

Springwood Road State School

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Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new term, as always this will be a very busy and rewarding eleven weeks. Term 2 is a reporting term and parents will receive a written report at the end of this term as well as an opportunity for an interview with the classroom teacher.

Please remember teachers are very happy to meet with you at any time during the year and you don't need to wait for a formal interview opportunity to speak with them. We do ask you to make an appointment with the teacher, this allows them to give you their undivided attention and ensure you have adequate time to discuss all areas.

Curriculum dates to note this term are:

May 6 – Multicultural Day
May 13, 14 and 15 – National Testing for Year 3, 5 and 7 students.
May – Validation of year 2 students in the Diagnostic Net.

Community Events

May 8 – Fancy Dress Night for Prep - Year 3 students
May 21 – School Walk-a-thon
June 20 – School Disco

Sporting Events

April 17 – Senior Sports Day
April 22 – Senior Field Events Day

Other Events

April 24 – ANZAC Day Ceremony 8.45am in school covered area.
May 2 – Band Members receive their badges on Senior Parade

National Tuition Program

Prior to the holidays, some students in years 4 and 6 received offers for tutoring through the *An Even Start Program*, it is important those forms are returned as soon as possible so programs can be organised. If you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact me.

Literacy Training

Just a reminder to parents that teachers in years 1 – 3 will be attending literacy training for 5 days spread out over this term. This training is vital for teachers to ensure they are abreast with current understanding and research in the teaching of literacy in schools.



Senior Sports Day

This Thursday is our Senior Sports Day – we look forward to seeing many supporters there. A reminder that we are happy for students to wear their house colours but do not want children writing over themselves in felt pens or using coloured hair spray.

Honesty

Our value this fortnight is **Honesty**.

What do Honest, Trustworthy Children do?

- Tell the truth despite consequences.
- Voice opinions in a kind thoughtful way.
- "Tell on" someone only when necessary.
- Show and share their feelings.
- Know their classmates and teachers care and want the best for them.
- Express themselves positively as well as critically.

Lesley Vogan
Principal

15 April 2008

Newsletter in Brief...

- Curriculum dates
- Community, Sporting and other events
- National Tuition program
- Literacy (Teacher) Training
- Senior Sports day
- Value - Honesty
- Student Council
- ANZAC Badges
- Prep - Tuckshop
- Health Nurse
- Playground Safety
- Parade Awards
- Sports Days
- Parent Hot Spot
- P & C Meeting

What's on...

16 April

- ☞ Year 5 & 6 Conflict Resolution
- ☞ P & C Meeting, 7pm Staffroom

17 April

4 - 7 Sports Day, Track Events

21 April

Peer Mediation

22 April

4 - 7 Sports Day, Field Events

24 April

Anzac Ceremony at 8:45am

25 April

Anzac Day (Public Holiday)

5 May

Labour Day (Public Holiday)

6 May

Multi-cultural Day

7 & 8 May

Mother's Day Stall

8 May

Fancy Dress Night (6 - 8pm)

12 May

Bravehearts

13 - 15 May

Year 3, 5 & 7 Testing



WELCOME
open door
policy

Parents are invited to call
or drop in should they
require assistance
at any time.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Student Council

Well done everybody, our free dress day raised \$400 towards our donation for Qld Surf Life Savers.

There will be a Student Council meeting this Wednesday at 12:45pm in the LOTE room.

ANZAC Badges

Cloth stickers and badges are on sale in the office this week for 50 cents each.

PREP Tuckshop

From next week PREP is invited to use our school Tuckshop service. Tuckshop is available 5 days and must be pre-ordered through a paper bag and put into the class tuckshop box or ordered at the tuckshop before 8:30am.



PARADE AWARDS

P - 3 April 2	4 - 7 April 4
Jack	Cameron
Tully	Anity
Tahlia	Yasmine
Tony	Aiden
Jasper	Louise
Joshua	Shahn
Morgan	Ainsley
Daniel	Jeremy
Kareen	Caitlin
TJ	Jessica
Joshua	Amy
Joshua	
Noah	
Rianna	
Hector	
Paomo	
Zac	
Se Hyun	



Parent Hot Spot

A group of parents and I have been participating in the Family Skills program that was on offer this term at our school. Over the next few weeks, I will outline some of the great concepts we have been learning about and applying with our own families.

How do I help manage their feelings? (Part 1)

To help our children when they are feeling strong emotions (feelings), we must understand a few facts about feelings. These are:

- Feelings cannot be judged as 'good' (should have them) or 'bad' (should not have them) - they are just feelings.
- Everyone has the right to their own feelings - whilst you may have a certain feeling towards someone or an event, your child may have a different one. Neither person is wrong.
- Feelings (how you feel about something/one) should not be confused with actions/behaviours (what you do). For example, *feeling* angry about how someone hurt you is separate to *hitting* someone because you are angry with them.
- All feelings are OK but not all behaviour is OK.

Feelings are an important and normal part of being human. We need to help our children understand, accept and talk about their feelings. Only then will they be able to deal with them in a helpful way. Telling children that they should or shouldn't feel a certain way is *not* helpful. Be calm and patient when they are experiencing strong emotions. Your child is more likely to settle and be ready to talk things over when they see you are not reacting strongly and / or judging their feelings.

We need to help our children identify what they are feeling and talk about it before it results in bad behaviour (eg hitting, swearing, teasing).

Remember, your child's brain is still under development. Don't expect them to quickly learn what many of us adults are still working out!

In the next Hot Spot we'll look more specifically at managing angry feelings.

Until then, happy parenting!

Ros Green - Guidance Officer



Health Nurse

Our school health nurse will return over the next two weeks to complete vision and hearing tests. All PREP and Year 1 parents who received permission notes for their children to be screened by the health nurse are reminded to return these as soon as possible. If any other parents have concerns regarding your child/ren's vision and/or hearing, please contact the office for a permission form as these must be signed before the health nurse can attend to your children.

Playground Safety

Playground equipment is out of bounds before and after school. This is a work place health and safety issue and must be strictly adhered to. Please ensure that arrangements are made with the office for your child/ren to wait at the office if you are going to be late collecting them, not at the playground.

Alisha LeBrese

Year 4 - 7 Athletics Carnival

Track Day - Thursday 17 April

Session 1 - March Past, 800m & 100m events

Session 2 - 200m & agility events

Session 3 - Relays, results announced

Field Day - Tuesday 22 April

Session	High Jump	Discus	Shotput	Long Jump
8.40-9.50	Born 1995/96	Born 1999	Born 1998	Born 1997
9.50-11.00	Born 1997	Born 1995/96	Born 1999	Born 1998
11.20-12.30	Born 1998	Born 1997	Born 1995/96	Born 1999
12.30-12.45	Born 1999	Born 1998	Born 1997	Born
1.30-2.30				1995/96

P - 3 Sports Day

Perkins 124 ... Border 140 ... Freeman 167

As usual, the children were full of excitement. They looked grand as they participated in the March Past. The children did their best in races, and we saw many beaming faces as they won a place in their race. The children also participated in a variety of activities which develop many aspects of their physical skills. I'm sure that they all went home worn out! Thank you parents and grandparents who could come and enjoy the day with us.

Finals placegetters:

Prep Boys	1. Sebastian 2. Tony 3. Nathaniel 4. Jacob	Prep Girls	1. Natasha 2. Tyjhame 3. Vanessa 4. Katana
Year One Boys	1. Dean 2. Jay 3. Taylor 4. Curtis	Year One Girls	1. Sesi 2. Taylah 3. Matisse 4. Lara
Year Two Boys	1. Simon 2. TJ 3. Peter 4. Cameron	Year Two Girls	1. Nikki 2. Melita 3. Hope 4. Megan
Year Three Boys	1. Blake 2. Kye 3. Solomona 4. RJ	Year Three Girls	1. Isabella 2. Se Hyun 3. Sharnee 4. Tegan

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 16 April, at 7pm in the Staffroom. Feel free to come along and participate in your P & C Association, your support is valued.

NEWSLETTER AWARD

My child in class

..... gave me the Newsletter to read.

Signed:



3P has been learning how to write a procedure.

CHATTERBOX

Goal: To make a Chatterbox.

Needs: 4 different colours, scissors and a lead pencil

Steps:

1. Colour the four corner boxes.
2. Cut along the outside line.
3. Write some questions and answers.
4. Put it face down on your desk.
5. Fold the corners into the middle.
6. Flip it over and fold corners into the middle.
7. Fold in half and put your fingers in the holes.
8. Now you can play with a friend.

By Caitlin

SHINING FISH

Goal: To make a Shining Fish.

Steps:

1. Cut out the fish.
2. Use a sharp pencil to poke holes through the paper at each dot.
3. Colour or paint the fish black, red and yellow.
4. Stick the fish to the window with tape.
5. Watch the fish glow when the sun shines through.

By Zoe

EASTER BASKET

Goal: To make an Easter Basket.

Needs: Scissors, stapler, coloured crayons.

Steps:

1. Colour your Easter Basket
2. Cut out the Easter Basket.
3. Cut out the handle.
4. Fold the dotted lines.
5. Staple or glue the handle.

Test: You can play with your basket.

By Oliver

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7. Fold in half and put your fingers in the holes.
8. Now we can play with the chatterbox.

By Kezia

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By RJ



EASTER BASKET

Goal: To make an Easter Basket.

Needs: Scissors, stapler, coloured pencils, crayons.

Steps:

1. Colour the basket.
2. Cut along the solid black lines.
3. Cut out the handle.
4. Fold along the dotted lines.
5. Staple the basket together.

By Zac