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From the Principal

Proudly supporting Bullying No Way: National week of action- 17th -21st August 2026

This year Springsure State School will be participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action, 17 to 21 August 2026.

Bullying No Way Week is a commitment being made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention. It gives us an opportunity to connect with students, staff and school communities to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for this year's campaign is **Small Acts, Big Impact.**

It takes a community to address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate.

Students can make a big impact through small acts of kindness and support for others being bullied. Trusted adults are there to guide children and young people as they learn how small, thoughtful actions can create a positive difference and encourage reporting of bullying.

This Bullying No Way Week, we're encouraging you to embrace the theme Small Acts, Big Impact. Show kindness, support others and take meaningful steps to stand up against bullying.

For more information about Bullying No Way Week and bullying prevention, visit the Bullying No Way website.

School opinion survey now open - Parents

The **School opinion survey** is open until 21 August. Have your say to help shape the future of our schools. You have been sent an invitation with a direct survey link for easy participation. We value your honest feedback so please complete the survey via the link in your email inbox.

ThinkUKnow presentations are returning to Springsure State School in September!

Your child's class will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation from 11th -14th September 2026. We will also be running a parent session on Monday 14th September in our school library from 3.15-4.15pm. This session was well attended last year by parents and we are hoping you can join us again this year!

The ThinkUKnow program, including presentations and resources, have been developed by the Australian Federal Police.

Educational resources are informed by reports to the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation, to ensure content delivered is addressing and responding to current trends seen by law enforcement.

Our presentation will be delivered by representatives from the Queensland Police Service.

Topics are dependent on developmental stages and aim to help students at all levels build critical thinking skills and recognise unsafe situations online. Primary aged presen-

tations focus on topics such as privacy, inappropriate contact and help seeking behaviours. High school age students will discuss issues such as inappropriate contact, online grooming, image sharing, and sextortion.

The topics discussed in the presentations are linked to the relevant year level within the current Australian Curriculum. If you would like to view more information on these topics, please visit our website here (<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab>).

The aim of the ThinkUKnow program is to reduce the incidence of online child sexual exploitation through education, and to encourage help seeking behaviours so no victim feels they are alone.

Your child may have questions following this information session. The ThinkUKnow website has information and advice for parents and carers, including resources to learn more about how to help children in your care.

If you have any questions related to the program or require more information, please email the ThinkUKnow team at online-child-safety@afp.gov.au

Welcome Our New School Chaplain

We are pleased to welcome our new School Chaplain, Mrs Annie Harrold, to our school community. The School Chaplain provides pastoral care, support and guidance to students, staff and families. Their role includes offering a listening ear, encouraging student wellbeing, and supporting members of the school community through both challenges and celebrations. School chaplaincy is a valued part of our wellbeing support, helping to foster a caring, inclusive and supportive environment for all. We warmly welcome our new School Chaplain and look forward to the positive contribution they will make to our school. Please see her introduction further in this edition.

Renee

From the Deputy Principal

Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways

As part of our Career Education at Springsure State School, our Year 10 students are given the opportunity to study a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways. This course is delivered to schools as part of the Department of Education's VET Pathways Program through Tallebudgera OEEC's Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

The purpose of the VET Pathways Program is to deliver Certificate courses to students across Queensland with the goal of increasing their employment prospects by attaining a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), learning in real world contexts and enriching cultural knowledge.

This course has significant benefits to students as it:

- contributes four QCE credits* and satisfies completed core requirements
- includes transferable workplace skills and knowledge
- builds students' capability for work-force entry or vocational training pathways
- develops a greater understanding of and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

* Four QCE credits will be awarded providing at least 90% new learning is achieved (13 of the 14 Units)

Play On! Sports Vouchers

Play On! Sports Vouchers, a Queensland Government initiative, provide eligible Queensland children and young people aged 5 to 17 with up to \$200 towards sport registration, membership and participation fees. The program helps reduce the cost of participation for families and supports more children to get involved in local sport. A key focus of the program is supporting children in

regional and country Queensland, as well as children with disability, to access sporting opportunities in their local communities.

Applications are now open!

Important dates

Voucher applications opened: 27 July 2026

Voucher applications close: 18 December 2026 (unless vouchers are fully allocated earlier)

Vouchers expire: 18 June 2027

Visit Play On! Sports Vouchers to learn more and apply

Jasmine

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A poster for 'PLAY ON! SPORTS VOUCHERS'. The top half features the title in large white letters on a blue background, with a soccer ball icon. Below the title is a photo of two young boys in blue and white sports uniforms jumping over a hurdle on a grassy field. The bottom half of the poster has a blue background with the text 'UP TO \$200 TOWARDS JUNIOR SPORT' in large white letters. Below this, in smaller white text, it says 'Eligible Queensland children aged 5-17 can receive up to \$200 towards sport registration, membership and participation fees.' At the bottom left is a QR code, and to its right is the text 'APPLY NOW qld.gov.au/playon'. At the bottom right are the logos for 'DELIVERING FOR QUEENSLAND' and the 'Queensland Government'.

From the Head of Curriculum

We are very excited to announce that our school has recently been awarded a grant of nearly \$15,000 from Variety Queensland – the Children's Charity. This

funding will enable us to purchase five brand new interactive panels for our Junior Secondary classrooms.

Our Primary classrooms already have these interactive panels. The installation of these new panels will mean that every classroom in our school is equipped with the latest technology.

These new interactive panels will replace our current screens with large, touch-enabled displays that support engaging and interactive lessons. Teachers will be able to incorporate multimedia resources, annotate content in real time and encourage greater collaboration with students.

Variety Queensland supports children in remote and rural areas by providing grants that improve access to education and create inclusive learning environments. We are incredibly grateful for their investment in our students and our school community.

We sincerely thank Variety Queensland for their generous support. Their contribution will have an immediate impact, helping us continue to provide engaging, innovative learning experiences for every student at Springsure State School.

On Tuesday 25th August, the Variety Bash will be visiting our school. Students will have the opportunity to see the iconic Bash cars, meet the participants, and personally thank the volunteers and supporters whose fundraising efforts have made this generous grant possible. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate the positive impact Variety has had on our school.

Tim

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Sports News

CH Track & Field

Last week several of our students competed at the Central Highlands track and field trials in Emerald. All of our students did an incredible job in their respective events showcasing great sportsmanship throughout the event. I would like to congratulate the 14 students who will be travelling to Mackay in Week Six for the Capricornia trials as a part of the Central Highlands team. We wish you all the very best in your events.

Jump Rope for Heart

During this term all students have been participating in Jump Rope for Heart on Tuesday mornings. As a school we are aiming to raise \$500 for the Heart Foundation to provide support to families affected. If you would like to donate or register your child please do so at the link below.

<https://www.jumprope.org.au/fundraisers/sp-ringsurestateschool-2026>

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Miss Ritchings

NCCD

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

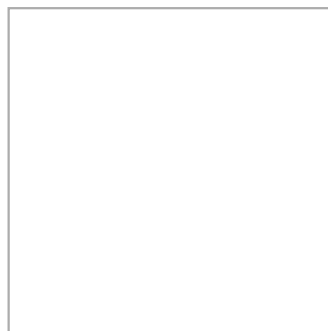
The NCCD will have no direct impact on students and students will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Tracey Roberts

Chaplain News



Hello my name is Anne Harrold.

I am entering into a new role in our school community as a Chaplain, which helps support the wellbeing of students, staff and families, encouraging positive relationships, resilience and teamwork in our young people.

My husband and I have lived in Springsure for 26 years. We have five children who have grown up in this area. I feel being in the community for 26 years, stepping into this role I can help and encourage our children, families and staff, as there is already a familiar face that most people have seen.

Over the years we have been involved with the school, the local church, Religious Instruction, football, campdrafts and pony club groups, so stepping into this role is having a familiar face that people has seen around the football games, shops, school and the list go on.

I am privileged for the opportunity to join the Springsure State School team and contribute to the school community. I am passionate about supporting the wellbeing of the students and help create a caring environment. I am very excited for what the rest of year brings.

Anne

Important Dates

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AUGUST

- 10th CH Cricket Trials 13-14 yrs Boys and Girls - Emerald
- 11th Rugby League Program 3:15pm
- 12th P and C Meeting 3:15pm
- 14th Flanno for a Farmer Day
- 17th - 18th Capricornia Track and Field - Mackay
- 24th - 28th Book Week
- 28th Book week Parade

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd SSS Art Exhibition Opening Night
- 4th Student Free Day
- 7th September - 3rd October SSS Art Exhibition
- 8th Arts Council P - 6
- 8th Capricornia Cricket Trials 13-14 yrs Boys and Girls - Rockhampton
- 10th CH Woolworths Cricket Bash School Cup - Emerald
- 15th Somerset Storyfeast Excursion Year 6
- 10th RU Ok Day
- 11th Pre Prep Transition
- 12th - 18th Ski Trip Years 7 - 10 - Canberra & Thredbo
- 16th Ready 7 Go
- 17th Under 8's Day (OLSH hosting)

Success by Effort

Congratulations to our awardees for Weeks Three and Four!



Student Leader News

Since the beginning of Term Three, our student leaders have been very active and proudly raised funds for Pyjama Day (\$200) and Jeans for Genes Day (\$208). We sincerely thank our school community for your generous donations and support of these important causes. Please see below our other causes on the agenda.

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This term, our Student Leaders, in consultation with Mrs Burns and Mrs Howard, have decided to support a number of important causes.

Participation in these days is encouraged, but not mandated. Our Student Leaders have put a lot of thought into their chosen days, supporting organisations relevant to our school community. Thanks for your participation and support!

DATE	EVENT	CHOSEN CHARITY
Week Five: Friday August 14th	Flanno for a Farmer Day Wear your flannel shirt to school, bring a gold coin donation to support farmers doing it tough.	 
Week Seven: Friday August 28th	CBCA Book Week Parade Dress up in your favourite book-themed costume. Join us in celebrating the magic of reading!	
Week Nine: Thursday Sept. 10th	R U OK? Day Wear yellow in support of checking in on our friends and family, and starting conversations about mental health.	



Mrs Burns

Community Spirit

Springsure Cancer Committee's Ladies Luncheon

We are incredibly proud of nine students who volunteered their time to work at the Springsure Cancer Committee's Ladies Luncheon last weekend. The Springsure Cancer Committee work tirelessly to support families struggling with the costs of living with this disease in our community. Students did not accept payment for their work as they acknowledged the importance

of this fundraiser for our community and wanted to be a part of the effort and contribute. This was their opportunity to give back to the community who have so generously supported Springsure State School fundraising events. Thanks to Mrs Janine Noffke and Mrs Judy Nixon for allowing us to be a part of such a special event.



Mrs Watson

Ready, Seven, Go!

On Monday 27th July, the Year Six students participated in the first of a series of transition days, preparing them for High School. The eager students spent the day as 'high-schoolers', participating in a Q&A session with Mrs Corr, a Maths lesson with Mr Burns and then a choice of two electives - Home Economics with Mrs Smith or Woodwork with Mr Spencer.

Students began the day feeling incredibly excited, perhaps just slightly nervous, and ended the day with energy, enthusiasm and many positive feelings about the expectations of high school.

Our next Ready, Seven, Go! Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Week Ten.





Mrs Burns

P&C News

Our P&C have been very busy this term with various events, raising funds to support our school resources and our bus maintenance.

Rolleston Stock Horse Show

Week Two saw us catering and serving for this event. Thank you to those parents and students who helped on this occasion.

All monies raised at this event will go into our school bus account which covers fuel, tyres, registration and insurance for our school-owned bus. Owning our own bus means we are able to offer our children the opportunity to travel at significantly reduced costs to educational, sporting and cultural events and excursions.

Our most sincere thanks go to ISS Australia who very generously sponsored our fundraising venture at the recent Callide/Dawson Stock Horse Show. Funds raised contributed to the continued maintenance and running of the school bus which is utilised by our school and the wider community. Thank-you, ISS. Your dinner meals were delicious and appreciated by the hungry competitors at this event!

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SWHA Bar Effort

Week Three saw us doing the bar for the Springsure Working Horse Association. Shout out to Miss Ritchings, Miss Wadling, Ms Pou, Mrs Nat Higgins and Mrs Amanda Greer for the generous donation of your time last Saturday night to work the Springsure Working Horse Bar. Monies raised from

their efforts will go towards providing funds for Mrs Eves to be able to fertilise our school oval. Top effort, ladies!

'Mostly Hills' Fundraiser

This fundraiser is fast approaching! Please lock in 20th - 23rd August to offer assistance with catering for this event.

Keep an eye out for information on how you can assist our school P&C's biggest yearly fundraising event! Sign-up out soon.

Mrs Watson

Tuckshop News

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Tuckshop Online

To assist you with online ordering, here are the instructions;

We are encouraging as many families as possible to have a look over this site and consider using this new option. Online ordering is a proven system to help volunteers best manage their available time in Tuckshop.

The software system is made available to schools free of charge. There is an order fee of 20 cents payable by parents and staff. In return, your Tuckshop will cover the cost of providing the order bags and printed labels. It is important to note that you place a family order, not a per child order so a family of multiple children, with orders in each break, will only pay one order fee of 20 cents.

There is an umbrella contract between School Shop Online and the Department of Education (Approved DETSOA-62891) which ensures payments will reach our P&C in a timely fashion, the Privacy Act is followed and personal information and payment details are protected.

To Register

Please follow the link <https://schoolshoponline.com.au/index.html> and type Springsure State School into options box.

- Then select **GO TO TUCKSHOP**
- Register as a new parent (You will be offered the option to activate the eWallet).
- Register your Child(ren).
- Any allergy information entered will print out on each order label.

You can also register or add children later if you wish (go to My Account and Add Student), plus edit any personal details later.

Once registered you will be issued with a unique REG 000000 number. This is to be used as your account reference for all eWallet deposits so that School Shop Online can allocate your payments.

To Order

- Select **Tuckshop** from the Home Page
- Select the **Delivery Date, Student Name and Lunch Session.**
- Choose your item(s) and **Add to Cart.**
- Select **Checkout**

As you add items to your cart, they are listed on the left of screen so you can easily see where you are up to. You can only select a delivery date that Tuckshop is open (Friday) and the menu options available are fixed to the lunch sessions.

Where a menu item has options available, a second screen will open for further choices i.e. plain or toasted, BBQ or Tomato sauce etc. Further information can be added at the Checkout in the comments section if need be.

Once you have placed an order the system will set items into **Your Popular Orders** for future reference. For children whose orders don't change from week to week this is most helpful.

Online orders will close at **8am on the Friday**. If you need to cancel or edit your order details or delivery date login to My Account. Select Orders and then the edit icon to the right of the order.

To Pay

There are two payment options: **Credit Card** or **eWallet**

- Select the Payment Method from the drop-down menu.
- Complete the details and submit the payment.
- You will receive an email confirmation and receipt for your records confirming your order details and payment received.

eWallet System

There is a facility to use the financial module with School Shop Online called eWallet. This allows you to deposit funds into the account and draw on the funds for your purchases. Please note that depending on your bank, funds can take up to three days to clear. Your eWallet will only operate with a positive balance.

There is a merchant fee of 30 cents for the initial deposit but no extra transaction fees when accessing your funds for order payment.

Credit Card System

Please note that payments by Credit Card have a merchant fee of 30c plus 1.5% of your order total. This is payable each time you use your credit card.

Quick references

There is a 'FAQ' section in the site where you can read more about the services at <http://tuckshop.schoolshoponline.com.au/>

Classroom News

Year One

Science

This term in Science, we have been exploring light and sound. Students have explored and sorted a range of toys that light up. We then made electrical circuits to know and understand the science behind light. We learnt that blocking a light source makes a shadow. Check out our shadow puppets using our hands. We then made sock puppets and looked at how we could change the shape by adding different features.

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HASS

In HASS this term, Year One have been studying the features of our environment. Last week we went on a bus tour around Springsure to see the sights. We classified various locations as having natural, managed or constructed features and discussed what activities we can do in these places.

We completed our tour at the Lions Park, looking up at the beautiful, natural mountains of the Minerva Hills National Park!

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Mrs Travers

Year Six

The Year Six students are flexing their grammar muscles to analyse texts in English, Science and HASS. The competition is fierce between students and Mrs Burns, with the aim of the game being able to identify the most parts of speech in a given text.

The class views a short film, tuning in keenly to hear examples of noun groups, extended noun groups, verb groups and specialised and technical vocabulary. The race is then on to see who has found the most examples, ac-

curately sorting them into groups and being able to justify how particular words function within sentences.

At the moment, the tally stands at: Students - 2, Mrs Burns - 0.

Funny thing is, it's a win for both parties, with so much focussed learning occurring. We are the Grammar Gurus!

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Mrs Burns

Year Eight

Year 8 Science Geological Excursion to Rolleston Coal Mine

Late last term, our Year Eight Science students took part in an exciting geological field excursion to Glencore's Rolleston Coal Mine as part of their Earth and Space Science unit on rocks.

This authentic field study provided students with the opportunity to explore geology in a real-world setting, deepening their understanding of how Earth's landscapes and rock formations have developed over millions of years. Throughout the day, students investigated different rock layers, minerals, geological processes and fault lines while learning about the importance of field investigations and risk assessments used by geologists and other earth scientists.

The excursion also formed an important part of students' assessment for the term.

Experiences such as this allow students to connect classroom learning with industry practices, giving them valuable insight into the science behind mining, geology and environmental management.

A special thank you to Ian Roderick, Senior Environment & Community Advisor, and Brad Wilding, Geologist, for generously sharing their knowledge and expertise and for taking the time to guide our students throughout the tour. Their enthusiasm and willingness to answer questions made the

experience both engaging and memorable. We sincerely appreciate their support in providing our students with such a valuable learning opportunity.

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Because parenting doesn't come with a manual—but help is here when you need it.

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Community Happenings

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Parentline

Parentline: Support and advice for all Queensland parents and carers

Being a parent can be rewarding—but it can also be challenging. Whether you're trying to support your child with school issues, friendship challenges, behaviour, or tough moments at home, it's completely normal to feel unsure about what to do next.

Parentline is a free and confidential service available to all Queensland parents and carers. No problem is too big or too small—and reaching out early can make a real difference.

Parentline offers advice and support on a wide range of parenting topics, including:

- bullying and friendship issues
- parent-child relationships
- parenting strategies and behaviour management
- mental and emotional wellbeing—for both children and parents

You can speak with a trained professional by phone or webchat (6am-midnight), seven days a week.

An online bullying support forum is also available. This is a safe, moderated space to connect with others, ask questions, and share experiences.

 Call 1300 30 1300

 Visit parentline.com.au