Report cards for Semester One were emailed on Wednesday for all year levels. These reports provide comprehensive information on each student’s performance using the National A-E reporting scale. The high achievements of many students are the direct result of a consistent effort in class and quality teaching in our classrooms. I recommend that the discussion, which needs to take place at home following receipt of the report, should focus on the student’s strengths and the goals suggested by the teacher.

As the mid-year holidays approach, there’s a wonderful opportunity for our families to help look after the school chickens by volunteering to care for them over the vacation period. If you are interested in helping out for a few days at a time, please be in touch and let us know. The responsibilities involved are: daily feeding, checking and maintaining fresh water supplies, collecting eggs, enabling free ranging during the day and locking the chickens in the pen for the nights. Once parents have been in touch to volunteer, a timetabled roster will be completed and shared.

A big congratulations goes to all students who participated in the annual Hinterland Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival on Tuesday this week. Our students participated well and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the whole day. Springbrook SS were celebrated as the winners of the march past competition and Britt came in 2nd for the 10 years girls age champion and Mathilda came in equal 3rd for the 12 years girl age champion. Thankyou to all of the parents who joined us for the day and cheered us on!

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Mr Delaney will not be teaching at Springbrook State School next semester. He wishes to thank all the wonderful kids, teachers, teacher aids and parents that he has met during his time and wishes to say that he has thoroughly enjoyed his experience in a terrific school. He will be replaced by Ms Paula Besford who joins us with a wealth of experience including classroom teaching, learning support and special education. Ms Besford will be continuing the work of Mr Delaney through to the end of the year.

Please keep an eye on our school during the upcoming vacation period. If you see anything suspicious at our school over the holidays, call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. Please don’t attempt to intervene. School resumes after the holidays for all students on Monday 13th July—there is no student free day!

Sarah Jane Ash
Principal ☺
The Mudgeeraba Show

The Mudgeeraba Show is on this weekend and Springbrook is proud to again have had success with student entries. This year we had almost every student enter the Education Section for their year level and we are pleased to report that we had success!

Congratulations to 3rd place winners: Jimi and Arwen

Well done to our High Achievement winners: Taijahna, Aimee and Will.

Jimi and Arwen have won a child’s pass for free entry into the Mudgeeraba Show with their ribbon. All entries are on display in the Education Pavillion along with our school display. If you are going on the weekend, be sure to check it out! It is great to have the opportunity to showcase our small school in a very public forum such as this.

Upcoming Dates

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STUDENT AWARDS:

Student of the Week

Tarelle: for being a learner and consistently making an effort with your writing tasks. Great job—keep it up!

Arwen: for excellent ‘Be Respectful’ behaviours to all staff and students. Well done!

GOTCHA Awards

75 Gotcha: Grace
100 Gotcha: Ryka, Asha

Gotcha Raffle Draw:

Elvis, Connor, Roy and Emma

Literacy Planet Leaderboard

Jnr class: Taijahna in 114 points
Snr class: Aimee on 71 points

Mathletics

Cate: Bronze award with 1320 points
Will: Bronze award with 3093 points
The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.

All parents want to be successful and raise kids to be happy and contributing members of our community. Good intentions are not enough. Often there is no difference between one parent and another in terms of skills, knowledge and understanding of kids. However, the biggest difference can be found in parents’ mindsets, rather than their parenting skills and understandings.

Here are 5 of 10 mindsets for parenting success:

1. Believe in your child
This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind too. But it's a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child's abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. Look for the best
What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance than you'll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children's strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you'll invariably get more of those.

3. Think family
Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting 'the gang' rather than individual children. “What's in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What's in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it's a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what's best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

4. Accept challenges
There are always challenges raising kids. It's important to embrace these challenges whether they are behavioural, or a child has struggles at school, or he is moving into puberty. It's these challenges that will make you a better parent.

5. Trust the process
Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It's best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.
Electronics & Programming Discovery Workshops for kids this school holidays at Mudgeeraba Library

GCDuino Discovery workshops run during the school holidays and on occasional weekends in term time, they include Lego, Lego Mindstorms, Arduino Electronics, Programming and lots more. They are a great way for kids to learn about technology in a relaxed and more casual atmosphere than school. We encourage kids to explore their ideas: creativity and experimentation are encouraged!

Our facilitators are all geeks - exploring and experimenting with technology is a big part of our lives and we would like to encourage this spirit in the next generation

29 June, 9:30 - 11am: "What to do with Techie Kids in the holidays" - a seminar for parents of mini-geeks!

30 June, 9:30 - 11:30am: “Introduction to Arduino Electronics using GCDuino”

1 July, 9:30 - 11:30am: “Introduction to Arduino Electronics using GCDuino”

3 July, 9:30 - 11:30am: “Introduction to Arduino Electronics using GCDuino”

Workshop Size: 6, Age: 10+

Workshops include a GCDuino Arduino Electronics Kit to keep and take home with you when you leave. To register for the workshops or find out more, go to https://www.stickytickets.com.au/gcduino

Please use the local discount coupon “GLENNTOZER”. This gives you 50% off the seminar and $30 off the workshop (makes teaching component of the workshop FREE).
Gold Coast June / July Holiday Clinic
The Southport School Preparatory Campus

- Clinic Date: Thursday 2nd July
  - (Little Legends/ 5 - 7 Years, Junior Champs/ 8 - 9 Years, Future Stars/ 10 -11 Years)
- Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm
- Registration Closing Date: Thursday 2nd July 2015

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