From the principal.....

This week, our school will be celebrating School Support Staff Recognition Week! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our support staff for their ongoing commitment in assisting school leaders and teachers, and ensuring students receive a quality education. Without School Support staff thousands of young Queenslanders would not have a quality education. In many ways, School Support Staff are the unsung heroes of our school system – now is the time to change that. School Support Staff should feel appreciated and celebrated every day but especially in the first week of September as this week is School Support Staff Recognition Week. Many thanks go to Nerida, Sue, Teena and Karen for their fabulous work as our teacher aides, and also to Di our school cleaner and Brendon our groundsman who help us to do what we do at Springbrook State School.

I would like to wish all of the dads, grandads, poppas and uncles a very special Father's Day this Sunday! Fathers play a significant role in supporting the growth and development of their children and Sunday provides an opportunity for all families to celebrate this. I would like to thank all of the Dads in our school community who support their child's education! Wishing you a very relaxing, wonderful day celebrating the special role you have in your family.

This coming week brings the annual Hinterland Small Schools' Soccer/Netball carnival at Mallewa Drive, Palm Beach. We are always competitive at this event and look forward to excellent representation by our entire student body. Permission forms for this event are now overdue.

The last week of term sees our whole school camp with Numinbah Valley SS at Bornhoffen. The program looks fantastic and students are very excited, eagerly counting down the days. All families should now have a copy of the program, permission forms and what-to-bring list. Please come and see us with any questions or concerns as we finalise all the necessary details.

We have a collection of lunch containers and uniform items in our Lost Property. Families are welcome to come to Administration to check for any belongings you may be missing! During week 10, we will be having an fire sale for all of the pre-loved uniform items that have been donated back to school. Please come and check out what we have that may be of benefit to your student. All items will be available for a donation to Project Club with nothing over five dollars.

Cheers,
Sarah Jane Ash ☺
Principal
Hi everyone.

We’re on the downward run now….. and running is what we’re doing! Next Wednesday we’ll all be enjoying running around netball courts and soccer fields. It will be a great day. We’re all working through the term’s C2C assessments with the English nearly complete. The students have engaged positively with their Art lessons this term and have developed their skills well. Our last major piece of work is a landscape. The children have already prepared their background. Some of the colours they have created are stunning. I have been inspired by their enthusiasm. Well done Seniors.

We’re all looking forward to Thursday and Friday of next week as the students will be teaching each other something historical by way of PowerPoint. They have really focussed on this task and the topics chosen are varied and unique. I’ve been very impressed by their involvement and commitment.

Looking forward to seeing some of you next Wednesday for a run and a game!

Cheers
Paula

Ashmore Bike Safety Centre

Senior Class students went to the Ashmore Bike Safety Centre and had a fabulous day learning about the road rules and safety considerations when riding their bikes in the community. The behavior on the day was fantastic and all students represented our school well.

We meet a man named Mitch who talked about how to get onto our bikes safely and what our signs mean. He taught us what clothes to wear so that we can be seen and power positions. The power position is when you hop on the left side, put the right pedal up and push down on the right pedal and that propel you forward. We then got free time do what we had learnt. If we did something wrong, you had to go to Bike Jail.

(ANGUS)

We arrived, I hopped out of the car said Goodbye to my baby brother because I did not go in the complimentary bus provided by PCYC. I started walking towards the line of friends at the building and PLOP my bag broke. Now I have a bag with no straps for the day. I picked up my bag and joined the line. We went inside, got introduced to the people we will be working with. We went outside and got a bike and had our helmet fitted. We listened to a safety instruction and it was lunchtime like magic. I was very hungry. I had cake for lunch. After lunch, we learnt how to mount a bike properly, we sussed out the track which is awesome fully equipped with a roundabout and fully working lights. Then it was lunch. After lunch, it was free time. We went around the track doing what we want and practising our bike riding safely. After that, we had a talk about what we should wear when riding. 1. A helmet. 2. Clothes. You all have to wear clothes but by clothes, we mean bright and fitted clothes. 3. Closed in shoes. Overall it was a great day and I only went to jail once.

(TAILY)

On Monday we went to the Bike Safety Centre. We learnt about the signs. The stop sign is kind of like a give way sign because if you’re stopping, you have to wait for other cars to go past, just like a give way sign. We also learnt about how to use a roundabout correctly. If it is a two lane roundabout and you are turning right, you have to ride in the inside lane. If you are turning left, you have to ride in the outside lane. If it is a one lane roundabout, you have to wait for everybody to go past before you go on the roundabout. Roundabouts are where most crashes happen so we have to stay away from roundabouts if we can.. My favourite part of the day was free time. I stacked it on top of my friend Asha and I went to jail once after I rode through a stop sign without stopping. The day was very fun, I learnt a lot and then we hopped back on the bus and went back to school.

(Grace)
## Student Awards

### Student of the Week

**Christopher** - for displaying ‘Be a Learner’ behaviours by following instructions and trying your best at all times.

**Cole** - for being a role model student for others in ‘Be a Learner’, ‘Be Respectful’ and ‘Be Safe’ behaviour.

**Isabelle** - for displaying 'Be Respectful' and 'Be a Learner' behaviours by following class rules when speaking and listening.

**Arky** - for an excellent display of ‘Be Respectful’ behaviours in the classroom at all times!

### Gotcha Certificates

- **100 Gotcha**: Charlie, Jimi
- **125 Gotcha**: Emma, Isabelle, Zavier, Ryka

### Gotcha Raffle Draw

- **Junior class**: Isabelle, Roy, Abigail, Emerald
- **Senior class**: Lashae, Mika, Taylor, Aimee

### Mathletics

- **Will**: Silver award for 2000 points
- **Will**: Bronze award for 2550 points

### Literacy Planet Leaderboard Leaders

- **Junior class**: Taijahna, Emma
- **Senior class**: Lashae, Aidan

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## Upcoming Dates

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## SENSEI’S CORNER

### Question

What is the currency for Japan?

**Hint**: [http://japanmylove.com/japanese-money](http://japanmylove.com/japanese-money)

### Activity of the week

Have you seen Japanese money before?

If not have a look at this site: [http://japanmylove.com/japanese-money](http://japanmylove.com/japanese-money)
It’s time for dads to speak up!

Michael Grose looks at the role of a father’s ‘presence’ and the need for fathers to ‘speak up’ to their kids to impart important life lessons.

The messages for fathers from parenting experts like myself have morphed over time. Two decades ago dads were encouraged to be a presence in the lives of their children.

A decade or so ago the ‘be a presence’ message for dads was turned up a few notches to become involved in all parts of children’s lives. A raft of research linked a father’s active involvement with positive educational and social outcomes for kids, as well as a dad’s satisfaction with the role. Men embraced this ‘hands on dad mantra’ in droves.

It’s time to speak up

It’s time to ramp up father’s presence once again, but in a different way. The recent actions of some high profile representatives of the Millennial Generation – from being arrested in a $9000-a-night hotel, through to cringe-worthy public antics - has many Australians scratching their heads in bewilderment. Quietly, many people are questioning the quality, or lack thereof, of the advice they receive from their fathers. Being present and involved in children’s lives isn’t enough per se for this current generation.

TIME magazine recently described this group as ‘a generation with narcissistic tendencies that contribute to a feeling of entitlement before they’ve achieved anything’. But an overblown sense of importance is only half the story. Growing up in a reality TV culture where everything is critiqued it is little wonder that today’s young people are perhaps the most critical generation that have ever lived – posting careless criticism of ideas, people and institutions at the tap of a finger at unfathomable speed, fast losing the art of thinking things through. So what’s a dad to do?

Reclaim your place

Part of the modern parenting malaise is that many fathers are unsure of their place when their children are unsocial, unfriendly or just plain painful in public.

It’s not just when kids act like brats that dads need to step forward. They need to be present when children and young people are hurt, fearful, lonely, sad and depressed. The best thing that they can bring to the table is their vulnerability and a willingness to talk about feelings. I suspect most adolescents would think likewise if asked.

The language of fathering is a very physical one. That is, many dads build relationships with their children through games and active pursuits. It’s very often how dads pass on important lessons such as fairness, persistence and winning and losing. If physicality is a bloke’s only strategy then a father is left out in the cold when his sons and daughters move into adolescence – well passed the playful age.

A man’s just got to talk to get his messages through. He can start by letting kids know when their behaviour is likely to offend others; when they behave like chumps when they are not yet champs; and when they need to show respect to those who’ve tread whatever path they are on before them. This is what great fathering is about in these interesting times in which we live.
KIDS week

Surfers Paradise

Sat 19 - Fri 25 Sept

Featuring
Barbie
Blinky Bill
Bugs Bunny
Fireworks + more

surfersparadise.com
Dyslexia Empowerment Week 2015
Gold Coast Dyslexia Support Group

Outside the Square

Free Community Screening
“Understanding and Identifying Dyslexia”
Followed by a Q & A Forum

Venue: Robina Community Centre Auditorium
Date: Saturday 24 October from 2pm

Our expert panel includes:
- Renea Bugeja Foley, MSL Specialist Classroom Teacher
- Jodi Clements, President of the Australian Dyslexia Association
- Tanya Forbes, Filmmaker and Founder of Gold Coast Dyslexia Support Group
- Marion McMahon, Executive Officer of Speld Qld
- Robyn Monaghan, Principal Speech Pathologist at READ Speech Pathology
- Ainsley Robertson, Speld Qld Education Advisor for Assistive Technology
- Dr Craig Wright, Principal Educational Psychologist at Understanding Minds

Special thanks to Councillor Jan Grew for supporting our event.