Hi Everyone

A letter of thanks
We received a lovely letter of thanks from Mrs Sloane’s niece Carolyn Hutchens in regards to the play equipment and friendship seat we purchased with the money from Mrs Sloane’s estate. Please find it attached to this newsletter.

Education Week will be officially launched next week by the department. We have planned some maths activities on Monday 23rd of May in celebration and you are invited to attend.

We believe every week is education week at Springhurst Primary School.

Have a great fortnight!
Wendy

School Council
As you may have noticed, we have a big heap of ‘rubbish’ at school – all the wood, grass clippings and anything thing else not wanted around the school. We plan to have a ‘bonfire’ on Friday afternoon (weather permitting) beginning at 4pm. If you would like to help supervise, please be at the school around 4pm.

Resilience
Hint No 2. Have some mooch time.
We live in a world that suffers from attention deficit disorder. We rush children from activity to activity, from lesson to lesson and from one organised event to another. Then we wonder why, when there is a lull, that they say “I’m bored.” Be a counter-revolutionary. Find some time each week just to be at home without anything structured happening. Quiet times allow children to develop creativity and ingenuity.

Hot Lunches terms 2 & 3
Hot lunches have been going well. When packing your child’s lunch, could you please tell them that they have a hot lunch? It makes it a lot easier to put food in the oven instead of in the microwave.

Kids’ Council
Biggest Morning Tea – Monday May 23rd.
Education Week – Card Games
All parents and friends are welcome to come along to the school to participate in ‘Maths Games Using Cards’ followed by a Biggest Morning Tea. The Maths will begin at 10am followed by the morning tea at 10.30am. Could all families bring a plate to share and support this worthy cause with a gold coin donation.

Hot Dogs
Hot dog notices will go home on Friday.

Artists of the Week
Our AOW are Lucas for his fantastic effort at mixing primary colours to paint a tree and Declan and Jesher for their great drawing of a zebra using complementary colours. Well done boys!

Playgroup
The next playgroup session will be held at the school on Monday 16th May at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Students of the Month
Congratulations to Brialeigh and Sam for being our SOM for April. Well done – it is a pleasure to have both of you at our school. Fabulous effort.

Somers Camp
All expression of interest forms have been received and I have sent the camp our number
of interested students. We are now waiting to be allocated the number of students allowed to go. I will keep you informed as to the progress.

Junior Room

What a wonderful job Julie has done and what great progress these children have made in my absence!

This week we welcome Natasha Holmes who is completing a Certificate 3 practical placement and will be assisting in our classroom.

It is pleasing to see many of our Yrs 1 and 2 students practising their personal spelling words at home and achieving 100% in their test. Please continue to support your child to achieve this success.

In Numeracy last week our topic in measurement was ‘length’. All the students were given lolly snakes to stretch as long as possible without breaking and we then compared them. We focused on vocabulary such as ‘longest’ and ‘shortest’. Years 1 and 2 also played ‘First to a Metre!’ using our metre rulers. This week we are learning the concepts of ‘Location’ eg. over, under, above, below, through, beside etc. These concepts are also reinforced in the ‘Perceptual Motor Program’ (PMP), which the juniors are currently undertaking to improve their motor coordination skills.

In Science we are learning the concepts of day/night, and the seasons.

Senior Room

All students in the senior room have/will be completing NAPLAN tests this week. We will be sending in to the department the Grade 3 and Grade 5 students tests. The other students complete the tests as practise.

Our integrated studies work this term is around ‘Our Place in Space’ and towards the end of term ‘Government’.

Reports are distributed at the end of this term. In preparation, we will be looking at the outcomes for our students and their strengths and challenges.

Head Lice

Head lice is a never ending battle in any school. In trying to eradicate this from SPS, could you please check your child’s hair on a regular basis and treat asap if there are any signs of the presence of lice? If we are all vigilant, hopefully we can fully eradicate and minimise the chance of them spreading.