Principal’s Column

Dates for your diary

There is a lot on this term so please make sure you check the calendar in the newsletter and on our website regularly. Some important dates for your diary include:

- Friday 15 November – last day for ordering Booklists through OfficeMax
- Friday 22 November – last day for ordering uniforms for delivery by Jan 2014; also the last day for ordering MacBooks from Leading Edge for a Christmas delivery time
- Thursday 5 December – final Assembly for the year and Year 7 Graduation
- Friday 6 December – Years 4-7 Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 11 December – Semester 2 Reports distributed to parents
- Thursday 12 December – Class Party Day
- Friday 13 December – Clean Up and Moving Day

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

Support from Peregian Lions

Many thanks to the Peregian Lions who are again supporting our school. They have donated $250 for our Year 6 and 7 Environment Awards for this year with the remainder of the funds to be donated to our Resource Centre for books about our environment. The Peregian Lions also donated a MacBook to our newly created scholarship program for Year 5 students. We are lucky to have this sort of support from our local community groups.

ICT Award

Congratulations, Justin Dixon (teacher of Year 7) on his recent win in the Region’s annual technology awards. Justin was one of four teachers awarded the top category for his work in embedding technology into learning. Justin is well known in our Region for his exemplary teaching practice and this award could not have gone to a more deserving teacher. Other Award winners in our school include Andrea Hall, Kent Campbell, and Rose Marszalek.

Sofia Hobson, Rebecca McCann and Bridoen Schloss were also nominated for this Award but I suppose they couldn’t award them all to Peregian Springs!!

Look how we’ve changed!

Check out this old map of our area – our school has grown and changed so much in four years. Google Maps will need to send out another surveyor soon to capture all our buildings, including our new Indoor Sports Centre, which is due to be finished in April 2014.
Teacher transfers and new staff for 2014

At this time of the year we prepare to farewell some staff and welcome others. Bridoen Schloss has been transferred to Mt Isa for her time in remote areas. We hope to see her back in 2016!

We welcome the following teachers who will join us next year – Jonathan Mitchell (from Yarabah), Renee Chagoury and Teagan Hunt (from Arakoon), Lucy Jorgensen (from Marian), Kerri-Lee Treskow (from Gympie), Hilary Dean (from Glasgow), Chris Cashman (from Talarra), Jessica Birss (from Bamaga), Chris Curtain (from Hong Kong) and Aimie Thomas.

We will also welcome back after leave Clair Allan, (teacher) and Elaine Williamsz (Teacher Aide).

We are all excited to be working with such an experienced and enthusiastic group of new staff.

Shoes for School

As the year comes to a close many children are wearing shoes that are in quite bad repair. This is unhealthy for growing feet, and while we understand parents would like their children’s school shoes to just last a few more weeks, it is equally important that children are comfortable and abide by our school’s Dress Code.

Please consider replacing your child’s school shoes as soon as possible if they are becoming dilapidated – they will still be wearing them well into next year. Our school’s Dress Code specifies black shoes only – black joggers are the most comfortable for all school activities.

mLearning Scholarships

This year we have spent much time canvassing businesses and community support organisations to support our scholarship program. The program aims to provide a Year 5 student with a MacBook for their use in Year 5. The students will also receive mentoring from a staff member for the year.

So far we have received donations from

- The Peregian Lions Club
- Aspire School Pty Ltd (our facilities and maintenance manager)
- Our P&C

We are extremely thankful for their help and the lucky recipients are also very happy.

If you know of anyone who could add to our collection of scholarship machines please put them in touch with me through the school office. Donations from businesses and private individuals are tax deductible under our Deductible Gift Register status. Please contact the school office for more information.

Payments Information

Every newsletter contains information about how to make payments at school. This is also available on our website under Support and Resources

Learning Continues

At this time of the year, students can become unsettled and excited during the lead up to the school holiday break. We ask all parents to support class teachers by discussing behaviour choices at school with their children. Our Responsible Behaviour Plan is available on our website. Poor behaviour choices are dealt with in accordance with this document. As always, we will discuss children’s behaviour with parents in order to form plans for improvement.

Year 6 & 7 in 2014

2014 will be the last year of primary school for both our Year 6 and 7 classes. We have spent many hours of planning for next year so that both year levels will have leadership and senior primary school year experiences. Some of the events that will happen for next year for these two year levels will include a camp for both these year levels, leadership appointment opportunities for both Year 6 and 7 students who wish to apply, the introduction of a senior years shirt as an option that they can wear for their final year of primary school and farewell and graduation ceremonies for both year levels at the end of 2014.

Leadership opportunities have been discussed with all Year 5 and 6 students and applications have been submitted by a number of students interested in becoming Student Leaders.

Principal’s Blog

In the last fortnight I have written some thoughts about Nude Food Day and Halloween. You can find these at http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/ Stories about our school are read all over the world now!

Until next fortnight...

Gwen

Enrolments for Prep 2014

By now enrolment documents should be returned to enable our office staff to book your child in for 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

I am still amazed by the work and enthusiasm the children of our school display. They often call out to me as I am walking around the school, and excitedly show me books or ipad screens that display their current project that they are working on. A child’s thirst for learning is so enlightening!

Travel Smart Challenge

This week we will be conducting the final travel Smart activity for the year. Every morning, students will be asked to raise their hands to count the numbers who walked, rode, bussed or car-pooled to school. The winning classes from Prep to Year 3, and Year 4 to Year 7 will be announced next Friday on assembly. There are Travel Smart back-packs and icy poles for the winners. Thank you everyone for assisting with this project in 2013.

Remembrance Day: Monday 11 November

We will have a short Remembrance Day Service at school next Monday commencing at 11.05 a.m. The student leaders will conduct the service and there will be a one minute silence to remember the people who have lost their lives during the war.

Four student leaders (Jayden, Ben, Caitlin and Elise) will attend the Coolum RSL service with Gwen.

Giving Tree

The Christmas tree will be in the school foyer in Week 8 and Week 9 and all donations will be collected and distributed by the Coolum Salvation Army on Friday 6 December.

Please label any presents (if they are wrapped) as to their suitability for boy or girl and the age. We will only be collecting new items and not second-hand ones.

NEXUS

Next week the students will be attending the final visiting performance called ‘Out of Africa’. A very talented African musician will be telling stories and singing about his life. Students in Prep and Years One to Year Five will attend on Wednesday, and students in Year Six and Seven will attend on Thursday morning.

Children whose SRS payment has been made in full will attend. If you have not paid the full amount of your SRS for 2013 you will be required to pay $10 if you wish your child to attend.

Nude Food Day

Did you know that every year Australians use over 1.3 million tonnes of plastic, which ends up in landfill?

Students from Peregian Springs State School are very concerned about the landfill caused by excess waste, and on 23 October, they joined with almost 2500 schools Australia-wide to hold a Nude Food Day event at the school. On this day, in an effort to reduce our environmental footprint, students brought healthy, natural lunches, without the use of disposable wrapping. Students carried out a rubbish audit to compare the amount of rubbish generated on an ordinary day with that generated on Nude Food Day, with the results displayed to encourage more children to continue to bring rubbish-free lunches throughout the year. Class lessons focused on ways that every Australian can take responsibility for the health of our planet through waste reduction and recycling.

Sandy Cathcart

Head of School – Student Support

Peregian Springs State School is committed to educating our students on Cyber Safety and taking action to protect students from Cyber Bullying. It is important that students, staff, parents and carers, have a shared understanding of what Cyber Safety is, as while there are filters and other technological solutions for protecting students online, they are not a substitute for teaching children how to stay safe online.

Our school is committed to The Queensland Schools Alliance Against Violence Report and has adopted a cyber-safety program which incorporates:

- Consultation with students, parents and school staff
- Acceptable use agreements for students and school staff
- Clear directions about the use of mobile phones and electronic equipment by students during school hours
- Regular review of the strategy
- Inclusion of cyber safety within the school’s teaching and learning program

An excellent site exists that was created by ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Organisation). This site has an extensive range of information, activities and advice for parents, children and schools on how to keep children Cyber safe. It can be accessed on http://www.cybersmart.gov.au. It is important with social media growing every day that parents and schools work together to educate children on taking control of their own safety online and what to do if they feel threatened or concerned. If students are concerned they can report on http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx
Cyber Safety Tips for Parents

- be aware of what your child is doing online and explore it with them.
- Try to locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home (not in bedrooms).
- Discuss the kinds of sites that are okay to explore and those that are not, and have clear rules about online activities.

A notice to volunteers at our school

I am offering the opportunity to participate in Student Protection and Code of Conduct training for all our fantastic volunteers who assist us at our school. This training will be presented on Tuesday Nov 12 in the staffroom 9.00-9.45am. This training covers ethical standards and responsibilities when we work with students and key actions to take to ensure our students are safe and supported. If you would like to attend this free training, please let the office know or email me direct on dfoxo1@eq.edu.au.

David Foxover

Head of School - Curriculum

Everyday Counts

As we hit the middle of Term 4 and the weather starts to heat up, our Teachers start to focus on finalising student assessment and writing end of year Report Cards.

This is a busy and tiring time for everyone, especially the students. It is more vitally important than ever that your child is at school on time every day and stays for the full day. A set bedtime and morning routine can help avoid the morning squabbles and hopefully ensure a smoother and calmer start to everyone’s day. If your child is away please call the Student Absence Line and leave a message.

Geography

We are beginning to collate a bank of visual resources to support all classes with their Geography studies in the future years. One of the best sources of these are calendars of places and icons around Australia and the rest of the world. If you have any calendars collecting dust at your house, we would love to take them off your hands. Please bring them to your child’s Class Teacher or drop them in to me at the Office.

Rose Marszalek

Resource Centre News

Book Fair

What? BOOK FAIR – BOOK FAIR – BOOK FAIR – BOOK FAIR
Where? Resource Centre – Resource Centre – Resource Centre
When? Friday 8 November – Friday 15 November (8:15-9:15am & 2:30-3:30pm)
Why? P&C Fundraiser for Library, easy Christmas and birthday presents,
To fulfil your children’s wishes and improve their literacy.
What? More?? Yes more! ‘Afternoon Tea with Cartoon Dave’
Dave Hackett (illustrator, author and teacher of cartooning techniques) will be entertaining children and signing books between 3:15 and 4pm Thursday November 14 at the Resource Centre.

What more do you want????

Please support our annual P & C run Book Fair that opens before and after school tomorrow, Friday 8 November, and runs for one week only until Friday 15 November. If you can volunteer even for one morning or afternoon, contact Kellie Butterworth (kelliebutterworth75@hotmail.com).

This is our third year of running our Book Fair in conjunction with a local business, Annie’s Books On Peregian, rather than using a national Book Fair company that doesn’t always have quality books.

On Thursday 14 November, we have illustrator and TV personality, Cartoon Dave, coming along to work with students. He will run sessions for Year 3s, 4s and 6s during the school day and then run an after-school session and sign books between 3:15 and 4pm in the library courtyard. This is also a fundraiser aimed at students who want to meet Dave after school. There will be entrance fee of $3 for adults and students, which includes afternoon tea and a raffle ticket. The Book Fair will be open during this event until 4:30pm. It may be the only chance you get to buy books without your children being with you.

Every child in the school will receive a wish list to record what they would like to buy and the cost and bring it home to you. I always spend time explaining to students that you may not be able to afford those items now and not to expect them but to give you the list just in case Mum or Dad need ideas for Christmas or birthday presents. Kellie happily keeps books for you to collect so that your children don’t see your purchases. This year an eftpos machine will be available as well.
I look forward to helping you with your selections and ask that you appreciate the time and effort afforded by parent volunteers, Kellie Butterworth and Lisa Peterson and their team to ensure that this event is successful every year.

Thank you in advance for your support. It’s all for your children!

**Maree Johnson**
**Teacher Librarian**

**Engaging Adolescents Program**

Getting prepared for adolescence for parents

Being the parent you want to be by knowing:

- what is happening inside the teenage brain
- how to stay connected with your teenage kids
- how to deal with the difficult issues when you need to

Where: Peregin Springs State School library
When: Friday 1, 8, 15 November from 9:15 – 11:45am
Cost: $10 for the Parent Workbook
Bookings: Return registration form attached to this newsletter to the school office by 30th October.

**Gerard O’Brien**
**Behaviour Support**

**Catering For All Learners**

**Coffee catch up**

On Tuesday 22 October the SEP team invited parents of Students with diverse learning needs to a coffee catch up afternoon tea.

This was our second coffee catch up; it provided a great opportunity for staff and parents to network, and share information and ideas with each other.

Our Guest speaker was Education Queensland Occupational Therapist, Elisa Sanchez.

Elisa’s presentation was on Developing Resilience Skills.

She discussed practical strategies we can use to improve future outcomes for children.

Topics discussed included:

- Resilience and disability
- Risk factors
- Positive role models
- Emotional regulation, awareness and control
- Empathy and relationships
- Building on self-efficacy
- Flexible thinking and problem solving skills
- Self determination

- Assertiveness
- Realistic optimism

It was an interesting, thought provoking presentation and parents were invited to ask questions and share ideas that they had tried.

I’ll leave you with several quotes from her presentation:

> ‘It is the thinking style that determines resilience—more than genetics, more than intelligence, more than any other single factor.’ (Shantte, 1998)

> ‘The presence of at least one supportive and caring adult can make the world of difference for a child’ (Hupfield, 2006)

> A basic ingredient in resilience is a belief in one’s self. Resilient children know their strengths and weaknesses and rely on their strengths to navigate life’s challenges.

We look forward to hosting a variety of guest speakers, giving presentations on topics relating to students with disabilities working in mainstream classrooms.

Your Special Education Program Staff Team:

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

**Sports News**

**Representative Sports**

Congratulations to Chanelle Astley who competed in the 10 Years Girls High Jump at the recent State Titles in Brisbane. Chanelle had a fantastic day finishing 14 in the State Jumping 1.25m, only 2 cm behind the winner. Congratulations Chanelle on an awesome effort.

**Lapathon**

Lapathon is done and dusted for another year. Final figures are being calculated as we speak but initial indications are that we raised over $10 000 for our school. What an enormous effort. Well done to all of our students who participated. If you have not received your prize please see Mr Hutchins ASAP.

With construction of our new hall starting we have decided to use the profits from this years lapathon to resource the new hall with new sports equipment. Our outdoor exercise equipment has been put on hold until 2014.

**Noosa Superkidz Triathlon**

Congratulations to all of our Peregin Superkidz Triathletes. We had a large number of students who participated in the kid’s triathlon last Saturday. Why do one sport when you can do three? Fantastic work.
School Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival is on 6 December up at Good Shepard. Save the date in your diary and fingers crossed we get beautiful weather this year.

Yours in sport

Cameron Hutchins
Performing Arts

Music: Count Us In 2013

Music: Count Us In offers an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a talented young person to have their song sung by over half a million students.

This year, four students from around Australia were selected to work with mentor, Katie Noonan, and Program Ambassador, John Foreman. They spent an intense day working together at AMEB Queensland, combing the ideas, melodies and lyrics of their submissions to create a wonderful upbeat tune about working hard to achieve your dreams.

http://www.musiccountusin.org.au

MCUI is Australia’s biggest school initiative. With support from The Australian Government, it has run since 2007 and is all about celebrating the value of music education to students' development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involves more than 600,000 students, teachers - and often parents - from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, and then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

Peregian Springs students were fortunate to have a whole school rehearsal of the song with the chosen singer of the track, Darren Percival. He had a few tips, tricks and words of advice to some of our singers and instrumental students. The students were delighted to meet him and he was a motivation for us all. We thank him for his time and support in helping us and encouraging our love for music.

Music: Count Us In is for all schools - primary and secondary, State and independent, nationwide. Our school has been involved with this program since 2010. It is a fantastic opportunity to encourage lots of artistic involvement with all of our school staff and students.

Our school participated in the event by singing with their class and filming their performance. The individual films are currently being compiled by Mrs Hobson to create a ‘Count Us In’ mega film clip. All classes made a great effort, and the creativity by some groups has been amazing to see.

Music: Play for Life is the Music Council of Australia’s grassroots campaign to get more Australians making music: in schools, communities, everywhere. Music Council of Australia brings together all sections of the music community in order to advance a diverse and vibrant musical life throughout Australia.

Sofia Hobson

Instrumental Music

Applications are now being accepted for students in Years 4 - 7 in 2014 to join our dynamic Instrumental Music Program. We offer lessons in flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone. Positions for Bass Guitar and Percussion are also available but are very limited. If you would like to apply please complete an application form and return to the office as soon as possible. Application forms are available from the performing arts department or the school office. For all enquiries please contact Mrs Guest via email sgues28@eq.edu.au

Sharelle Guest
Instrumental Music Teacher
Email: sgues28@eq.edu.au

Health News

Measles health alert

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.


P & C News

From the P&C President

Dear Parents,

After 3 years as President, I have decided to resign from the P&C. My last little one is off to school next year and it is time for me to focus once again on my career. I have been very fortunate to be offered an opportunity which allows me to work
school hours and although I am sad to be leaving the P&C family, I am looking forward to a new challenge.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me over the years; my family and friends, the P&C Executives, past and present, our lovely Parent Liaison Officer, Kaz, the kind and helpful office girls, our wonderful teachers and teacher-aides, and every parent and grandparent who has sizzled sausages, baked cookies, sold Mother’s Day gifts, bought raffle tickets, guessed how many eggs, staffed the tuckshop, bought a book, donated something, collected sponsorship or stickers or vouchers, enrolled their children in our afternoon activities, e-mailed me their thoughts, or just said ‘Hi, let me know if you need some help’.

In particular I wanted to thank Gwen Sands, our Principal. She is an amazingly clever woman, with a heart full of compassion, and most importantly, the best interests of our school community at the forefront of every decision she makes. She has guided me expertly from an accidental President to an old hand!

I will continue in my role until the end of the school year, and in the meantime we will be looking for someone else to have a turn. If you’re thinking it could be you, I can tell you it has been such a rewarding experience, with a great team, at a fantastic school, and I really will miss it.

Thanks again everyone...

Kat Scrivener
President

P&C UPDATE

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at the Disco... it was such a great event and we raised over $2,300. The Tuckshop takings also had a big boost that night! Narissa our Vice President did a wonderful job of organising everything and the kids had a great time. If you were one of the parents who sizzled sausages, served at the Tuckshop, sold chips and lollies, or worked on the gate... THANK YOU, we couldn’t have done it without you.

Tuckshop

Uniform Shop

We would really appreciate it if any of you could spare an hour or two in our uniform shop, per week or fortnight. I’m sure you can appreciate that as the school year comes to a close we are very busy with all our new students including our beautiful new preps, which can take a little longer to try uniforms on and our existing students getting ready for 2014. You would be with someone that is experienced so it is just to give a hand.

I will be able to make up a roster so it’s fair and flexible for everyone.

The opening hours are:

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Please remember you need not stay for the whole time, the more helpers the least time each person is required. Please contact the office or send me an email with your name, days and time that are preferable. logor7@eq.edu.au 07 5351 2222

Anticipating Many Yes’s…

**Kind Regards**
Lynne

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**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.

We had many students competing in the Noosa Triathlon Superkidz on the weekend. We are a bit reluctant to name them all in case we miss one out. The three Thompson girls were chuffed with their achievement. Well done, girls, and congratulations to all of our students who competed at this event.

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**Dental Van**

We are currently finishing check-ups on Preps and Year 5s. Medical histories have been handed out to all Year 3s and 4s. All forms should now be in. Any late returns will be seen, but may have to follow us to the next school for treatment.

A reminder that children will be asked to positively identify themselves by stating their date of birth before any procedure commences.

The staff working in the dental van is happy to assist you with any concerns you may have with regard to your child’s oral health.

Please call the dental van direct on 0408 008 154 between the hours of 8.00am – 8.30am and 3.30pm – 4.00pm.

*Lori Lacey*

*Dental Therapist*

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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.

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**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.
Follow us on Facebook
We have 350+ 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.

COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL - Year 7 into Year 8 2014
Coolum SHS would like to remind all Year 7 parents and students about the important dates below;

‘2014 - Year 8’ ENROLMENTS - Due in to school office by Fri 8 November
All students attending local primary schools have received Enrolment Packs.

Performance Extension Auditions – Tues 19 November, 2.50pm onwards

2014 BYO Laptop Program Information Night - Wed 20 November, 6.00-7.00pm

Year 8 2014 ‘Student Orientation Day’ - Wed 4 December, 8.30am-2.45pm
All students who have or are intending to enrol at Coolum SHS are to attend this day.
For more information contact Robbie Koch on (07) 5471 5333

Free Breast Cancer Screening in Noosaville
Noosaville Professional Centre, 90 Goodchap St.
Saturday Appointments Available

This FREE service is available to all women aged 40 and over. Women aged 50 - 74 are particularly encouraged to attend.

No doctor’s referral is needed.

Phone 13 20 50
Breast cancer is a serious disease that affects one in nine Queensland women in their lifetime.
Having a regular breastscreen every two years is the best way to detect breast cancer early and gives you a better chance of successful treatment and recovery.

For bookings or further information on BreastScreen locations please phone 13 20 50.