MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Measles Health Alert

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.


Remembrance Day

Next Monday is Remembrance Day. The school will mark this with a small in-class ceremony at approximately 10:40am. We hold the in class event at this time as many of the children will be at play at 11:00am. Please join us next Monday to spare a moment to remember. Lest We Forget.

2014 Targets

Like all organisations, schools have targets for a whole range of indicators. One of our targets is that children will attend school 95% of the time. We currently have over 50% of our children reaching that target. However the school’s overall attendance rate is 92%.

We have recently set our NAPLAN targets for 2014. We are currently performing slightly below the national average. My immediate goal is that our school will reach or achieve results that are equal to or above the national average. Please find below our NAPLAN targets for 2014.
Man - V - Wild

It was fantastic to see the wonderful roll up of parents with their sons at Man-V-Wild last night. While I was not able to stay the whole evening I have had excellent reports from the boys who participated.

School Sport

Last Friday I had the opportunity to wander across the road and observe the boys playing rugby. I was most impressed with the sportsmanship I observed and support the boys gave each other. This is a credit to their coaches but also to you, their parents.

Congratulations to Keyle Wojtasik

Keyle has been selected to participate in the Music Excellence Program at Corinda State High School. Well done!

2014 Classes

We are currently in the process of making arrangements for 2014. In a large school such as ours it is a complex process. If your children are leaving Springfield Lakes State School could you please advise us so that we don’t place your children in a class. Also, if you know of any prep aged children in the area whose parents have not yet enrolled please advise them to contact the office as soon as possible. I am very keen to have accurate numbers and avoid the need to create or disband a class at the beginning of the year.

Smoking In School Grounds

I wish to remind all members of the school community that smoking is prohibited on school premises including the car parks. Your observance of this government regulation is appreciated.

Uniform Shop

Our schools uniform shop is now available on line. All orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom.
## DECEMBER 2013

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### Long Service leave

I will be commencing long service leave on the afternoon of Thursday 21\(^{st}\) November. Mrs Trish Hollands will be acting as principal in my absence. I will be back at school early in the new year.

**Kindest Regards**

**Peter Doyle**  
**Principal**
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

End of Year Reminders

Previously there has been a trend for students leaving our school at the end of the year to have their school shirts signed by others.

With their parent’s permission, children who are leaving Springfield Lakes State School may bring along a shirt to be signed by others as a memento of their time at Springfield Lakes. This shirt MUST NOT be worn at the time of signing. Parents of children who wear signed shirts will be phoned to collect their child or provide another school shirt for wearing.

The last weeks of school will be treated as any other, with the school’s expectations fully enforced. No silly behaviour will be excused or accepted.

Thank you for your parental support in this matter.

Kindest Regards

Gwendolyn Irvine
Deputy Principal

GUIDANCE OFFICER NEWS

KIDSMATTER

Enewsletter for families

Click below link to view Issue 7 of the latest KidsMatter enews - "Preparing Kids For Starting School"

https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter

You may also view previous issues which include;

- Introducing KidsMatter ambassador Tracey Spicer
- Making a positive start to school
- Helping your child to cope
- What to do before school starts

Kindest Regards

Sandy Smith
Guidance Officer

34379841 (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and some Thursdays)

MUSIC NEWS
Jacaranda Festival

What a night for our Boys Choir, Cubs Choir and Junior Choir! Our students performed fantastically and were awarded the following prizes.

Cubs Choir - Highly Commended

Boys Choir - Highly Commended

Junior Choir - 1st place

Congratulations! Thank you to all the families who came and supported us on the night. It was a wonderful night and thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Senior Choir Workshop

Our Senior Choir students are participating in a workshop today at Springfield Central State High School, with students from Springfield Central SS, Augusta SS as well as the High School. It will be a great way to finish what has been a very busy choir year.

Stage Choir and Boys Choir

Thank you to the parents who supported our choir parties this week. These rehearsals have now finished for the year.

Thank you!

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to each of those music students and families who are leaving our school at the end of this year. Without you all, our music program at Springfield Lakes would not be as fabulous as it is! Best wishes for your future musical endeavours at your new schools.

Best wishes for the festive season everyone, and thank you for you ongoing support of our Music Program this year. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2014.

Libby McRobert

Senior Music Teacher

lmcro2@eq.edu.au

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.

COMING EVENTS

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20th  Lost Property Viewing Session 2pm-3.15pm Undercover Area near Tuckshop

21st  Prep - Year 1 Parade at 2pm in School Hall

21st  Year 4 Camp to Underwater World

22nd  Year 4 Camp to Underwater World

25th  Year 4 - 7 Parade at 2pm in School Hall

27th  Lost Property Viewing Session 2pm-3.15pm Undercover Area near Tuckshop

28th  Year 2 - 3 Parade at 2pm in School Hall

Dec 4th  Lost Property Viewing Session 2pm-3.15pm Undercover Area near Tuckshop

5th  Prep - Year 1 Parade at 2pm in School Hall

10th  Year 7 Graduation Ceremony 6.30pm in School Hall

11th  Celebration Parade - Junior Prep - Year 3 9am-10am in School Hall

11th  Celebration Parade - Senior Year 4-7 10.30am-11.30am in School Hall

13th  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 - **minimum $10.00 transaction**
- 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 - Whole School Focus – Cooperative – Play allowed games in correct areas/ Stay in correct play areas

Week 6- Year Level Focus

Prep – Peaceful – Use Stop, Walk, Talk.

Year One – Peaceful – Line up peacefully outside of classroom.

Year Two – Respectful – Be in class on time at the start of the school day and after lunch breaks.

Year Three – Peaceful – Use Stop, Walk, Talk. Be resilient.

Year Four – Respectful - Off Campus: Represent the school with pride.

Year Five – Cooperative - Tuckshop: Eat purchases at the undercover area.

Year Six – Respectful – Speak respectfully to ALL staff.

Year Seven – Peaceful – Walk quietly when moving around the school.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Junior Assembly

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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 give out.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES TERM 4-2013
MONDAY 8.15am – 9.45am

WEDNESDAY 8.15am - 9.45am

THURSDAY 2.00pm – 3.00pm

CLOSED TUESDAY and FRIDAY

Our schools uniform shop is now available on-line just click on the link available on school website. All orders will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Click here for the NEW uniform shop Order Form.

Uniforms also available for purchase on line, click on the link on the school website. All orders are delivered direct to child/ren’s classroom.

Payment and Collections Options:

In person: At uniform shop when opening times apply; pay by cash, credit or debit cards 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

Click on the image below to view information.
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.springfieldlakess.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 “Field 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 Flexischool 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YMCA IS A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION

YMCA SPRINGFIELD LAKES OSHC
BEFORE, AFTER & VACATION CARE.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM
THE CO ORDINATOR.

We have done so much in the last month with the children. The number of different events held is unbelievable. We ended the month with having a Halloween Disco. The staff jumped on board and dressed up with the children in their Halloween costumes. The children enjoyed cooking and making craft for the event.

Vacation Care is in next month. Our Summer Vacation Care program will be available soon. Get in quick to secure places for our fun and exciting incursions and excursions.

Also available are our 2014 Enrolment Forms. If you are looking for care, or someone you know who is, don’t hesitate to contact us or drop in for a visit.

For more Information on Baha’i Education Classes in Term 4 and to print off a Baha’i Education Class Enrolment Form please

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

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Thanks and Kind Regards

Genevieve Eyre
Program Coordinator
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Tel: (03) 9775 4711
Toll-free: 1-800-500-501
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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,

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