking the flow of traffic. People get impatient and take risks.

Often motorists are ignorant of the regulations regarding loading zones, or are unaware of the implications of overstaying the regulated time.

**Handy hints to contribute to a safer environment**
- Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times.
- Pick-up or drop-off children via the car’s kerb doors.
- Drive out safely.
- If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again.

Parents should be encouraged to discuss the following with their children:

- Arrive at the loading zone at an appropriate time so as not to force their parents to wait;
- Stand in family groups;
- Look out for their parents and be ready with their bags and other equipment to get in the car quickly, yet safely.

Police and councils if contacted will visit schools periodically during the year. Motorists could receive a traffic offence/parking notices if found to be parking in marked areas longer than the times on the signs.

If you would like more information please contact us on 1300 360 135 or visit our website on www.tmr.qld.gov.au
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2014
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2014 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would again be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. You can download the newsletter notice here in Word format or as a JPG.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

“It’s been a fantastic experience so far...It’s been great having an older brother for our young kids. Simon has been a fantastic role model...Simon helps around the house a lot. One of the first things he said to us during the first couple of days he was here was what should my chores be? I was delighted to hear him say that.”

Victoria, Host Mum

"Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We’re doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She’s helped us remember how to have fun when we’re working and take time out for adventures.” Sharon, Host Mum

"Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop...” Grace, Host Sister

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator
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Ipswich City Council proactively monitors parking at schools to help improve your child's safety.

Council's 'Safe Parking at Schools' initiative aims to ensure people park safely and legally, improving community safety through education of your school community rather than focusing on enforcement.

The initiative also includes the use of patrolling Officers, Automatic Numberplate Recognition camera cars and remote movement activated cameras to capture parking offences.

Safe and legal parking is generally located within 300m of a school. Please drive and park safely around your school – it's your child's safety.

Council works with your school through the Healthy Active School Travel Program to encourage families to walk and cycle to and from school and improve health and road safety. For more information about safe travel routes contact your school or contact Ipswich City Council on (07) 3810 6666.

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No Momma Racing will be presenting their 1st annual “LET’S BREAK IT” event in the Ipswich region in September. (location and date to be confirmed.

What is “LET’S BREAK IT”?

It is a mass participation event to break several Guinness World Records.

The records we are hoping to break are the most people:

- **Pushing prams/stroller**
  This will be done over a course 1.6 kms long. The child must be safely strapped in at all times.

  The current record is 675.

  Participants must provide their own pram/stroller.

- **Skipping rope**
  Done over a period of 3 minutes. If a person stops for a period longer than 10 seconds that person is disqualified.

  The current record is 9,967.

  Participants must provide their own skipping rope.

- **Performing lunges correctly**
  Done over a period of 1 minute.

  Any participant not performing the lunge correctly will be disqualified.

  The current record is 267.

- **Dunking cookies.**
  Participants will be provided with a cookie and a cup of milk. Participants must dunk their cookie in the milk and take a bite.

  The current record is 1503.

- **Applying lipstick**
  Participants can be male or female.

  Lipstick must be a bright or noticeable.

  Lipstick is to be applied to yourself for a period of 1 minute.

  The current record is 1002.

  Participants must provide their own lipstick and notify of the brand upon registering.

- **Largest water pistol fight**
  Participants will be separated into 2 groups.

  The fight must last a minimum of 5 minutes.

  The current record is 2,671

  Participants must provide their own pistol.
· Unwrapping candy

Participants will be provided with a piece of wrapped candy.

You are required to unwrap and eat the candy.

The current record is 614.

There will be a registration fee of $10 per event or $30 for 3 or more.

You can participate in as many as you like.

Upon registration you will be provided with instructions and a guidelines pack for the events you have chosen.

You will also receive the link you will require to obtain your Guinness World Records certificate if the record is broken.

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