27 March 2014

Principal’s Column

This is our last newsletter for Term 1. The weeks have flown by in a whirlwind. School closes for the Easter Break on Friday 4 April and reopens again on Tuesday 22 April (the day after Easter Monday). The school office will be closed for this period. Our next newsletter is published the day before the ANZAC Day Public Holiday on Friday 25 April.

School camps serve to develop so many skills we can’t offer in the confines of the classroom and playground, and also include specialist staff who can help teachers implement such programs. The bonding a class and teachers develop during camp lasts the whole year. Unfortunately they can be expensive to organise these days as we take issues such as distance from home and safety very seriously. In spite the cost I encourage all families to send their children on camp.

First Bell

Remember school starts at 8.40am. Many children across the school are wandering in after the bell and sometimes miss up to 30 minutes of valuable lesson time in the mornings. Late students also disrupt the learning of children who have arrived at school on time. Please endeavour to be at school by 8.30am, ready to start learning at 8.40am.

Staff News

- Katrina Bruce who taught 2B last year is now the proud mother of a gorgeous little girl, Charlee.
- There are a number of other babies on the way – Joel Hughes’ wife is due any time and Jan Green is expecting her first grandchild!
- Fran Valadian, 1V’s teacher, has been transferred by her request to a school in Tully in far north Queensland. Fran will be taking up a position in the Special Education Unit in that school from the beginning of next term and is very excited about this new venture in her career. Fran’s last day is Friday 4 April 2014. I know that you all join with me in wishing Fran well for the future.
- Aimee Thomas will teach 1V for the remainder of the year. Aimee currently shares a class with Heidi Wise on Year 3 and is looking forward to becoming a full time staff member of Peregian Springs SS. Kellie Butterworth will work with Heidi Wise on 3WT.
- Mark Coert, our Schools Officer, is taking a few weeks of well-deserved long service leave. Our ability to locate services, sort our furniture and deal with all the things Mark has such a high level of knowledge about in our school is being sorely tested! Bradd Cooper is currently replacing Mark and you will see him about the school.

Common Courtesies – doing it naturally

I know Dave talked about this in his column in the last newsletter and I wanted to say how lately, as I’ve walked about the school grounds there is an appreciable increase in the level of courtesies being exercised by our students. I hope that everyone is experiencing this and it’s not only me! The thing I’ve noticed the most is the willingness to assist – ‘Let me get the door’; ‘I’ll put that in the bin for you’; ‘Are you having a good day, Ms Sands?’; ‘Can I carry that for you?’ is what I hear often. It’s just lovely – it puts a smile on everyone’s face that hears it.

Mooloolaba SuperKidz Triathlon

It was great to see so many of our kids participating in this event and having lots of fun. Mr Hutchins is very impressed to see so many Tri stars of the future showing how it’s done!

Nude Food Day

This year we are raising parents’ and students’ awareness of the amount of rubbish generated by school lunches – and it is considerable! Our many bins are overflowing every day with the rubbish brought from home. As part of this program, we will have one Nude Food Day each term. This term’s will be...
held on Monday 31 March. Di Faulkner (Year 1) is coordinating this program and will have many suggestions for making your child’s lunch rubbish free.

Of course, we love it when lunches are rubbish free every day – not just on Nude Food Day!

**Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences**

I hope all parents have had a chance to avail themselves of an opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher – some of you would even have been road testing our new online booking system through Schoolzine.

Class teachers spend a lot of time in Term 1 getting to know their students. They use the assessment information they collect to design the learning program – this is personalised for each child. The way that teachers do this is by having varying levels of expectations, providing differentiated homework, designing differentiated tasks and planning activities that have multiple entry points. They will be working on scaffolding children’s learning to the next stage – this is different for every child.

At the Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences your child’s teacher will talk with you about what they’ve learned about your child and the learning program they have in place. They also have some ideas about how you can help at home. You may like to read my blogspot about the importance of these conferences and the messages we as parents can take away with us and communicate to children - http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/2013/03/kids-who-love-to-learn.html

I urge all families to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with your child’s teacher. Phone conferences are available if you are unable to come into school at the scheduled times.

**School 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.

**ANZAC Day Ceremony at school**

Our school ceremony will be held at 11.00am on Thursday 24 April in front of our Peace Garden at the Central Covered Games area. Our ceremony will be led by our Student Leaders and is structured in such a way that it teaches children about the important parts of the ceremony.

All classes lay a wreath at the base of the flag pole during the ceremony. Each child is asked to bring one flower or piece of greenery for their class wreath on the Thursday morning.

Parents, other family members and community members are welcome to attend.

As is usual, our school will also participate in the Dawn Service at Coolum RSL at 5.00am on Friday 25 April. Children attending are asked to be in school uniform.

**Uniform Free Day**

On the last day of term (next Friday) our Student Leaders will run their first fund raider – Uniform Free Day. So leave your uniform at home and bring a gold coin donation, which will be collected by the Student Leaders on in the morning after Assembly.

Students are asked to be mindful of appropriate dress for school – please ensure they are wearing closed footwear, nothing revealing and no clothing with offensive slogans or pictures, please.

**Teachers as Coaches**

There is a lot of research in education now that says that the best form of professional development happens when teachers coach each other on their classroom practices. Our teachers spend a lot of time in each other’s rooms walking through, visiting, co-teaching or simply observing someone else doing what they do all day. We are lucky to have so many teachers open to this style of sharing. Last Monday we began to train 14 of our staff in a coaching process that will enhance the professional development of all teachers and teacher aides in our school.

**Aluminium Cans**

Remember we are a collection site for aluminium cans and ring pulls. I recently tasked a group of Year 7 students with finding the dimensions of a box whose volume would hold $1.00 worth of refund we receive on aluminium. They found that 67 cans equals 1kg of aluminium – there will be a box in the office for these cans soon! Thank you to Sarah Evans, Mia Bennett, Riley McNamara, Samuel Cairns, Kyle Cooksey and Rory Dowd for stepping up and accepting the challenge of a difficult maths task and mostly completing it in your own time – most impressive!

This term’s refunds are being used to support our first Project Compassion for the year, Ring Pulls for Limbs.

**Principal’s Blog**

I blog irregularly throughout the year about our school, education and being a parent. This fortnight I have included a post from Rose Marszalek, our Head of School: Curriculum who has written a great story about learning maths . You can find this post and all previous posts at http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/
Have a wonderful Easter Break with your children. I hope we have good weather. I am extending the Easter Break by three days as school holidays don’t coincide with university holidays this year and my daughter and I will be spending a week on Lady Elliot Island diving with the manta rays.

**Until next term…**

**Gwen**

**Dates for your diary**

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

Here are a few things coming up:

- Monday 31 March – Nude Food Day
- Thursday 3 April – Run Walk Challenge (Our school’s Cross Country Carnival)
- Friday 4 April – end of Term 1
- Tuesday 22 April – start of Term 2
- Wednesday 23 April – Voices on the Coast excursion
- Thursday 24 April – ANZAC Ceremony
- Friday 25 April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday 5.00am Dawn Service at Coolum RSL
- Tuesday 13 May – NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 and 7 (Language Conventions and Writing)
- Wednesday 14 May – NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 and 7 (Reading)
- Thursday 15 May - NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 and 7 (Numeracy)

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

**Deputy Principal’s Column**

The car park dilemma can be solved and we have proven this on our Ride to School Day. Over 421 students rode to school on Wednesday March 13 and the car parks were virtually empty! We would like to express our thanks to all the students and parents who supported this event and we hope that it will encourage more families to be more aware of the need to use alternative transport.

**Harmony Day**

Last Friday 15 March we celebrated Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Day in one. I spoke to the students on Assembly about the colours in the rainbow and how they work together to create such a brilliant symbol of beauty around the World. Each colour has different light wave strength, with Red being the strongest but it still shines and blends in with the other colours. This is how we see the students, parents, friends and staff at Peregian Springs State School – all working together. After the Assembly, a very young student eagerly put up his hand and said, ‘I saw a rainbow at my house too’.

Bullying can be stamped out if we take a stand together and refuse to tolerate it.

**Ring Pull Collection**

Students in 6S scoured the softball crowds on the weekend and brought in hundreds of Ring Pulls to add to their class collection. We are still collecting aluminium cans and ring pulls at the school, so please keep bringing them in.

**Coolum State High School**

This is the closest State High School to our school and we encourage students to seriously consider accessing its amazing facilities. We have established Excellence in Learning Programs linking the two schools. Both schools work together to provide Excellence in Japanese, Performing Arts, Sports, Surf Skills, Earth Smart, and of course the mLearning Program. Students will be able to continue to use their Apple MacBooks when they transition across to Coolum High School. The school has committed extensive financial funds to upgrade their ICT systems to accommodate the Apple technology.

Many families have been surprised to find out that students living in the Peregian Springs Estate can access the High School by simply walking or riding across the foot bridge (at the Eastern end of The Avenue) that goes over the Sunshine Coast Motorway. Coolum High School is located beside the beautiful National Park and is serenely nestled in at the foot of Emu Mountain. The new Year 7 block of classrooms is currently being constructed to accommodate our 2014 Year 6 students. There will be many opportunities for students and teachers from both schools to visit classrooms, discuss curriculum and assist with events. We have also established a partnership between the two schools to assist Year 10 students with Work Experience and Certificate 3 Practicums. If you wish to find out more about Coolum State High School, please note the important dates below:
Wednesday 3 May 2014 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. Parent and Student Tour of Coolum High School

May 15 and August 14 Coolum State High School Principal and Deputy Principal will address the parents and friends at the Peregian Springs State School P&C in the staff room at 7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Sandy Cathcart

Head of School – Student Support

Last Friday was a busy day for our students and staff at Peregian Springs State School. Our school participated in two key days that were being celebrated across Australia in over 2100 schools, involving around one million students. These were Harmony day and the National day of action against bullying and violence. They are important reminders of the need for us to acknowledge and celebrate the many fantastic and diverse cultures we have at our school and community. They also remind us of the importance of not being a bystander if someone at our school is being bullied and the need to support our peers and report incidents.

It is always with great pride that we watch our students participate in these days of action and important messages are shared that hopefully resonate with them throughout the year. Well done to all involved and particularly our amazing students that dressed in cultural costumes to educate their peers.

Head of School - Curriculum

Three in a Row

Over the course of this term I have been lucky enough to work with Teachers and students in 3G, 3J, 1H, J, 2H, 3WT and P1AR on developing their Number Sense. The enthusiasm of all classes to learn and try out new ideas and different ways of thinking was absolutely amazing. I have seen a remarkable change across the term in the self-confidence of students in all classes and a willingness to share their thinking and their way of looking at numbers.

One of the newest activities we’ve been trying out is called ‘Three in a Row’. Two students (or two teams) take turns rolling a pair of dice, then combine the numbers either by adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing or even just ordering them. They then put their chosen answer on a number line. They continue taking turns until one student/team has three of their numbers in a row. For example, if a student rolls 6 and 2, their possible answers would be 8 (add), 4 (subtract), 12 (multiply), 3 (divide), 62 or 26 (whole numbers) or 6.2 or 2.6 (decimals). We set the parameters for each game, depending on the class and year level. In Prep we might start with 1 dice and build up to working as a whole class to combine the numbers from two dice and put this on the number line together; from Year 1 onwards we could use adding and subtracting; from Year 3 onwards add in multiplying and dividing, and then all four operations; add decimals from Year 4 and even use negative numbers from Year 6 onwards. Teachers also vary the dice and use 8, 10 or 12 sided dice as well, to extend the range of numbers and possible outcomes.

This game builds a student’s understanding of the operations, recall of number facts, ways of combining numbers and relative position of numbers. As well, it helps their reasoning, by having them think about which of the possible answers they could use to either improve their chances of winning the game or blocking the other student/team. All you need is a pair of dice and something to write with and on. Why not give it a go over the school holidays and let myself or your child’s Teacher know of other variations you and your family come up with.

During Term 2 we will be running several Parent Number Sense Workshops, so keep an eye on your emails, the school newsletter, Facebook page and website for dates and times so you don’t miss out on these hands-on sessions and the opportunity to develop your own understanding of numbers.

Rose Marszalek

Catering For All Learners

Participation in National Day of Action Against Bullying and Harmony Day on Friday 21 March provided a fantastic opportunity to recognise and enhance wellbeing for all learners….

Through participating in Harmony Day activities, children learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong, and enrich our lives.

Participating in the National Day of Action Against Bullying develops and raises awareness of the importance of social and emotional learning.
We can support our children by explicitly teaching them empathy and awareness of others’ feelings. Every day there are countless opportunities for us to teach children to learn how to get on with other people, how to deal with strong feelings, how other people feel, and how to sort out problems and deal with conflict.

The role of parents and educators is explored further in these resources:


Amongst the National Day of Action resources were lesson plans, and a link to a free iPad App 'The Alien Adventure' designed for kids aged 3 - 8 years:

https://itunes.apple.com/app/id610042067?mt=8

The app is an interactive story about the new kid in class whose name is Allen. He’s an alien from another planet, and wants to fit in and make friends... but he discovers it’s not always that easy! The app’s objective is to teach children social and emotional skills and how to identify and deal with inappropriate behaviour.

The premise is that explicit teaching of pro-social skills and respectful interactions between children leads to long-term positive social and emotional development. Research shows that developing pro-social behaviours and attitudes in young children is an important aspect of preventing the development of bullying behaviours.

‘No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.’  
Eleanor Roosevelt

Your Special Education Program Staff Team:

Jane Thiselton, Hilary Dean, Janet Crow, Amanda Tinney, Melissa Martin, Maree Burgess, Natalie Trappett, Trillian Wansbrough and Jodie Dennis

What’s new in the Resource Centre this fortnight?

Amazing displays of student work

Ms Sandi’s Prep W have been learning about the needs of living things; Mrs Dowling and Mrs Faulkner’s 1D who drew line drawings while listening to Tchaikovsky! ; Mr Thomas’ 3Ts who researched animal environments and created dioramas and Mrs Hobson’s Performing Arts classes (7/6W and 7D) who after learning about Shakespearean Theatre made scrolls defining the term ‘Bard’. If you have made an appointment to visit your child’s teacher this week, please make a detour via the Resource Centre and admire their class work.

Resource centre displays

Student Book Reviewer’s Club

I have enlisted the help of nine students to read and review the latest releases (as well as their favourite books from their favourite authors). Some that are busy doing this for me at the moment are Zoe Butcher, Abby Jones, Nina Cunningham, Jessica Butt, Alice Aytton, Emma Lumsden, Emma Ghent and Eve Christopher from 6/5C and Anouk Yehoshua from 5C. It is wonderful that some are are reviewing Jackie French’s novels because she is the 2014 Australian Children’s Laureate. Look out for a display of their reviews in Term 2. I’m hoping that it will inspire other students to select titles or authors that they may not have tried before.

New releases (and older titles worthy of mention)!

For Upper Primary students, Wonder by R.J. Palacio is a story about a boy, Auggie, who is born with a facial deformity that causes people to stare at him. It was Number 1 on the New York Bestseller list last year and Year 6 teacher, Pete Schumacher is currently reading it to his class. If your son or daughter prefers Non Fiction, look out for Scholastic’s History Quest which invites readers to ‘Be a hero and create their own adventure’ throughout various periods in history.

For Middle Primary students, Shamini Flint has a new book in her very popular diary of a ‘sporty kid’ series. It is Diary of a Super Swimmer. To rival the Rainbow Fairies series, look out for the Australian version, Wilderness Fairies about Daisy. Finally for Preps and first readers, Peter Carnavas has illustrated a new picture book My Nan is a Ninja and the very prolific Margaret Wild has just released a comical picture book, The Bush Book Club. I can’t wait to read them to Preps.

Library Monitors

Thank you to the following Term 1 monitors: -


Kiara and Jade 3WT, Natalya 3WT, Olivia 3T, Imogen 3WT, Shannon 6S, Josh P. 3G
Lila 3G, Jayde 5SH, Emma 6/5C, Amie 6M, Taylor 6M, Amber and Makaelli 5H,
Skye, Sofie, Amber and Ashanti 4M
Their voluntary efforts have not gone unnoticed. They will be presented with their badges at the next possible assembly.

Spotted...........
...visiting in the school library this fortnight were: -

Prep students, Dylan and Abbie and Yani

**Holiday Reading**

Students are able to borrow books over every holiday period except the Christmas break. Years 5 to 7 students will next week be invited to borrow extra novels for the holidays. Please help them to look after them and return them first thing next term.

Enjoy your holiday reads, hopefully finding time for the whole family to be reading together.

*Until next term,*
*Maree*

**Meet Mr Cashman**

Hi, I am Jessica Butt and I am in class 6/5C. This week I had the enjoyable task of interviewing a new teacher at Peregian Springs SS, Mr Cashman. Ms Danae and I came up with 10 questions for him and we hope you enjoy getting to know Mr Cashman as much as we did!

Q. Where are you from? (Because we can hear your accent!)
A. Newport, South Wales, United Kingdom - just next to the capital city of Wales - Cardiff.

Q. How long have you lived in Australia?
A. 3 years.

Q. What do you like best about Peregian Springs SS?
A. All the positive staff and great kids.

Q. Where did you teach, before Peregian Springs?
A. I taught at Talara Primary College, Currimundi.

Q. If you were not a teacher, what profession would you be in?
A. I would be a writer!

Q. Do you like sports? If so, what is your favourite?
A. I love sports, I like Ruby Union, gymnastics, swimming, and boxing.

Q. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?
A. Rome!
Q. What is the title and author of your favourite book?
A. Jeffrey Archer, Kane and Abel.
Q. Do you have any children?
A. 2 boys.

Q. What do you do in your spare time?
A. I spend a lot of time with my children, going to the beach, I take them to swimming, to soccer training, I play sports and just try and do what I can.

So now that you all know a little bit more about Mr Cashman, when you see him in the playground why don’t you say hello!

Jessica Butt. Class 6/5C
Junior Journalist

Gifted and Extension

My name is Danae Steer and I am the Gifted Education Mentor. It has been a pleasure working with students in our school for extension and differentiation this Term. I work with students one on one or in small groups. I also work with Teachers to help extend students within the classroom environment.

There are many ways to help enhance and extend children’s learning. We are lucky to be able to provide many opportunities for students. This term Quinn Steer, a cameraman from Channel 7 came for a question and answer session with the Year 7’s. They had a chance to ask questions about journalism, lighting and angles for filming, editing and how to interview people successfully. We will also have several students attending Excellence Days at Buddina State School. We hope they learn new things and enjoy themselves. Some students from year 6 and 7 are working on poems to enter in the Dorothy Mackellar poetry competition. I am already very impressed with their creativity and effort.

Danae Steer
Gifted Education Mentor / Learning Support

P & C News

Disco

The disco was a huge success so a big thank you to all the teachers, parents and helpers who made the event a success.

Thanks to the school caretakers and cleaners who organised the disco area and cleaned up again in the morning so everything was perfect for the start of school.

Thanks to the Oracle team for staffing the BBQ and all the parents who brought their children along and stayed to make sure that they had a great time!
Sandra Joyce-At Your Fingertips, Nail Technician – Gift Voucher

Coles Supermarket, Peregian Springs – Voucher used to purchase more Easter Eggs

Zachary’s Gourmet Pizza Bar, Peregian Beach Village – Gift Voucher

The Bent Banana, Peregian Beach Village – Gift Voucher

Peregian Beach Newsagency – Gift Voucher

Style Workroom, Peregian Beach. – Gift Voucher

Thanks to everyone for their support

John Sheridan
P&C President

Tuckshop news

This Friday 28 March is a Super Tuckshop Special. This is a fabulous day so please encourage your children to have Tuckshop on this day to support us, plus it’s a great deal with Homemade Healthy Wholesome food:

**MORNING TEA ($3.50)**
Homemade Scones with Butter and Jam
Funky Fruit Cup

**LUNCH TIME ($4.50)**
Home made Healthy Bolognaise with Penne Pasta
Includes a Drink, Pop Top Juice, Big M Milk or Big M Flavoured Milk

Only $8 for both and if your child has both they will receive a free gift!!

Note: " No other pre order food items will be available on this day. Over the counter items will still be available."

Thanks to everyone for their support

Mel and Andrew

Uniform Shop

Don’t let your little Springers get wet or cold now the weather’s changing. The uniform shop is well stocked with micro fibre jackets, V-neck pullovers and vests to keep them dry and warm. Don’t forget to use Flexischools to place orders: https://www.flexischools.com.au It will save you time and you’ll avoid the queues. As soon as your order is ready for collection we’ll give you a call.

Current opening hours are:
Wednesday 2.00pm - 3.15pm
Friday 8.30am - 9.30am

Tuckshop Needs Your Help!

Many of lead very busy lives, so if you are unable to volunteer your time in the tuckshop how about donating Pantry Items from the following list:

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Thanks very much

Mel and Andrew
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@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

We love to hear about what our kids are doing!

Payments Procedure PSSS

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

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

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Student Resource Scheme

The Student Resource Scheme payment can be made at the school office or directly into the school bank account. Did you know that PSSS is registered with Centrelink and you can arrange through the BSM to have payments deducted directly each fortnight from your nominated benefit. If you wish for this to happen please make an appointment to speak with the BSM Jill Hamilton.

**UNIFORMS**

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

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

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

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

Follow us on Facebook

We have 418+ 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.

### Event Summary

**What is a litter-free lunch?**

Start with a reusable lunchbox. Pack unpackaged foods in reusable containers. This will ensure that food stays fresh without the use of plastic wrap or aluminium foil. Use a refillable drink bottle. Stick up on easy to pack, healthy foods such as fresh fruit and vegetables and wholesalves.

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**What do I include in a litter-free lunch?**

Some suggestions include:

**Cute vegetables** — cherry tomatoes, baby cucumbers, snow peas, fresh green beans

**Edible wraps** — sushi, rice-paper wraps with fresh vegetables

**Protein** — chicken legs, cheese cubes, etc

**Fruits** — grapes, bananas, watermelons, cherries, lychees

**Ice pack** — to keep food fresh and safe.

Small amounts of fruit or other foods may be placed inside small reusable patty pack containers to separate them from other foods.

**Why pack a litter-free lunch?**

A typical primary school child produces more than three pieces of rubbish a day, just from his lunch and morning tea at school. Therefore, a school the size of ours produces almost 12,000 pieces of rubbish a week or nearly half a million pieces a year! We want to decrease this rubbish which presently gets sent to landfill.

**Nude Food Days empower children to make positive changes for the environment.**

Thanks for your help with providing a litter-free lunch next Monday.