

# Springwood Road State School

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## Newsletter

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### FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

#### Classes for 2009

In the near future we will commence collating the class lists for 2009. This process involves the teachers on your child's current year level assessing the best placement for your child for 2009, this list is then finalised by Administration. It is in this final stage that we consider parent requests. For a request to be considered it must be put in writing and addressed: To the Principal, via letter or e-mail. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss requests, but must be followed by a written request as well. Please remember that teachers do change year levels occasionally and that if you feel strongly about a request it should be put in writing. All requests are due by Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Value for the Fortnight ~ Perseverance

Perseverance is never giving up and always trying your best. *"Success isn't something you chase. It's something you have to put forth the effort for constantly. Then maybe it'll come when you least expect it. Most people don't understand that."* - Michael Jordan

#### Knitting Club

Knitting Club resumes next Tuesday at 12:45pm in the LOTE room. Our children and the ladies at Tall Trees have been busily knitting and the first rug is almost complete. Tall Trees have been communicating with the orphanage and they are looking forward to the first package of donated hand made rugs being sent. Thankyou to everyone who is assisting with knitting squares, we are always appreciative of extra squares being sent into school or donations of wool.

#### P&C

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly P&C meeting in the staff room. The next meeting is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Agenda items include a planner of events for 2009 and our fete. Please join us if you can.

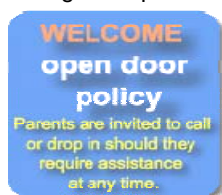
#### Pupil Free Day


Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October is a Pupil Free Day. Students **do not** attend school on Monday. Our staff will be involved in a number of Professional Development activities both on and off campus.

#### Support a Writer


On the Pupil Free Day we are offering a Support a Writer course to our Teacher Aides, Student Teachers and interested parents. If you are interested in participating please contact the school office to rsvp by this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The course will be held in the Performing Arts room from 11:30 am – 1 pm.

**Alisha Le Brese**  
Acting Principal





**DISCO ~ Hawaiian**  
**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**4:30 – 6pm (P – 3)**  
**6:30 – 8pm (4 – 7)**





**EFTPOS PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE AT THE OFFICE UNTIL 1:30PM EACH DAY FOR SCHOOL RELATED EXPENSES (ie EXCURSIONS, RESOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS, CAMPS ETC - NOT P&C RELATED EXPENSES) . MINIMUM PAYMENT FOR EFTPOS IS \$10**

**14 October 2008**

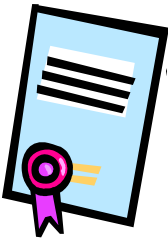
### Newsletter in Brief...

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- Congratulations Chace & Daniel

### What's on...

- 15 October**
  - ↳ Prep Excursion
  - ↳ P & C Meeting, 7pm
- 17 October**  
Discos
- 20 October**  
Student Free Day
- 23 - 24 October**  
Year 4 Camp
- 26 October**  
Family Portraits
- 29 - 31 October**  
Year 5 Camp
- 31 October**  
Planetarium Excursion
- 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

| PARADE AWARDS  |  |
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| P - 3 (8 October)  | Year 4 - 7 (10 October)  |
| Taleah<br>Nicholas<br>Dusan<br>Sarah<br>Erin<br>Isabella<br>Jayden<br>Emily<br>Kirrah<br>Luke<br>Jayden<br>Mitchell<br>Jacob<br>Jake<br>Samira<br>Isabella<br>Maysha<br>Hayley<br>Harry<br>Destiny<br>Fynn<br>Nyketa | Molly<br>Taylor<br>Jayvier<br>Zoe<br>Shardae<br>Anthony<br>Amy<br>Laetitia<br>Nick<br>Cael<br>Liana<br>Corey |



**Parent Hot Spot: Building Self Esteem**

Self esteem is feeling good about yourself, liking yourself, feeling that you are a worthwhile person. For almost all parents there are times when you worry about your child's self esteem. Self esteem enables kids to try new things without too much fear of failing, to reach out and make friends, and to manage problems they are likely to meet along the way. Good self esteem helps build a solid foundation for life. An important part of self esteem is feeling that you have a place in the world where you belong - that you are part of a family where you matter.

**What parents can do to help build self esteem**

- Tell your child often that you love them and you are glad they are who they are, even when they do the wrong thing.
- Show you love them by spending time, listening to their point of view, being willing to help them achieve their goals eg drive them to sport, watch the game.
- Support their learning - take an interest without taking over. Be involved in the school.
- Encourage friendships and make their friends welcome, get to know them.
- Encourage hobbies or interests - an active child is less likely to get into trouble.
- Let your child assist you with something eg cooking, gardening.
- Keep and cherish mementos of their success eg ribbons, trophies.
- Help them to solve their problems themselves by talking through the issue, offering ideas or alternatives and helping them follow through.

All children need their parents / carers for love and support. You are the most important person in their life. Research indicates that parents are still the greatest influence even in a teenager's life, despite their growing loyalty to peers. How you support and value them will affect them for the rest of their life. Parenting is not easy but it can be a most rewarding job when you see that your child is growing into a happy capable and caring person.  
Till next time, **Ros Green** - Guidance Officer

**Family Portrait Fundraiser**

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  
Venue: Outside School Hours Care Building



**P&C Meeting**

Wednesday 15 October at 7pm in the Staff Room. Everybody is welcome to come and have a say in how we support our children and our school.

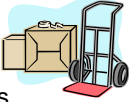
**Active After School Program**

Dance and Taekwondo are the two activities being offered for term 4. Dance is full from the waiting list from term 3. Notes have gone home 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)*

**HAVE YOU MOVED?**

If you have moved, changed jobs, changed your telephone number (including mobile) or if your emergency contacts have had any changes to their contact details we need to know. Please send a note to the office with your child or phone the office on 3341 5133 to let us know of any changes.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to **Chace** (4J) on her success at FISAF Nationals on becoming Australian Champion as well as picking up a silver and bronze. Well done!  
**Daniel** (4M) takes Double Gold in the Australian National Titles for the Federation of International Sport Aerobics and Fitness on 18 - 20 September. Daniel took out the Mini Male section and then doubled up with Sarah to take out the Mini Mixed pairs.

**Logan Women's Health and Wellbeing Centre** will be extending its operating hours each Tuesday until 23 December, opening from 9am—7:30pm. Services will include a pre appointment only counselling session and Bellydance class at the new time of 5 - 6pm.

Over part of this period the Centre is running a **'Get Fit and Flexible'** campaign and offer women the opportunity to come to the Bellydance class for just \$8 per person. To be in this special offer just bring along a friend or relative over the age of 18 years. Mums with children also welcome. So why not join in the fun and share getting fit and flexible for the summer ahead! (offer valid until 12 Nov).  
Classes are held at **1 Mary Street, Kingston.**

For more information please call 3808 9233

**NEWSLETTER AWARD**

My child ..... in class  
..... gave me the Newsletter to read.  
Signed: .....



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# 4A's Amazing Rock Discovery



This term 4A has been learning about rocks and minerals. The processes that shape the rocks around us to form the landscape can take thousands or even millions of years.

There are three main rock types. They are Igneous rocks, Sedimentary rocks and Metamorphic rocks. Igneous rocks are rocks that are made up of tiny crystals. Sedimentary rocks are made of hundreds of layers of sediment. Metamorphic rocks are Igneous rocks and Sedimentary rocks that have undergone a chemical change.

There are two main mineral groups. These groups are ore minerals and rock-forming minerals. The two types of ore minerals are metallic and non-metallic. Metallic minerals contain traces of metal, while non-metallic minerals don't. Finally there are rock-forming minerals. These minerals make rocks.

Minerals are important parts of rocks and are used in our everyday life. For example, iron ore makes steel for building. Gold makes jewellery. Talc is used to make powder. Silicon makes glass. Oil found in the ground is used to make petrochemicals which make all the plastic things we use.

Will, Mitchell, Amy, Matthew and Tian brought Thunder Eggs from Thunderbird Park. Some were cut in half and contained crystals. Many children brought in their rock collections which included Amethysts, Quartz, Agates and Sedimentary rocks.

We have learnt lots of amazing stuff!

Remember this! There's more to rocks than the eye can see.

***Compiled by  
Adam, William, Mitchell and  
Amy on behalf of 4A.***

# 4A

