

'SUCCESS BY EFFORT'

ISSUE ONE TERM TWO

Friday, 26th April, 2024

"We strive to achieve personal excellence through quality learning and partnerships"

From the Principal



Welcome back to Term Two! A very warm welcome to our new families that joined our school community last week. We've had nine new students start this term, which is wonderful to see. Our classrooms are overflowing with new smiling faces!

ANZAC Day

On Wednesday we held our school ANZAC ceremony led by our Student Leaders and Mrs Watson. The ceremony, conducted in our school sacred area in front of our cenotaph, was very touching.



Likewise, the community march and ceremony were well attended and once again I was in awe of the way our students conducted themselves. Our leaders spoke with confidence and sincerity. The band and choir were also amazing. It was pleasing to see some of our Rolleston students also attend the service in Rolleston. As a nation it is crucial that we continue to acknowledge the 102,000 Australians who have passed in service to the nation. It's important we encourage our children to pause and recognise every Australian who has served in the many theatres of war in which this country has fought. Their service and sacrifice has helped to shape who we are as a nation today.



Springsure



Rolleston



50th Birthday celebrations for Springsure Lions Club—Thank You

Last Saturday night I attended the 50th birthday celebrations for the Springsure Lions. This was a formal evening in which the Lions reflected on their achievements over the past 50 years recognising the many volunteers that have contributed to such a successful hardworking club. Our school P & C under the mighty guidance of Mrs Jo Travers, cooked the most decadent meal for the guests. Volunteers Bec Pou, Jodie Jensen and Amy Burns are to be commended on their efforts working tirelessly alongside Jo. Thank you student and parent volunteers!



Ten of our secondary students, mainly made up of Year Seven students served the 70 meals with the assistance of Ms Long. This is was their first catering event and they did a wonderful job! I received lots of commendations from the guests on the way in which our students conducted themselves. Well done students!



Week 3 is a busy one!

Next week is a busy week as a number of our students will compete at the CH Cross Country Trials at the Springsure Golf Club. We also have a number of our band students attending 'Festival of the Bands' workshops next week in Emerald with a culminating concert on the Saturday afternoon. For a small rural community, our students are privileged to receive the opportunities that they do!

Enjoy the cooler weather 😊

Renee

From the Deputy Principal...

Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing Survey

In Weeks Three and Four, students in Years Four to Ten will be asked to take part in the Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing (QEW) Survey.

We know that wellbeing and engagement are important parts of your child's life at school. The QEW Survey is designed to measure how students view their wellbeing and engagement across different topics. The information we get from the survey helps us better understand and support our students.

An email will be sent out to parents and carers before next week with more information. If you have any questions, please contact the school. More information, including FAQs, can be found on the Education website: (<https://qed.qld.gov.au/publications/reports/statistics/schooling/students/queensland-engagement-wellbeing-survey>).

Jasmine



From the Head of Curriculum...

Reading is a priority at our school. The ability to read and comprehend is one of the best predictors of future achievement and success in school and beyond.

To encourage reading within and outside of school, we have purchased a subscription to **SORA** for *every student* in our school. SORA is a fantastic digital reading platform designed to make reading more accessible and enjoyable for everyone in our school community.

Here are some of the benefits of using the digital reading platform SORA:

Read anywhere, anytime: With SORA, the library is always open. Whether you're at home or travelling, you can dive into a book whenever you want.

Wide variety of books: SORA offers a huge selection of eBooks and audiobooks across different genres and reading levels, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Personalised recommendations: SORA suggests books based on your interests, making it easier to find your next favourite read.

Great for learning: SORA provides educational resources aligned with our curriculum, helping students excel academically.

Builds digital skills: Using SORA helps students become more comfortable with digital tools, which is essential in today's world.

Fosters a love for reading: Most importantly, SORA encourages a love for reading by making it fun and accessible to all.

SORA is available on a computer through the link below:

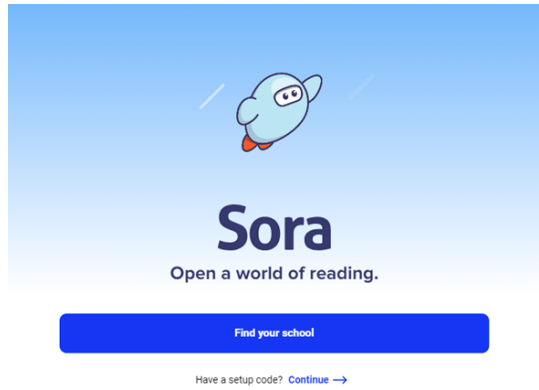
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Alternatively, you can search for the **SORA** app on either the Play Store for Android Devices or the App Store for Apple devices.



Once you have downloaded the app, click on 'Find your school' and type in 'EDUCATION QUEENSLAND'.



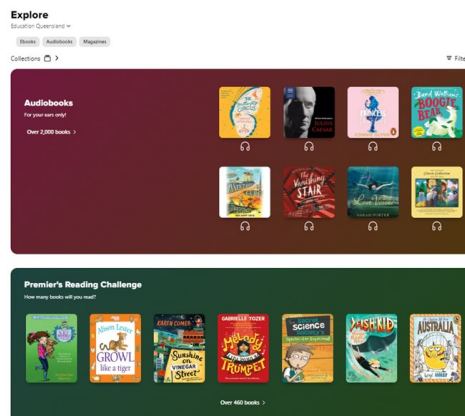


Then you will need to login with your child's MIS ID (this is the username the students use to log on to our school computers).

Sign into Education Queensland

[Sign in](#)

Once logged in, you can search for and borrow a wide range of eBooks and audiobooks.



If you require any assistance, please contact me on 4981 4333 or tburn139@eq.edu.au

We hope you'll join us in exploring the wonderful world of reading with Sora!

Tim



SPORTS NEWS



The Springsure District Cross Country was held in Week One with many of our students representing in various age groups. These students showed exceptional school pride and put in 100% effort in their respective races. Many students were selected to represent the district at the Central Highlands Cross Country in Week Three. I would like to wish all of these students the best of luck for the event. Congratulations to the age champions of the District Cross Country.

10 Boys: Dustin

10 Girls: Rose

12 Boys: Corey

12 Girls: Grace

Miss Ritchings

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Awardees—Week One

Awardees—Week Two



AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

STOP PRESS: International fame for our SSS Year Nine Science Students in wake of discovery.

In 2022, Mr Spencer nominated our Springsure State School Year Nine Science students to collaborate with scientist, Dr, Any Howe from the Sunshine Coast University, in a national scientific study to capture insects from our local environment for research and identification.

Under the guidance of Dr Howe, our then Year Seven Science students, set-up a malaise trap behind our school and recorded environmental data on a daily basis over several weeks. Each morning the students would collect samples, package appropriately and mail these to taxonomists, Dr Erinn Fagan-Jeffries and Mollie Slater-Baker from the University of Adelaide. The insects were sorted, catalogued and transported to Canada where scientists conducted further research including, photography and DNA testing. The results have now been returned to us.

The exciting news is our students have discovered a whole new species of insect in this world. She, yes a female, currently known as **Apanteles "MRSB41"** belongs to the order of Hymenoptera (wasps/bees/ants) and family Braconidae ('braconid' wasp). Below are the first scientific photographs of our wasp.

Our students involvement is not yet complete, as they have earned the right to name this new species and will be guided by taxonomists over the next few weeks in the naming process. All Year Nine Science students will soon have bragging rights "internationally" as their names will be recorded in history within scientific journals as the discoverers of this little lady of Springsure. Students have been asked to start thinking of a suitable name based upon the characteristics of the species. A university press release will formally announce the discovery and name in due course.

Some details about the characteristics of MRSB41:

This is a parasitoid wasp! The mother wasp lays her eggs in a caterpillar (but we don't know which one, as all the specimens we have are from traps or nets) and then the baby wasps eat the caterpillar insides... while it's still alive!

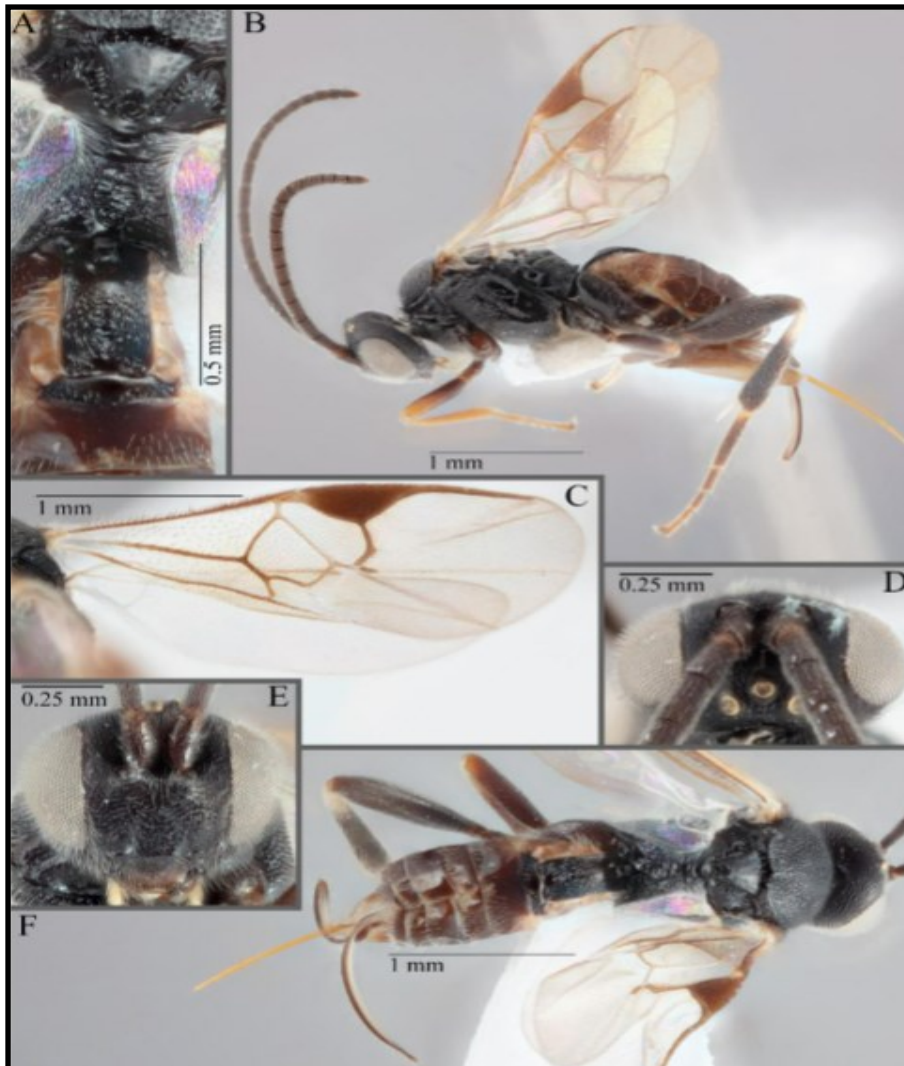
- the tibia is mostly dark, with a little bit of pale area at the top.
 - the specimen is quite bumpy – we call this 'sculpture' or 'rugosity.' The texture of it is really rough. Some species are much smoother.
 - The forewings have a bit of a very faint brown tint or shading on them
- But you might also notice something cool about it!



MALAISE TRAP

(Used by students in Year Seven Science at Springsure State School).





Mr Spencer

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2nd May**—Mayoral Summit—School Leaders
- 3rd May**—CH Cross Country
- 6th May**—Labour Day Public Holiday
- 6th May**—Cattle Club attending Beef Week –return 7th May
- 18th May—Cattle Club—Comet Show
- 23rd May –CH Rugby League—Girls
- 24th May—Cattle Club—Capella Show
- 28th May—Cattle Club—Clermont Show
- 30th May—Interhouse Athletics
- 31st May—Springsure Show Holiday

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