From the Principal

The end of term is quickly approaching and this means school Report Cards for students. Teachers are currently finalising the school reports ready for distribution on Wednesday next week. It is important to remember that C is for CELEBRATE. All report cards will report against the standards outlined in the national curriculum. Under this curriculum, Springbrook State School students are assessed against the same standards as all other students at their year level, in every Australian state and territory. Whether or not a student receives an A, B or C on their report card will depend on how well they have achieved the required national standard, not on how well they have done compared to others in their class. Students who achieve A’s and B’s are usually required to demonstrate some kind of “higher order thinking”, like applying learning to design a solution to a challenging problem. Getting 100% on a test does not guarantee an ‘A’, unless the test includes questions that requires the more advanced thinking associated with an ‘A’ standard in the Australian Curriculum.

Flying Start – what it means for you and your child

Education is changing in Queensland. Following extensive consultation, the State Government outlined its plans for the future of education in the A Flying Start for Queensland Children White paper previously released. Changes include helping our children get ready for primary school, moving Year 7 to high school and boosting school performance. Flying Start is the Queensland Government initiative whereby students will begin high school in Year 7. This will begin in 2015. Here at Springbrook SS, we have commenced planning for this change by establishing and developing relationships with our local high schools. Both Robina SHS and Merrimac SHS will be coming to speak with our students at upcoming assemblies, and there will be a parent session presented by the Robina SHS principal at our school. The dates for these visits will be communicated and advertised when confirmed. I urge all parents with students in years 5-7 to take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions and clarify information regarding this initiative. The aim through all of this is for a seamless transition from primary school through to junior secondary at a high school campus.

For further information, you can visit www.flyingstart.qld.gov.au

Sarah Jane Ash
Principal
From the Senior Class

“In the senior class, we have been completing a lot of educational activities. Recently, we have hand stitched our donuts for entry into the Mudgeeraba Show at the end of June. We completed sunset horizon pictures with water colour paints. In Maths we have been working with location, coordinates, angles and mapping concepts. We have been reading every day and are hoping that more mums and dads can come and read with us in the mornings. We have been completing persuasive speeches and multimodal animations in English. We worked extremely hard on our speeches and presented them to the class. We had special visitors come and role play the First Fleet as a lesson with us. This was very enjoyable and we learnt a lot from the experience.

The senior playground is yet to be repaired and we need to apply for a grant to fund the repairs/replacement of the playground. If there are any parents who can help us with this, please contact Mrs Ash at school.” Senior Class students Years 3-7

As you can see, there has been an enormous amount of teaching and learning in the senior room recently. The students are all working hard and are looking forward to their two week holiday, starting on the 21st June.

Mrs Ash and Miss Babin.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Dates to Remember

- 18/06/13  Hinterland Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Pizzey Park, Miami
- 20/06/13  Free Dress Day
This week sees the Junior Room completing assessment tasks for this semester.

**English** - students will be presenting their Narrative Retells.

**Science** - students will be constructing their wind chimes (so they need to have all their required equipment at school by tomorrow – please email me if you need another list to remind you).

**History** –

- **Prep** - students will be answering the question - What is my history and how do I know? So they will need some photos of themself as well as photos of significant family events.

- **Year 1** – students will be answering the questions - How do we describe the sequence of time? How has family life changed or remained the same over time?

- **Year 2** – students will be investigating the question - How have changes in technology shaped our daily life?

As you can see we have a very busy week ahead of us.

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**Student of the Week**

- **Ryka** for being a blends superstar during reading group.

- **Katie** for demonstrating persistence to compete her English retell task.

- **Zackery** for displaying commitment and dedication to complete his English multimodal presentation.

- **Cole** for displaying initiative in the completion of independent work tasks with a great attitude.

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**Mathletics**

- **Mika** - 100% Map 4

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**Reading**

- **Aimee** - 50 nights reading

- **Kaleb** - 50 nights reading
2013 Somerset Rail Trail Fun Run
It's that time of year again, where Somerset Regional Council are asking all community members, friends and families to jump on board the 2013 Somerset Rail Trail Fun Run being held on Sunday, 14th July 2013.

The 2013 Somerset Rail Trail Fun Run will start in Lowood and finish in Fernvale, with participants having the choice of two distances, 3km or 8.3km. Prizes for most categories including best fancy dress costume/s. There will be entertainment and community stalls making it a great morning out for all ages.

Early bird registration to go into the draw to win a Tandem Skydive at Ramblers Parachute Centre. Free Rail Trail Fun Run Cap to the first 1000 entrants. Register online at www.railtrailfunrun.com.au

For further details contact Scott Aurisch / Liz Hare at Somerset Regional Council on 5424 4000

GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES — ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

ORAL HEALTHCARE MATTERS

Did you know that Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services — Oral Health Services in both the community and school dental clinics accept Medicare Teen Dental Scheme Vouchers?

Good oral health care is important for young people. The government has provided Medicare Teen Dental Scheme Vouchers to help enable and maintain good oral health and preventive care. These vouchers can be redeemed at private dentists or Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services — Oral Health Services, including a community or school dental clinic.

Children attending schools up to the end of Year 10 who present a Teen Dental Voucher with Gold Coast Oral Health Services will receive a comprehensive examination, X-ray, scale, clean and a full course of care. Children in Years 11 and 12 in accept of a voucher can only be seen by Gold Coast Oral Health Services if the eligibility criteria is met. They will then be placed on a waiting list to receive a comprehensive examination, X-ray, scale, clean and a full course of care.

If the Teen Dental Voucher has been used at a private dental practice, completion of the private dentist’s treatment plan will need to be undertaken prudently at own cost. Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services will only be able to provide Emergency Care for those children, out a full course of care as prescribed by the private dentist.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services — Oral Health Services have qualified and experienced dentists, oral health therapists, dental hygienists and dental assistants who work together to provide a range of oral healthcare services to meet your child’s specific oral health needs in a caring environment.

As the Teen Dental Voucher expires by 31/12/13, it is important that you arrange your appointment as soon as possible by telephoning the Gold Coast Oral Health Services Call Centre on 1300 309 850. Oral health services are also provided during all school holiday periods.

For more information or if you are unable to use a school dental clinic, the Oral Health Call Centre will be able to assist you with your enquiry.