Springbrook State School welcomes all of its returning students and their families to term 2. We finished the end of last term on a high with a very successful Easter Morning Tea for our parents and community members. Congratulations goes to Marj Maguire who correctly guessed the number of eggs in the jar to win the prize! There were 176 eggs in total and Marj was the closest guess with 173, followed closely by Elvis with a guess of 180 eggs. Thanks to all of the participants making guesses, Project Club raised a total of $74.50!

Apologies for an error in the last newsletter. The P&C Executive for 2015 is as follows and they can be contacted at pandc@springbrookss.eq.edu.au:

- President: Dan Maguire
- Vice President: Kelly Henry
- Secretary: James Canning
- Treasurer: Sean Beasley

All parents have now received either an email or letter invitation to participate and set-up a QParents account for the child/children. QParents is an additional form of communication with our school and gives parents an easy access to information regarding their child including: attendance, finance, behaviour, reporting, and timetabling. At this stage, there has been very little take-up of the Q-Parents program and I’d encourage you to log on and have a look. If you did not get an email or letter of invitation, please be in touch and let us know.

The chickens at school are having a lovely time with our students and they are now free-ranging during the day from approximately 11:00am through to 2:00pm. Our girls—all six of them—are much loved! Thank you to the Halliday family for donating the chickens to our school. Project Club are selling the eggs from the chickens and these may be purchased through the school office. They are $5.00 per dozen.

Finally, if you have any concerns regarding any of our school facilities or their management, please make contact with me directly. As the principal of the school, I have the responsibility for maintaining our facilities so that they are suitable for the safety of all students and staff at all times. You can contact me with any questions or concerns any day.

Sarah Jane Ash (Principal) 😊
**ANZAC Day 2015**

Our school will be commemorating ANZAC Day this week with a school-based service on Friday, April 24th commencing at 2:15pm. All students will be participating in this special assembly around the school flagpole. Parents and community members are warmly invited to join us.

We will also be participating in the Springbrook community ANZAC commemorations on Saturday April 25th. Our P&C are providing the Gunfire Breakfast after the Dawn Service. Breakfast will be available in the hall after the service concludes and will only cost $5 per person. I sincerely thank our P&C members and the volunteers from our community who have offered to assist and support us in providing the Gunfire Breakfast—your help is much appreciated and we couldn’t do it without you.

All students and their families are invited to join together and march in the community service. We will be assembling at the general store between 10:00 and 10:15am with the march starting at 10:30. Students will need to wear their full school uniform including brimmed hat. It is anticipated that the service will be completed by approximately 11:30am. Student participation in this activity is

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**Upcoming Dates**

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**Cross Country**

Cross Country has been rescheduled for this coming Wednesday, April 29th. All details will remain the same as communicated previously. Our students will be in class until 9:30am with their regular teachers before the running part of the day starts.

After 9:30am, all participants will walk the race course with Mr Newman and the races will start.

Numinbah Valley SS will be joining us for the day and our P&C will be manning a bake stall and the BBQ for a sausage sizzle lunch as a fundraiser for our school.

All parents are invited to join us in cheering our our students!

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**Student Awards - Term 1, Weeks 9 and 10**

**Students of the Week**

**Tiajahna:** For always showing pride in her homework and putting in her best efforts.

**Asha:** For displaying “Be A Learner” behaviour’s at all times in our class room.

**Alyssa:** For being a Learner by following instruction’s and always putting her best efforts!

**Lashae:** For excellent efforts at always being a Learner in the classroom.

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**GOTCHA**

**25 Gotcha Awards:** Alyssa Ryka, Cate, Aimee, Lashae, Aidan, Asha

**50 Gotcha Awards:** Tiajahna, Zavier, Isabelle, Abigail, Roy, Charlie, Jimi

**75 Gotchas Awards:** Ethan, Robbie, Emerald, Emma, Christopher.

**Gotcha Raffle Draw:** Zavier, Ethan
Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

“Do less not more for your kids”

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time.

We easily take on children’s responsibilities

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

TIP NO. 1 for developing independence:

Be clear about who owns jobs or tasks in your family and never take on a child’s job, or part of a task, unless there is extenuating circumstances such as illness.

TIP NO. 2 for developing independence:

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

The school holidays provide a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extra-curricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

The mFest
Mother - Mountain - Music - Markets
10am - 4pm
Free Entry

Saturday 9th May
Springbrook State School

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