

From the Principal

As I'm sure you know I am retiring at the end of the year and it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the new Principal will be Vanessa Blythe. Vanessa is currently Principal of Waddington Primary School. Vanessa will be visiting us to meet the staff and the students and I know that she is really looking forward to joining the Springfield Community.

SCHOOL PLANNING

As you know we are planning our classes and numbers for 2019. At this time of year it is therefore very disruptive when our local private schools offer ultimatums to our families that they need to move schools or go to the bottom of the list. I fully appreciate that we all do the best for our children and choose the school that suits them best and we fully support your choice. However, I do question the motive of the private schools, is it money based or what is best for the student? I have heard a number of times from our families that they would prefer to be at Springfield but have been issued with the ultimatum, come now or lose your place. It hardly seems to be the best for a student to move them from a situation where they are happy, have friends and are going well merely to fill a spot in a class. This often happens mid-year which is even more disruptive. The bottom line is that choice of school is totally yours of course and we appreciate this. From a very personal viewpoint, ask yourself is it worth the high cost, what are you getting extra to justify this cost and finally, do they really have the student's best interest at heart when they pressure to move or else.

BUSH DANCE

A big thank you to all the families who came along last Friday to our Bush Dance. The chilly evening was countered with some great family dancing. Thanks to the parents and P & C who helped on the night, we couldn't have done it without you.

BOOK LISTS

Book Lists and information regarding our Contributions and Charges for 2019 were emailed home today. If you did not receive it, this information is also available on our website.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONCERT

This Friday 30th November starting at 5pm our Early Childhood Centre are holding their End of Year Concert. There will be a sausage sizzle and stalls at the event, so please bring along some change. All welcome.

REPORTS

Reports will go home on Tuesday 11th December. If you require a second copy, please advise the office as soon as possible.



19th to 30th November
Year 6 Beach Swimming

Friday 30 November
Area 8 Assembly
PP2 Xmas Party
K/PP Xmas Concert

Tuesday 4 December
Joint P&C and School
Board Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 7 December
Year PP to 5 Awards
Assembly
Thank You Morning Tea

Monday 10 December
Year 6 Leavers Ceremony

Thursday 13th December
Last Day of 2018
EOY Excursions for Areas
2, 3, 5, 6, 15 and 16(Yr 3)



November 2018

Elizabeth

Year: 3

Teacher: Mrs Morrison



Elizabeth's friends and teachers admire her friendly, caring and helpful personality. She sets an outstanding example for others by demonstrating resilience, organization and responsibility. Elizabeth is an excellent ambassador for our Challenges and Choices philosophy.



The Salvation Army Christmas Food Appeal is back for 2018!

Every year the children and parents at Springfield Primary School show how generous they are by helping those in our community who have come across financial difficulty by donating to the food appeal.

The food drive will take place from November the 12th until November the 30th. Boxes will be put in each wet area for students and or parents to place food into. Please remember that we can only take non-perishable items;

Tinned foods (spaghetti/baked beans, fruits, canned meals, soup)

Meal Bases (pasta sauce, noodles, rice, pasta, instant food)

Christmas extras (candy stockings, bonbons, custard, puddings, cakes, mince pies)

Other items (nuts, biscuits, coffee, milo, cereals, long life milk, juice)

Additional items (soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste)



FACTION POINT COMPETITION

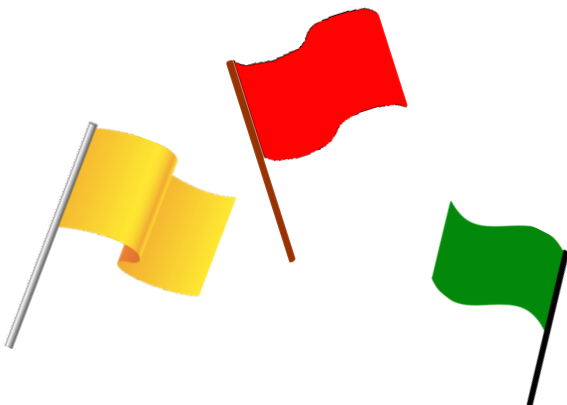
TERM 4

At the end of last week, Red Faction still hold the lead! This week is the last chance to get any points in as the sausage sizzle for the overall winners of 2018 will be held next Wednesday, 5th December. Winners will be announced at the assembly this Friday.

RED (Cygnet) 583 points

GOLD (Batavia) 581 points

GREEN (Bridgewater) 577 points



VACATION CARE

Kids College Childcare Centre offers Vacation care and there is a detailed program available on our previous newsletters.