5 September 2013

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN:

**Discipline Audit**

In our recent Discipline Audit we were awarded Outstanding in every domain. The auditors were literally blown away with the quality of our systems, procedures, follow through and support for all students. Some of the findings were:

- A welcoming and open ‘feel’ as soon as you walk in the gates
- Very high expectations of students
- Clear policy, procedures and consequences known about and visible to everyone, even students
- Strong consistent follow through on every incident
- A leadership team that takes personal responsibility for assisting young people towards self-managed behaviour
- A teaching and non-teaching team that also take personal responsibility (and don’t flick things off to other people to deal with)
- Positive and open faces and attitudes of our students – they are clearly happy, cooperative and engaged with the school. The auditor also mentioned how there is ‘no furtive faces’ or looking away as they approached staff and he commented on how welcoming they are and the fact that they readily engaged him in conversation about the school and their learning. They are proud of their school and they want others to see that and also be proud.
- A simple, to the point data plan which is used to inform action and improvement
- A solid behaviour support structure underpinned by evidenced-based research which all staff know about and can talk about
- Everyone across the organisation is ‘singing from the same song sheet’
- A strong correlation between behaviour, student outcomes and academic achievement
- Clear development of support and expectations across the year levels from Prep to Year 7

The recommendations included:

- Keep doing what we are doing and strengthen it even more
- Engage the community more in formal partnerships
- Keep developing our teaching and learning framework so that excellent student behaviour leads to exemplary student achievement

I particularly liked what the auditors said about our students (see above) – many visitors to our school comment on this and it’s a sure sign they are happy and engaged in learning. In the words of one little boy in Year 4 – ‘you don’t get away with anything here, so you may as well not try!’ And another in Year 7 told the auditors that he has always worked hard but the way it’s organised at Peregian means he gets so much more work done by the end of the day. What fantastic feedback!

The full report will be placed on the homepage of our website as soon as it is available.

**Student Free Day**

This is early notification that Monday 21 October is a Student Free Day. Last year the Government moved all the Student Free Days to the Easter holidays – except for this one. Secondary schools across the state use this day for moderation for Years 11 and 12.

Our teachers and non-teaching staff will be engaged in professional development in new curriculum (Geography) and for planning for 2014.

Parents are required to make alternative care arrangements for their children on this day.

**Book Week Assembly**

What a morning! Our school was taken over by aliens, out-of-space aircraft, Princess Leias, space bugs, fairies and all manner of characters not of this earth. The colour in the school was astonishing as students (and staff) swished around in glitter, bright wigs, foil, pipe cleaners, boxes and coloured capes.

It's the Assembly of the year and who would want to miss it!

Maree Johnson, our Teacher-Librarian, opened Assembly looking - and walking - like she had just exited Apollo 1. Our Reading Stars were awarded certificates and bookmarks. Our resident author, Jacque Christie, presented a copy of Alphabet Animals to Baeli Varty-Bingham whose name was drawn from a raffle. The Junior Singers sang beautifully (while being conducted by Darth Vader, also known as Sofia Hobson!)
The highlight of the morning was a story written and told by Year 6 teacher, Pete Schumacher, and illustrated during the telling by Year 4 teacher, Joel Hughes, and finished off by Simon Thomas, Year 4 teacher, singing ‘Walk like a Peregian’. Every week I’m in awe of our talented and dedicated staff.

I wonder what they will pull out of the box next year?

Japanese Speaking Competition

Well done to all students who competed at MLTAQ 2013 Speech Contest (Japanese) at the University of the Sunshine Coast on 25 August. What fantastic results! It was medals all round.

Year 4 Jessica Butt 1st Abby Jones 3rd, Alice Ayton Highly Recommended
Year 5 Amy Taylor 1st
Year 6 Jen Ogbourne 1st, Jaz McKenzie Highly Recommended
Year 7 Hayden Lumsden 3rd
Junior Open Tyler Mohr 3rd

Thank you to our Japanese teacher, Alex Huxley, who prepared the students superbly. Our Languages Program has really reached new heights this year.

Road Safety Pleas

I had an email from a family the other day that have me asked to raise the awareness of parents about crossing the road in front of the school. We ask that all parents actively teach their children about safe road crossing, and when at all possible use designated crossings such as the traffic lights. Road safety is a regular part of our curriculum and is taught explicitly from Prep. We ask that parents help reinforce these safe habits with their children.

And in another email a parent raised the issue of people dropping children outside of designated zones and opening their car doors where children are riding bikes and walking. We have seen more than a few near misses where children have nearly ridden into opening car doors. Please limit dropping off to the designated zones to prevent these accidents.

Disciplining children other than your own

We ask that parents do not take matters into their own hands and discipline children other than their own. If you have an issue with a child please approach your child’s class teacher for assistance. Touching and/or reprimanding someone else’s child are not acceptable.

New Website

If you have visited our website since last Friday you will have noticed a change of format – if it still looks the same, you will need to refresh your shortcut and browser. Our new site comes with an app for your phone and tablet, and you will receive all the updates we make to the site this way.

Chris Wise, our resident web site developer, has been working really hard on this for weeks and we still have a few more pages to upload. Parents will find an ease of access to the site as the structure is the same as all Education Queensland’s school's sites.

Thank you for your patience while we slowly upgrade all the information.

mLearning Program Information Session

Parents of Year 4 students are reminded about our mLearning Program Information evening on Thursday 12 September at 5.30pm in the Resource Centre. Follow up sessions will be organised for Term 4. Parents are also welcome to contact Rose, Dave, Sandy or I in the office with any questions.

Who in the world is reading our newsletter?

Our new format newsletter provides reports on how it is being accessed and read. I know lots of family members far and wide are reading what our children are up to. Have a look at the map and see where in the world our newsletter is being read!
Lapathon

Our annual Lapathon was a wonderful day – lots of sunshine, lots of dress ups and lots of laps. Lapathon funds can be deposited at the school office or directly into the school bank account. Funds raised go towards paying off our multi-purpose courts and starting the construction of a fitness trail.

Parenting Ideas Newsletter – No. 9 out now

Parents have access to this useful newsletter through our subscription - http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

Peregian Posts – the Principal’s Blogspot

This past fortnight I have blogged about my thoughts on leadership (Herding cats … and small children) and Book Week– enjoy! http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/

Remember this is an eleven-week term – there is one more newsletter, which will be released on Thursday 19 September.

Until next fortnight…

Gwen

Enrolments for Prep 2014

We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2014.

To be eligible for enrolment a child must be born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.

For further details contact the office

Phone: 5351 2222 or call into the office to collect your enrolment pack

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN:

It is a pleasure to be back at school again after having nearly five weeks off in England. The children have all been asking me the same question- Did you find your family in England? Well the answer is a definite YES and it was such an incredible experience for us all!

I have included a photo which shows me meeting up with my half-brother Chris and my Dad. It has been over 50 years since I last saw them both. I literally lost contact with them when I moved to Australia as a child. With the wonderful world of internet I was able to track them down.

Walk-Cycle Ride Calendar entries

Teachers have been asked to promote the Travel Smart Calendar competition again this year. Students need to create a poster based on sustainable travel to school – walking, cycling, scooting or skating, carpooling, or riding the bus. Students must use the back of the entry form for their artwork. Please ensure they print their name, age, school and class in lead pencil. Return all completed entries to the office.

Entry forms can be picked up from the office counter. The competition closes 9 September.

National Child Protection Week 2013: 1 – 7 September

The theme is, again, “Protecting Children is Everyone’s Business – Play Your Part”.

Teachers will be reminding students once again about ways to stay safe. As a parent you might also like to access the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety site to further reinforce the safety
messages. Parent information guides/information and FAQ are on the Education Queensland Website (link below):

**Prep Dads go to school for the evening.**

Nearly 250 participants, fathers and children, attended a special night on Friday 30 August.
They really enjoyed learning new activities with their children and having a Sausage Sizzle.

**Orang-utan Day 13 September**

The school is promoting Save the Orang-utan Appeal on Friday 13 September in Week 10. The students will be encouraged to dress up in orange and donate a gold coin to the Appeal.

You might like to check out the site and information below to learn more about the Appeal

Orang-utan Protection Foundation
http://opf.org/

**Sandy Cathcart**

**HEAD OF SCHOOL – STUDENT SUPPORT:**

Resilience is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand.

Some kids are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets; independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

**Building Resilience**

From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your children by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a “you can do it” attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.
2. Look for teachable moments. Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
3. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.
4. Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.

**David Foxover**

**HEAD OF SCHOOL - CURRICULUM:**

Australian Curriculum: Geography

Next year will see the introduction of Geography as a stand-alone subject within the Australian Curriculum learning area of Humanities and Social Sciences. Australian Curriculum: Geography aims to ensure that students develop: a sense of wonder, curiosity and respect for places, people, cultures and environments throughout the world; deep geographical knowledge about their own locality, Australia, the Asia region and the world; and their capacity to think geographically, using geographical concepts. Using geographical inquiry methods and skills, Geography students learn to be competent, critical and creative citizens who can contribute to the development of an environmentally and economically sustainable, and socially just, world.

The introduction of Australian Curriculum: Geography will also mean the phasing out of the Queensland Curriculum: Studies of Society and Environment (SOSE) over the next 12 months.
Success Criteria

One part of using Learning Goals with students is for them to be able to know when they’ve been successful, i.e. achieved their Learning Goal. We encourage our students to set their own Success Criteria for their goals. This picture is from the desk of one of our 2G students. You can see at the top their goals for Reading, Writing, Spelling, Maths and a Personal goal. Then below is their Success Criteria, e.g. in Writing – ‘To write like the Teacher’. Perhaps you could use this at home for helping your children to be responsibly self-managed with completing their homework, tidying their room or helping out around the house.

Rose Marszalek

LOTE NEWS

Gold, gold, gold…..silver and bronze! 金、金、金、銀、銅

It’s official. PSSS has some of the best speakers of Japanese on the Sunshine Coast! On August 25, the Sunshine Coast University hosted the annual Languages Speech Contest. Over 340 students from more than 30 schools were involved.

Congratulations are extended to all who participated and the students below who received medals and certificates of High Distinction.

Year 4: Jessica Butt GOLD medal
Abby Jones BRONZE medal
Alice Ayton Highly Commended

Year 5: Amy Taylor GOLD medal

Year 6: Jennifer Ogbourne GOLD medal
Jaz McKenzie Highly Commended

Year 7: Hayden Lumsden BRONZE medal
Junior Open: Tyler Mohr SILVER medal

This success is unprecedented and a testament to the hard work, practice and academic dedication our PSSS language students display in Japanese classes.

Well done! おめでとうございます

The annual contest is a showcase of the Sunshine Coast’s best language speakers and gives students a real purpose for their language study outside of school and prepares them for the challenges and rewards of this the Asian century.

Mata ne またね！

Alex Huxley

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS:

Children’s Book Week 2013

Storm troopers, stars, suns, astronauts, robots, vulcans, supermen, Princess Leias, Luke sky-walkers, Darth Vader’s and aliens from every planet in the universe assembled in our school last Friday to celebrate Children’s Book Week. It was like an intergalactic convention. Teachers and students dressed as book characters to honour the theme ‘Read across the Universe’. There was not an earthling in sight! Thank you to all the parents who spent weeks creating such amazing costumes. We had more participants than ever before.

The junior choir (trained by Mrs Hobson) entertained students, staff and parents with the Book Week song. Principal, Gwen Sands, commended 29 students for their reading and teachers Pete Schumacher (playwright), Joel Hughes (artist/cartoonist) and Simon Thomas (song writer) enthralled the audience with a play that culminated in the song “Walk Like a Peregian”.

Every class was photographed in a space room created by teacher-aide Jacqui Christie, who also donated her book Alphabet Animals as a Book Week prize.

Below is the link to the Amazon page where you can buy a copy of Jacqui’s book. She will also have copies for sale at the Book Fair in Term 4.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013

The challenge finishes this Friday September 6. Please continue to sign beside the books your children have read and return
to the classroom teacher who will also sign the form before passing on to me.

Children’s Book Week 2013 Reading Stars

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Maree Johnson

CATERING FOR ALL LEARNERS:

Disability Action Week

In 2013, Disability Action Week will be celebrated from 8 to 14 September.

One in five Queenslanders has a disability of some kind, and disability touches the lives of most Queenslanders in some way — through the experiences we have with friends and family, at school, in the workplace and in the community.

Disability Action Week aims to:

- Encourage positive attitudes towards people with a disability, and
- Promote improved access to the wider community.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring our community is safe, welcoming and inclusive of people with a disability, and their families and carers. This includes providing equal access to housing, health services, education and work, sport and recreation, the arts and cultural activities.

Each year the department supports community groups and organisations across Queensland to celebrate Disability Action Week by staging their own events.

Everybody has a role in creating a truly welcoming and inclusive community, from businesses and government to community organisations and individuals. Disability Action Week is our opportunity to come together in our communities to achieve this vision.

See beyond the disability profiles 10 Queenslanders with a disability who share their experiences and importantly their advice on how individuals can change their behaviour and attitudes to make Queensland more inclusive.

Featuring tips for including people with a disability in everyday life and facts about disability, the booklet shows how a small change in attitude can make a big difference to a person’s life.

See beyond the disability

Diversity may be the hardest thing for a society to live with, and perhaps the most dangerous thing for a society to be without.

William Sloane Coffin, Jr

Your Special Education Program Staff Team:

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

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents

My name is Gerard O’Brien and I’m very happy to be working at Peregian Springs in a Behaviour Support role each Thursday and Friday. I have a long history in this role in both Primary and Secondary schools and currently work as a member of the Regional Behaviour Team Monday to Wednesday.

I will be offering the Engaging Adolescents program for parents next term as a pro-active way to feel prepared for living with and parenting adolescents. This is a three session program where we explore:
Parents who have completed past courses with me in both secondary and upper primary schools consistently tell me they find the program useful in helping them ‘be the parents they want be’.

The program will run on Friday 1, 8, 15 November in the Library from 9:15 – 11:45am. There is a $10.00 cost for a workbook and we can arrange child care if you need this to be able to participate. A flier with details and registration form will be attached to the newsletter early next term.

Warm regards

Gerard

Performing Arts

African Children’s Choir – Performing Arts Excursion

As part of the Performing Arts Program at Peregian Springs State School, some of our Lunchtime Club students were involved in a project with the African Children’s Choir and Coolum Harmonies.

The one-hour workshop gave participating students the opportunity to learn a Ugandan song, drumming, dance, and discover a little more about Ugandan culture. It was a wonderful experience for our students to interact closely with the African Children’s Choir and share in a fun and unique cultural activity.

The Peregian Beach Surf Life Saving Club kindly donated their bus to take us to the event, and we thank them for their generosity.

This is what some of our students had to say about their experience.

I thought it was cool to see something different. The active dancing was great to be involved with.

Bella

I thought that they were really talented and I was amazed at how young they were to travel around the world and share their music.

Zoe

I love African dancing and singing and it was funny and interesting to see Mrs Hobson dress up in the traditional African dress.

Eline

I was inspired by how they believed in themselves and how they were given an opportunity through the choir to be educated and achieve their dreams when they grow up.

Abby

I really liked the African children from Uganda. They were friendly and kind and got us singing, dancing and drumming.

Amber

Sofia Hobson

P & C NEWS:

Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is on Thursday 12 September at 7p.m. in the staffroom. If you would like to get involved, just come along.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is now open on Thursdays and Fridays ONLY. The P&C are in the process of advertising for an additional Convenor. If you want to keep our Tuckshop open remember this phrase... USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Snow Cones (with all natural flavours) will be available at this week’s Athletics Carnival.

Remember, if you can’t complete your rostered duty, maybe you could bake something to be sold in the Tuckshop. All donations must include a list of ingredients and be nut free.

Flexischools

Flexischools is an easier way to order from the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop. Just create an account and away you go!

Road Safety

Please would all parents take responsibility for modelling road safe behaviours to our students. Use the crossings, it only takes and an extra minute, but it might save a life. It is not only your own children who are watching and learning from your example.

Afternoon Activities

Enrol now for next term. Forms available from the school office.
pandc@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS:

Student Celebrations

A gold star to Ellie Christie who, on the weekend won a gold medal with the Sunshine Coast Youth Theatre as part of the Glee team, competing with troupes from all over Australia. What a talent, here in our own school!

Congratulations to Hunter Hargans for completing the 2km Sunshine Coast Marathon on 25 August.
Well done to Lachlan Astley who graded to Junior Black Belt. We are very proud if his achievement as he has trained very hard.

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@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au
We love to hear about what our kids are doing!

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. Please return forms to the office no later than 7 August 7, 2013. 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

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.

Account Name: Peregan Springs State School G/A
BSB – 064-212 Account # 10004670
Please state child’s last name, initial of first name, and event name as reference. E.g. Siddle K, SRS2013

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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 Peregan 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
Community Notices:

**SENSORY MOVIE DAY SUNSHINE COAST**

For Families With Special Needs

Sensory Movie Day is for families to feel welcome while their children are free to roam around the cinema, sit and be themselves. Lighting stays on dim and the volume is adjusted. This is a non-judgmental session and no need for families to feel uncomfortable. On the day we will have a table set up with information and support service available.

The Movie Day is held at Birch Carroll & Coyle Maroochy. Free membership Movie Day cards are required to purchase tickets. No diagnosis needed.

**Tickets are $9 each** and available to purchase at the cinema (not available online).

Children under 2 years of age are free. Companion Cards are accepted. A $5 midi popcorn and juice/water combo is available.

~ Face Painting ~ Animal Balloons ~ Spot Prizes

Contact Kristy or Stacey at sensory.movie-sunshine@hotmail.com

Facebook ~ Sensory Movie Day Sunshine Coast

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MONSTERS UNIVERSITY
2pm Sunday 15th of September

SMURFS 2
2pm Sunday 27th of October

PLANES
2pm Sunday 17th of November

TURBO
2pm Sunday 6th of December

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