EVERY SCHOOL DAY IS A PRECIOUS DAY OF TEACHING: The school calendar for 2015 indicates that there is a maximum of 195 teaching days for the year. With only a couple of weeks until the end of the 2014 school year, we hope that all parents will ensure that every remaining school day will be a precious day of teaching and learning. In essence, we expect that every child will be at school every school day. The usual expectations about attendance, advice to the office about absences etc remain in place. If parents have not been specifically informed of any activity / change to usual routine and there is doubt, please check with the class teacher or the office. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

SMOKING ON OR NEAR SCHOOL GROUNDS: Smoking is prohibited in the grounds of all schools. New reforms also include smoking within 5m of school gates. Thank you for abiding by this for the health and safety of our students.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY: All members of our school community can play a part in making our school safer. Springbrook SS is continuously working to improve our practices to provide a safe place to be. If you see anything that is a WHS issue notify the office or email admin@springbrookss.eq.edu.au

PREP 2015: Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are progressing very well. 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.

PREP ORIENTATION: This coming week is orientation for our incoming students. All incoming 2015 students are invited to join us at school for activities on the dates and times listed below:

Tuesday 02/12/14 9:00am-11:00am
Wednesday 03/12/14 9:00am-1:00pm
Thursday 04/12/14 9:00am-3:00pm

GRADUATION: We will be celebrating all of our work this year and farewelling our years six and seven students as they journey off to high school. All families are invited to share this occasion with us in the senior classroom on Thursday 11th December, starting at 2:00pm. Please bring a plate for afternoon at the conclusion of the formalities. We hope that all parents are able to make it.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: All members of our community are invited to join us for a night of social-ness and carols singing on Wednesday 10th December, starting at 5:30pm in the undercover area. Details are included further on in the newsletter.

Sarah Jane Ash
Principal
The kids are still practicing their fairy tale puppet stick show and are doing a fantastic job! Some are definitely ready to show the class!

**As part of their history assessment, Prep students will need to bring in a family photo prior to their birth. This could be a photo of their parents’ on holiday or celebrating an event together with their family or even a family photo of when their parents’ were children. Students need to bring the photo in as soon as possible.**

The past couple of weeks we have been watching different triple zero scenarios online and they have really enjoyed the interactive lessons. If you would like to go online with your kids and watch some of the interactive triple zero kids challenge then visit the website -http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/game.php?lang=en

Students have chosen their emergency scenario and will start presenting on Friday this week. The students that did not bring in or memorise their addresses and phone numbers, will just recite their state and town (Queensland, Springbrook) and respond with “I don’t know my phone number”. This will not affect their overall performance or understanding of the emergency.

So many things are going on at school as the year is drawing to an end. All this week is swimming lessons. Next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we have our lead-in days for new students starting at Springbrook next year. At the same time our year 2 students will be going to the senior room for their lead-in days. This will be 1st session on Tuesday, 1st and 2nd session on Wednesday and a full day on Thursday. Friday the 5th of December is our school cluster swimming carnival.

Have a great week,
Joyce J
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Aimes:** For being a learner and always actively participating in classroom discussions.

**Taijahna:** For being a learner by demonstrating independence in writing tasks.

**Roy:** For being a learner and applying more effort in finishing work neatly and on time.

**Call:** For consistently displaying excellent skills of "Be Respectful" in our classroom.

**Elvis:** For being a learner with excellent efforts in his number fluency work.

**Cole:** For demonstrating outstanding leadership skills at Tallebudgera Surf School.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number, police or State Government Protective Security Service to deal with the matter.
READING
Angus-50 nights
Isabelle-75nights
Aimee-100 nights
Ryka-100 nights
Arky-100 nights
Cole-100 nights
Britt-100 nights
Taylor-125nights

MATHLETICS
Will-1517pts
Connor-1090pts

JAPANESE
Tennille

PREMIERS READERS CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Premiers Readers Challenge:
Roy, Isabelle, Ethan, Maiki, Grace, Aidan, Connor, Aimee, Ryka, Arky, Angus

WELL DONE
Greetings from the Senior Class!

It’s been a very busy and fun term for us so far; our persuasive and inspirational Kid President speeches all went off without a hitch and every student performed beautifully. Seriously, the talent in this room is out of this world and had everyone either in stitches or deeply moved! Each speech was captured on video and we hope to have these available for you to watch by the end of the school year.

Our geography projects have also been completed and the results are very impressive! Year 3 and 4 students have researched the Great Barrier Reef and come up with individual action plans to protect this vital ecosystem of ours. Year 5, 6 and 7 students each selected a country in the Asian/Pacific region that has been affected by a natural disaster and researched the role of Australian aid in response to such disasters, as well as the interconnections and relationships between countries. Each student also wrote an individual action plan explaining how they would respond to foreign aid needs if they were Prime Minister. The students worked very hard on these projects and are to be commended for the effort. Please come and visit anytime to see what your amazing child has created this term, our door is always open!

In the next two weeks we will be commencing a range of fun activities, including cooking, Christmas craft and drama. If you have any supplies, recycled materials, magazines or other items that could be used and would like to donate them, we would be ever grateful. We are currently looking for plain, clean white socks to use for making snowmen, and any donations would be appreciated. Looking forward to the festivities and excitement of the last two weeks - it’s going to be some serious fun!

Cheers, Sarah Jane and Shanny

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QParents IS COMING!

Great news! As part of a state-wide pilot scheme, our school will be providing parents with access to a new secure online parent portal called QParents. The QParents secure online parent portal is a web and mobile application that provides parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school student’s access to their child’s student information, in one place. QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information. QParents will allow parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information including:

- Attendance and absences details,
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Unpaid invoice details and payment history
- Personal student details, including the ability to update information enrolment details

Parents will be able to access their child’s student information anytime, anywhere securely online through their smart phone, tablet or computer. QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school but it will provide another way to communicate with us!

For more information about QParents please phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or visit: http://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/information/pages/qparents.html or contact our school office.
GOTCHA
Raffle Winners!!!!
Seniors: Cole, Tennille, Callum & Cate
Juniors: Isabelle, Abigail, Roy & Grace

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

APPROPRIATE HUMOUR
Laughter is one of the most effective ways to release tension and alleviate stress. It is important for children to know when humour is appropriate and what types of humour are acceptable to others. It is also good to know when a joke is over.

For students, appropriate humour means:
- Knowing when to be funny and when to be serious
- Having fun and enjoying yourself
- Trying to find something funny in a difficult situation
- Being able to laugh at yourself
- Being able to take a joke

It is not funny if:
- It puts somebody down

25 Gotcha Awards:
Maiki, Grace, Tiajahna, Ethan, Connor, Aidan, Arky, Cate, Taylor, Cole, Samantha
Well done!!
Playgroup this week had a wonderful time as we had the whole school to ourselves. We started our session by singing our “Welcome Song”, and then sang songs that helped us to count to five. The musical instruments were played whilst we sung so there were lots of musical talents shining. Once we finished singing, we got the duplo construction blocks out and made some very creative necklaces using our colourful noodles to take home. Library came next and Mrs Hill read a book called “Belinda”. There was lots of laughing as the Farmer dressed up as his wife to milk Belinda the cow.

After Library, we had a wonderful time outside, playing in the sandpit, climbing around and sliding on the Junior Playground, bowling with our bowling pins, looking in the Vegetable garden and using our imagination with the play dough. Everyone seemed to enjoy the quietness of the school and left Playgroup smiling.

Just wish to remind everyone that our next Playgroup get together is on the 1st December 2014 which will have a Christmas Theme. This will be our last one for this year until we return back on 2nd February 2014.
**Term 4 Week 8**
27/11/14  Happy Birthday Mrs Mikami!
Swimming lessons
28/11/14  Swimming lessons

**Term 4 Week 9**
01/12/14  Playgroup
Springbrook SS P&C meeting
02/12/14  Prep/New Student Transition  9am-11am
03/12/14  Prep/New Student Transition  9am-1pm
04/12/14  Prep/New Student Transition  9am-3pm
04/12/14  Last active After School Sport
05/12/14  Hinterland Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival

**Term 4 Week 10**  *One week to go….*
08/12/14  Report Cards distributed via email
09/12/14  Michelle Hollis (SEP) at Springbrook SS
Ian Berghofer (GO) at Springbrook SS
10/12/14  Free Dress Day for gold coin donation
Japanese Club
Community Christmas Celebration
11/12/14  Graduation Ceremony
12/12/14  Happy Holidays!
Community Noticeboard

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…
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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

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
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(Random draws & series medals up for grabs)

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