MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

School Management

As principal I am responsible for the overall leadership and management of your school. However, in a school that is bigger than some of the towns I have lived in across Queensland we have three (3) deputy principals to assist. Each of the deputy principals line manages a section of the school and an aspect of the curriculum.

Years P-1 Mrs Trish Hollands

Years 2-3 Mrs Alexis Hay

Years 4-6 Mrs Gwendolyn Irvine and

Year 7 Mr Peter Doyle

Should you ever have a concern the first point of contact is your child’s teacher. They know your child best, of all the school staff. In the event you wish to discuss the matter further please see the line manager for the particular year level.

The Impact of Absence from School

There are legitimate reasons why children are absent from school. However, I am concerned about repeated absences from school. While an absent day here or there along with a late arrival or early departure may not seem to be of concern over time it does build up. Our goal is that we will have a school wide attendance rate of 95%. It is important for a child’s learning that they come to, and stay at, school every day they are able.

Our absent rate spikes on a Monday and a Friday. I wonder why?

I have included a table showing the impact of persistent absences from school.

We love having your children at your school. We can’t teach them when they are not here.

School Protocols
In a large school such as this we have a number of protocols, to help the school run smoothly. You may have seen outside classrooms the “Lining Up Protocol” or the “End of Day Protocol”. In the classroom there are protocols to be observed in lessons and also for the way the children are expected to keep their books.

Likewise I ask that parents observe the following protocols:

- Please make an appointment if you would like to meet with your child’s teacher or another member of the school staff. Our core business is teaching children and we aim to maximise every second of the day, with instruction commencing at 8:45am each day.
- The school car park is designed for a flow of traffic. Please do not block other cars and wait for your children in the car park. If there is not a space available please go around the block. Don’t forget there is parking at the Lake and the Sports ground.
- We aim to minimise disruptions to learning as much as possible. It would be appreciated if parents would wait in the covered areas and not outside classrooms and certainly not sitting on the port (bag) racks.

![Image of a poster encouraging attendance]

### 1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but............

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**Every minute of every day counts!..........................**
P&C Meeting

I congratulate the school’s Parents and Citizens Association on the election of their executive on Tuesday evening.

President: Justin Hackwill
Vice President: Kelly West
Secretary: Darren Baldwin
Treasurer: Ursula Pitt

I look forward to working with your P&C during the coming year.

The next scheduled meetings for the P&C are Tuesday 25th March and Tuesday 22 April.

Active Kids are Happy Kids

You can help make a difference. As part of the Healthy Active School Travel Program an evaluation will be undertaken, you can participate by completing a quick survey online about how you travel to school.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CNSMG86

Your responses will help make our school travel planning more successful. We estimate the survey will take 10 minutes to complete and all answers are confidential. Thank you for your help.

HAST Program

The Healthy Active School Travel (HAST) Program is Ipswich City Council’s travel behaviour change program that aims to reduce traffic congestion around schools during peak periods.

HAST is a fun, hands-on, school community focused project encouraging students and their families to be more physically active by driving less and choosing to walk, cycle and catch public transport.

ACTIVE TRAVEL to School Days

Help us reduce traffic congestion and improve student safety around our school gates by joining our first WALK AND WHEEL WEDNESDAY on Wednesday 19 March 2014 to coincide with the National Ride to School Day. The students will depart from Olive Springs Park at 8am and walk or wheel as a group to the school and discuss road safety along the way.

You are invited to walk, cycle or use public transport with your children. If you live too far away to walk or cycle the entire journey to school, the ‘Park, Walk or Ride Map’ will show you how you can join in. It’s a fun initiative that everyone can be a part of and to celebrate the launch a coffee van will be onsite for the Parents at Olive Springs Park from 7.45am and there will also be a healthy breakfast available for the students when they arrive to school. It is anticipated that after the launch, students will continue to meet as a group at the park and walk or wheel to school together.
Bicycles Scooters and Skateboards

The children are required to park their bicycles, scooters and skateboards in the “cage” when they come to school. The cage is locked during school hours and opened just prior to 2:45pm. Sadly two boys have recently reported the theft of their property from the “cage”. We would like to see these items return as soon as possible.

Please ensure your child is able to chain their item to the racks inside the cage.

Medication At School

Education Queensland Regulations require that before medication is administered at school:

1) A parent has completed an authority form

2) The label on the medication clearly states:

(a) the name of the child
(b) the exact dosage and times for administration
(c) the medication is prescribed for the child by a doctor

Please ask the pharmacist to include that information when medication is prescribed. Under the same regulations, analgesics, cough mixtures and the like are not to be administered by staff at school. In special circumstances, and with a letter from the doctor, a teacher can administer non-prescribed medication. Medication, authority forms and a register of dosage given, are kept in the administration area. Children requiring medication are to report to the administration area at the appropriate time.
Asthmatics may keep puffers on their person or in school bags and are exempt from the above regulations, in that they may self administer puffer medication as they feel the need. Please ensure that your child is familiar with the procedures for puffer use.

**Cybersafety Help Button**

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.


*Kindest Regards*

*Peter Doyle*
*Principal*

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**CURRICULUM NEWS**

~ Invitation ~

25 February 2014

Dear Parents

**Re: Parent Helper Program 2014**

We would like to warmly thank those parent helpers who voluntarily support teaching and learning programs in the classrooms. Your help is highly valued as it makes a difference to the children with whom you work.

We are pleased to offer our Parent Helper Induction Program again this year and would like to invite all new parent helpers to attend two training sessions at the school from 1.45-2.45pm on Tuesday 11 March and Wednesday 18 March.

We are keen for all new parent helpers to attend both sessions which are designed to introduce you to the philosophy of our school, define your roles and responsibilities in the classroom and to provide you with a number of strategies for working with students in the classroom and at home.

**Session One, Numeracy - Tuesday 11 March, 1.45pm:**

- Roles and responsibilities of the parent helper
- School philosophy and values
- Guidelines for working with students
- Supporting numeracy in the classroom
Problem solving strategies

Session Two, Reading - Tuesday 18 March, 1.45pm:

- Supporting reading in the classroom
- Skills for leading groups of students

Please take a moment to complete the following slip and return it to the school office by next Friday 7 March. Many thanks in anticipation of your involvement. We look forward to meeting and working with you.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Davis Peter Doyle

Head of Curriculum Principal

"________________________________" "________________________________" "________________________________"

Reply slip – Parent Induction Program

To: Wendy Davis, Head of Curriculum From: _____________________________________

Child / children's names and classes: _______________________________________________

□ I am currently helping in my child’s classroom and would like to attend the training sessions.

□ I would like to start helping in classrooms and would like to attend the training sessions.

Contact phone number: ______________ Email address: ____________________________

If you want to print a copy of this letter of CLICK HERE.
Mathletics Access and Parent Reports

We’re delighted to inform you that all children have access to the Mathletics website. This resource is being used as an integral part of the children’s learning so please take some time to share this learning path with your child/ren.

Mathletics is the next generation in learning as it helps students enjoy maths and achieve great results.

Your child will have access to Mathletics 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by logging in at www.mathletics.com with their unique username and password. A note has been sent home with these details.

To gain the greatest understanding of how Mathletics can benefit your child, we encourage you to spend time looking at Mathletics with them. Your child will have access to:

Interactive Curriculum Activities

✓ Adaptive activities that respond to your child’s needs
✓ Instant feedback
✓ Animated support that guides students through concepts
✓ And lots more!

Live Mathletics Game Engine

✓ Exciting real time challenges with students all over the world
✓ Amazing for developing basic maths skills

Each student’s Mathletics account holds information relating to individual results and progress.
Please ensure that your child is the only one to access and use their account.

As this is a resource, you are still able to pay for your child/ren to use this resource at the front office.

Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction classes will commence next Wednesday, 5 March. This Christian-based program is delivered on Wednesday mornings by approved representatives of the Springfield Region Combined Churches. People of other faiths are welcome to contact the principal if they wish to arrange alternative Religious Instruction at school.

Children are allocated to Religious Instruction classes in accordance with the information provided on the Parent Notice for Religious Instruction forms which were completed at the time of enrolment. This information remains operational unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing.

If you have not signed the above form or do not wish your child to participate in Religious Instruction classes, please advise the school in writing prior to next Wednesday, 5 March.

Students who are not participating in Religious Instruction will be supervised in alternative activities by their classroom teacher.

Kindest Regards
Using ABC Reading Eggs in the classroom

ABC Reading Eggs is an online reading program that makes learning essential reading skills a fun and motivating experience for 3 – 13 year olds. The program has many features that support the core literacy teaching and get children successfully started on their journey to becoming proficient readers. The diagnostic test and student management tools enable teachers to place students at different reading levels within the program.

Dear Parents

Springfield Lakes State School recognises the value of Reading Eggs for our students. Along with our regular traditional learning resources, we are planning to use Reading Eggs to support the teaching of reading in Prep – Year 3 classes and selected 4-7 classes.

The benefits of Reading Eggs are;

- students are engaged and motivated to learn
- Reading Eggs responds to individual student strengths and weaknesses
- students instantly know if they are on the right track and can work through the curriculum at their own pace
- animated support guides students whenever they need
- teachers can access student records in order to track progress and identify learning needs
- weekly parent emails allow you to monitor your child’s progress

Reading Eggs at Springfield Lakes State School will be used for consolidation and homework. Students in classes starting the Reading Eggs program will have 24/7 access to Reading Eggs. Teachers will be monitoring usage and results and we encourage parents to do the same.

The cost of the program is per child is $10. The same program, if purchased independently by parents, is $79.95, so the school purchase passes a considerable saving on to you.

For more information about Reading Eggs visit www.readingeggs.com.au to view the website and see comments from parents and schools.

Kindest Regards

Alexis Hay
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program is at Springfield Lakes SS.

SCHOOL BANKING IS EVERY WEDNESDAY!

JUST DROP YOUR YELLOW BANKING WALLET INTO THE UNIFORM SHOP BEFORE SCHOOL!

This is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5 for every child $5 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit).

For more information visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or contact Shelley Eichorn in the Uniform Shop.

2014 BOOKLIST

Click the image below to view full information
Click to order your booklist and use password: 4SFLSSBTS

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8.00 - 4.00
Tuesday 8.00 - 4.00
Wednesday 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.

COMING EVENTS

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*N.B. All due dates will be strictly adhered to. Any monies received after 10.30am on the above dates will not be processed. If there are exceptional circumstances, please contact the Principal. Payments received by BPay or internet banking after the due date will be refunded back to the payee.

Payment Times
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.

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**Week 5 - Whole School Focus** - *Respectful* - Bullies and Bystanders.
Week 6 - Year Level Focus

Prep - **Cooperative** - Follow the instructions of every member of staff.

Year One - **Peaceful** - Use appropriate language.

Year Two - **Respectful** - Keep your body parts and other objects to yourself.

Year Three - **Peaceful** - Use of appropriate language.

Year Four - **Respectful** - Respect the right to teach and learn.

Year Five - **Respectful** - Keep your body parts and other objects to yourself.

Year 6 - **Cooperative** - Play allowed games in correct areas.

Year 7 - **Cooperative** - Play allowed games in correct areas.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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

**Junior Assembly**

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UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES TERM 1-2014

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
CAN YOU VOLUNTEER HALF AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME AT THE TUCKSHOP?

Regular volunteers are required in the tuckshop to help with counter service for half an hour at lunch time from 11:15 - 11:45am each day.

The whole school have the same lunch breaks now so this means an increased volume of children lining up at break time and volunteers are needed to help serve this many children.

If you are able to commit to a regular volunteer roster along with other parent volunteers please see Sandra in the tuckshop and advise her of your availability. Any help is greatly appreciated.

In terms of productivity, less stopping during the day to serve at the different breaks means that there are longer blocks of time during the day for baking and preparation in between counter service times.

Volunteers are going to be needed to come in on a 30 min roster to help serve at this time.

New GLUTEN FREE MENU AVAILABLE at the tuckshop

Click on the image below to view information.
SPORTS NEWS

District Boys Cricket Trials

The District boys cricket trials were held earlier in the term. Congratulations to Jacob Anderson who was selected in the Central District team. We wish him all the best when he competes in the Met West Carnival on the 19th & 20th February.
Central District Swimming Carnival

The following children from our school qualified to compete at the Central District Swimming Carnival last Monday:

- Piper Schoch
- Olivia Harding
- Nicholas & Alexander Bremner
- Tayla Treliving
- Sydney Thomson
- Soriah Rowsell
- Chloe Rowe-Hagans

Our children swam to the best of their ability and represented our school proudly. Congratulations to Chloe Rowe-Hagans who qualified for the Central District Team. She will be competing in the Regional Swimming Trials on the 26th February.

P&C Cross-Country & Walkathon Fundraiser

On the 28th March our school will be participating in the Yrs 4-7 X-Country which is a major fundraiser for the P&C. We ask for your support by seeking donations. By raising $10 or more you will receive a fantastic prize. The more donations you receive the more prizes you can choose. There are over 70 prizes on offer with quality well-known brands such as Sony, iPod Shuffles, Razor, Nerf, Wahu and much, much more. You can ask your parents, relatives, family friends or even a next door neighbour to sponsor you. We do not recommend seeking donations door to door. You must have adult supervision at all times.

The reason why our school is participating in this fundraiser is because we need to raise money so that we can have Chappy Hayden in our school. This means we need to raise at least $11,000. Just for participating in the fundraiser each student will receive a participation certificate. Also, each family who raises $10 or more will go into the draw to win a 2 night holiday at Sea World Resort for 2 adults and 2 children.

All money raised is due on the following dates:

Year 4-7 – Monday 24th March 2014
Thanks for your support

Danielle Fajzullin

P.E. Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

YMCA SPRINGFIELD LAKES OSHC

BEFORE, AFTER & VACATION CARE.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

THE CO ORDINATOR.

We have plenty of places available in Before & After School Care. We can cater for parents who work casually or to a roster. Make an appointment to come and visit our premises, and meet the friendly staff.

The Preps and new children have settled into the routine of the Centre, enjoying the craft and sporting activities.

We are running two weekly sessions of the Government funded Active After School Communities. Monday is Basketball & Thursday is Hockey. To join in the fun you just need to be enrolled in our service.

The April school holidays are only five weeks away and we have a fun filled program on offer. Bookings forms will be out in the next couple of weeks. There will two excursions - one for the younger grades to Ten Pin Bowling at Richlands and the older grades are going to the new Trampoline Centre at Redbank.
For more information on Baha'i Education Classes in Term 1 and to print off a Baha'i Education Class Enrolment Form please click here.

**Oral Health Services**

The West Moreton School Oral Health Service (Dental Van) is currently visiting SPRINGFIELD LAKES STATE SCHOOL. The School Oral Health Service offers free, a complete course of dental care to all students whilst the van is visiting the school.

**An Intent to Attend** Form has now been issued to all students in years 5 & 7. *(other classes will be offered in 2014).* This initial form gathers information for all siblings attending the school so that they may be seen together.

Please read the form carefully as there are changes to the way services are now offered.

A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST attend and collect and return students to and from their appointments unless otherwise arranged with dental staff.

As our time at each school is limited please notify the staff as soon as possible if an appointment is unsuitable so that it may be rescheduled. If an appointment is missed, further treatment will not be offered unless contact is made by student or parent/guardian.

Operating hours of the dental facility are:
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 7.30 am to 4.30 pm.

For general enquiries contact 1300 763 246.
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants ABN 61 712 650 747
www.twelve.com.au Principal: Derek Nolan CA

Your Family Tax Specialist
Clean Up Day

Put yourself in the picture
Join us at the Ipswich City Council site for a FREE BBQ and help clean up the environment.

Sunday, 2 March 2014
8.00 am – 10.00 am
Rotary Park, Brisbane Road, Bundamba
Register to attend by visiting www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/Community+Clean+Up
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE 2014
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June 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 looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.
Hosting is an experience that is often referred to as a way to 'reignite your passion for your country', whilst at the same time creating bonds and sharing lifelong memories. Attached is a notice for your newsletter in a PDF format. We would appreciate if you could please download this for your newsletter, noticeboard or website.

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!

"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.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator
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 July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark 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 scceaustr@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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