

Springwood Road State School

Sharing and Working Together



Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bullying

There are a great number of sites on bullying that are helpful to parents and schools. The weekend paper mentioned; www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/wellbeing - a great place to start looking.

What is bullying? **When someone or a group of people, who have more power at the time, deliberately upset or hurt another person, their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion.**

What isn't bullying? **Many distressing or unpleasant acts are not examples of bullying such as fighting, arguing, social rejection or dislike and single episodes of nastiness or meanness. These may well require action from a parent or teacher but they are not bullying. Bullying is systematic and on-going, not just a one off act.**

The website above discusses ways of helping your children in cases of bullying – well worth a look.

P & C News

This Wednesday night at 7.00pm is our second P & C meeting for the year. Our School Annual Operational Plan will be presented for approval. We are still looking for a president and treasurer and would welcome someone new to the job. I have included the role description of the P & C president below.

President

The Constitution provides that the President:

- Shall hold office in an honorary capacity.
- Shall preside at every meeting of the Association in which she/he is present.
- As Chairperson shall have a deliberate vote and a casting vote.
- CANNOT hold the office of Treasurer.
- Shall be a signatory on P & C accounts.

The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 provides that the President:

- Is the **only** officer empowered to sign any agreement for and on behalf of the association upon resolution of the association to enter such agreement.
- Is authorised to confer with the Principal on the implementation of any recommendation made by a school committee.

The President should:

- Provide leadership (delegate).
- Act as representative of the P&C.
- Ensure communication between P & C, school and community.
- Encourage participation.
- Conduct meetings in an efficient and timely manner so that all members feel valued.
- Be familiar with the Rules, Operations and Meeting Procedures of the P & C

It is the President's responsibility:

- To ensure that members are aware of the contents of the Minutes of the previous meeting.
- To obtain confirmation of the Minutes and to sign the Minutes book.
- To announce business in accordance with the agenda.
- To give firm rulings and guidance to the meeting.
- To assist the discussion by guiding debate along relevant lines.
- To give all members the opportunity to speak but also to confine speakers to the matters under discussion.
- To put to the vote motions and amendments and to announce the result.
- To determine points of order.
- To provide explanations to those in doubt about procedure or the subject matter under discussion.
- To introduce guest speakers and to arrange for movers of votes of thanks.
- To ensure that priority items on the agenda are dealt with accordingly.
- Set the date of the next meeting.

Hall Meeting

There will be a meeting of the hall committee at 6.30 pm prior to P & C meeting – any interested parents are welcome.

Respect

This fortnight all areas of the school are concentrating on RESPECT for one another.

At school we talk to children about respecting each other.

Respect is signalled by:

**WELCOME
open door
policy**
Parents are invited to call
or drop in should they
require assistance
at any time.

What's on...

19 March

Pie Drive orders due

22 & 23 March

Year 1 - 7 Science Workshops

26 March

Young Leaders Day

27 March

P - 3 Cross Country

28 March

4 - 7 Cross Country

Pie Drive Delivery Day

30 March

Discos

3 April

Year 6 Excursion to Whitewater World

6 - 15 April

Easter vacation

16 April

Student Free Day

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- Keeping eye contact with the person speaking.
- Listening when someone is speaking.
- Answering in an appropriate tone with a "Yes, John" or "No, Mrs Vogan"
- Accepting someone else's opinion or difference.
- Expressing an opinion in a non-confrontational manner
- Using appropriate body language and gestures.

Do your children follow these guidelines at home?

Crossings

Please remind children when coming to and from school to be very careful crossing roads. Antenor Street in particular is very dangerous as children have three different ways to watch for traffic.

Lesley Vogan, Acting Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Science Show

Hands On Education are visiting Springwood Road on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd March to challenge, educate, amaze and entertain Year 1 – 7 in the exciting future in Science. Year levels will participate in the workshop over an

hour and will experience many hands on Science activities including:

- * **Electric circuits and switches** * **Solar power**
- * **Alternative energy** * **Magnetism** * **Robotics**
- * **Light & colour** * **Sound & vibrations** * **Machines, simple tools & balance** * **Potential & kinetic energy**
- * **Air pressure**

Parents are also welcome to attend to work through the activities with your child. Please return permission notes and payment as soon as possible. The cost will be \$5.50 per student. Timetable is as follows:

Time	Thursday	Friday
8:30	5/6S, 5H & 5R	3C & 3D
9:30	4MW, 4A & 4/5D	Year 6 & 1 Year 7 class
10:45	MORNING TEA	
11:15	Year 7	3B & 3/4M
12:45	LUNCH	
1:30	Year 2	Year 1

Alisha Le Brese

PARADE AWARDS	
P - 3 March 7	4 - 7 March 9
Jarrad Maysha Terina Madiline Will Caitlyn Brooke Callum Tayla Mitchell Brianna Jade	Liana Louise Tayla Laetitia Joshua Jessica Kristen Erica Matthew Dylan Brendan Jennifer Patrick

Free program supports families following divorce

The University of Queensland's Parenting and Family Support Centre will partner with Relationships Australia in offering a free 12 week parenting program designed to improve outcomes for children following divorce. The program targets separated parents who have children aged 2 - 14 years, who have separated or divorced within the past 24 months, and who are having difficulty managing conflict with ex-partners, coping with feelings, or managing child behaviour problems.

For details, contact Family Transitions Triple P, telephone 3365 7304, email familytransitions@psy.uq.edu.au or visit our website <http://experiment.psy.uq.edu.au/family/>

LOST KITTEN

Simone, the kitten, is only 3 months old and has just had surgery and needs medication. She was lost on Donna Avenue, Rochedale South. Simone is a black cat with a white spot on her chest. She has yellow/amber eyes. If you have found this kitten please phone Kathy on 0407 033 315.

Metropolitan East Regional Swimming Trials

Congratulations and thank you to Caitlin for competing at these trials on March 6. It is always a very tough competition. You did very well to be there. Not only were you part of a great night of competition, you also earned points for our school towards our District Busway Trophy.

Cross Country Carnivals

Prep - Year 3 Tuesday 27 March

Please join us at 9am to hear the deafening war cries of our Sports Houses. The races will be run following this order.

Prep Boys, Prep Girls, Year 3 Boys, Year 3 Girls, Year 2 Boys, Year 2 Girls, Year 1 Boys, Year 1 Girls.

Age Champion awards will be presented after the Year One races. Good luck everyone.

Year 4 - 7 Wednesday 28 March

The year 4 - 7 March Past will begin shortly after the start of school. The Open Age Group will compete first (ie students born 1994 & 1995) followed by children born 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Age Champion awards will be presented after the Year 4 races.

Training for Cross Country happens from 8 - 8:20am on Monday & Wednesday mornings. All welcome.

PE Classes at the moment are fitness based with the students who are wishing to try out for the Age Champion event being timed.

Please ensure your child has wide brimmed hat and a filled water bottle.

DISTRICT AFL TRIALS

Congratulations to Ben who attended these trials at Mabel Park State School recently. Ben is one of 22 students to be selected in the Logan District team to represent 20 schools in our area. Well done! Good luck!

Tuckshop News

New products

Cheese and biscuits snack, available now, \$1.30 per pack. Pauls Custard & Fruit, \$1

Price increase

Hawaiian Delight now \$3.30



NEWSLETTER AWARD

My child

in class gave me the Newsletter to read.

Signed:



When we got on the boat I saw a dolphin. It took about twenty minutes to get to St Helena Island. Once we got there we got off the boat and grabbed our bags and started walking to a shelter to eat morning tea.

by Ellie

My group went inside a little hut and there was the prisoner's old things. We moved on to a cannon and it was black and dusty.

by Tamika

We saw the graveyard and the cannon, then we had lunch. When we got on the ferry it was a bumpy ride. When we got back to school we were early.

by Thomas

The museum had weapons and tools. Some of the weapons got stolen by the prisoners and one or two escaped.

by Truyen



The first stop was the blacksmith's shop. On the wall was a snake skin. I felt scared again. We went on to the punishment yard. Jim told us if you were found slacking or breaking the rules you had to carry an iron ball across the punishment yard. the yard was gigantic.

by Gabrielle

Year 4 travelled to St Helena Island last Tuesday to learn about Australia's Early Settlement. Here are some highlights.



It was tiring, it also made us thirsty. We got to see where the convicts lived, they made their own food, drinks, clothes and homes.

by Hannah

We saw a jail, museum and weapons in a very nice looking house. There also was a lot of broken buildings.

by Jayarna

There was a museum in a house. There was a model of a lady reading a book, a record and tools. There was also a hammock and on the walls there was pictures of all the commanders.

by Joshua



Yesterday all of year four went to St Helena Island. We had to go on the bus to get to the jetty at Manly. On the ferry it looked like it was going to tip over but it didn't.

by Correy

When we got to Manly we got to choose our seats on the ferry. I sat next to Chi-Tuong, Adrian and Bianca. When we got to the island we had morning tea. We went to this house that was actually a museum. Inside it had a chart of some of the convict's faces and what they did.

by Rebecca

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