



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.

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1	29 January - 12 April
Term 2	29 April - 5 July
Term 3	22 July - 27 September
Term 4	14 October - 13 December

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1, 2024 Commences
29 January 2024

School Photos
14 February 2024

Year 10 Immunisations
27 February 2024

Governing Council AGM
4 March 2024

11 March 2024
Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup



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Dear Springbank Secondary College Community,

As the term ended, we took time to recognise the enormous efforts and hard work of staff and students and celebrate their achievements. This edition of the newsletter should bring a smile to everyone when you read the stories and see the photos.

We began the year still couped up in the limited spaces while the Capital Works project was being completed in the northern wing. It was such joy to share the tour with hundreds of visitors on Acquaintance Night. These days we are well and truly settled into our new digs and we even had our official opening with The Minister for Education (Hon Blair Boyer) and visiting dignitaries including former Premier Hon Dean Brown, Nadia Clancy MP for Elder and Louise Miller-Frost Federal MP for Boothby.

This term was filled with special events including the commencement of exams, the last assembly for year 12 students and a delightful evening when we farewelled the year 12 students in a ceremony and then a dinner at the Glenelg Golf Club. Many thanks to Natasha Grundy, Brendan Mann, Fiona Roberts and Liz Johnson, for the leadership of the year 12 care groups and the preparation for and organisation of the celebratory events.

Last week was activities week with plenty of fun excursions and activities for students in year 7-9 and on Wednesday we acknowledged individual student achievements at our presentation day. Congratulations to the student achievers and many thanks to the teachers and staff who have developed and supported those achievements.

I acknowledge and farewell Ms Ameer Allison who in 2024 will head to Aberfoyle Park to take up a leadership role there and to Mr Alex Brook who moves to Banksia Park to take up a leadership role there. Ms Maya Brookes will conclude her leadership role at Springbank. Thank you Maya for your excellent timetable management skills and leadership since mid 2022.

After 43 years in the teaching profession within the Department for Education, and ten years at Springbank Secondary College (Pasadena High School), this will be my final term. I commence long service leave in late January when Mr Andrew Dunn will take up the reins at Springbank.

I take this opportunity to thank the **amazing, hardworking staff** across those years for their commitment, huge efforts and determination to do all they could to support learner achievement and to create a *wonderful, inclusive and caring school*. Thank you to parents, carers and community members for standing by the school, often in challenging times.

I wish every member of this school community a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

With gratitude and kind regards,

Wendy House
Principal



Ice Factor Term 4

Term 4 was another positive term for our SSC Ice Hockey team the Springbank Sabres. Our training sessions took on a more intense focus, as the team set their goals for another win in the tournament at the end of the term.

Our students are taking a lot more responsibility towards their training sessions, and have become a stronger team since last term's win in the tournament.

The Ice Factor Spectacular was held on the Saturday of week 3 term 4 at the Hilton International in the city. Students had been practicing during term 3 and 4. The experience of being on the catwalk modelling sponsor's clothing was an outstanding success for the program and the students who attended.

Mr Pike and Mr Howlett are very pleased with the way our school program is progressing and giving our students invaluable life experiences. We have a very strong focus on the student's abilities to create a strong core of life skills.

The Tournament in week 8 showcased how we worked as a team towards a common goal of being in the grand final. We lost our first game, then drew our second, and then won our next 3 games.

This put us in the final. At the end of that game the score was even, so it went to a shootout. Findon went first and our goalie saved the shot. Then it was our turn and Jayden scored the winning goal - as he had done all day. Springbank Secondary College won our second tournament in a row.

Congratulations to the team on another great year of Ice Factor! You deserve to feel proud of the trophy you all earned - which is on display in our front office for another year.

Adrian Pike and Paul Howlett

Ice Factor Teacher & Coach



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Basketball Academy

On Thursday 16 November, 4 nominated students had the opportunity to participate in the School Sport SA 3 v 3 basketball carnival at Morphett Vale. Springbank participated in the division 2 mixed competition and were very competitive throughout the day, finishing seventh out of nineteen schools. This was an opportunity to apply some of the skills and decision making required in a practical setting.



Thank you to Wade from School Sport SA for organising a great opportunity for the students. Well done do our students for their cooperation and ability to play with great effort throughout the day and thank you to Mr. Howlett for supporting the students. Well done team!

Basketball Squad

Throughout the semester the basketball squad have continued to work on their practical skills as well as their ability to work in small groups and learn about what makes a great teammate. The basketball squad have come along way this year and have been a pleasure to teach. We look forward to the squad having some new faces next year and this will provide some of our senior members the opportunity to support and mentor some of our middle school students.

Below is a photo of some of the squad using the Dr.Dish machine. The machine provides the students to get a high volume of shots up in a short amount of time. Whilst using the machine we have been focusing on the student catching the ball in the air and being mindful of their shooting line and arc on the ball.



Brendan Mann

Basketball Academy & PE Teacher



English Macbeth Showcase

This term, the year 10 English classes combined to explore Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. While some students watched animated versions, others read recent adaptations and some read Shakespeare's original work.



In our classroom we explored the themes of ambition, betrayal and war and how these themes remain relevant today. Students worked on a learning menu comprising of various creative writing and speaking activities as well as practicing and performing a thoroughly entertaining version of *Macbeth* to parents, school leaders, teachers and invited classes.

Our students demonstrated an eagerness to learn and developed an understanding of how the English language has changed over time. On the day of the Year 10 English *Macbeth* Showcase our students were leaders undertaking various roles: they displayed posters, welcomed guests, performed as MCs, filmed the event, performed the play and then afterwards showcased their creative writing tasks to guests. Every student in our classes made valuable contributions that demonstrated their vast learning and are commended for their resilience and determination.

Rebecca Cousins

English & HASS Teacher



Drive SLOWLY in the carpark



Please drive SLOWLY and CAREFULLY in our carpark. Students walk through it to get to the Stadium and the TAC, as well as at drop off and pick up times. The speed limit (10kmph) must be observed at ALL TIMES for everyone's safety.

Year 7 Geometric Abstract Paintings

Students in 701 created geometric abstract paintings using intuitive complementary colour as part of a visual investigation into Sonia Delaunay's style.

Liz Fotiadis

Art Teacher



Music and Drama

In Term 4 students participated in a variety of activities in both Music and Drama, providing opportunities for students to thrive and celebrate their achievements.



Jack, Ethan and Raya - Year 9 Drama *An Open Script*

Students in Years 7-9 have showcased their learning in a variety of theatre styles as well as performing to parents and friends and fellow classmates. Students enjoyed working collaboratively, and a creating a family friendly atmosphere whilst working across the year levels and participating as both performers and audience members.



Fletcher, Isabelle, Mary, Amelia and Annabelle - Drama Workshop *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

On 7 December, at our Transition Day for incoming 2024 Year 7 students, the music students from Years 7-11 presented musical numbers that they have been learning and rehearsing and the senior Jam Band Rock Band performed original compositions - inspiring the future Year 7's stepping into Springbank in 2024.



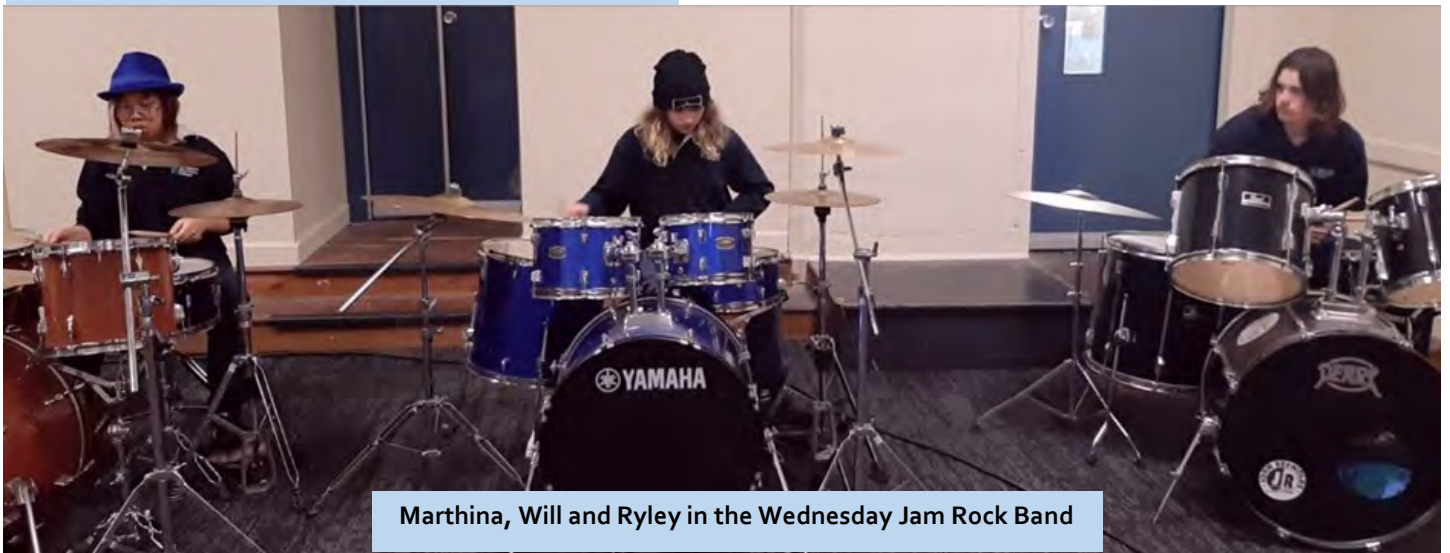
Austin and Kai - Year 7 Drama *TV Talk Show*

Congratulations and well done to all students involved in Drama and Music programmes for 2023!

Anna Watt and Amelia Pickard

Drama Teachers

Along with Matthew Orr, *Music Teacher*



Marthina, Will and Ryley in the Wednesday Jam Rock Band

Puzzle Club

This year, our weekly Puzzle Club has enjoyed spending time together, chatting while immersed in the task of puzzling. Finding those elusive pieces has been all the more fun while sitting with friends and sharing the day's experiences. Our students were always welcoming of others who were trying the club for the first time and made sure to include everyone. While some puzzles were finished multiple times, at record speed, others were toiled over until the last piece was satisfyingly placed. We're looking forward to puzzling again, next year.



+Year 9 HASS Showcase

This term, students in 901 investigated an area of interest relating to the HASS curriculum: History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship or Business and Enterprise. Students were given the opportunity to work collaboratively or independently to produce a product that demonstrated their learning. The array of topics explored was broad and exciting. One student considered the cause and effect of technological advancements, while others worked collaboratively to present a business proposal about the ever popular Fortnite. In week 8, students in 901 showcased their learning to invited classes from year 8 and year 10. The engagement of all students in preparing for this event was quite impressive. On the day, while initially nervous our students in 901 demonstrated their capacity to present ideas in a well thought out and professional manner. Every student that prepared and presented is congratulated on their performance with visiting students and teachers alike impressed with the level of application and exhibition.



Rebecca Cousins
English & HASS Teacher





Congratulations to our 2023 Presentation Ceremony Awardees!









Our Presentation Ceremony concluded with Nadia Clancy MP congratulating Principal Wendy House on her 43 years of service to Education in South Australia and achievements at Springbank.





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ALL STARS

CRICKET PROGRAM

SACA is holding a **FREE** junior cricket program for young people with a disability, aged 10-16 years. The program focuses on developing cricket skills and confidence.

PARTICIPATING CLUBS INCLUDE



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Gepps Cross CC



Goodwood CC



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Reynella CC

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