



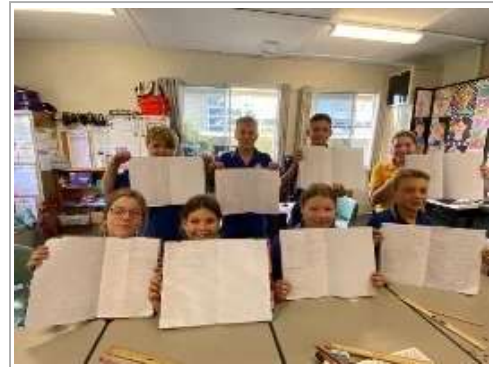
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From the Principal

Welcome Back to Term 2!

It's been so lovely to see our students return to school with such energy and enthusiasm this term! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break with your families.

Earlier this week, during Behaviour Parade, I had a chat with our primary students about what it means to be an effective learner and shared my expectations for learning. The students came up with some fantastic ideas, such as listening to the teacher, practising whole-body listening, raising their hand to speak, staying focused on tasks, and making sure they have everything they need for learning (like books, pencils, and water bottles). I was so impressed with their thoughtful responses, which show how well our teachers are reinforcing these important learning habits every day. When I visited classrooms this week, I saw these great practices in action. I was also blown away by the high standard of bookwork I witnessed. Below, you'll find some examples of outstanding work from our Year Six students, who take such pride in the presentation of their Maths formula books. Well done, Year Six - you've set the bar high!



Learning About Self-Regulated Learners

Last week, Miss Ritchings and I attended a professional development workshop on supporting 'self-regulated learners' and empowering student engagement. Self-regulated learning captures how we teach our students to take charge of their own learning, set goals, remain motivated and manage their time and focus.

We also explored ways we, as teachers, can create engaging learning environments. Even small changes, like adjusting the classroom temperature, can make a big difference to ones' engagement! We were also reminded how important it is to set clear expectations for learning and behaviour, and to follow through so students feel supported and confident. It was a really valuable couple of days, and I'm excited to share what we learned with our teaching team in the coming weeks.

Celebrating Guidance Officer Week

This week, we're celebrating Guidance Officer Week and taking the opportunity to thank our incredible school-based guidance officers. Here at Springsure State School, we're so lucky to have three amazing

women—Mrs Bean, Mrs Rosentreter-McNall, and Mrs Lane—who work tirelessly to support the wellbeing of our students.

Thank you for the care, kindness, and guidance you show every day. You make such a difference in the lives of our students, and we are so grateful to have you as part of our school community.

P&C News: Tuckshop is Back!

We're thrilled to announce that tuckshop is back! A big thank you to Ms Rebecca Pou, who has kindly taken on the role of Tuckshop Convenor this term, stepping in for Mrs Cherry. We're so grateful for Mrs Cherry's hard work in the past and know that Ms Pou will do a fantastic job.

The students were so excited to see some new menu options, as well as the return of a small snack for 'brain break.' If you're able to lend a hand on tuckshop days (every second Friday), even for just a few hours, it would be a huge help to Ms Pou as she works to prepare and serve meals for our students and staff.

Join Our P&C Executive Team

We're still on the lookout for a Secretary to join our P&C Executive team. This role involves attending monthly meetings, keeping meeting minutes, and helping with initiatives that support our students' learning and wellbeing. If you'd like to get involved, please check out the attached flyer for more details. We'd love to have you on board!

ANZAC Day

Thank you, Mrs Hoare and Mrs Watson, for your organisation of both the school ANZAC ceremony on Friday and the school community involvement on ANZAC day. As always, our students did us proud at both events.



Thank you for your ongoing support—it's always a pleasure to work together to create the best possible environment for our students to learn and grow. Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Renee

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From the Deputy Principal

Junior Secondary – Assessment Calendars

Term Two assessment calendars were emailed home this week and secondary students have access to these via sharepoint as well. The calendar outlines due dates for assessment tasks for all subjects. It also includes important events that are happening throughout the term. It is going to be a busy one! Every Monday, the junior secondary students attend a parade as part of pastoral care. At these parades, I remind all secondary students about the importance of catching up on work, should they miss classes due to extracurricular activities. Throughout this term, there are a lot of extracurricular activities for many students. We support our students to engage in these activities, however it is their responsibility to keep up to date with assessment and class tasks that they miss. It is important that they also communicate with their teachers about their absences. Some classes are using OneNote, which students can access at home or during lunchtimes in the library to assist them with catching up. The students know that if we see their academic performance affected by their involvement in extracurricular activities, we will be having discussions with them about this. We are working to support them do the best they can in class and still enjoy the success they experience in their extracurricular activities as well.

Jasmine

From the Head of Curriculum

On Friday the 15th May our Year 9 and Year 10 students will be attending the 2026 Emerald Careers Expo at Central Queensland University in Emerald. This excursion is part of our commitment to supporting students as they begin exploring future career pathways and making informed decisions about their education.

The expo will feature a variety of exhibitors,

including universities and training providers, apprenticeship and traineeship organisations, resource and civil construction companies, emergency services, healthcare professionals, and local businesses. Students will have the opportunity to engage directly with industry experts, ask questions, and gain insight into different career pathways.

This excursion will be particularly valuable for our Year 9 and 10 students as they begin to consider subject selections, vocational pathways, and future aspirations. By speaking with trained professionals and exploring real-world opportunities, students can better understand the skills and qualifications needed for various industries.

Experiences like the Emerald Careers Expo are particularly helpful in supporting our students to make meaningful connections between their current learning and the pathways they may choose to pursue in the future.

A permission note for this event will be sent home next week.

Tim



EMERALD CAREERS EXPO

Friday, 15th May 2026
9.30am - 2.00pm,
CQUniversity Emerald,
Capricorn Highway, Emerald QLD

The Emerald Careers Expo is a free event offering a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing, or upgrading their career, and is open to local schools and the general public. Bringing you a wide range of employers and tertiary education institutions.

For further information email
Susette Tuckett - avc-rockhampton@cqu.edu.au



Sports News

Only two weeks into Term Two and we have already had a number of sports trials with many more to come.

Nine of our students competed in the CH cross country. The team travelled to Clermont and gave it their best against some very tough competition. Mitchell and Corey were successful in gaining a place on the Central Highlands team and will travel to Rockhampton later this term for the Capricornia trials. Well done to everyone who competed! Your excellent sportsmanship is to be commended!

Four of our students competed in the CH football trials this week. They played

against some great competition and showed a lot of determination throughout their games. Congratulations to Alice, Quinn and Tash who were successful in gaining selection in the Central Highlands to compete at the Capricornia trials later this term.

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We wish students the very best at all of their upcoming events.

Miss Ritchings



Success by Effort Awards

Awardees for

Week One and Week Two



Congratulations to Bethany and Rose on their success recently. We asked them to write about their experience.

On the last week of the Easter School Holidays, we travelled to Charters Towers to compete in the North Queensland High School Campdraft.

After a two day campdraft competing against 16 schools with teams of up to ten students, we placed third overall. The whole event was lots of fun, not just the competition, but the sense of community created through evening games and activities. We are very proud of our efforts and encourage any high school students who may be interested in campdrafting to join us for the next competition.

Bethany and Rose

Important Dates

Another busy term awaits our staff and students! Please refer to the dates below to help stay organised!

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Student Leader News

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The Student Leaders have hit the ground running, having attended their first Leader's Meeting for the term and ensuring that they were prompt, organised and willing to engage. They have once again stepped up to organise lunchtime activities for our students and volunteered their time to support all the upcoming events that are on the calendar:

- Mother's Day Stall (raising funds for Student Council) May 6th, 7th, 8th
- Do it for Dolly Day - May 8th
- Mayoral Summit – May 12th
- Walk Safely to School Day – May 22nd
- Show Gate Roster - May 29th, 30th

The Student Leaders are once again showing their commitment to supporting our school community, modelling appropriate behaviours and demonstrating "Success by Effort."

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From the P&C

Mother's Day Raffle

We are presently conducting a raffle to support our 2026 Canberra Ski Trip students. Please pay attention to an e-mail sent to all parents today outlining the purchasing of tickets, prizes and draw date. Thank you to Denison Gas and Emily Best from Em's florals and gifts for their generous prize donations.



P&C Secretary Vacant Position

We are still short a secretary to complete our executive committee. Please, please give serious thought to fulfilling this position!

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Japan Cultural Trip Fundraising

As our Japan Cultural Trip students continue their fundraising efforts, we have the following fundraising occurring on Mother's Day which coincides with the Springsure Mountain Challenge held at the Springsure Golf Club.

- Breakfast

- Mother's Day Cake Stall
- Mother's Day Platters – pre-orders encouraged.

Always a lovely morning in this idyllic setting and atmosphere so treat yourselves and your Mum!

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[Mother's Day cake stall.pdf](https://springsuress.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/481/mother_s_day_cake_stall.pdf)

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Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Fortnightly

Tuckshop returned today! Thank you Ms Bec Pou for taking on the role of convenor. In summary;

- Tuckshop will be available fortnightly, even weeks.
- Orders must be *no later than 12pm Thursday* prior.
- Online ordering is encouraged to alleviate cash handling - <https://schoolshoonline.net.au> - instructions attached
- New menu available
- If you can help for a couple of hours on any Friday, please contact Ms. Pou or the school office.

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On the alternate Fridays our Japan Cultural Trip students continue their fundraising efforts. Next Friday there will be a sausage sizzle for *first break only*. Please see flyer below. A hard copy of the order form has gone home with every student present today. A copy of the order form will also be emailed.

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Classroom News

Year Six Camp Fairbairn

Last week, the Year Six students attended a two-night camp at Fairbairn Dam Outdoor Education Centre. The aim of the camp was to build success through teamwork and challenge.

Over the course of three days, students were involved in a variety of outdoor activities, including low ropes courses, crate-stacking, canoeing, group challenge activities and catapult building.

Students were challenged to work together, to acknowledge each other's voices and to take accountability, in order to achieve success. The Year Six students were required to develop common goals, to be inclusive and to be optimistic about their desired outcomes. Responsibility, respect, safety and participation were paramount in all students being able to enjoy the experience and reach their goals.

Crate-stacking was a highlight of the experience, with **all** students needing to work as part of the team for success. The class quickly realised that no individual was more important than the other; participation and effort from everyone was paramount in reaching the top!

Throughout the experience students created ideas, developed plans, tested them and then reflected on the outcomes. Many valuable lessons were learned, with new skills being able to be transferred back into our everyday experiences.



School Administration News

Back to School Boost Funds

Some families may like to use your child's Back to School Boost funds to purchase uniforms. The below flyer outlines the process for you to follow. A uniform order list will be attached to this email.



Code of conduct for school students travelling on buses
https://translink.western.net.au/Info/Driver/Code-of-conduct_effective_march_2020

Responsibilities and expected behaviour

STUDENTS

Students have a right to be safe, respected and treated fairly.
The role of students is to be a safe and responsible passenger and respect the driver, other passengers and property.

Responsibilities:

To act safely and responsibly by:

- Following bus driver instructions
- Following the bus rules and the Code
- Respecting themselves and others
- Respecting their own property and the property of others
- Communicating respectfully with others
- Not interfering with operation of the bus
- Accepting consequences for bus misconduct, which can include refusal of travel.

Expected behaviour:

- Respect other people and property
- Behave in a way that ensures a safe bus journey for all passengers by:
 - Following bus rules
 - Waiting in the stop queue
 - Behaving in a calm, non-aggressive way
 - Leaving handbags and feet to self
 - Speaking politely
 - Waiting in vehicles safely.
- Get off the bus in an orderly manner
- Follow the bus driver's instructions.

EVENTS

This role of parents and guardians is to actively support bus safety with their school aged children and engage respectfully with all stakeholders.

Parents and guardians should engage communication respectfully and cooperate with the bus driver, bus operator, including staff and department staff. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated and may be reported to the police.

Responsibilities

- Ensure their children are capable of travelling independently on the bus.
- Support their children to understand of the Code, the bus rules and expected behaviour.
- Communicate respectfully with the bus driver, bus operator (including staff), school and department staff.
- Teach their children about bus safety and raise their awareness of the consequences for misconduct, which can include refusal of travel.
- Demonstrate appropriate bus travel behaviour to their children.
- Cooperate with the school, bus operator and bus driver in managing bus misconduct.
- Ensure the safe travel of their children to and from the bus stop.
- Be subject to discipline about the behaviour of their children.
- Cooperate with the implementation of agreed consequences including refusal of travel for a period, and/or the use of behaviour agreements to support improvements in student travel behaviour.
- Ensure that a student who has been refused travel does not attempt to use the bus services.

Required behaviours

- Cooperate with their children's school and the bus operator in documenting behaviour incidents and in implementing any agreed disciplinary action, such as making alternative travel arrangements and/or seeking help from police.
- Communicate with the bus operator and the school about their children's bus transport and respond to phone and written communication.
- Raise concerns about their children's behaviour on the bus service primarily by contacting the bus operator so relevant issues can be managed using the Code.
- Not approach the bus driver to discuss concerns unless they are in control of the bus.
- Comply with direction by the bus driver, or school staff officers, with a view to safety.
- Adhere to discipline imposed by the bus operator regarding any refusal of travel for their child. Where there is a process for making a complaint or requesting a review of a decision to refuse travel.

School Bus Code of Conduct

Just a friendly reminder that students using our school buses also have a "Code of Conduct" to adhere to.