Well the year is certainly flying by and it’s hard to believe that we are almost at the end of term 3 with only two weeks before school holidays begin. This term has seen a deliberate and focussed approach into marketing our school positively and presenting our strengths as an alternative to a big school education. We have been in frequent communication with the newspapers and have advertised in the Division 9 newsletter to ensure that people are aware that Springbrook SS is an attractive and viable alternative to larger local schools. Through this effort, we have increased our school enrolments by three, making our current enrolment numbers for the school stand at 24 students. At this stage, we are anticipating four prep enrolments to start next year, bringing us above the threshold for remaining as a two-teacher school. We have also had inquiries through the school office from a number of families who are considering moving into the area or who are currently building a home in the area. This is a great reflection of our successful marketing campaign.

As part of our continued focus on reading, we celebrated Book Week and our school hosted a Scholastic Book Fair with Book Week Parade. Our Book fair resulted in almost $300 worth of resources being added into our library for student use. Our library continues to be available for community use on a Monday afternoon between 1:30 pm-2:30 pm. Our staff, students and some parents dressed up for the Book Week Parade and looked wonderful. It’s always fantastic and heart-warming to have staff and parents support our students in their learning journey.

Our gardening and cooking program is going from strength to strength and our students are reaping the rewards. We have gratefully received donations of cooking equipment to use in our kitchen and would like to specifically thank the Burleigh Heads Girl Guides for their significant donation which will go towards purchasing more equipment for the kitchen. We are still in need of digital scales, cutting boards, saucepans, knives, cooling racks and trays for use by students. Our fundraising Tupperware party enabled us to ‘purchase’ a cutting food processor system and several sets of bowls with lids and we thank our parents, staff and community for helping us to achieve this at no cost to our school.

Finally, we are proud to report that Springbrook State entered the primary school’s Scarecrow competition at the recent Gold Coast Show. We were the first place winners of this competition and are extremely proud of the efforts of our staff and students, particularly Miss Nerida, in putting our scarecrow together. The design brief was to create a free-standing scarecrow that represented the achievements and reputation of our school. I believe we certainly achieved that! He is currently on display in our school and the students love him!

Sarah Jane Ash (Principal)
Springbrook State School Values Good Manners

Call it old fashion but the reality is that people with good manners are pleasant to be around. They too are more likely to be liked, more employable, and more likely to feel good about themselves. Good manners are about being courteous, polite and respecting others as well as yourself. When you use manners you are considering the feelings of other people, and being the kind of person that others will like and respect. The good thing about manners is they are contagious – what you do encourages others to do the same to you.

Here are some simple but useful tips for you to teach and demonstrate to your child (guaranteed to make parenting easier at the same time):

**Be polite:**
- Say hello (or good morning) and goodbye when you meet someone you know
- Say ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ as often as possible
- Say ‘excuse me’ if you need to interrupt or pass between people
- Always ask if you want to borrow something, and return it in good order
- Take your turn (or offer others to go first)
- For older children - when answering the phone say hello and who you are, and ask how you can help the person

**Be respectful:**
- Look after yours and others property
- Offer an older person (or a pregnant lady or disabled person) your seat if they are standing
- Open a door to others (don’t push your way in first)
- Use nice language not bad language
- Always introduce a friend (this is…..) if you know 2 people don’t know each other
- Be aware of your noise level - avoid being loud in a public place – it’s not fair on others
- Be aware of your child’s behavior in public. Teach your child ‘rules when out in the community’ like keep your hands to yourself (not grabbing things off shelves); stay close; limit noise level; listen to and follow instructions
- Treat others kindly
- Be aware of others’ cultural ways (eg. spitting in public is not widely acceptable)
- Always be aware of others feelings and respect them

**When eating:**
- Never talk with food in your mouth – people are happy to wait, rather than try to decipher what you are trying to say
- Eat silently and with your mouth closed
- Avoid using your fingers except for finger foods

**Having good manners not only makes you a pleasant person but will also make others want to be with you.**

**Remember Adults: our behavior is on display. If we want children to learn appropriate behavior we have to be the example they follow. Sometimes when we are stressed or in a hurry it is easy to let manners slip, take a deep breath and model good manners always.**

Carla Loughnane
Guidance Officer

*Adapted from ‘Kids Health Topics’ - Children, Youth and Women’s Health Service*
From the Junior Room

As a part of our Book Week 2013 Celebrations, Junior Students participated in the Book Week Early Childhood Readers Cup against other Queensland schools. This was an online quiz run on the student channel about the 6 shortlisted Early Childhood Books listed in the Children’s Book Council of Australia Early Childhood category. Students were supposed to read all six books and answer a series of questions. Unfortunately, we were only able to have three out of the six books in our possession by the quiz date, so we were forced to make some clever predictions of what the answers would be for the books we did not have. Because of this fact, we also did a quick online search for book reviews for those books we didn’t have, so we had a little idea about what they were about. Our students really enjoyed the session and are keen to participate in it again next year as well as more sessions like it.

From the Sports Desk

Springbrook State School provides an extensive and varied Physical Education and sports program with emphasis on participation, skill development and enjoyment. During term three our Physical Education lessons have focussed on team games. Essentially skills are taught and performed in isolation, rules and safety considerations are addressed and then we progress to modified games and activities. Our older students will proceed even further to participate in real/major games.

With the annual ‘Hinterland Small Schools Soccer and Netball Carnival’ scheduled for Friday September 13, the students of Springbrook have been in intensive training for those particular sports. While the carnival is primarily about participation and sportsmanship, we hope to compete to the best of our ability. Hope to see as much support as possible there on the day to cheer Springbrook State School on.

Steve Newman
(P.E. Teacher)
Aidan for being a great friend and welcoming our new student to our class.

Elvis for being a helpful and considerate class member.

Arwen for always contributing a valid input into our classroom discussions.

Angus for his tremendous efforts in our “speed writing” sessions over the past 2 weeks.

Taylor for his extremely positive attitude towards his creative writing.

Reading Awards

50 nights - Arky
50 nights - Katie
75 nights - Ryka

75 nights - Aidan
75 nights - Cate
75 nights - Connor

Mathletics Awards

Bronze - Maiki 3170 points
Silver - Maiki 1880 points

Gardening Awards

Britt
For showing love and care for our gardens by keeping the plants well watered

Cole
For his hard work and dedication to the garden

Callum
For being enthusiastic about looking after our gardens

Katie
For being enthusiastic about looking after our gardens
From the Senior Room

Do you know what a microorganism is? Ask any of the expert scientists from the senior room and they can tell you in detail. During Science week, Springbrook State School was fortunate enough to have a water expert come up and lead the seniors through a water testing session. The students were excited to be leaving school grounds for the second time during this week to learn from the natural surrounding lands of Springbrook. The students had the opportunity to catch and classify a wide range of different microorganisms living in the local Springbrook creek. Seniors thoroughly enjoyed working in teams and comparing their individual findings with one another.

Jenny from the Gold Coast City Council was collecting data from the students of the different microorganisms caught to bring back to the Gold Coast City Council. This was a valuable learning opportunity for the seniors to participate in, right in their own backyard. Next time the Seniors go for a dip in the creek, they will surely think of all the other microorganisms swimming along with them.

Thank you to our community for supporting our recent Book Fair. Thanks to such wonderful support, we were able to add resources to the value of just under $300 to our school library!
We have been very busy of late!! We recently dug out all of the soil from one of our garden beds so that we could move it, we then put all of the soil back into the garden bed. It was quite a hot and dirty job!!! The students planted beetroot seedlings that they have raised themselves, transplanted nasturtium and mint and planted basil seeds, and radish seeds. We weren’t the only ones enjoying the beautiful day and our garden, there were a couple of Kookaburras digging up and feasting on grubs from our garden. It has been great to see the students so enthusiastic about their gardens and the vegetables that they are growing. Keep up the fantastic work!!!

Just a reminder if anyone has any seeds, seedlings, gardening equipment, tyres, etc. we are always more than happy to take donations. THANK-YOU!
How many apples will you give in 2013?

QT Mutual Bank’s “Staffroom for Improvement” is back again this year giving our school the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover.

With the competition kicking off on Wednesday 28th August we are trying to encourage as many staff, parents and friends as possible to vote for our school in the hope of taking out the top honours in 2013.

While the ultimate prize of a $20,000 staffroom makeover will undoubtedly be appreciated by our school staff, there is also a chance for individual voters to win one of five $1,000 QTMB bank accounts.

QTMB Marketing Manager Chris Moses said although the competition originally started as a way of giving back to teachers, over the years it has grown to be a much bigger community event.

“We’ve seen the competition gain a life of its own, which is a testament to how much communities want to see their teachers rewarded for everything they do”.

To be crowned the 2013 winners we will need as much support as possible so make sure you register for this year’s competition and read the terms and conditions at

www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au

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GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES – ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

ORAL HEALTH CARE 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 preventative care. These vouchers can be presented to 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-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care. Children in Years 11 and 12 in receipt 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-rays, 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 privately at own cost. Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services will only be able to provide Emergency Care for these children, not 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 therapists 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 300 850. Oral health services are also provided during all school holiday periods.

For more information on the nearest community or school dental clinic, the Oral Health Call Centre will be able to assist you with your enquiry.
Surfers Paradise SLS Nipper Sign on 2013/2014

Have you missed sign on at other clubs and are you looking for a more relaxed family orientated club that encourages surf safety?

Come Sign Up At Surfers
Sunday 22nd Sept 2013
Pool Swim Proficiencies will be held at Golden Door Health Spa Pool 7am to 9am
73 Seaworld Drive, Main Beach
Back to Surf Club by 9.15am
Season starts Sunday 29th Sept at 7.30am

Pool swims must be completed to participate in the 2013/14 season.

Car-Parking? No problem!
Several options available for Nipper Families

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Tel: 07-5531 5966

Assessment and Treatment of Fears and Anxiety in Children
Griffith University
Parents, is your child fearful of certain situations or do they seem to experience ongoing feelings of anxiety? At Griffith University, we are conducting a large-scale study for children (7 to 13 years of age) with anxiety that includes a thorough assessment and a novel, home-based treatment using computers and telephone contact from a trained clinician. We are providing this service at no cost to families. To find out more about this project, please contact our team on 07-3735 3418, cadrp@griffith.edu.au.