Prep 2015: Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are progressing very well and we are predicting that we’ll be starting the year with 6 prep students. This represents another year of enrolment growth! The support of all families is sought to spread the message that early enrolment allows for the school to plan ahead for a smooth start to the new year. Prospective parents may collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Students should be born between 1st July, 2009 and 30th June, 2010. Each enrolling student requires a birth certificate or Australian passport to enable enrolment to occur.

Planning for 2015: The period over Christmas is a time when many families experience changes in circumstances. This often results in students having to change schools. Families whose children are moving schools are asked to advise the school office either in person, by phone or email/letter. We are always disappointed to lose students, but recognise that this is necessary at times and are willing to assist with any transition into a new school.

New ACARA Curriculum for 2015: ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) is responsible for the development of the curriculum for all schools across our nation. New curriculum areas, mostly replacing older curriculum programs, will be progressively introduced in all schools. The following will be new curriculum introduced to our school in 2015.

The Civics and Citizenship Curriculum is all about ensuring Years 3 to 6 students have the skills and values to become active and informed citizens. Students will investigate political and legal systems, and explore the nature of citizenship, diversity and identity in contemporary society. The Civics and Citizenship curriculum is designed to foster students’ commitment to national values of democracy, equity and justice. This curriculum will develop students’ appreciation of Australia’s diversity and, overall, “what it means to be a citizen”.

The Economics and Business Curriculum, for Years 5 & 6, explores aspects of economics and business that affect daily life. Students will learn about the role that individuals, businesses and governments play in the economy, the way they make decisions about how to allocate resources and the effects of these decisions. Through studying economics and business, students will develop consumer and financial literacy skills, enterprising capabilities, and the ability to make responsible and informed decisions. These skills will allow students to face challenges of the 21st century, to maximize their opportunities for productive and rewarding futures and to make a contribution to the economy.

Further work is being undertaken with a view to also introducing “Technology”. Technologies draw together the distinct but related subjects of Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies. It will ensure that all students benefit from learning about and working with traditional, contemporary and emerging technologies that shape the world in which we live. In creating solutions, as well as responding to the designed world, students will contribute to sustainable patterns of living for themselves and others.

Teaching and Learning (and Discipline incorporated) Audit: We have just completed an audit with an external auditor coming into our school and speaking with staff, students and parents to verify the quality of the practices and processes operating within our school. I am thrilled with our preliminary results and am eager to wait the official report to be able to share these with our school community. A very big thank you to all of our staff for their consistent professionalism, our students for being the best they can be, and our parents for their unwavering support. We couldn’t do it without you!
Over the last couple of weeks, the students have enjoyed a visit from “Wipe Out Waste”. They explored instruments that are made from recyclable materials. They all had a great time playing and listening to the instruments.

In Geography, students are identifying special places, caring for special places and describing connections between people in different places.

Next week we will focus on our Science unit which is called “Toy world”. This unit involves students in using their senses to observe and explore the properties and movement of objects and the sources of light and sound. They manipulate materials to observe how light and sounds are produced, and how changes can be made to light and sound effects. They examine how light and sounds are useful in everyday life. They understand how a push or pull affects how an object moves or changes shape, and investigate and explain how pushes and pulls cause movement in objects used in their daily lives.

To consolidate our Daniel Morcombe unit, students will need to demonstrate their understanding of how to recognise, react and report on a scenario. Their task will be to act out a scenario by calling 000 (teacher). They will need to know which emergency service they require (fire, ambulance or police) and explain their scenario/situation.

Information that they will need to know and memorise as part of their act will include:
- First and last name
- Home phone number
- Parent’s names
- Home address (number, street, suburb)

Could you please give them a copy of the above information to bring to school. Also as part of their homework next week, they will also need to practice memorising their information. Practice will begin next week at school. Final assessment scenarios will be held in week 7 between Tuesday the 18th to the 21st of November.

Kind regards,

Joyce Boura
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Ethan: for always following our school rules to be a learner, be respectful and be safe.

Jimi: for being a learner and showing great improvement in reading and writing.

Arwen: for consistently displaying her best efforts in all areas of class work.

Alika: for consistently meeting our school rule of "being a learner"

MATHLETICS
Will- 2010pts
Connor-1069pts
Ethan-1980pts
Connor-1003pts

READING
Mika-50 nights
Arwen-50 nights
Samantha-100 nights
Tennille-100 nights
Ethan-100 nights
Aidan-100 nights
Connor-100 nights

Japanese

Callum: For excellent Hiragana writing.
Term 3 Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent attendance rate throughout term 3:

Samantha  Callum  Cole  Will
Angus  Arky  Britt  Cate
Jimi  Aidan  Connor  Ethan
Aimee  Ethan  Isabelle  Roy
Abigail

It is excellent to recognise that more than 50% of our students had an attendance rate greater than 95% for

**WORM WARRIORS**
Thursday Mornings
8:00am-8:45am
November 20th: We will be transplanting Richmond Birdwing Butterfly vines and planting pumpkins.

We hope to see you here!
Greetings from Senior Class!

It's been a very busy few weeks in our classroom: from kicking off the new term with all our exciting new topics to explore; Years 5-7 students visiting Parliament House in Brisbane; practicing our Kid President Pep Talks; and getting creative in art class.

But one of the biggest things we've done is participate in the showcase extravaganza put on for us by Robina State High School students on Friday 17th! Our students were blown away by the talent from the Robina performers and they loved the opportunity to make music, choreograph dances, and perform small drama skits with the visiting students. Who knew our students could bust a move like that?!? Many new friendships were made and hidden talents discovered!

We look forward to many more wonderful opportunities for our students to try new things, develop new skills, and have a blast while learning this term. As always, our classroom door is always open to you, should you fancy a visit.

Cheers,
Sarah Jane and Shanny
The Parliament House Excursion

On Wednesday October 29\textsuperscript{th} 2014, Cole and Taylor, went in Mrs Dawson’s car and Callum, Tilly, Tennille and Samantha went with Mrs Ash to Parliament House for an excursion. When we arrived, we had a snack and then we were introduced to our tour guide Lynne and Alex who was Ros Bates’ assistant. Just before we went on our tour, we watched a slideshow about how our state government works and all the important people like Campbell Newman, the Premier of Queensland and Fiona Simpson, the current speaker of the House (Madam speaker).

After we had finished our tour, we had the most delicious lunch in the café and we got to talk face-to-face with Ms Bates. It was an honour to meet her and we asked her many questions!

After lunch, we got to have the amazing opportunity of watching an actual real-life parliamentary sitting! We learnt how to present our speeches and we learnt how politicians argue about a topic. They showed us what it was really like when you are arguing a point. After the sitting, we went back to the car to head home. We enjoyed the day a lot and we wouldn’t say no to going again.

Written by Callum, Tennille, Cole, Taylor
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### WORKING BEE PHOTOS:
How do you get a lot of work done in a short amount of time? Get the Springbrook Mountain community together, of course! Held on Sunday 19th October, our working bee was a huge success. The weather was clear and warm, the company cheerful, the drinks cold and the work productive.

The call was put out that we needed vines planted for the endangered Richmond Birdwing Butterfly, a chicken house constructed from scratch, a rusty playground removed and the gardens tidied up. Di Cavanough, Bob Stone, Ray Cavanough, Daniel Maguire, Mark Donaldson, Clyde Dunlop, John Crawford, Ian Powell and Peter Eldred were all instrumental in the planning and organisation of the different projects, with Bob, Dan, Mark, Ray and Ian coming during the week to remove the rusty playground structure, set posts for the chicken house and remove the overgrown vegetation in the vine planting site.

On the day, members of Landcare, Rural Fire Brigade, community and school families arrived to be the labour force. Everyone pitched in with gusto and we now have a fantastic chicken house ready to become home to some lucky hens, 63 vines and 8 trees have been planted and mulched, gardens have been tidied and the rusty playground is now gone. We also are lucky to have a load of stable manure to enrich our gardens, a huge pile of leaves ready to add to our compost and a neat herb path to the sandpit. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous barbeque, expertly cooked by Mrs Ash and her family, and was a welcome break in the middle of the day.

Thank you to Dan, Brendon, Steven, Tore and Ray who were responsible for the great work they did to get the chicken house finished; also thank you to Di, Ray, Clyde, Peter, John, Michelle, Jodie, Tommy, Regan, Tanya, Ingrid, Craig, Samantha, Chris, Nikki and Adam were responsible for getting the vine plants in, watered and mulched.

A huge thank you goes out to the generosity of the community, Landcare, school families – both new and old, for giving their time, energy, equipment and materials to help the school with these projects which ultimately enhance the school, making it better than ever. Community spirit is definitely alive on Springbrook!
HOLIDAY COACHING CAMP
15th - 17th December 2014

This coaching camp is for boys and girls aged 10, 11 & 12 and will be run by qualified Hockey QLD staff, based around learning new skills and having fun! No previous playing experience required!

Where: Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre, GOLD COAST
When: 15, 16 and 17 December 2014 (Mon & Tues Live In)
Camp includes: 4 x 1hr 30 mins Hockey session, 4 x 1hr 30 mins recreational activities, Mini Olympics
Cost: $295 (includes all meals and accommodation + HQ draw-string bag, 2 camp shirts, hat and water bottle)

www.hockeyqld.com.au

QUESTIONS? Contact Caitlin Sippel...
W: 3399 6577 E: csippel@hockeyqld.com.au
GOLD COAST AQUATIC PARTICIPATION FUN DAY

Join us for a FUN day at the pool for children and adults with special needs.

Swimming Queensland is hosting a FREE fun day at the pool for children and adults with special needs.

Aquatic Participation Fun Days are designed for children and adults with a disability to enjoy fun water activities whilst gaining aquatic skills and confidence, in a relaxed and safe environment.

What will be covered?

⭐️ Water Safety ⭐️ Aquatic skills ⭐️ Novelty Races

VENUE:
Palm Beach Aquatic Centre

ADDRESS:
1 Thrower Drive Palm Beach 4223

DATE:
Thursday 18th November, 2014

TIME:
10.30am - 1.00pm

REGISTER ONLINE:
www.qld.swimming.org.au

General Enquiries can be directed to Jess Schipper at Swimming Queensland on 0419 872 375.

The day will be facilitated by Wendy Ross, Inclusion Manager Swimming Queensland.
The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published by the department.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Parent and Community Engagement Framework alignment

The QSchools app is a useful tool for schools implementing the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to facilitate:

- better communication with the school community
- community collaboration
- encourage participation in the school community.

Benefits for parents, carers and families:

- access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and push notifications
- follow multiple schools
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb.

Compatible with the following devices:

- Android
- Apple
- Windows
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**BURLEIGH SWIMRUN**

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**STROKE AND STRIDE INTO GOOD HEALTH THIS SUMMER**

**SUNDAY RACE SERIES**

**RACE 1 SUNDAY 9 NOV - Swim, Path Run**

**RACE 2 SUNDAY 14 DEC - Path Run, Swim**

**400m Swim + 3.84km Run**

**LOCATION** - Burleigh Lifeguard Tower  
Burleigh Beach, Qld, Australia

**SUNDAY RACES** - Simply turn up, sign up  
pay $20 (Individual or Team) and race!

**AGE CATEGORIES** - 12&U, 16&U, Open  
40+ & Teams (mixed gender for series points)

**REGO** - 6am for 6.30am start  
(Random draws & series medals up for grabs)

**AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT**

**MONDAY 26th JANUARY (Public Holiday)**

**FORMAT** - 400m Swim & 3.84km Path Run

**Young Guns Event - 400m Wade 400m Run**

**Cost**: Solo $40, Team [mixed] $50, young gun $25

**$7000 IN CASH & PRIZES**

(12&U, 16&U, Open, 30-39, 40-49, 50+, Team)

You need to enter Australia Day Event at website:

www.burleighswimrun.com.au

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