



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.

Principal	Wendy House
Senior Leader - Operations/SACE/VET	Kathryn Harrison
Senior Leader - Inclusion	Chris Lee
Student Wellbeing Leader	Karen Jones

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1	27 January - 9 April
Term 2	27 April - 2 July
Term 3	19 July - 24 September
Term 4	11 October - 10 December

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 27 April
First day term 2

Tuesday 4 May
2.00pm-7.30pm
Student Led Conferences

Tuesday 11 May
Year 10 Immunisations



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Greetings

In South Australian schools, term 1 is the longest of the four terms and is jammed packed with events. This term has been exactly that for Springbank SC. The Easter four-day weekend has been a timely break.

Open Night - well attended with considerable positive feedback, with fabulous 'living' displays presented by students and staff. This event was followed by a Principal's tour a week later. Many thanks to the students who proudly demonstrated or explained their work and invited visitors to try their product or participate in the experiments. I was impressed by and proud of the students who participated.

SRC completed their training program and leaders have been elected and Ms Faryn Henderson has joined Ms Karen Jones to create a team of student ambassadors to represent and promote Springbank Secondary College to primary schools around the school. See more details in the newsletter.

The Capital Works project designs and concepts are progressing well. We look forward to work commencing later in the year. The intended outcome will be C21 learning spaces and facilities that support interdisciplinary and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) learning. Several covered outdoor learning areas will be added to the refurbishment allowing for indoor/outdoor learning throughout the year.

Springbank Basketball academy students successfully hosted a primary school 3x3 basketball competition recently. With increasing interest in the 3x3 competitions, this event was very popular and well received. Congratulations to the basketball academy students and Mr Brendan Mann on the highly successful event. See more details in this newsletter.

Governing Council AGM was well attended, and the participants engaged in the presentation from Marino Rossi from Thomson Rossi (our architects) of ideas for our Capital Works. I thank Claudia Smith and Rebecca Baird for their service to the school and Governing Council, especially through some challenging times. Please see the Governing Council report in this newsletter edition.

Term 2 commences on **Tuesday 27 April**. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Kind regards

Wendy House
Principal



SRC news

We have completed another successful and fun training day for our SRC members. This day is planned for the elected Student Representative Council members to build teamwork, friendships, work on leadership skills and elect their middle and senior school presidents.

All students had a fun time playing games, learning about each other and discussing what is expected of them as leaders in our school.



Well done to Emily, Sophie, Fred and Fin for being elected our presidents! They have already hit the ground running supporting Open Night, Principal's tours and leading SRC meetings.



Wellbeing Week 2021

Springbank Secondary College celebrated all things positive during our wellbeing week in week 8. Students participated in many different sessions run by Headspace. These covered areas around supporting good mental health, how to have conversations with friends to check in on them as well as standing strong against bullying and building resilience.

Along with the support sessions, we ran several different break time activities, ranging from sports, drama events, board games, seed planting, wellbeing fortune cookies and extra breakfast clubs.

Harmony Day was also celebrated during this week, with our annual sports day. Keeping with our inclusive values, our sports day covers activities such as theatre sports, wheelchair basketball and table tennis, along with the traditional sprints and relays. Harmony helper points were given out to students showing our values of respect, including good teamwork, supporting others and having a go. We also used this opportunity to celebrate.



Parents were also able to participate in our wellbeing week by attending a night time information session discussing how to have conversations with young people around mental health, what to look for if a young person is struggling and where to get help to support them.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this successful (and busy) week!

Karen Jones
Student Wellbeing Leader



Ice Factor - Term 1

Ice Factor is very well received by our students and they are enjoying their time on the ice. We currently have 9 students in the program and I will be inviting the year 8 students next term. It would benefit their engagement in the school.

This term our tournament was held on the Wednesday instead of Friday due to the Easter long weekend. The students all had a good day and there were some very close games. We had 3 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. The families who attended commented that the students' confidence and self-esteem had improved.

We have had the opportunity to have some interesting mentoring sessions where our students had to problem solve and lead the group into problem solving. Some special guests attended the mentoring session and told their story, which gave the students an insight into the justice system.

Next term our students will work alongside the Basketball students in a program run by Flinders University to teach skill acquisition. It will give them an insight into how the body works while acquiring balance and power transformation. It will be another opportunity for learning and improving. We are currently being coached by one of our former students Ambrose Foster. This shows our current students that there is a pathway after schooling has been completed.

Paul Howlett
Ice Factor Manager



Year 9 Science Urrbrae Wetland Excursion

After learning about the theory of biological science, year 9 students had the opportunity to visit Urrbrae Wetland on Tuesday, week 7, term 1. Students were instructed to collect four different water samples and measure their oxygen level, temperature, turbidity and pH for comparison. Based on the results collected, they were able to assess whether the Urrbrae Wetland does help clean up the storm water that runs out to the sea. Students noticed that oxygen and temperature increased as the water moved through the ponds while salinity, turbidity and pH decreased. They explored the reasons that caused these differences and the role of the water reeds that filter out the impurities and provide clearer water when transitioning from pond to pond.



Students also conducted their individual or group investigation on the types of macroinvertebrates living in this unique environment including aquatic insects such as Water Boatmen, Caddisfly and Water Fleas. Under the microscope, they took photographs of these microorganisms and made qualitative and quantitative observations on the aquatic animals they caught including insects, crustaceans and molluscs. It was a great experience for students to apply their theoretical understanding into a practice situation and experience nature.

Thanks to Mrs Thurlow and Ms Vanessa Greenslade from Urrbrae Wetland for organising this unforgettable ecology experience. The students appreciated the support they received to build up their knowledge of ecological science. This included the understanding of the importance of all aquatic macroinvertebrates in the wetland ecosystem with a number of hands on activities.

Li Teng
Science Teacher



SACE Art Excursion

On 26 March Stage 1 and 2 SACE Visual Art students attended an excursion to the city where they participated in a range of activities to support the research for their visual studies and folios. Students attended the SACE Art Show to view a variety of work and folio examples from the 2020 year 12 art and design students.

While on location students participated in a site tour of the Adelaide College of the Arts conducted by Greg Ackland (Principal Lecturer of Visual Arts) to investigate post school pathway opportunities in the arts.

Students visited the Jam Factory where they observed local artists' works and glassblowing demonstrations. The excursion concluded at the Art Gallery of South Australia, to give students independent time to research and explore the collections.



Leah Markey
Art teacher



Basketball Academy News

3x3 Basketball

Springbank hosted its inaugural Primary School 3x3 Basketball event on Friday 19 March. We were pleased to provide this opportunity to students in the primary years and introduce them to this format of the game. Keep an eye out this year as 3x3 basketball will feature in the Tokyo Olympics.

Springbank Secondary College students, enrolled in the Basketball Academy, umpired throughout the day demonstrating leadership and a strong capacity to work with each other. They all represented the school with pride and were valued contributors to the events success with 22 teams from 5 schools attending - Well done team!

I would like to acknowledge the support of Andrew Gormlie (Primary School Sport) who helped manage the online nomination process - Thank you Andrew!

Also, thank you to Basketball SA and the Sturt Basketball Club for promoting the day - your support is very much appreciated.

Please keep an eye out for next year as we intend to make this an annual event.



School Sport - Basketball

Some of our senior students had a taste of the 3x3 format when they participated in the open schools' event held at Springbank in week 6. Springbank entered two teams on the day and had strong performances throughout.

Flinders University - Functional screening program

In term two, as part of the Basketball Academy at Springbank Secondary College, we are offering student athletes the opportunity to participate in a Functional Movement Screening program with Flinders

University. The screening process will provide data on each student athlete and will identify areas of strength and areas for improvement regarding strength and conditioning. Our academy students will be supported by a team of Flinders students and prescribed a program that will contribute to their success on the court and aid their performance and assist them with injury prevention and player durability.



Holiday Basketball Clinic - Monday 12 April is FULLY BOOKED!

Academy coach Brendan Mann will be conducting a Holiday Clinic during the holidays to promote the Academy and to support junior player development.

Students aged between 8 - 12 years of age will be provided with a skill development session and be taught the fundamentals of the game.

Brendan Mann
Basketball Academy



Inclusive Education Workshop for Parents

Thursday 20 May commencing at 7pm.

What does inclusive education look like at Springbank Secondary College?

Come and hear about inclusion within a national context and what is happening at Springbank Secondary College.

We look forward to sharing our story with you.

For enquiries, or further information, contact Chris Lee at Springbank Secondary College on telephone 8152 6800.

Governing Council report

Welcome to (what is now the end of) term 1, 2021. It is nice to be looking at this year from a very different and vastly more positive perspective than we were this time last year.

Firstly, I congratulate and welcome the newly elected members of Governing Council, Candice Page and Danielle Duffield and thank the two outgoing members, Claudia Smith and Rebecca Baird and former Chairperson Julie Rungie for their input and service on Governing Council.

At the first meeting of this Governing Council (GC), we members met with Kylie and Sandy from the Department for Education (DfE) for governance training. The session was very informative and has set the scene for a productive year for council.

As GC Chairperson for 2021, I congratulate the following GC members on their election to officer roles: Danielle Duffield as Deputy Chair and Domenic Mittiga as Treasurer. Continuing GC parent members include Sarah Andrews, Erina Hamilton, Peta Paynter, David Smith and Dianna Smith-McCue. I thank them for their ongoing commitment to the school.

A little about me - my son Jack was in the Unit and graduated from year 12 last year. I have been on Governing Council for a few years now and have thoroughly enjoyed every moment. I have been a part of many challenging times, along with the staff, parents and students whilst on Governing Council. It is nice to start a year on a positive note with lots to look forward to this year.

Marino Rossi from Thomson Rossi Architects, who are responsible for the architectural designs of the SSC Capital Works (upgrade), presented at the AGM and showed some wonderful examples of the refurbishment possibilities. Thomson Rossi, DfE, DIT and Wendy are working collaboratively on the plans to improve the learning spaces in the main building for the benefit of the students.

Stay safe and enjoy the school holidays.

Rebecca Jones
Chairperson
Governing Council

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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

- STEAM Story-times
- Nitro Nat Chemistry Show
- Animal Capers Wildlife Show
- Sci-World Spectacular Science Show
- Beaded Windchime Workshop
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Get Stoked BMX Ride day
- Free Crafts at libraries every day

For full details , dates and times visit:

www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/school-holidays

Or collect program at Blackwood or Mitcham Memorial Library

Venues

- Blackwood Library
- Mitcham Memorial Library
- Blackwood Community Centre
- St Marys Park Sporting Facility
- Suffolk Road Reserve, Hawthorndene





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STEAM Spectacular

STEAM STORYTIME

Join us for themed stories, songs and a craft activity. Week 1 theme: Body. Week 2 theme: Music

Date: **Monday 12 April**
Thursday 15 April
Monday 19 April
Thursday 22 April

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Date: **Tuesday 13 April**
Tuesday 20 April

Where: Blackwood Library

Date: **Wednesday 14 April**
Wednesday 21 April

Where: St Marys Park

Time: 10.30am

Age: 3 Years plus

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required

ANIMAL CAPERS

Get in touch with your wild side and meet some friendly wildlife with Animal Capers.

Date: **Wednesday 14 April**

Where: St Marys Park

Time: 12pm

Date: **Thursday 15 April**

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Time: 2pm

Date: **Tuesday 20 April**

Where: Blackwood Library

Time: 2pm

Age: 3+ years

Cost: \$5 (No refunds)

Bookings: Essential, with payment Ph 8372 8244

NITRO NAT CHEMISTRY

Exciting, amazing science for kids with Nitro Nat.

Date: **Monday 12 April**

Where: Blackwood Community Centre

Time: 2pm

Date: **Wednesday 14 April**

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Time: 2pm

Date: **Wednesday 21 April**

Where: St Marys Park

Time: 12pm

Age: School age

Cost: \$5 (No refunds)

Bookings: Essential, with payment. Phone 8372 8244

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Try Dungeons and Dragons in a safe and welcoming environment. D&D is a true STEAM game - creative and calculating, combining strategy with role play. Dungeon Masters Alby and Lucy will take you through the basics. Maximum 10 per game.

Date: **Monday 12 April**
Monday 19 April

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Time: 1pm-4pm

Cost: Free

Age: 8-15 years

Bookings: Essential.
<https://www.trybooking.com/BPFBR>

BEADED WINDCHIME

Make a beaded windchime hanging using new and repurposed beads and decorative wire. Learn simple beading techniques.

Date: **Friday 16 April**

Where: Blackwood Library

Time: 11am-1pm

Age: 12-17 years

Cost: \$5 (No refunds)

Bookings: Essential, with payment Phone 8372 8255

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE SHOW

The one stop show which celebrates everything Science! You'll see explosions, rockets and amazing experiments you can try at home, with **Sciworld**.

Date: **Wednesday 14 April**
Wednesday 21 April

Where: St Marys Park

Date: **Thursday 22 April**

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Time: 2pm-3pm

Age: School Age

Cost: \$5 (No refunds)

Bookings: Essential, with payment Ph 8372 8244

GET STOKED BMX RIDE DAY

New and experienced riders welcome. BYO wheels and helmet or limited number of demo bikes and helmets available. With Lighthouse Youth Projects crew.

Date: **Thursday 22 April**

Where: Suffolk Rd Reserve
BMX Track,
Hawthorndene

Time: 10am-2pm

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential.
<https://lighthouseyp.org/event/get-stoked-hawthorndene/>

COLLECT A CRAFT

Collect a "lucky dip" craft to take home.

Date: **Monday 12 April to**
Sunday 25 April

Where: Blackwood Library
Mitcham Memorial Library

Time: During opening hours

Cost: Free

COVID restrictions on numbers may apply to all events.