

Springwood Road State School

Sharing and Working Together



Newsletter

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Welcome to term 4

We only have 10 weeks remaining in the 2008 school year. I hope all of our new and returning families had a relaxing break spending valuable time together. We have a number of new families joining our school community this term, please join me in making them feel welcome.

Value for the Fortnight—Perseverance

Perseverance is the continuous striving to attain a goal. Goal setting is a valuable skill for children to learn. In setting goals children need to identify a goal and then the steps they will need to follow to achieve it. Persistence is the key!

Resilience

Resilience is the capacity to cope with change and challenge, and to bounce back during difficult times. At Springwood Road State School we strongly believe in building resilience within our students. We work towards this goal throughout the school with programs such as Fun Friends, Hi Five, Peer Mediation, Conflict Resolution, Leadership, Camps and Values.

School Ambassadors

Over the holiday period a group of our Student Council members and Mrs Curruthers assisted with the official opening of the new Logan North Library. The children from our school were outstanding ambassadors for the excellent behaviour that we have at Springwood Road State School and received a glowing report from the staff at the library and the community. Thankyou to the following students for taking the time to represent our school at a community event during the holidays and to Mrs Curruthers for her co-ordination. Tramayne, Matthew, Kieran, Laetitia, Caitlin, Tegan, Jack and Cael.

Anticipated Term 4 Payments

Activities	Cost	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Free dress day	Gold coin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Student council activity		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Disco	\$4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Book Club	Varies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family Portrait	\$10								
Swimming Yr 3-7	\$32				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming P - 2	\$44	✓	✓	✓					
Camp	(less deposits paid) Yr 4 \$90 Yr 5 \$196 Yr 6 \$165					✓	✓	✓	
Class excursion	Varies	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia participated in the first common national tests for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. Reports were distributed to parents in the last week of Term 3 for every child who participated in the tests. This report provides a range of information about each child's relative performance on the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes. These literacy and numeracy results are used by schools and schooling systems to monitor school performance to ensure that they are meeting the educational needs of students. While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots', the results should be considered, along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance. If you have any questions or concerns about the national testing, please contact our school.

Alisha Le Brese, Acting Principal

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

8 October 2008

Newsletter in Brief...

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Discos - Hawaiian Theme

Prep – Yr 3 4:30 - 6pm
 Yr 4 - 7 6:30 - 8:00pm

What's on...

- 15 October**
P & C Meeting, 7pm
- 17 October**
Discos
- 20 October**
Student Free Day
- 23 - 24 October**
Year 4 Camp
- 29 - 31 October**
Year 5 Camp
- 3 - 5 November**
Year 6 Camp
- 4 - 14 November (Excl. Mon)**
P - 2 Swimming
- 12 November**
P & C Meeting, 9:15am
- 13 November**
Tall Trees Excursion
- 17 - 27 November (Excl. Fri)**
3 - 7 Swimming
- 19 November**
Prep Play Day
- 24 November**
Instrumental Music Concert & Information Night

Parent Hot Spot

As parents, life can become so hectic and busy that we sometimes fail to truly listen to others, especially those closest to us--such as our children. Careful listening is one of the best ways parents can influence their children for good. Head and heart listening requires that we attend to more than mere words. To understand the full meaning of what a child is saying to us, we have to "listen" to tone, inflection, feelings, and body language. By truly listening, we are saying to our children: "You are a person of worth. I love you, respect you, and want to understand you."



Understanding children

Listening to your child is one of the most important things you can do. When you listen, you discover just how special your child is and your child feels you care and respect them. How your child is listened to, helps determine how they will develop as a person.

How to be a good listener for your child

- ♥ Listen the way you wish to be listened to.
- ☉ Stop what you are doing and look at your child.
- ☐ Listen to what your child is saying – rather than thinking about how you will respond.
- ☉ Let your child finish – without interrupting.
- ♥ Listen with all your senses – pick up on the cues you are given.
- ☉ Together, work out what needs to happen next.
- ☐ If you don't have time to listen, don't pretend. Work out another time to talk.

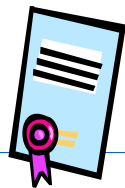
Listening activities with children

- ♥ Go on a special outing together and listen to their thoughts and feelings.
- ☉ Wash up together.
- ☐ Let your child plan and help prepare a meal.
- ☉ Share daily activities, like walking the dog.
- ♥ Watch TV shows your child chooses and show interest in them.
- ☉ Have meals together at the table.
- ☐ Read a book together and chat about your child's thoughts and feelings.

Source: NAPCAN FOUNDATION www.napcan.org.au; Stephen F. Duncan, Professor, School of Family Life, Brigham Young University.

Happy parenting,
Ros Green (Guidance Officer)

PARADE AWARDS	
P - 3 (17 September)	Year 4 - 7 (19 September)
Celine PD Cooper PD Stephanie PLH Jacob PLH Jasmine PN Jacob PN Harmony 1/2C Benjamin 1/2C Lara 1/2E Caleb 1/2E Madison 1/2SR Kagha 1/2SR Caitlyn 2B Teagan 2B Eleena 2/3H Rianna 2/3H Tegan 3B Bradley 3B Natalya 3D Kye 3D	Poko 4A Callum 4J William 4M Georgia 5DP Lachlan 5J Hannah 5R Toa 5/6S Amy-Lee 6T Kai 6/7L Tegan 6/7N Kieran 7MD Kristen 7MD



Co operation awards: Week 10 Term 3

The following children received the Principal's Cooperation Award for being the most cooperative member of their class.

Congratulations!

Tyrone PD	Samantha 4A
Harmony PN	Chantelle 4J
Sarah PLH	Darcy 4M
Laura 1/2C	Callum 5DP
Caleb 1/2E	Harry 5J
Shannen 1/2SR	Tia 5R
Aaliyah 2B	Yolandra 5/6S
Emma 2/3H	Lochlan 6T
Will 3D	Joshua 6/7N
Evaleti 3B	Nic 6/7L
Kezia 3P	Natasha 7M
	Keanu 7D



Active After School Care Program

Dance and Taekwondo are the two activities being offered for term 4. Dance is full from the waiting list from term 3. Notes will come home today for Taekwondo for Yr 4-7. Please complete the permission form and return it directly to the office ASAP. The first 30 names received at the office through the permission note will be accepted into Taekwondo. Be Quick!!

Taekwondo: Tuesday Oct 14 to Nov 25 3—4pm

Dance: Thursday Oct 16 to Nov 27 3—4pm

(all siblings waiting are requested to remain with parents while lessons are in progress)

Thank you to our sponsors: Southside Fruit Market and Deli
3267 Logan Road, Underwood, Phone: 3841 1125

After School Special! (must present this voucher)

10% off Fruit & Vegetables between 3-6pm weekdays

Family Portrait Flyers

Please complete the voucher and return it to the office with payment by Friday 17th October. The P&C will then contact you to allocate a time for your photo.
When: Sunday 26th October
Cost: \$10 per sitting



NEWSLETTER AWARD

My child in class

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

Signed:



5DP

**5DP conducted research
on our Solar System.
Did you know...**

The winds on Neptune can blow 1500 km/h (900 mph). The planet Neptune was named after the mythological sea god.

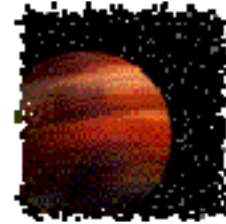
Jesper

Jupiter is the largest planet but it spins on its axis the quickest.

Ilona

Pluto is the second-largest dwarf planet in the solar system (after Eris).
Pluto's distance from the sun is 4.4 -4.76 billion km.

Dylan



**The Sun is hot. It is made of lots of gases but the main two gases are helium and hydrogen.
The Sun gets its energy from the gases and make Nuclear explosions.**

Sandra

Earth and other planets formed 4.54 billion years ago. Jupiter is big enough to fit more than 1,300 earths inside of it.

Georgia



The Sun is made of explosions and the sun's surface is 5800°C. It turns hydrogen into helium that causes nuclear explosions to produce heat and light.

Andy

That the Sun uses its gravity to help the planets to orbit. The closer the planet, the less time it takes to orbit the sun.

Callum

Uranus is very odd because it's the only planet that spins on it's side. People think that a very large object in history hit Uranus and completely changed Uranus' spin!

Milica



Jupiter's 'Red Spot' is actually a big moving cyclone-like storm! Over the time that the Red Spot is moving, it will get larger and larger, as it is collecting other small storms along the way!

Amelia

