

Springwood Road State School

Sharing and Working Together



Newsletter

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Values ~ Introduction

This fortnight we are focussing on introducing values. Our National Framework for Values Education in Australian Schools defines values as the "principles and fundamental convictions which act as general guides to behaviour". At Springwood Road State School we pride ourselves in the excellent behaviour of our students and strongly believe in "Sharing and Working Together." The school overview for our Values Programs is as follows.

	PREP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Term 1		Anti Bullying High 5					Conflict Resolution	HRE Key lessons
Term 2						Relationship program		
Term 3	Fun Friends				Values Books			
Term 4								
Whole School Focus	Values Education Program							
						School Leadership (Council, Captains and Peer Mediators)		
					Camping Program			
	Intervention Programs							
	Brave Hearts - Term 2				Child Protection			

Parent Teacher Night

Please keep Thursday 21st February available for Parent Teacher Night. This night gives you the opportunity to meet your child/ren's teacher/s and will inform you of essential information about your child/ren's class for 2008. More information on this important night will follow.

Family Fun Afternoon

We are thoroughly looking forward to a fun afternoon with the school community on Sunday February 17, 3.00pm – 5.00pm. All family members are welcome to bring along a picnic basket and join us in the year 2/3 play area.

Keyboard Lessons

Keyboard lessons for Year 1 – 4 will now be held on Thursday each week, beginning on 14th February at \$9.90 per week. Children who indicated an interest in learning keyboard would have been provided with an enrolment form today. These lessons are an additional activity to the school curriculum and occur during school time.

Options Program ~ Year 7

As part of preparing our Year 7 children for High School, this year we are offering them the Options Program on Tuesday afternoons. The options are: Music, Japanese, PE and Computer Lab. Within the specialist areas the teachers have designed a variety of units which aim to challenge the students in different ways. Children must nominate their preference of subjects, based on their interests and ability levels, for each term throughout the year. By the end of 2008 each student will have completed one unit from each option.

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WELCOME
open door
policy

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

What's on...

- 13 February**
P & C AGM 7pm
- 17 February**
Family Day, 3 - 5pm
- 21 February**
Parent Teacher Night
- 22 February**
P - 7 Good Values Show
- 25 February**
P & C Pie Drive fundraiser
- 28 February**
Class Photos
- 3 March**
P - 3 Cross Country
- 4 March**
4 - 7 Cross Country
- 5 March**
Young Leaders Day

P&C AGM

Come and join us for our AGM on Wednesday February 13 at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Our meetings are very informative and allow you another forum to discuss and be involved in issues involving your child/ren's education. We look forward to seeing as many of our school community as possible.

Alisha Le Brese
Deputy Principal

READING CLUB

Reading Club starts again next week! Monday 11 February. This is for Prep - Year 3 in the Performing Arts room at 8:05am Monday - Thursday every week. Parents and siblings welcome. This is a **FREE** activity, so come and start the day reading some books with us.



LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing

Borrowing commenced for all students this week. As part of good borrowing practices students in prep, years 1, 2 and 3 are expected to use a library bag. For students from years 4 -7 library bags are recommended. Please note Library bags are available for purchase at the tuckshop. As students progress from year to year their quota of books for borrowing increases.

Lunch Activities

The lovely, air-conditioned library is open every lunch break Monday to Thursday. Students can come in to read, draw, play games, chat to friends or play on computers. Please refer to the table below.

Year Level	Amount of Books
Prep	1
One	1
Two	1
Three	2
Four	2
Five	2
Six	2
Seven	3

Day	Library	Computer Lab
Monday	Read, draw, computers	Years 1, 2, 3
Tuesday	Read, draw, computers	Years 4, 5
Wednesday	Games Day	Years 6, 7
Thursday	Read, draw, computers	Mixed

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Financial help for:

- School Camps
 - Approved sport & recreational activities in your community
- Who is eligible for assistance?

Grandparents who are the primary carers and who are:

- Not receiving the fostering allowance
- Not approved relative or kinship carers

Seniors Enquiry Line currently operates the "Time for Grandparents" Program. This program provides help to grandparents who are raising grandchildren by giving grandparents the opportunity for well earned timeout.

For further information contact Seniors Enquire Line
1300 135 500

SKILLING FOR WORK

at Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc.

Career advice, enhancing your career options, updating your skills & abilities, furthering your education in computer employment or just to create your resume.

177 Meakin Road, Slacks Creek ☎ 3808 1684 or ☎ 3209 4271
email: admin@keng.org.au

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NEWSLETTER AWARD

My child in class gave me the Newsletter to read.

Signed:



Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education, Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

Invitation to "Family Skills Training" Parent Program

Being a mum, dad or carer of children is a rewarding but also a challenging job. This interactive parent program gives parents and carers the chance to talk and share in a non judgmental atmosphere about the ups and downs of being a parent. It is also an opportunity to gain important knowledge and skills to help you develop your family life. The Family Skills program is a six week, two hour per week discussion group focussing on family issues that affect children from prep through to high school.

The program is *not* lecture based and parents' thoughts and opinions are valued and built upon. Parents in the group determine the topics to be covered and these usually include issues relating to:

- ✧ Discipline and behaviour management
- ✧ Sibling rivalry
- ✧ Child Development—ages and stages
- ✧ Family relationships
- ✧ Communication
- ✧ Self Esteem

Presenters: Roslyn Green, Guidance Officer & Joan Burrows, Youth & Family Services (YFS) Family & Relationships Team.

Date: Commencing Monday 11 February to Monday 31 March 2008

Time: 9am to 11am

Place: LOTE room in E Block

This program is free of charge, Group size is limited to 12. *Please note: This program is for parents / carers only, sorry child minding will not be available.*

If you wish to attend this fun and informative program, it is important to contact Ros Green at Springwood Road State School on 3341 5133 as soon as possible, to confirm your place.

VIOLIN FOR SALE Tosca Violin, 3/4 size. Good condition, \$200. Phone 3219 9889 or 0421 222 114.

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Logan City Netball Association

9, 16 & 23 February, 9 - 11am. 6 years to Seniors. Fun Day 23 February 9am - 4pm. Fun and activities for everyone! Senior Grading 12 February 6:30 - 8pm. Senior Season commences 19 February 6:30pm. Enquiries phone Phyll 3200 0246. Coaches, Umpires and volunteers welcome.

Australian Girls Choir

Is your daughter aged between 5 & 12 years, wanders around the house singing all the time, dressing up and doing concerts? All girls are invited to join the Australian Girls Choir. Limited positions currently available in 2008 classes. Join us for a complimentary try out class or assessment workshop. For further information please call 3256 0207. www.ausgirlschoir.com.au

Fitness and Dance

Get active and feel the excitement of DANCE. Pay as you go. Fun jazz, funk, modern dance classes. Also Cheerleading Classes at Springwood. Phone: 3800 4607. www.fadstudio.com.au

Springwood Road State School Homework Policy

Springwood Road State School believes

- That in determining homework it is important to take into consideration that students may be engaged in many different activities outside of school. These may include a range of physical activities and sport, recreational and cultural pursuits.
- That homework is an important strategy for improving student outcomes, informing parents about what is happening in classrooms and indicating to parents student mastery of basic skills.
- That homework should be directly related to class work and appropriate to student's learning needs.
- That timelines for homework need to include flexibility to suit different lifestyles and commitments.
- That homework will be corrected and acknowledged.

Recommended Guidelines for Homework

PREP	YEAR 1 - 3	YEAR 4 - 5	YEAR 6 - 7
No set homework.	<p>Could be up to but generally not more than 1 hour per week.</p> <p>Homework Tasks could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading to, with and by parents/ caregiver or other family member. • Conversations around what is happening at school. • Preparation for oral presentations. • Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes. • Activities to develop literacy, numeracy and problem solving skills. 	<p>Could be up to but generally not more than 2 - 3 hours per week.</p> <p>Homework Tasks could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily independent reading. • Activities to develop English, Mathematics and problem solving skills. • Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes. • Preparation of oral presentations. • Extension of class work including projects and research. 	<p>Could be up to but generally not more than 3 - 4 hours per week.</p> <p>Homework Tasks could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily independent reading. • Activities to develop English Mathematics and problem solving skills. • Conversations around what is happening at school. • Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes. • Preparation of oral presentations. • Extension of class work including projects and research.

