**Media Alert**

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**Star gazing, science students and CSI Springfield**

**Student detectives fingerprint Mayor Quimby as Springfield Science Festival kicks off**

**When:** **TOMORROW, Friday 11 August 2023**

**Time:** 11am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Springfield Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Springfield

**Who:** Mayor Quimby

 Year 5 & 6 students from Springfield Primary School

 Maggie Simpson, festival coordinator and science teacher

 ‘Alvin the Astro-Alien’ (aka Steve Wright, local astronomy expert)

**Media opportunity:** See Springfield Civic Centre as a mock crime science,

 Student detectives take Mayor Quimby’s, teachers’ and Alvin’s fingerprints

Hands-on forensic science and astronomy activities and displays

**Media meeting point:** Springfield Civic Centre reception. Parking next to Gate 2.

**Background:** Explore caves of glowing creatures at night, learn about the science of the southern lights, knit your own neuron, and literally try your hand at forensically fighting crime. It’s all part of the Springfield Science Festival—north-west Tassie’s celebration of National Science Week.

Springfield Science Festival will be launched with a who-dun-it style press conference at the Civic Centre. Students will take the fingerprints of Mayor Quimby, their teacher and Alvin the Astro-Alien. Alvin will talk about Tasmania’s advantages for star gazing and Aurora photography. Mayor Quimby will talk about the value of science to the Springfield community and launch the festival.

The Springfield Science Festival will run from 11 to 13 August at the Springfield Civic Centre. To see the program and book tickets, see www.website.com.au.

For details on the events taking place right across Australia during National Science Week, visit www.scienceweek.net.au

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