Our NAPLAN results and student reports from the earlier testing in May this year, have arrived and been distributed to families. I am very pleased to report that our results show great improvements across years three, five and seven and I am extremely proud of the efforts of staff and students to achieve this. The challenge is to now build on this in preparation for next year and into the future. With a dedicated and consistent curriculum delivery and an unrelenting focus on improvement, I am confident that our school and its students will continue to go from strength to strength.

Active After School Sport is continuing to be delivered right up until the last week of term. Due to the rocky start to the term, there are three make-up sessions scheduled to be delivered. These additional sessions have been added to the program and for the last two weeks, of term, active after school sport will be available on both Monday ad Tuesday afternoons. It will be great to see many of our students taking advantage of this opportunity to participate in an organised sport and fitness activity that is provided at no cost to parents.

Enrolments for 2015 are now underway and Enrolments for the 2015 Preparatory Year will now be taken for eligible children; that is, children born in the period 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010. Enrolment Packs are available for collection from the school office. The enrolment process will include:

- Completion of the enrolment form by a parent
- Submission of the enrolment form with attached copy of a birth certificate or equivalent (mandatory before enrolment will be accepted)
- An interview with the Principal

Please notify neighbours and community members who may not be aware of this, especially if they are looking to enrol for 2015.

Our annual Hinterland Small School Soccer and Netball Carnival is due to be held next Friday, September 12th at Mullawa Drive, Palm Beach. Included in the newsletter is some information from Mr Newman regarding this event and it is hoped that all students will be in attendance as it is a school day and a school event. Next term we will be participating in swimming-based activities including our surf safety and beach awareness excursion to Tallebudgera Beach School, our swimming lesson program and the Hinterland Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival which Springbrook SS proudly hosts at the Mudgeeraba Aquatic Centre.

Finally, today is officially Teacher Aide Day and this gives us an opportunity to recognise the valuable work that teacher aides are doing in our classrooms and community. Teacher aides are celebrating 40 years of service in education and we say thank you to our teacher aides who work tirelessly within our school. Thank you Mrs Hill, Miss Nerida, Miss Teena and Miss Sue (who is celebrating whilst on her family holiday).

Yours sincerely

Sarah Jane Ash
Principal
Hi everyone!
The students have all finished their animal information reports and now we are just starting on poetry. By the end of the term, the preps will create and recite a poem and the 1s and 2s will reconstruct a poem. Most of the class have put great effort into their information reports and I am very pleased with their achievements.

Please make sure to continue reading with your children each night!! Some students have already achieved their 75 nights of reading awards. It would be great to get the whole class beyond 75 nights before term 4!

Also be sure to hand in permission notes for the soccer and netball carnival as soon as possible. All the children have been making and creating father’s day cards and gifts and are very excited and proud of their work. And yes, the drawing on the cover of the card was done freehand by your child… Very impressive!! I hope all dads have a fantastic father’s day this weekend.

Kind regards,
Joyce 😊

Book Fair 2014
Springbrook State School’s Book Week was very successful this year. Thanks to our wonderful Teacher Aides, the Book Fair was beautifully set up for easy access to all the fantastic books that were on sale. Our wonderful community greatly supported our Fair and because of this great support, Springbrook State School was able to spend over $300 in adding to our reading resources for our students to read at their own leisure.

All the students can’t wait to read all these new books that have been purchased and eagerly await for them to hit the shelves for borrowing.
From the Senior Room

The senior room students have been busy using their newly-acquired research skills to answer historical inquiry questions on a range of topics. From Burleigh Heads in the past and present; to the Ancient civilisations of Egypt and China, our students have been researching up a storm! Here are some completed research project boards from Ryka [Year 3] and Will [Year 4]. Project boards will be on display in the senior classroom for the rest of the year, so free to pop in for a historical tour anytime.

Warmest regards,
Shanny 😊

GOLD COAST HINTERLAND SMALL SCHOOLS
SOCCER AND NETBALL CARNIVAL

Hi parents and carers. Just a quick reminder and further information regarding our annual Soccer and Netball Carnival.

Date: Friday the 12th of September 2014
Time: 9:30am – 2:15pm
Venue: Mullawa Drive Sporting Complex, Palm Beach
Who: Springbrook SS, Numinbah Valley SS, Ingleside SS and Currumbin Valley SS.

Please join us for a sports carnival that focuses on enjoyment and participation. In addition, this carnival allows our students to socialize with students from other schools in a supportive environment.

Prep – Year 2 students will rotate through a series of activities and sports such as “Survivor”, “Run the Gauntlet”, “Soccer”, “4 Pin” and “Soccer with Coach Bazza”. (Held in an inflatable soccer arena.)
Years 3-7 will play a mixture of modified soccer and netball games.

Parental support and assistance on these days are very much appreciated. Please join the staff of Springbrook State School to cheer your students on in a day that has always highly entertaining.

Hope to see as many of our students and parents there as possible.

Best Regards,
Steve Newman (P.E. Teacher)
 Dates to Remember

- 5th September: Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes
- 8th September: Playgroup
- 9th September: Active After School Sport
- 12th September: Hinterland Small Schools Soccer Carnival
- 15th September: Active After School Sport
- 16th September: Active After School Sport
- 17th September: Japanese Club
- 18th September: Free Dress Day (for a gold coin donation)
- 19th September: Last day of Term 3—happy holidays!
- 6th October: Term 4 starts

Playgroup Pops!

Last week’s cosy little group were able to continue their learning though the Koala Joeys program, and we had a great time! The structured program is fun and interactive for both children and parents - about 20 minutes of rhymes, songs and active stories. They use familiar tunes so nobody has any trouble picking up the Australian-themed words!

The children (and parents!) practised their fine motor skills by threading coloured pasta and making patterns. This was followed by library borrowing with Mrs Hill where she shared a fabulous story. The children watered the snow peas in the garden and had their morning tea and a play.

Playgroup is for all children in our community and all families are welcome. Be sure to arrive at 9.30am every second Monday to join in to the Koala Joeys fun!

The next playgroup date is: 8th September

Term 4 dates for playgroup are:
- 6th and 20th of October
- 3rd and 17th of November
- 1st December

Mark these on your calendars now!
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Emma**: for being a fantastic reader and always ready to be a learner Well Done!

**Antwon**: for displaying a positive attitude to learning. Well done!

**Angus**: for outstanding behaviour and consistently following all 3 rules Well Done!

**Ryka**: for displaying excellent behaviours of ‘Be A Learner’ especially in Mathematics!

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**Mathletics**

Callum Bronze 1020
Will Bronze 1063
Aidan Bronze 1290  Connor Bronze 4130

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**Japanese**

Cole: for excellent work on a Japanese floor plan!
Samantha: for amazing effort in the Hiragana challenge!

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**Reading**

Arwen 25 nights
Katie 50 nights
Callum 50 nights
Roy 50 nights
Charlie 50 nights
Ryka 75 nights
Arky 75 nights
Cate 75 nights
Aidan 75 nights
Ethan 75 nights
Connor 75 nights
Cole 75 nights
Taylor 100 nights!!
A new parenting support program is now available free of charge to every parent of a child with a disability aged 2 to 12 years in Queensland.

Stepping Stones Triple P is a specially tailored program for parents of children with special needs and is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, one of the world’s most effective parenting programs.

Stepping Stones gives parents the skills to raise happy, confident children and build stronger family relationships. It also helps parents manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities.

A Group Stepping Stones Triple P program will commence Thursday 9th October at Disability Services. For information, please contact Sarah Garrett or Rowena Woolley at Disability Services or to register, go to www.triplep-steppingstones.net
Precious Children, Priceless Smiles
Best Oral Health Care Starts at Age Zero
Project Gold Coast Oral Health Service, Gold Coast Health

This is an opportunity for all eligible* children aged 0-3yrs to be seen by the specialist paediatric dentist and receive dental care from a specialized dental team at the Gold Coast Oral Health Service.

We would like to invite children aged 0-3yrs old to participate in this community oral health initiative that aims to prevent the onset of dental caries and treat early caries lesions to stop progression.

Treatments and/or services provided will include:
- Dental examination and risk assessment of the children
- Customized oral health education
- Customized age-appropriate in-office preventive treatment
- Customized age-appropriate take-home oral health products
- Baby’s oral health record and resource handbook
- Comprehensive treatment if indicated

*To be eligible, parent / guardian has to be a concession / pension card holder.

For Enquiry or To Make An Appointment, Please Contact 1300 300 850 or Email GCOHS_pricelesssmiles@health.qld.gov.au.
Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number

13 17 88.