



Springbank Secondary College

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Vision Statement:

We are committed to an inclusive and engaging learning environment that promotes a culture of excellence and creativity.

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Curriculum	Brock Traeger-Squires
Senior Leader - Operations/SACE/VET	Maya Brookes
Senior Leader - Inclusion	TBA
Student Wellbeing Leader	Tamara Seaman

2022 TERM DATES	
Term 1	30 January – 14 April
Term 2	1 May – 7 July
Term 3	24 July – 29 September
Term 4	16 October – 15 December

IMPORTANT DATES

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Monday 13 March 2023

Harmony Day
Tuesday 21 March

Year 10 Immunisations
Tuesday 28 March 2023

Open Day and Evening
Wednesday 29 March 2023

Basketball Academy Trial #1
4 April 2023

Pupil Free Day
6 April 2023



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Dear school community,

Springbank Secondary College is off to a great start to 2023. We were pleased to welcome many new students (not just in year 7) and welcome back students from last year.

It has been exciting to begin our move back into the northern building (both floors) with the beautiful designed 21st century learning spaces. Student have enjoyed learning in these space with the calm and fresh colours and thoughtfully designed fit out. *Please see the photos included in this issue.*

The next phases of the refurbishments, which will include the art rooms and additional interdisciplinary and general classrooms, will hopefully be completed in time for term 2 commencement. The Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and landscaping, decking and ramps around the mainframe building will also be complete later this term. It will be fabulous soon.

It was wonderful to invite parents who attended **Acquaintance Evening** to be among the first to tour the newly completed northern building facilities. Speaking of Acquaintance Evening, thank you for your support and attendance on the evening. It was a beautiful night weather-wise and fabulous to have so many parents and families join us on the front lawn for this event.

NAPLAN online systems checks were performed last week to ensure our IT infrastructure and IT systems were link well with the NAPLAN platform. Actual NAPLAN testing for year 7s and year 9 students will commence in week 7 on Tuesday 15 March.

We have welcomed some new ancillary staff this term and are thrilled to have them join the Springbank team. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Brock Traeger-Squires as Curriculum, Pedagogy and Innovation Senior Leader at Springbank.

This week year 11 and 12 teachers reviewed the progress of all year 12 students and recorded their progress on Daymap using the 'Traffic Light' colour symbols to indicated achievement. Incoming weeks we will continue that process across all year levels. Please check the traffic light results in Daymap. A new video to support parent and carer access to Daymap has been posted on our website:

<https://www.springbanksc.sa.edu.au/home/daymap/parent-portal>

We are looking forward to a wonderful, positive and successful term one.

Kind regards,

Wendy House
Principal



Ice Factor

We have started the term with most of the team in tact from 2022. We have nine current players and four new players have joined the squad. It generally takes one to two terms of ice skating before the new players can join the playing group. Wearing skates, balancing and moving on the ice is a hard skill to acquire. Through consistent practice and technique refinement they will achieve their new found skill of ice skating.

In our mentoring sessions the team has pledged to improve their training skills and competitive spirit, they have come to realise that having a team first approach will not only help them improve but will advance the team's aspirations of playing for a tournament win.

Paul Howlett
Ice Factor Manager



From the Operations Desk

Upcoming events:

Due to the extreme heat wave, we unfortunately had to cancel our Student Development Program Days. We are looking at our calendar to see if it is possible to reschedule for a later date this year. We'll keep you posted.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing window is March 15-27. Students in years 7 & 9 will be taking part in the NAPLAN test this term. NAPLAN is a "nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community."

If you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Daymap

Keep an eye out on your Daymap parent portal as it will change as we add new features such as Assessment feedback. If you are unable to log on to your Daymap please see one of our helpful how to videos on the school's website or contact me at the school.

Maya Brookes
Senior Leader – Operations / SACE / VET



Chess, Lego and Craft Clubs

We are pleased to share with you the latest updates from our Chess, Lego and Craft clubs. We are thrilled to see the enthusiasm and engagement of our students during lunch break on Mondays.



The Lego Club, where students can build and create using Lego bricks, has been a popular choice for many students across different year levels. Students have been challenged to build various creations, allowing them to develop their creativity and problem-solving skills.



The Chess Club has also seen a surge in membership, with students showing a keen interest in developing their strategic thinking and analytical skills. The club has provided an excellent opportunity for students to learn and improve their chess skills, while also having fun with their peers.

In addition, the Craft Club has been enjoyed by our artistic students, who have been busy making a variety of creative projects.



**Martha Botha,
Andy Reavley
and Linda Thurlow**
Teachers



Finance News

Materials and Services Charges

Reminder to all parents on Materials & Services Charges due and payable by the end of term one 2023. If you wish to set up an instalment plan please contact Finance Office to assist you with this to settle your account by end of term two.

School Card Approval 2023

Families who may be entitled to school card benefits need to apply each and every year. You can now submit your school card application on <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>. Alternatively forms can be obtained from Finance Office upon request. Springbank Secondary College staff do not have the authority to approve families for school card, the school card Section of the Department for Education process the applications. Please contact the school card department on 1800 672 758 for further information.

\$100 Material and Services Charges Rebate

As you are aware the Government made a commitment to give South Australian families with school-age children a \$100 discount on their public school's Materials and Services Charge for each child for two school years (2022 and 2023).

Springbank Secondary College staff have applied the credit notes for 2023 to all the accounts by now. The refund specifically relates to the Materials and Services Charge. If you have outstanding fees, the credit must be applied to them in the first instance. School Card families who have outstanding fees and are waiting for their application to be approved cannot utilise the credit until a final outcome from School Card is received. If the family is eligible for School Card, the credit does not apply and will be cancelled. If you have already paid your school fees for this year, your balance will be in credit. The credit may be used for other expenses incurred throughout the year including excursions and other extra-curricular activities etc. However, if you would like the credit transferred to you, please let us know your bank details and we will do our best to refund families as soon as possible. You can email your details to below address. dl.0975.finance@schools.sa.edu.au. Please be careful to enter your banking information accurately.

Shani Jayasundera
Business Manager



Year 8 English

Year 8 students completed a 3D self-portrait model which they shared with their class.

This activity allowed our students to share what they valued in their lives.

Not only did the students demonstrate their creativity but the activity supported them to further develop self-concept, identity and getting to know each other.



Martha Botha and Faryn Henderson
English Co-Teachers



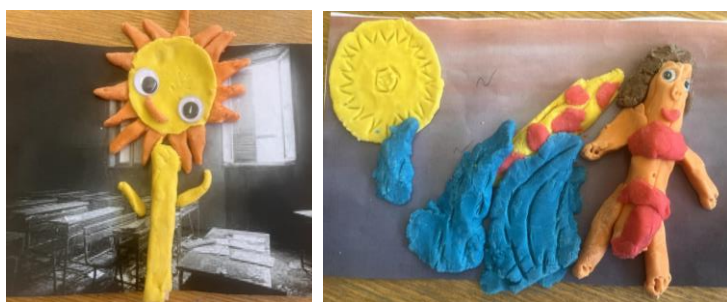
Year 8 Humanities & Social Sciences

Year 801 started their interdisciplinary unit of 'Shapeshifting' with a focus on Australian Identity and Landscapes. We brainstormed geomorphic and cultural changes over time. To start off our unit we made salt clay models of the earth showing the different layers.



Year 7 English

Who do we think we are? As part of an interdisciplinary unit of work focussing on personal non-fiction narratives, year 7 started with the narrative elements of setting and characters. The students could choose a setting of their choice and then create their characters out of salt clay. We can't wait to read the completed narratives. Watch this space in the next newsletter.



Martha Botha
English & HASS Teacher



Year 9 Science



Year 9 Science at Springbank Secondary College started "head-strong" with brain dissections early in the term. Students would work in teams to carefully remove the remaining brain stem, cerebellum, and cut through the corpus callosum. They were then tasked with separating each lobe of the outer brain, before reaching the smaller regions and glands deep inside. Well done Year 9s for working so safely and collaboratively, maybe some future brain surgeons yet.



Andy Reavley
and Lewis Williams
Maths and Science Teachers

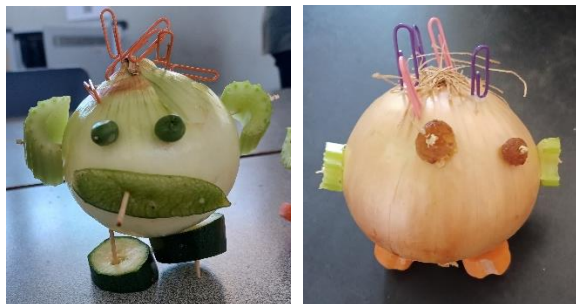


Year 10 Science: Vegetable Genetics



For the first part of the year, the year 10 science classes have combined, and are working on genetics and genes getting passed on from parents to offspring.

Students then applied this to a practical, where we created "vegetable people" that display varied genetic traits.



These traits included sultana or pea eyes, zucchini or carrot feet and potato (male) and Onion (female) bodies.



They constructed Punnett square diagrams to show the changes in traits and how they are passed onto their offspring.

**Andy Reavley
and Lewis Williams**
Maths and Science Teachers



Student home internet program

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home.

Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the [department's website](#).

Building Works

Furniture has been steadily arriving, and more classes have been able to begin using the refurbished spaces over the past few weeks.



We enjoyed being able to show these spaces to families who attended our acquaintance evening and Governing Council AGM.



Teachers and students have been enjoying the modern, multipurpose facilities, and the rounded edges on most of the furniture and calming colour scheme. It has been a lengthy process, but so worthwhile now we see the opportunities these facilities will give our students.

Register at www.springbanksc.sa.edu.au

**BASKETBALL
ACADEMY TRYOUTS**

**Tuesday 4 April
9:00AM**

A poster for Basketball Academy Tryouts. It features a basketball hoop on the left, a basketball on the right, and a background of blue and white polka dots. The text is in large, bold, orange and black letters.



Save the Date!

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SHOWCASE

FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023



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