31 July 2014

Deputy Principal’s Column

What an exciting start to the Term we have had so far, and what an amazing Athletics Carnival last week! The support of the parents watching and cheering on their children just added to the atmosphere. During the presentation ceremony, I shared a quote written by a high performing Sport’s Person who said, ‘Sports do not build character. They reveal it.’ During those three days we witnessed many examples of this, whether it be the student who came in at the end of the group with a smile of achievement all over their face or the student who offered to run for another team and still gave it their best effort.

We are all proud of our students at this school.

Queensland Education Accord

The Queensland Government is currently undertaking extensive state-wide consultation to develop Queensland’s first Education Accord.

There are three ways that our school staff, students and parents can be involved in the development of the Queensland Education Accord:


2. School staff and parents can contact their local Member of Parliament before 21 July 2014 to express interest in attending the Queensland Education Accord Summit to be held in Brisbane on 25 September 2014.

3. All interested Queenslanders can respond to the seven key questions on the Queensland Education Accord questionnaire via the website www.dete.qld.gov.au/educationaccord.

School Opinion Survey

We would like to thank all parents who assisted with the completion of this year’s School Opinion Survey. Constructive Feedback has become a big part of everyday life and Industries are constantly requesting it to improve performance. We will scrutinise the results carefully to ensure that our school is offering the best possible services to our clients.

Japanese Seikei Elementary School Visit

We had the honour this week of a special visit to our school by the Principal Mr Shigeru Oba and support staff Ms Keiko Okazaki and Mr Daisuke Koseki who work at the Japanese Seikei Elementary School. Three of our Student Leaders-Faith, Tyler and Logan greeted them in the traditional Japanese manner and then showed them around the school. They did a fantastic job of representing our school and our visitors were very impressed by the students’ Japanese speaking skills. We are hoping to set up a sister school relationship with Seikei Elementary School.

Japanese students visit Wednesday 6 August

We will be hosting a group of 22 students who are coming to our school for one week from Japan. There are many parents who have offered their support by hosting the students in their homes and we thank you for this. Our student’s knowledge of the Japanese language and culture will be greatly enhanced by this visit. The students will receive lessons in English and will also join in with classroom activities. A Farewell celebration will occur in the ISC on Thursday 14 August at 1.30 p.m.

The State’s Schools Creative Generation

The State School’s Creative Generation Show was held on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. This year’s tenth anniversary production featured the James Morrison Creative Generation Big Band, a 65-piece symphony orchestra, more than 100 string players, a 600-voice choir, 700 dancers and more than 35 featured performers.
vocalists. We are very proud to say that one of our students, Anouk Yehoshua in Year 5 auditioned as a singer and was successful in joining the grand choir. Anouk spent many hours travelling to Brisbane and practising hard and we wish her well in her aspirations.

Active After School Sports

Active After School Sports in Athletics, Cricket and Hockey start this week. Students have been notified and they meet in the Senior Undercover area at 3:10 p.m.

Swimming Term 4 for Prep, Year 4 and Year 5

Swimming will be offered to all students in Prep and Year 4 and 5 in Term 4. The students will be taken in busses to the Good Shepherd Pool at Noosa where they will receive professional training from swim coaches. The Year 6 and 7 students will be attending 4 lessons in Surf Skills in the last weeks of Term 4. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum and results will be recorded in Report Cards.

G20 public holiday for Brisbane schools only - Friday 14 November

Due to the G20 events being held in Brisbane, a public holiday has been declared for all schools in that area only. Please note that this is not a holiday for Sunshine Coast Schools. This has been done to help ease the impact on the city and minimise disruptions.

Save the Koala Day Friday 8 August

Everyone is invited to come to school in their pyjamas and bring a gold coin which will be donated to the Save the Koala Fund.

Gwen will be returning to school next Wednesday 6 August

It will be a relief to see her and her family safely back home. She is currently enjoying the games in Glasgow and catching up with family and friends.

Travel safety has taken on a whole different meaning since the recent sad events overseas. I hope that you have not been personally affected by the loss of any loved ones.

Dates for your diary

Keep an eye on the calendar in Schoolzine (our newsletter service) and on the website. All important dates and changes are recorded there.

Here are a few things coming up:

- Tuesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 August. Parenting with Choice Theory Psychology - Being The Parent You Want To Be. 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 6 to Friday 15 August – Japanese Tour Group
- Friday 08 August – Project Compassion. Save The Koala. Pyjama Day (bring a gold coin)
- Thursday 14 August – P&C Meeting 6.00 p.m.
- Thursday 14 August – Year 3 Duck Pond Excursion
- Friday 15 August – Year 3 Duck Pond Excursion
- Monday 18 August – Book Week
- Friday 22 August – Year 1 Excursion to Wombat Stew. Nambour
- Friday 29 August – Book Week Assembly
- Thursday 04 September – Prep Father’s Day BBQ
- Friday 05 September – Lapathon
- Thursday 11 September – P&C Meeting 6.00 p.m.
- Sunday 14 September – ISC Grand Opening
- Friday 20 September – Last day of Term 3; Uniform Free Day (bring a gold coin)

Download the QSchools App and get these updates and more to your smartphone or tablet. See http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html for more details.

Head of School – Student Support

Peregian Springs State School maintaining eSmart status

Our school has again this year been acknowledged as maintaining eSmart status. The process for achieving this status involves our school clearly demonstrating the following criteria:

- Effective school organisation, including established guidelines for effective supervision and use of ICTs, as well as established processes for collecting and storing incident data
Due to the constantly evolving nature of technology, our school is regularly evaluating our approach and implementation of technology in the school to ensure we are supporting the educational needs of our students.

Sports carnival

It was lovely to see the efforts of all our students over the 3 days of our Sports carnival in Week 2. It was a great opportunity for them to try new events and participate with their peers in a range of events and activities. What was most pleasing was the rotation activities where teachers and students interacted in activities from tug a war to tunnel ball. It was an opportunity to simply have some fun in the sunshine outside of the classroom environments. This photo of Hannah Douglas sums up the students’ thoughts on the sports day, as I talked to many of them about what is the most important part of sports carnivals.

Head of School - Curriculum

Getting boys to read

Parents often ask us how they can get their son to read or keep reading once they get to Year 5 and beyond. The first thing to think about in answering this is to consider what boys like to read and whether we value that kind of reading. Boys of this age generally go for surf or skate magazines, comics, manga, graphic novels, Ripley’s Believe It or Not books, Guinness World Records books, science and other factual texts. To some us this may not be ‘real reading’, when in actual fact it is. There is just as much reading going on in reading captions on pictures in magazines, working out the television timetable and understanding how a complex machine works, as there is in a

500 page novel. When they choose novels, boys of this age tend to enjoy reading comedies and action rather than books about feelings and emotions. They want to identify with the fictional characters and they aspire to be like them, even if they can’t verbalise what it is that they like about the character.

If your son is reluctant to read, then read to him. Pick a funny novel or an action-packed one and read to him. This will still help to develop his vocabulary, as well as entertaining him by the way you phrase and express the words on the page. Stop every now and then and discuss what is happening, why particular characters are doing things and behaving as they are. Get your son involved by asking him to voice particular characters that he thinks you haven’t quite got right. Go back and read some of the picture books you would have read to him when he was 4 or 5 and see what he thinks of them now.

We need to develop a culture of reading with our boys. They need to see their Dad, Uncle’s and Grandfather’s reading. They need to be encouraged to find something (anything!) that will capture and hold their attention and imagination, even if only for a few minutes each day. Take the time to read with your son, without it being a chore, and see what happens!

Rose Marszalek

Sports News

Athletics Carnival

After three days of beautiful weather and fantastic competition the final placings came right down to the wire with only 12 points separating 1st and 2nd. With the Hurricanes dominating the Age Champion stakes it would have been fair to assume they would swoop to an overall victory. But with a few sneaky relay wins and a higher participation rate of all four houses the Typhoons were our eventual victors. Our athletics carnival has been set up in a way not only to identify our Age Champions but to encourage participation from all athletes. If you ran in a race, jumped into a pit, threw a shot put or hopped over a bar over our athletics’ carnival you contributed to your teams overall result. 29 new athletics records were achieved over the three days. Well done everybody.

Special congratulations to the following students who were acknowledged as our Sprint or Age Champions.

Sprint Champions

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Overall House Points

1st - Typhoons 1734
2nd - Hurricanes 1722
3rd - Cyclones 1628
4th - Tornadoes 1300

Lapathon

For the past two years our school has had two very successful Lapathons which have raised over $22000 for our school. Half of this money was donated back to the P & C to help pay off the multipurpose courts the other half has been used to purchase a new set of high jump mats, all of the poles, nets and stands for our ISC along with other major sporting equipment. This year we hope to use the proceeds of our Lapathon to build outdoor exercise stations. The theme for this year’s Lapathon is Sun, Surf and Sand which will reflect and celebrate living on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. A sponsorship form and more details about our Lapathon will be sent home in the next week or so. Our Lapathon is scheduled for Friday the 5 September.

Representative News

Congratulations to Ethan Williams who recently made the Sunshine Coast Rugby Union Team. Ethan had to choose between our school Athletics Carnival and his Rugby and it appears that he made the right decision. Well Done Ethan.

Sporting Honour Board Update

We have placed the order for our Sporting honour board. This board will acknowledge those athletes who have had representative success at a Regional or higher level. Stay Tuned for more details.

I am off to Hobart later this week for 10 days with the Queensland Boys Hockey Team. If you need anything while I’m away please contact Mrs Cathcart in the office.

Yours in sport
Mr Hutchins

Catering For All Learners

Brain breaks!

It was wonderful to see our students ‘having a go’ at the athletics events at our recent Athletics Carnival days. Physical activity benefits students’ development in a variety of ways, which also impacts on their learning.

At a recent staff meeting Dave Foxover and I shared resources and information from the Positive Partnerships Professional Development Program that we attended last term.

One fun, but valuable strategy we discussed to benefit all students was incorporating brain breaks into the daily program...

Using physical activity challenges in the classroom helps children to be ready to learn and remember information better. Physical movement increases blood flow bringing more oxygen to the brain and leads to improved concentration. Brain breaks can be used to energize a group after lunch or relax and calm a class before a test, after lunch or at the end of the day. Well-developed breaks also help students stretch, develop flexibility, improve coordination and focus.

We shared a website with a number of visual prompts with music for energising brain breaks: https://www.gonoodle.com/brain-breaks

One of the options, ‘Flow’ helps children practice mindfulness and visualisation through scripts and visuals to create calming brain breaks https://www.gonoodle.com/brain-breaks/flow

We hope you enjoy exploring and trying out these brain breaks at home!

Special Education Program Staff Team:
Jane Thiselton, Hilary Dean, Janet Crow, Amanda Tinney, Melissa Martin, Maree Burgess, Natalie Trappett, Trillian Wansbrough and Jodie Dennis
Self-Management Support

Thank you to everyone who registered for the Parenting with Choice Theory Sessions. To ensure a quality experience for all participants, we have had to limit the numbers in our groups. We have been inundated with interested people and unfortunately our initial group is now full.

I have emailed everyone involved to inform them.

Anyone who has missed out on a place for this term has automatically been rolled-over to our list for the next program in term 4. We will let you know dates and details early next term.

Creating a Happier Life with Choice Theory

Last time we talked about the first of our Basic Needs - Survival. What did you notice about yourself, your kids, your partner and the survival need?

The second need is Love and Belonging. We are social animals and this need is about connection with other people, pets, groups and even with yourself. People with a high Love and Belonging need might have many people in their lives and/or deep, meaningful relationships, and are likely to:

- value quality time with others
- pursue leisure activities involving teams or groups instead of by themselves
- avoid conflict

These people often choose to be peacemakers in conflict situations.

The Love and Belonging need is often considered a key need because it is only through having satisfying relationships in our life that we can fully meet our other needs. Remember, it’s okay if people aren’t really your thing. Some of us prefer one of the other needs and limit the time we spend with others. And that’s okay too.

This week think about the people who are important to you, the pets you have and groups that you belong to. Do you have people in your life who love, respect and encourage you? Do you belong to groups you enjoy - community, sports, parent groups, couples groups or friendship groups? Who do you love, feel connected to and where do you really belong?

Developed from The 21 Day Challenge at http://mentalhealthandhappiness.com/

More next time

Gerard O’Brien
Self-management Support

Resource Centre News

Children’s Book Week

Our Book Character Parade for Children’s Book Week is Friday August 29.

We are celebrating a week later this year so that the Year 1s can participate. They will be away at a Book Week performance of Wombat Stew on the previous Friday. The theme is ‘Connect to Reading’ and all students have been invited to dress as a book character who is connected to another character, who is part of a group of characters. For example, one of the Three Little Pigs, Seven Dwarfs, Famous Five, Secret Seven, Charlie and Lola, Hansel and Gretel, Alice and the Mad Hatter, Mr and Mrs Twit. A group of staff have already been planning this event to ensure that this is the best Book Week celebration ever, so please start thinking about costumes.

C&K Visits

Nicole, her assistants and a group of ‘kindy’ children have been walking to and from the Resource Centre fortnightly on a Thursday. It is lovely to have these tiny visitors with such curious faces. They just love to sit and read our Junior Fiction picture books.

Five Star Club

A group of Year 5 girls, with the help of Ms Marszalek, are currently creating some book trailers of the CBCA short-listed books for this year. They will be showing on the monitor at the entrance to the library during Book Week.

Library Classes

This term every class will be reading the short-listed books for the Australian Children’s Book of the Year, mainly those in the Best Picture Book and Best Early Childhood categories. Years 4 and 5 are in Readers Cup teams and will compete against other class teams during Book Week. All other classes will judge the books read leading up to Book Week.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the photos of some of the students who have been spotted ‘hanging out’ in the Resource Centre during break times, including the young journalists who created our first ever student magazine, thanks to Jacquie Christie for coordinating.
Maree Johnson  
Teacher-Librarian 

‘The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.’ Dr Suess

Uniform Shop

Don’t forget to use Flexischools to place orders: https://www.flexischools.com.au It will save you time and you’ll avoid the queues. As soon as your order is ready for collection we’ll give you a call.

If anyone would like to help out in the uniform shop please let me know by sending an email to uniforms@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au. It’s a great opportunity to meet new people, learn some new skills and help the school out.

Current open hours are:

- Wednesday 2.00 – 3.15 p.m.
- Friday 8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

Sonia Sheridan  
Uniform Convenor

P&C News

ISC Grand Opening Day

All systems go for the ISC Grand Opening/Family Fun Day on Sunday 14 September. Thank you to all of those who have offered assistance, either in the planning or on the day. We still need more though. We have confirmed The Honourable Glen Elmes MP, will be officially opening the centre and Darren Percival will be performing a song for us later in the day. Local business Drive Yourself Crazy will be supplying Pedal Carts for the kids to ride too, thank you!


I will keep you updated every fortnight with progress.

We need more committee members; there are currently 3 roles that need filling. President, Vice President and QCPCA Rep. I say Vice President as I am currently Acting President only, if I nominate for President that role will become vacant.

Anyone who would like to join the team needs to come along to our next meeting on Thursday 14 August. On this date we are holding a Special P&C meeting to make a small adjustment to our constitution to amend meeting times to 6pm instead of 7pm. This Special meeting will start at 6pm and the regular meeting will follow on from this, so come early please.

Ongoing ways to help our School

The Entertainment Book is now available from our school. They are packed with lots of discount vouchers for local restaurants, attractions and more. There is one on display in the office and can be purchased from Elaine or ordered online via our special link https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22863s2

Discounted Movie Tickets


Purchase adult movie tickets from $10.50 and children’s tickets at $10.00 and help raise money for our school, please copy the above link into your browser, the school receives $1.00 per ticket purchased.
Sticky labels
If you need to buy labels for your children’s books, Bright Star Kids Labels do provide the school with a donation for every order, so when you’re ready to purchase please try www.FDR000.brightstarkids.com.au or call 1300 668 997.

Til next time
Dawn Shelton
Acting President

All the new menus should have gone home with your children by now. Along with the daily tuckshop menu there is the Friday ‘Specials’ Menu. Check what special is happening from the printed menu or online at flexischools.com

HOMEMADE BAKING
We are always so very keen on accepting your homemade biscuits or cakes/muffins, if you have time to spare and would love to whip up a batch for the tuckshop.

Please Note - Egg and Nut allergies. Please contact us for further information on ingredients.
pandc@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

A BIG THANK YOU TO MUM- Kirsty Copeland who bakes for us her tasty Choc Chip Cookies every tuckshop day - THANK YOU KIRSTY!

DONATIONS
Along with homemade baking- any items would be kindly appreciated....

ON THE SEARCH
To improve our ‘Healthy’ eating at the tuckshop and to promote healthy green options, we are searching around for a Glass Front Cabinet to sit on our front serving counter. Just like cafe style, we would love to fill it with delicious club sandwiches and wraps/ homemade muffins/fresh fruit salads and many other options. We are looking at this as a visual aspect for our children/staff and parents to the school.

VOLUNTEERS
We always need an extra pair of hands! So if you can spare anytime….please come in!

Times are:

- **Morning Preparation**: 8.45 p.m.
- **1st Break Service**: 10.20 - 11.00 a.m.
- **2nd Break (Lunch) Service**: 1.00 - 1.30 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS
We are happy to bake Cupcakes or a Birthday Cake for your child’s special day for $20.00

Bulla Lemonade Ice Blocks Box 24 $10.00 - (50c for each one extra)

Til next time
Dawn Shelton
Acting President

Hi School Bankers!
Remember your bank books every Tuesday to be in the draw for Student Banker of the Week!

Please ensure deposit slips are filled out correctly with Full name, Account Number, Student ID and correct amount of the deposit.

Thanks and Happy Banking
Kim and Nat

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P&C Tuckshop news
Welcome to Term 3 from the Tuckshop.

We are happy to announce that we are now open 3 days every week...Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday!

NEW MENU AND SPECIALS MENU
We have re-furbished the tuckshop menu and have introduced some tasty choices that are fantastic value for money and are made fresh daily.
**Student Celebrations**

**Thomas Van Brugge**

**Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod:**
- 2nd place Piano Solo Popular 8 years and under
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- 3rd place Piano Solo Memory 8 years and under
- Highly Commended Piano Solo Australian Composer 8 years and under

**Peregian Springs Athletics Carnival 2014:**
- 2nd place High Jump, Long Jump and Shot Put
- 3rd place Overall Age Champion

**Anouk Yehoshua**

State Schools Creative Generation 2014-10th Birthday Celebration Performance

Auditioned and sang in the Qld State Schools choir on Friday and Saturday 25 & 26 July.

**Kruze Lewry**

Kruze Lewry in 1J participated in the Beach Bash at Coolum a couple of weeks ago and came FIRST in the 4/5/6 age division.

**Kloe Lewry**

Kloe in 4G also participated in the Beach Bash and did fantastically in the 8/9 age group.

Well done to all of you! We love to hear about what our students are doing.

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**Payments Procedure PSSS**

Please ensure when you are making a payment to the school for an Excursion or Camp by EFT or Cash/Card that the permission forms are also forwarded to the office. We are then able to match payment to permission forms and stamp them paid and hand them on to the teacher concerned. Please do not send any money to your student’s teacher. All money is to come directly to the office. Payment times are 8:00 – 12:00 every week day.

Due to the requirements of Education Queensland with regards to banking and cash on premises, the school office is unable to process payments after 12.00 p.m. each day. Payments can be made online.

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**Student Resource Scheme**

These funds cover costs associated with special activities including Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Easter and other special events.

The Student Resource Scheme payment can be made at the school office or directly into the school bank account. Did you know that PSSS is registered with Centrelink and you can arrange through the BSM to have payments deducted directly...
UNIFORMS

Please ensure students have the correct uniform at all times by ordering items from the Uniform Shop.

All children require black shoes with black or white socks. We recommend black joggers as children are engaged in a lot of physical activity at school. Currently there are many children wearing shoes of other colours or wearing shoes that do not support vigorous activity.

Our school community is proud of our school uniform and takes pride in the way children present themselves. We note that children who present at school in clean and tidy uniforms are often better behaved and more attentive in class.

Your cooperation in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform is appreciated.

Follow us on Facebook

Search Peregian Springs State School and click ‘Like’. We are regularly posting news and reminders. Our feed also appears on the opening page of our website. This service is for parents. Children must be 13+ to be allowed a Facebook page.

The following sports clubs have hired our facilities

ATTENTION PARENTS! *Matt Fiddes Martial Arts is now in the hall *

We are taking new students Mighty Matts age 4-6 years and junior 7-14 years at our new fantastic location at Peregian Springs State school Hall. Get your child involved and be a part of our amazing lifeskills and #martial arts programme - Limited spaces. CALL 1800 840 403 or text 0428 515 107
Please contact 7 x Dance for after school classes conducted at Peregian Springs State School. Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15 p.m.
0400029198

Ginger Sport Fun Soccer

Now at Peregian Springs State School on Tuesdays (commencing as soon as possible in Term 3!)

- 3:15-4:00 pm  4-6 year olds $14/session
- 4:00-4:30 pm  3-4 year olds $11/session
- 4:30-5:00 pm  2-3 year olds $11/session

To register for a free trial please visit our website www.gingersport.com.au/register or contact us on 07 3890 3338.