Principal’s Column

**Dates for your diary**

The end of the year is approaching fast and this is the last newsletter for 2013. Some important dates for your diary include:

- **Friday 6 December** – Years 4-7 Strings Program 2014
- **Wednesday 11 December** – Semester 2 Reports distributed to parents (Year 7 Reports were distributed on Thursday 5 December)
- **Thursday 12 December** – Class Party Day – no uniform required; last day to pay the Student Resource Scheme 2014
- **Friday 13 December** – Clean Up and Moving Day. Please notify your child’s teacher if you child will not be attending school on this day.
- **Monday 20 January** – School Office reopens
- **Friday 24 January** – 1.45pm Meet your new teacher afternoon
- **Tuesday 28 January** – first day of school for 2014
- **Thursday 6 February** – School Enrolment Census Day (Day 8)

Download the QSchools App and get these updates and more to your smartphone or tablet.

**The new school year is coming…**

Please note that our school office reopens for business on Monday 20 January. Learning resumes on Tuesday 28 January after the Australia Day long weekend.

Our School Census Day for 2014 is Thursday 6 February. You may have heard this day referred to as Day 8 – that’s because it’s the 8th school day of the year and the day on which Education Queensland counts the numbers of students enrolled at our school. Our Department distributes teachers, teacher aides and other resources according to the number of children enrolled on this day.

It is very, very important for families who will be returning late to school after the holidays to let us know this as soon as you can – preferably in writing. Families who have not returned by Thursday 6 February without notifying us in writing are considered to be unenrolled – if you live outside of the catchment area for our school you would need to apply for an Exemption to re-enrol.

Please email admin@peregiansspringsss.eq.edu.au if you will not be at school by Tuesday 28 January and please include a return date. This information (in writing) enables us to count your enrolment.

**Farewell to our Year 7s**

This morning we celebrated the achievements of our Year 7 students and farewelled them for the next step in their learning journeys. They have been a great group of kids – they have been with us since Year 4 and we all know them well.

2014 will be the last year we will ever have Year 7s in the school, as from 2015 Year 7 will be provided by our high schools.

Congratulations to all students who received awards and commendations for their efforts. Good luck for high school wherever you may go!

**Strings Program 2014**

Next year we have been allocated a small Strings Program. Mr Peter Rickerts, a respected teacher and musician, will teach up to 22 lucky students on a violin, viola, cello or double bass. Expressions of Interest for this program were forwarded to all parents last week. Peter will be in attendance at school next week to conduct some rudimentary assessment. As this is a new program and only just establishing, participating children will need to have their own instrument. We will be purchasing one cello and one double bass in 2014.

Peter visited us the other day and as he toured the school with David Foxover, he commented on how welcoming and friendly our children are. We already know this, of course, and it is lovely to have newcomers to our school comment on it!

**Email**

Our staff members are very email friendly and will respond to emails from parents in a timely fashion. In most cases, emails are answered within a day or so. Emails that arrive after hours are usually answered the next working day. If your issue is
urgent and you can’t wait this long for a reply, please call the school office as soon as possible after 8.00am to speak with someone.

If you don’t know who to send an email to, address it to admin@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au. This email address is monitored twice a day, and emails are forwarded to the person most suited to answering the query or concern.

Emails arriving during the school holidays will not be attended to until after Monday 20 January 2014.

Changes to our P&C Executive

It is with much sadness we say goodbye to our President, Kat Scrivener, and Vice President, Narissa Harrison. Both have served on the executive of the P&C for a long period of time filling all kinds of roles and being heavily involved in fund raising on behalf of all parents.

At our final P&C Meeting on Thursday 21 November we welcomed new P&C Executives to the team – John Sheridan (President), Dawn Shelton (Vice-President) and Holly Hedgeman (QCPCQ Rep). Congratulations on your election to these positions. Many parents may have seen John and Dawn at a recent Assembly give an open invitation to ALL parents to help out. Holly has already been very active in the Tuckshop assisting Nicole and Mel with new and improved menus. Our P&C can be contacted on pandc@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

Our current P&C Executive will serve until the P&C AGM in March 2014.

Class Structure for 2014

I am unable to confirm a class structure for 2014 due to the large number of enrolments still arriving. And there are always some children who don’t return at the beginning of the year. There will be a mixture of single age classes and multi-age classes as there has been every year. Class lists are released on Friday 24 January 2014 for parents who attend ‘Meet your New Teacher’ afternoon. Class lists will be on display on the first day of school for other families. Class list information is not given out over the phone.

Reports

Students’ Reports will be distributed on Wednesday 11 December at the end of the school day. Please let the office know if you need your child’s Report to be posted. Otherwise they can be collected from the office any time after the 20 January 2014

Volunteers

Many thanks to all our volunteers – I hope you were able to attend one of the ‘thank you’ events! And we hope we see you again next year! We cannot continue to do the quality job we do without all of our volunteers helping out in classrooms, the Tuckshop, the Resource Centre and the P&C (including all the fund raising events).

School Opinion Survey

In August each year Education Queensland collects information from a random selection of forty parents, all Year 5 and 7 students, and all staff, about how satisfied they are with various aspects of our school. This is called the School Opinion Survey. Our data for 2013 is very encouraging with our school scoring above Like Schools, Region and State Means on every item. In more than 72% of the areas surveyed (e.g. curriculum, facilities, safety, teaching strategies, school organisation) we have scored 100% satisfaction from all three groups – students, parents and staff! This is astounding. Our lowest score of parent satisfaction was 94.1% and was about understanding how computers and other technologies are used at school. Our students’ lowest level of satisfaction was 96.7% and was with feeling accepted by others at school.

This doesn’t mean we rest on our laurels – there are always things we can improve. There is no such thing as staying the same – as soon as you stop trying to get better, you actually slide back! The results from the School Opinion Survey, NAPLAN and other data we collect informs our school development plans for the coming year.

We are very proud of our school and soon parents will be able to show how proud they are too – by displaying a bumper sticker on your car. These are currently being printed and will be available from the school office for a nominal fee.

Principal’s Blog

This fortnight I wrote about of Year 7 Rock Band. You can find this post and all previous posts at http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/

Are you leaving us?

Some children are telling their teachers they are leaving at the end of the year. We are sorry to see you go but if your children will be attending another school next year, please notify the school office as soon as possible. We are planning classes for 2014 and need to know who will be here to make good decisions about each child’s placement. You can download the Departure Notification Form attached, complete and return to administration.

Staff Changes

This year we farewell Bridoen Schloss who is one of our Foundation Teachers. Bridoen will be completing her remote area service in Mt Isa and hopefully returning to us in 2016. Thank you for all your hard work, B, and good luck!

Katrina Bruce and Mel Law are also leaving us to start their families. We hope they have a wonderful time with their babies.

Margie Braund, from our office, is also returning to her position at Caloundra. Many of you will have spoken with Margie throughout the year. We thank her for her work in our school and wish her the best.

A full staff list will be available in the first newsletter for next year (Thursday 30 January 2014).
Last newsletter and Thank You to all our families

This is the last newsletter for 2013 – I can’t believe I’m writing that! It has been another great year at our school – mostly due to the fact that we are blessed with such support from our families. Thanks to all of you who support your class teacher/s, uphold our school policies, help out in classrooms, the Tuckshop, the Uniform Shop and the Resource Centre, and speak well of us in the community. Our reputation as a fine educational institution is sky high.

I wish you a restful summer break with your children. They are a joyful group of kids to work with and we love them dearly.

Until next year…

Gwen

Some reminders to get you through to the end of the year

- **Uniform orders** – The Uniform Shop is still taking order for next year. They will be able to confirm delivery dates for you. Email uniforms@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au
- **Stationery list orders** – OfficeMax are still taking orders. A delivery charge now applies. Items on our Stationery Lists are available in most stationers.
- **mLearning orders** for laptops for next year’s Years 5-7 students can be signed off until Thursday 12 December (if you are ordering through Leading Edge Computers). Otherwise MacBooks can be bought from any supplier
- Let the office know if you are leaving at the end of the year as soon as possible
- Mark Friday 24 Jan (1.45pm) and Tuesday 28 Jan 2014 on your calendars for Meet the Teacher afternoon and the first day of school 2014
- Let us know if you are starting holidays early (before 13 December)
- Pay your Student Resource Scheme for 2014 as soon as possible. We give families a lot of notice for payments so that you can plan your budget
- **Very important** – let us know in writing if you will be starting school after 28 January 2013. I must account for every child who will be here next year by Thursday 6 February 2013
- Pay for swimming for Term 1 if your child is going to be in Years 1, 2 or 3 in 2014 by 24 January 2014
- Take a deep breath – double check you’ve done everything and get ready for summer holidays starting on Friday 13 December!

**Peregian Lions Christmas Cakes**

The Peregian Lions are staunch supporters of our school helping out in a myriad of ways. Please help them by purchasing your Christmas cake from our school office. There’s not many – so be quick!

**Enrolments for Prep 2014**

By now enrolment documents should be returned to enable our office staff to book your child in for Pre Prep Playgroups and interviews.

Phone: 5351 2222 or call into the office for enrolment enquiries or to make your bookings if you have not already done so.

*Pre Prep Program has commenced.*

*Please return your enrolment documents before booking for this.*

**Deputy Principal’s Column**

It is hard to believe that this is the last School Newsletter for the year - and what an amazing year it has been!

My last official day for this term will be Friday 6 December as I am catching a plane on Saturday to return to England via Kuala Lumpur and Paris.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas holiday and thank you for all your support during the year. The children at this school are a delight to work with and I have also marvelled at the support given by the community and parents.

**Student Leaders for 2013**

The 2013 Student Leaders have been such a dynamic, dedicated group of students who have shown confidence and exemplary behaviour that honours the values of Peregian Springs State School.

I would like to thank all of them for their great support with Assemblies every Friday and organising Travel Smart activities.
Thank you Krishan, McLean, Jadyn Hebin-Botha, Chloe Coert, Ethan Burgess, Caitlin Savic, Jennifer Ogbourne, Ben Christopher, Makayla Upton, Eliza Gorman, Elise Bampton

**Student Leaders for 2014**

The standard of students who applied for a Student Leader position in 2014 was exceptional. The final ten students were selected after consultation and input provided by class teachers, students and the Administration team.

Congratulations to our new 2014 Student Leaders who were presented with their badges this morning by our local member, the Honourable Mr Glen Elmes.

Tyler Mohr, Coby Gale, Phoebe Groom, Merle Wiltsche, Calais Strudwick, Logan Gray, Jarvis Pattison, Jennifer Ogbourne, Amaya Foxover, Faith Roche.

**Sport’s Leaders 2014**

The 2013 Sport’s Leaders have been very dedicated in their roles and they have spent many hours assisting with the management of sporting equipment and events. We give a special thank you to Stephanie Welsch, Lachlan Astley, Indi Davies, Nicholas Newton, Jack Herriman, Prue Swann, Indi Bryant and Bailey Ghent.

We have 28 keen and enthusiastic students who have applied for a Sport’s Leader’s position for 2014. The successful Leaders will be announced next week and badges will be presented on the first Assembly in 2014.

**Giving Tree**

There are many presents under the Christmas Tree in the school office. The Coolum Salvation Army will be collecting all the gifts this Friday 6 December.

The school received some very positive feedback last year when the presents were distributed to families in need and all donations this year will once again be appreciated.

**Academic Talent Working together across schools**

Students and teachers from Coolum State High School and Peregian Springs State School have been strengthening the academic links between the two schools by creating a pantomime called *Drac and the Gremlin*.

Teachers Pete Schumacher and Mrs Rebecca McCann from Peregian Springs State School, and Mr Brent Brown from Coolum State High School were involved in an Academic Development Program that focused on English, creative writing and art. Students from Peregian Springs State School wrote scripts based on the Australian picture book, *Drac and the Gremlin*. The scripts were developed, edited and then handed over to Mr Brown’s Year 10 class, who learnt and worked on them for three weeks to produce an entertaining performance.

Meanwhile, the script was passed over to another group of talented artists in the Academic Development Program; Mrs McCann assisted them with the characterisation and costume design. Jamie Thacker, a Year 7 student, designed and painted the stage backdrop.

On Monday 25 November 2013, the Year 10 students took the short walk to Peregian Springs State School to play to an audience of 400 students in Prep to Year 3 as well as parents and teachers. ‘It was interesting to see how some of the parts of the play turned out, and I’m glad that the audience enjoyed it.’ said Jen Ogbourne, a member of the Year Six writing team.

The highlight for the performers was having the students from the audience running up to them at the end to high-five their favourite character.

Happy holidays everyone!

**Sandy Cathcart**

**Bumper Stickers are here**

Peregian Springs State School Car Bumper stickers for sale $2 at the office.

All proceeds go towards buying more school resources.

**Drac and Gremlin**

A recent collaboration, designed to strengthen the links between Peregian Springs State School and Coolum State High School students, culminated in a pantomime called *Drac and the Gremlin*. It was full of colour and excitement.

In October, eight Year 6 & 7 students from Peregian Springs State School were involved in an Academic Development Program focusing on English and creative writing. Teacher’s Pete Schumacher (PSSS) and Mr Brent Brown (CSHS) gave the students scenes to develop into scripts, based on the Australian picture book, the aforementioned *Drac and the Gremlin*. The scripts were developed, edited and then handed over to Mr Brown’s Year 10 class, who worked hard over three weeks to produce an entertaining performance.

Meanwhile, the script was passed over to another group of talented artist’s in the Academic Development Program, led by
Mrs Rebecca McCann, who took charge of the characterization and costume design. Jamie Thacker, a Year 7 student, designed and painted the stage backdrop along with Mrs McCann and Mrs Fiona Lewis.

On Monday 25 November 2013, the Year 10 students journeyed to Peregian Springs State School to play to an audience of 400 Prep, Year 1 to 3 and Year 6 students, parents and teachers. The Primary students involved in the productions were amazed when they saw the senior students actually arrive and they could see the whole production coming to fruition. ‘It was interesting to see how some of the parts of the play turned out, and I’m glad that the audience enjoyed it.’ said Jen Ogbourne, a member of the Year 6 writing team.

The actors were energized by the audience’s responses throughout the performance. The knowledge that the production would be performed for a public audience made the activity more of an authentic experience for the students. The highlight for the performers was the students from the audience running up to them after the performance to high-five their favourite character.

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Head of School – Student Support

With holidays coming up quickly, I have referred to a great article on *Raising Exceptional Kids* from the parenting expert Michael Grose. He talks about the important of consist and and fair discipline for children. When disciplining children, the importance is on the consistency of the consequence, not the severity of it. When students understand that they are choosing the consequence by behaving in an unacceptable manner, this allows them to take away the external stimuli, and focus on their internal behaviour. This assists them in understanding that they have sole control on how they behave.

Discipline is one of the most important parts of parenting. It’s about keeping kids safe, making them social and enhancing their chances of success. It’s also about getting more cooperation from kids. Discipline is easy if you have easy kids or they are in an easy stage of development. But getting cooperation from kids who are challenging, going through a ‘difficult’ stage or who have difficult temperaments is a real discipline challenge for many parents. Get it right and family-life is a breeze. Don’t have a plan and parenting can be a constant struggle.

Effective parents use a broad range of strategies to promote appropriate behaviours and change behaviour when it’s less than perfect. They also use strategies that are in line with modern teaching and child care methods … so smacking is out, but consequences, behaviour rehearsal and other forms of teaching kids to behave well are in. Keep the following five principles in mind as you teach your kids to behave well:

- Avoid the first impulse when kids misbehave. Most children’s misbehaviour has a pay-off, so it’s important to change yourself, if you are going to change your children’s misbehaviour.
- The more time you spend teaching kids to behave well the less time you’ll spend responding to poor behaviour.
- Kids want good A-grade attention from parents. If they don’t get it they will settle for B-grade every time. Make sure you spend 1-on-1 time with kids each day, and get better at catching them doing the right thing.
- When you get tired you revert to your lowest level of parenting technique, so if that means yelling to get cooperation then that’s what you’ll do. The key is to practise better techniques when you aren’t stressed, so that when you do get tired your responses will be better.
- Effective parents have a big repertoire of strategies to use when kids misbehave, rather than rely on one or two techniques to improve behaviour. Build your repertoire of tools and language to promote better behaviour and get cooperation from kids.

Have a great holidays and I look forward to another successful year with our amazing students in 2014.

**David Foxover**

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Head of School - Curriculum

**We need your calendars**

As you replace your wall calendars at the start of next year, we’d love your old ones. We are looking for calendars with pictures of Australia and the world, to assist all our classes with the new Australian Curriculum subject of Geography, to be taught from 2014. Please drop them in to the school office.

**Sounds to Letters**

We often have Parents ask if they can have copies of resources from our Sounds to Letters Program. Unfortunately we are unable to give Parents these resources to use at home. The program was written by a Speech Pathologist, based on her extensive observations and work with children in her private practice. All staff has received training in the program and are the best placed people to be implementing this program with
your child. You can support your child’s language development by reading a variety of texts with them at home and by noticing and talking about the sounds and letters you see in the world around you.

**Number Sense**

One of the resources that many Teachers in our school are now using is what we call a ‘Four Square’. This is used to develop and extend student’s knowledge of number facts. In Recall Facts students would write a number fact e.g. 7 + 6 = 13 and the turnaround 6 + 7 = 13, they could even write it as 13 = 7 + 6 etc. In related facts they would write the related subtraction facts e.g. 13 – 7 = 6 and 13 – 6 = 7. The extended facts is where they would write things like 60 + 70 = 130, or 1300 – 700 = 600. In the story box they write, draw or tell you a story that makes the number sentence true. It can be used with multiplication and division as well. If you’re looking for a way to keep brains ticking over in the holidays this simple table can help!

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**Thank you**

It’s been a very busy year, full of lots of changes for me personally. Thank you to all our families for the support you have shown to me in my new role as Head of School – Curriculum. I hope you have a restful and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing your all in 2014.

*Rose Marszalek*

**TravelSmart News**

**Thank You & Happy Holidays!**

Well what a year it’s been! Thank you one and all for your support of TravelSmart throughout the year. Together we’ve been able to promote the message of TravelSmart and really encourage people to think about the modes of travel they use.

**School Holidays**

Travelling to and from school is not the only opportunity to be TravelSmart – please consider your TravelSmart options throughout the holidays as well. Walking or cycling to destinations together as a family can be a great opportunity to spend quality time together. When making plans to meet with family and friends, consider carpooling to meeting locations. Travelling by bus around the coast or by train to Brisbane can also be a great school holiday experience. Be sure to check out the www.translink.com.au website for timetable, fare and Go Card information.

**Free Holiday Buses!**

Be sure to take advantage of the Free Holiday Buses. Once again during the busiest time of the school holiday period, all local bus services are FREE! From 26 December 2013 to 5 January 2014 Sunshine Coast Council, in partnership with TransLink, are providing FREE public transport for everyone on the Sunshine Coast, proudly funded by the Public Transport Levy.

**The FREE services include:**

- TransLink’s Sunshine Coast Sunbus Services
- Maleny-Landsborough-Beerwah Service
- Flexilink services (Boreen Point to Tewantin, Conondale to Witta to Maleny, Kenilworth to Mapleton and Peachester to Beerwah)
- Council Cabs

Note: normal booking procedures apply to Council Cabs and Flexilink services.

More information can be found on Council’s website: www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Wishing all students, teachers and families the best for a well-deserved break ahead. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

*Lee Berrill*

**TravelSmart Project Officer – Sunshine Coast Council**

TravelSmart Sunshine Coast is an initiative of the Sunshine Coast Council. For more information, please visit www.travelsmartsc.com.au or contact our office by phone on 5475 7272.

**Resource Centre News**

**Reflections of 2013**

What great memories I have of 2013!

Some of the highlights have been the author and illustrator events: -

- Belinda Murrell for the Year 6s and 7s
  (thanks to our close association with Maureen O’Shea, Children’s Librarian for Sunshine Coast Council Libraries)
- Voices on the Coast presenters – Felice Arena, Nick Earls and Terry Whidbourne, Kate Constable, Roland Harvey, Steph Bowe, Gus Gordon, Sophie Masson, Anne Spudvilas, Shake and Stir and Marco Gliori for the Year 6s and 7s
- Morris Gleitzman for the Year 4s, 5s and 6s
- Craig Smith for the Preps, 1s and 2s
- Leroy Sams for select Year 2s to 7s (thanks to Meredith Moody’s art program)
- Dave Hackett (Cartoon Dave) for the Year 3s, 4s and 6s in conjunction with our Book Fair

**Book Week** was incredible this year with Mrs Hobson’s Junior Choir and then we saw the spectacular result of a new creative combination (Year 6 teacher, Pete Schurnacher, Year 4
The culmination of their hard work is only this week on display in the Resource Centre – a big revolving book titled 'Reading Across the Universe 2013' which revolves around on a masterpiece of a wooden stand (made by Pete over the weekend). Thanks to parent Adam Kruegar from Noosa Graphica Printers for donating hundreds of dollars’ worth of laminating.

The Book Fair was our most successful ever, thanks yet again this year to the perfect partnership of parents, Kellie Butterworth and Lisa Peterson. These women could be out in the workforce running successful businesses but instead they donate at least 7 days and nights to their goal of increasing the number of books in our library collections. When you see them please thank them.

Thanks also to the members of their team for volunteering to help with the Book Fair: Catherine McIntyre, Brigid Blair, Sarah Gray, Natalie Gorman, Joss Lambert, Karen Kruger, Linda Keeley, Narissa Harrison, Natalie Taylor, Rosanna Abbott, Vanessa Herriman and Meg Twidle.

Thanks you Volunteers

The two volunteers who have continued to spend whole days every week this year are Helen Logan and Lidia Talevski. Without their outstanding contribution, your children would not have the same beautifully processed and filed resources. Thanks also to Jane Catterall who has run Scholastic Book Club so efficiently all year. Students love Book Club and look forward to every issue. Jane’s off-sider, Lysette Fazakerley also helped us cover readers at the start of the year. Mercier Kopinski took home hundreds of readers to cover as well. We appreciate your contribution. New parent, Shauna Jenkins, also donated a lot of her time to help us with shelving in Term one and Tracey Upston, Sam Wallis, Lucy Yule, Russell Yule and Yvonne Clare all spent time processing, shelving or circulating. A big ‘thank you’ must go to all the families who have donated new and second-hand books in such good condition. Just this week, Karen Hocking donated two wooden dinosaurs and some very large stuffed toys which will be loved by Preps.

We’ve also been fortunate to have a TAFE student for most of this year, Anne-Marie Nixon. She was a great help especially of an afternoon.

Holiday Reading

This week I have talked to all of the students in my classes about visiting the Sunshine Coast Libraries during the school holidays. The closest libraries are the Mobile Bus (which visits Peregian Springs on Mondays) and the Coolum and Noosa libraries. Please make time to help your children obtain library cards and to show them how to access the Kids Catalogue online.

Finally I would like to thank Meryl Todd, our qualified library technician, who is so dedicated to us that she arrives at work well before most teachers. Meryl is great to work with and is extremely calm and tolerant in the stressful situations we often find ourselves in.

I look forward to hearing about what your children have read in the holidays.

Maree Johnson
Teacher Librarian

Catering For All Learners

A brand new suite of resources is now available to help children transition from early childhood education and care settings to primary school. The Starting School resources, featuring KidsMatter ambassador and mum Tracey Spicer, include a series of online videos, easy-to-read information sheets and practical tips.

Starting school involves a big change for your child and family. It can be a time of great excitement, but also a time of potential challenge and stress.

Families play an important role in supporting children to manage the transition to primary school. The resources below will give you practical ideas and strategies to help your child make a successful start to school. You will be able to watch a series of KidsMatter videos, as well as access information sheets and other practical resources.

To get the most out of the videos it can be helpful to watch them in sequence (1-6) or you might prefer to choose the ones most relevant to you. The information sheets are also available to download as one document [3MB] PDF (PDF).

- Thinking about transition to school (video 1)
- Getting ready for school (video 2)
- Understanding behaviour (video 3)
- Problem solving (video 4)
- Coping skills (video 5)
- A change for the whole family (video 6)
- Getting help when starting school
- Children’s activity books

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families we work with for your support, and wish you all a relaxing holiday break. To our year 7 graduating students, we wish you all the best in your next adventures at high school. And welcome to
our new Prep students, we hope that you enjoy your learning journey at Peregian Springs State School.

The end of the year is a great time to reflect, and celebrate successes, however small or large.

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

-- Albert Einstein

Your Special Education Program Staff Team:

Jane Thiselton, Janet Crow, Amanda Tinney, Melissa Martin, Maree Burgess, Natalie Trappett, Lisa Seagg and Trillian Wansbrough

LOTE

メーリクリスマス。今年早くすぎましたね。

Thank you everyone for making my first year at PSSS such a successful and exciting one. I hope your kids are speaking Japanese at home and sharing what they learn with you.

3 highlights of the year were:

1. welcoming two groups of Japanese students to our school and community
2. podium finishes in every division at the annual Japanese speech contest
3. experiencing TAIKO drumming and SHAKUHACHI instruments through NEXUS arts program

Next year I look forward to continuing the success of our speech contest entrants, offering a unique opportunity to travel and live in Japan for the year 6 and 7’s, decorating the LOTE room with KOTATSU and ZABUTON. (Small tables and cushions for an authentic feel). I also plan to build a Japanese garden and register interested students in online extension activities.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

またね！

Sensei

Health News

All students with medications including asthma preventatives and epipens will need to ensure they are collected prior to the last day of school.

Thankyou

Kaz

Uniform Shop

Thank you to all the uniform shop volunteers that have helped out this term. Without you all it would have been impossible to kit so many preps out in readiness for next year and get through all the back to school sales we’ve achieved so far. If anyone else would like to help out in the uniform shop in January please let me know by sending an email to uniforms@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au . It’s a great opportunity to meet new people, learn some new skills and help the school out.

The uniform shop will be open as usual in the last week of term and will re-open early in the New Year on Tuesday 21 January to Friday 24 January (9:30-2:30) for back to school items. To avoid queuing, appointments can be made by either calling the office or sending an email to uniforms@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au . Alternatively, flexi school orders can still be made over the holidays for collection from Wednesday 22 January 2014 onwards.

P & C News

Wow, what a year it’s been. We’ve had discos, lapathon, raffles, book clubs, banking and carnivals to name just a few.

All of these activities have meant that it’s been an incredible year for raising funds to pay off the debt outstanding on the multi-purpose courts.

Even better is that we are nearly there. This means that in 2014 we can deliver so much more for the school.

XMAS Raffle

This was a great success and we had a lot of fun selling tickets and drawing the winners at assembly. Congratulations to all our lucky winners.

Thanks to all those involved especially the local businesses that kindly donated the prizes, if you can support them, please do.

The raffle rose over $460 for the school.

The winners were:

Fundraising
Don’t forget the following which also raise money for the school:

**Bright Star Kids**
Order your name labels from Bright Star Kids to earn 15% commission for our school. Just click on this link to order:
http://www.FDR1476.brightstarkids.com.au

**Cinema Tickets**
If you’re planning on a trip to an Event Cinema (Maroochydore or Noosa are just a couple of the available cinemas)
Please consider pre-purchasing your tickets using the following website -
Finally a very big thank you to everyone who has helped the P&C over the year, have a great beak and lots of holiday fun.

**School Banking**
This week was the last week for school banking. There is NO school banking Tuesday 10 December.
We are still looking for volunteers to help out next year. Please email the pandc@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au if you are interested in helping.

**Lysette and Amber**

**Tuckshop**

**Student Celebrations**

*We have amazing kids in our school achieving in their chosen interests at high levels. If your child has achieved something wonderful outside school please let us know either through the office, your child’s teacher or email the.principal@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

Amber competed in the Delta Classic Gymnastics Competition in Brisbane. She did really well by being placed 6th overall and passing level 3.

At the end of year Gala/Awards ceremony at Maroochy Beach Gymnastics Amber was awarded most consistent, hardworking and conscientious gymnast with great work ethics.

We love to hear about what our kids are doing!
**Keep Watch**

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

For more about the School Watch Program contact Education Queensland’s School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

**Payments Procedure PSSS**

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 and Booklists for 2014**

To enable parents to be organised and to plan their budgets we have distributed information about the Student Resource Scheme for 2014 (remaining at $100 per child) and Booklist requirements for 2014. The Student Resource Scheme payment can be made at the school office or directly into the school bank account.

**UNIFORMS**

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

All children require **black shoes**. 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

**Dental Van**

The Dental van has now moved to North Arm State School. We anticipate being back to Peregian Springs State School in approximately two years time.

For any dental emergencies, please contact us on 0408 008 154 between the hours of 8.00am and 8.30am or 3.30 and 4.00pm.

Thank you for welcoming us into your school. It was a pleasure for us to be here and we look forward to returning.

**Lori Lacey**  
**Dental Therapist**

**Follow us on Facebook**

We have 380+ families following us on Facebook. Simply 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.
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