

Springwood Road State School

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Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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New Playground!

From tomorrow work will start on a new playground for Prep and Year 1. One of the old existing playgrounds will be removed and replaced with a more exciting design. While work on the playground is in progress the small gate on Narelle Crescent next to the Prep building will be locked and we ask all parents and students to enter and leave the school by the gate next to After School Care. We expect this small inconvenience will only last for three days.

Play Equipment

Just a reminder to all students and parents that the playground equipment is out of bounds before and after school.

Thank You

A special thank you to Geoff and Suzanne for altering the Prep /Year 1 port racks last week. Your efforts are appreciated by students and staff.

Parking

Please ensure you are parking legally and safely when dropping off and picking up your children. I understand there has been a number of parking infringement notices given in the last week and the council has indicated they will continue to patrol the areas around the school.

FETE FEAST

Don't forget our Fete Feast tonight 6.30 in the library. We look forward to your company and ideas.

Peer Mediation

Today 35 students from Year 6 attended Peer Mediation training. These students will take their Conflict Resolution training one step further and learn how to help others resolve conflict. After training, these students will work in the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2/3 playgrounds helping younger children to resolve conflict or friendship issues. I would like to thank these students for taking on this extra responsibility and giving up their lunch hours for such a worthwhile cause.

Lesley Vogan, Principal

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What's on...

- 5 March**
Anti-bullying Show
- 6 March**
Interschool Sport commences
- 10 March**
Junior Cross Country
- 11 March**
⌘ *Senior Cross Country*
⌘ *P & C Meeting*
- 12 March**
Year 7 Class Photo
- 14 March**
Working Bee
- 18 March**
Student Leaders Conference
- 24 March**
Year 6 Bunnings Excursion
- 30 March - 2 April**
Parent Teacher Interviews
- 2 April**
Junior Sports Day

P&C NEWS

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March at 3:30pm in the staffroom.

Did you know?...

- The P&C is responsible for the running of the tuckshop and Outside School Hours Care. These facilities would not exist without the P&C.
- The P&C is the parent and community access point to contribute to the school and the greater local community.
- The P&C's role is to be a communication channel between the community, parents and the school.
- The P&C is a forum where the school community can discuss its values, hopes and ideals for the school.
- All of the P&C Executive and the P&C sub-committee are volunteers.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the P&C. Simply leave your contact details at the office and a P&C executive will get back to you.

DON'T FORGET - FETE FEAST - TUESDAY 3 March, 6:30pm in the Library, Child care provided.

BOTTLE STALL

Keep bringing those filled bottles - the class with the most bottles will win an ice-cream cake. Bottles to be in by 9 March. Winner announced on Junior Parade 11 March.



KIDSCONNECT

You still have time to get your name in the school directory. Pick up a form from the office or fill in the details below.

Child's Name & Class	Home Telephone	Mobile Telephone	Parent/Caregiver

**From the Deputy Principal
RESPONSIBILITY**

Responsibility is the value for this fortnight. In our short time back at school this year there has been a number of school hats lost, misplaced, left behind, taken etc. Please encourage your child/ren to be responsible for their hat in the following ways.

1. *When not wearing your hat put it in your school bag and zip up your bag.*
2. *Always leave your hat on your head at all times during the eating and play breaks, do not put it down anywhere or anytime.*
3. *If you find a hat - give it to a teacher.*

Please ensure that every child's hat has their name clearly written on their hat in large letters. Make your child's name as obvious as you can.

Power of One

This Thursday, 5th March, the children will be involved in an Anti-Bullying show called "The Power Of One". The Power of One is a series of skits presented by actors who use boxes, colours, and masks to vividly portray what bullying is, what can

District Netball

Congratulations to **Aleisha, Maraia, Danielle, Jayarna and Amelia** (reserve) who have all been selected for the district netball team. Well done to Holly, Ainslie and Sharnice who also went to the trials but were unsuccessful on this occasion.



MEXICAN FEATHER GRASS

Have you seen this plant? - It's a Class 1 outlaw!

Biosecurity Queensland needs your assistance in tracking down an environmental outlaw, Mexican feather grass. This devastating bandit is a low protein, fibrous grass (i.e. the cows won't eat it). This grass can make pasture lands worthless which is extremely bad news for our farmers. It can also escape and take over native grassland, so bad news for the environment too.

Mexican feather grass (*Nassella tenuissima*) snuck into our state cleverly disguised as *Stipa capriccio* and has taken up residence in various areas around Queensland.

If you think you have spotted Mexican feather grass or have recently bought a grass plant that looks suspiciously like it, contact the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries on **13 25 23**. Do not attempt to capture this bandit yourself as its seeds may scatter and spread. One of our trained professionals will come and investigate and take it into custody if necessary.

MFG profile:

- A densely tufted perennial grass that grows up to 70cm high
- Stems are smooth, but leaves are tightly rolled and rough to feel
- Greenish flower head that becomes pale as seeds form
- Flower head is feathery
- Seeds are numerous and pale-coloured
- Each seed has a tail (45-90mm long bristle-like appendage)



NEWSLETTER AWARD

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



be done about it, and how every child has the power of one, the power to report bullying when they see it.

Class Visits

Every Tuesday during middle session I am working in classrooms. Last week I visited 3B and 1B. In 3B we worked on measuring in 1m lengths and estimating how many items ie toothpicks would be needed to make a 1m length. The children particularly enjoyed working with trundle wheels.

1B worked in small groups to sort objects. Year one children were having conversations about the different ways objects could be sorted and then worked together to create different ways to sort the same group of objects.

Interschool Sport

Interschool Sport begins Friday. All children must have their school hat and full school uniform. In this hot weather it is also important that each child has a water bottle. All money **must** be paid in full by the first game on Friday, 6th March.

Alisha Le Brese

Music Notes

- ♫ We still have the following school instruments available for any Year 5 - 7 students who are interested:
2 flutes, 1 clarinet, 1 trombone
- ♫ If your child is finding it difficult to carry their belongings to their instrumental lessons we do have our Springwood Road State School Music Bags for sale at the Tuckshop for \$5.

PARADE AWARDS

P - 3 (25 February)	Year 4 - 7 (2 March)
Nathaniel	Emma
Jasmine	Tegan
Cooper	Caitlin
Brihanne	Lance
Maddison	Caitlin
Liam	Samuel
John	Chace
Claire	Annie
Harmony	Tian
Emma	Celine
Hayden	Jack
Nikki	Danielle
Anna-Marie	Kristen
Caleb	Suzie
	Christopher



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**Driving children
to School**

"When you're in the car, everyone should wear their seatbelt. Schools are busy places so drive slowly and always let children in and out by the kerb-side door - it's the safest."





This term 2E has been reading lots of interesting books. We especially liked "More Spaghetti, I Say!" Here are some of the children's work based on the text.

Last week Minnie ate spaghetti. Lots of spaghetti. Freddy asked Minnie if she could play with him. Later Minnie felt very, very sick. Then Freddy tasted some spaghetti. He likes spaghetti. Minnie said "Now I can play."

Noah



MORE banana I SAY!

I need more banana

More banana, I say!

I love it/ them,

I love it / them,

I love banana, so much!



Last week Minnie ate lots of spaghetti. Freddy wanted Minnie to play. While Freddy was playing Minnie was sick. Then Freddy said, "Forget the playing. More spaghetti, I say". "I am too sick", said Minnie. Never mind, Freddy wanted more spaghetti.

Curtis

One day Minnie ate spaghetti. Freddy wanted her to play. Minnie ate too much spaghetti. So Freddy ate the bowl of spaghetti. Now I can play with you Freddy, said Minnie. No not now, can you see I'm eating spaghetti, said Freddy.

Madison

curtis
MORE watermelon SAY!

I need more watermelon

More Watermelon, I say!

I love it/ them,

I love it / them,

I love watermelon, so much!



MORE Pears I SAY!

I need more pears

More Pears, I say!

I love it/ them,

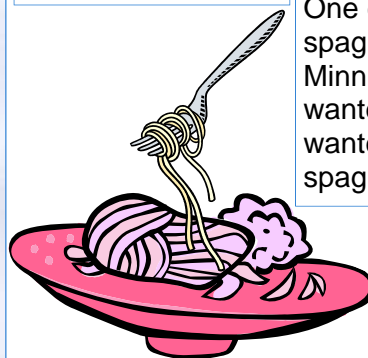
I love it / them,

I love Pears, so much!



One day Minnie ate heaps of spaghetti. Freddy was playing. Minnie got sick. Then Minnie wanted to play and Freddy wanted to eat all of the bowl of spaghetti.

Riley



Last week Minnie was eating spaghetti on the stairs. Then Freddy asked Minnie to play. Then Minnie was sick. Then Freddy ate all the spaghetti. Then Minnie wanted to play.

Seselia

MORE apples I SAY!

I need more apples

More apples, I say!

I love it/ them,

I love it / them,

I love apples, so much!

