22 May 2014

Principal’s Column

Our new Indoor Sports Centre (ISC)

Our new Indoor Sports Centre is ready for use. It is an absolutely beautiful facility and we can’t wait to have our first Assembly in there – tomorrow!

Parents are more than welcome to attend. We do ask that you carefully consider your shoes – or more specifically the soles of your shoes. The rubber flooring will be susceptible to black marks from certain kinds of shoes. We will only be able to wear non-scuffing rubber soled shoes in the Centre and no sharp studded heels (i.e. stilettos). (Aghhh! How am I going to manage? I’ll have to buy some special Assembly shoes!)

We have a portable stage and a portable sound system, which sounds amazing so Assembly items will continue to be entertaining events. The Student Leaders have been fundraising through Uniform Free Days at the end of each term for a lectern.

We are so very lucky to have this wonderful facility in our school. The P&C are planning a grand opening day for sometime in August. If you would like to help with this event please email pandc@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

New Classrooms

We have two new classrooms underneath the Indoor Sports Centre (ISC). Like our other rooms, these learning spaces are modern, comfortable, light and airy. They are also air conditioned (due to being built into the earth bank that the whole building stands on. Prep H and Prep/Year 1AR will be moving into these classrooms a little later in the term.

The classrooms are surrounded by new turf that we are waiting to settle before allowing children to play there.

Teachers Learning

Our teachers pay constant attention to their own learning and spend a lot of time after school and on weekends attending conferences and seminars. Occasionally we can release them to attend professional development in school time. Most recently teachers have attended professional development in new learning strategies for literacy and numeracy, Rock and Water for girls, programs for managing students with special needs, Choice Theory (psychology of human behaviour), engaging students in higher order thinking strategies, and new technologies. We are extremely fortunate to have teachers who are so committed to their own professional development and are always keen to learn more. As learners, they make the best teachers!

District Cross Country

Well done to our District Cross Country Team who competed at Kin Kin last Monday. Special congratulations to those who will now move onto the Regional Cross Country Trials. As always our students were congratulated on their behaviour and also on how professional they looked in our runner’s shirts. More news is in Cameron Hutchins’ Sports News section.
Website enhancement – Michael Grose’s Parenting Blog

You may have noticed a new feature on our website. Michael Grose’s Parenting Blog is now on our front page.

The front page of the website is a good place to visit often as there are always new stories and updates featured there.

P&C Day

Friday 23 May is P&C Day. I would just like to extend a vote of thanks to a special group of people who do so much for our school – thank you John Sheridan, Dawn Shelton, Sandy Goodall, Lisa Von Germetten and Holly Hedgman. Your ongoing efforts and the hours you put in, in a volunteer capacity to support our children’s education is second to none!

Japanese Visiting Schools

We have Japanese visitors coming again in July and we would love to collect the names and details of families happy to be Host Families and have one or two children stay. Please email admin@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au to express interest in being a host family for our visitors.

Aluminium Collection Site

Don’t forget we are an aluminium collection site. Most classrooms have collection bins and there is one in the office. A group of Year 7 students investigated the weight and worth of scrap aluminium and found that every kilogram is worth $1.00. Simms Metal will collect the bales once they are full. Not only is it worthwhile financially; it is really good for the environment.

Supervision before school

There is no supervision in the playground until 8.15a.m. For the safety of all students parents are asked to delay student arrival until this time. All classrooms are closed until 8.30a.m. each morning so if you are waiting with your child we ask that you wait in the Central Covered Path or the Covered Games Areas and not outside classrooms. Teachers are often preparing for the day or meeting with parents in the mornings.

Children arriving before 8.15a.m. are to go directly to the Central Covered Games and sit to wait for staff on duty.

We ask for parent cooperation with delaying arrival until after 8.15a.m. as we would rather use our Teacher Aides for learning in classrooms with students than for supervising students outside before school.

Principal’s Blogspot

This last fortnight I blogged about Mother’s Day and our amazing new Indoor Sports Centre and classrooms - http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/

Until next fortnight …

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:

- Friday 23 May – National Walk to School Day
- Friday 23 May – P&C Day
- Monday 9 June – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 June – School Photos
- Thursday 12 June – P&C Meeting 6.00p.m.
- Friday 13 June – Sunshine Coast Show Day (Public Holiday)
- Friday 27 June – Semester One Reports distributed; Last day of Term 2; Uniform Free Day (bring a gold coin)
- Monday 14 July – First day of Term 3

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

Make the call. Prevent domestic and family violence — don’t let concern become regret.

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month and the Queensland Government is implementing the Make the call campaign. Sadly, domestic and family violence is a serious problem. This campaign encourages people who are concerned for themselves or others to call the state-wide DVConnectWomensline on 1800 811 811 or Mensline on 1800 600 636 for confidential advice and support.
Staying safe around bats

Children need to be aware that bats, including flying foxes, are protected species and pose minimal risk to humans provided they are left alone and not touched. However, children should not try to hurt or help sick or injured bats as they are putting themselves and the animal at risk. If you see a bat or flying fox that is hurt call:

- RSPCA—1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection—1300 130 372
- Your local wildlife care group/rescuer/carer for assistance.

If a child is bitten or scratched by any bat, they should tell their parents, teacher or responsible adult straight away, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and visit their local doctor immediately.

P & C News

Tuckshop

Due to the success of Friday’s Tuckshop Special we will be continuing the Friday Special throughout this term. If you order morning tea and lunch it will only cost $8.00.

Please use TWO bags per child. One bag for Morning Tea and one bag for Lunch.

Remember to write on bags; Cost, Child’s name, Class & Morning Tea or Lunch

**Morning Tea $3.50**

Finger Bun and a pot of Creamy Yoghurt topped with Honey

**Lunch $5.50**

Home Made Butter Chicken with Veggies served on Basmati Rice

Choice of drink - Flavoured Milk, Milk, Juice Popper or Water

**Combined Only $8.00 with a free gift!**

**Special Menu ONLY on Friday**

WE NEED YOU!

**All Volunteers are very welcome and your help is much appreciated although this week it is the turn of 2M to provide assistance.**

**Thanks very much**

Mel and Andrew

Deputy Principal’s Column

This week we celebrated State Education Week and last Friday I spoke to the students on Assembly about how much fun school has become these days. The students were all dressed up as their favourite toys for Under Eights Day and participated in an incredible selection of educational activities. School life for our students is so diverse and our students have such exciting opportunities to lead fulfilling careers.

University Students from USC

We are proud to support the local University of Sunshine Coast and this week we have been hosting 15 teachers in training at our school. They are all at varying stages of their studies. It is interesting to see that some of the students have already pursued careers in other areas and now are seeking to re-train by enrolling in further studies through the University. We wish all our university students success with their new careers.

Bike Education

All students in Year 4 will be participating in Bike Education training this week. These lessons have been sponsored by the Sunshine Coast Council. The students will have Bike Theory lessons on Tuesday 20 May and a Practical Skills lesson on Wednesday 21 May or Thursday 22 May.
Transition to High School

All students in our Year 6 and 7 classes will be leaving at the end of the year to start at High School in 2015. The end of year Graduation will be much larger than normal, and preparations are under way to make the end of year celebrations very special in our new hall. Parent information evenings have already been conducted at our local Coolum State High School and the new buildings for the Year 7 students in 2015 are progressing well. The new Year 7 teachers for 2015 have already been appointed to Coolum High School and Ms Tracy Ford and Ms Karen Mathews will be visiting our Year 7 classrooms on Wednesday 21 May and Thursday 22 May to ensure our student’s education has a seamless transition. The student’s commemorative shirts are being distributed this week.

It is important that the following care instructions for laundering the Commemorative shirts are adhered to in order to protect the screen printing. The shirts must be washed inside-out in cool water. Please do not iron the screen printing.

Walk to School Day

Friday 23 May

Please encourage all your children to register on the Sunshine Council site www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au before 5pm Friday 23 May 2014 to be eligible to win one of 10 Skateboards, one of 10 Scooters, plus many other random draws.

Students are encouraged to walk to school as normal from their homes but if they live too far away, parents might like to drop them off at either Peach Tree Park on The Avenue or at the Coles Shopping Centre at 7.55 a.m. Ms Sands will escort the students from Coles and Mrs Cathcart will escort the students from the park.

Student leaders will visit all classrooms to find out numbers of students and ice blocks will be given to the winning classes for Prep to Year 3, and Year 4 to Year 7.

School Photos

The school photos will be taken by Academy Photographic Company this year.

Wednesday 11 June PTW, PA, PW, PH, P/1AR, 1G, 1T, 1H, 1D, 1J, 2P, 2M, 2H, 2G, 3/2B, 3C, 3WT, 3J, 3G, 4S, 4G, 4H, 7/6W, 7D

Thursday 12 June 5SH, 5H, 6S, 6M, 6/5C, 4M, 5C, Student leaders and Sport’s Leaders.

Envelopes for ordering and payments will be distributed in the next two weeks. These envelopes are given to the class teacher who on the day of the photos gives them directly to the Photo Company. Please do not hand them in at the school office.

ICAS Science Test

The Science test will be conducted 4 June starting at 9.00 a.m.

Sandy Cathcart

Head of School – Student Support

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Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, “But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can’t possibly make a difference!”

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean.

As it met the water, he said, “I made a difference to that one!”

This is an inspiring story, and one that we consider in our work….it is definitely important to us to know we make a difference in catering for all learners.

Special Education Program Staff Team:

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

Resource Centre News

2014 Library Monitors

Congratulations to the students who were presented with their Library Monitor’s badges on a recent assembly and thank you to Gwen for doing this. (They were named in a previous newsletter). Once a week these reliable helpers perform a myriad of tasks such as sorting and filing books, issuing and returning books, delivering resources, creating displays, tidying the library and managing the Readers Room. Some offer assistance more than once a week. We started the year with 30 monitors and by Term 4 we will have a core group who will help train new monitors for 2015.

National Simultaneous Storytime ( www.alia.org.au/ nss )

This week on Wednesday 21 at 11.00 a.m, thousands of children from all around Australia read the same story at the same time. This year it was the delightful picture book, Too Many Elephants in this House. Many of the early years classes in our school participated in this fun event.

2014 Premiers Reading Challenge (May 20 – September 5)

(http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge )

By the end of this week I will have talked to every student from Year 1 to 7 about participating in this years’ PRC.
are invited to record every book they read during the reading period and parents are asked to sign their forms to verify that they have read and understood the story. Please use this as a way of communicating with your children about what they are reading. Ask them a few questions about the story, characters and setting of the book before you sign their form. Although forms have been distributed in library lessons, there are plenty available on the PRC trolley in the library. You may also print one off the website. There are lists of recommended books for year levels and those will be stored on the PRC trolley. Some students are choosing to record their books electronically.

Year 6 Readers Cup Team (May 28)

Please wish the following four students well as they prepare to represent us in the Interschool Readers Cup on Wednesday 28 May:- Faith Roche (7/6W), Sophie Garrard (7/6W), Amie Taylor (6M) and Tyler Mohr (6S). They have each read five novels and will be competing against three other schools on the day, in a quiz about the books.

Respect our books!

Finally I ask that you reinforce my plea to your children to look after their library books by helping them “to treat books like babies” and to:

Use a waterproof library bag (available at uniform shop) and keep water bottles in external pockets of back packs.
Only read books with clean hands.
Turn the pages gently from the top right hand corner of each page.
Keep their books in their room away from family pets and younger children who may tear pages.
Remember their library borrowing day and return their books on that day.

We are a small school library and don’t have enough staff to cope with the increasing number of overdue library books (as many as 80 were over a month overdue last week!) Lately we have also had an extremely high number of books that have also been water-damaged or chewed by pets. Our library teacher aide, Meryl Todd, does an amazing job to keep on top of this. Please help us to help your children by talking to them about all of the above-mentioned concerns.

In awe of your efforts as a reading parent modelling reading behaviour,

Keep up the good work,

Maree

Representative Sporting News

District Cross Country

Peregian Springs sent a team of 29 strong runners to the recent District Cross Country at Kin Kin (so beautiful they had to name it twice). As a team we had a fantastic day. Our athletes were the best behaved students that I have ever taken away for any activity. They look fantastic in their full school uniforms and running singlets. I overheard a number of parents and teachers comment on the behaviour and presentation of students. I could not be happier. To make our day even better we had 5 athletes selected into the Noosa District Cross Country Team. We had multiple top 10 finishes and the majority of our runners finished in the top half of their age group. Congratulations to all of our runners.

Special congratulations to Lucas Kljaicin (4th 10 years boys), Jack Conroy (5th 10 years boys), Ryan James (2nd 11 years boys), Joel Sidney (5th 12 years boys) and Jessica Doyle (3rd 13 years girls). They are all off to the Regional Cross Country Carnival at Buderim on the 3 June. We wish them the very best of luck.

Up Coming District Trials-

Boys Softball 10 June
Rugby Union 12 June

Yours in sport

Mr Hutchins

Uniform Shop

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

Current open hours are:

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

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.

We still have plenty of winter uniform items in stock so please come in to take a closer look.

- V-neck pullover – a good option for those children that feel the cold in class
- Micro fibre jacket – shower resistant and a good option for those children that only feel the cold when outside
- Vest – a great option for layering up with a white/navy skivvy under the school polo or shirt/blouse
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.

Student Resource Scheme

As we are well into our second Term, payment of your SRS would be appreciated. These funds cover costs associated with special activities including Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Easter and other special events.

The Student Resource Scheme payment can be made at the school office or directly into the school bank account. Did you know that PSSS is registered with Centrelink and you can arrange through the BSM to have payments deducted directly 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.
Help is available for **children** with Asperger’s Syndrome and Anxiety!

Anxiety (extreme shyness, excessive fear and worry, difficulty separating from parents, specific fears) is common in children and can be associated with problems in social and emotional areas. However, there is research to suggest that the earlier we treat anxiety, the less impact it is likely to have on a child’s development and future.

If you believe your child with Asperger’s Syndrome experiences anxiety, help is available. We are seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in our internet-based treatment study.

The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for children and 8 online sessions for parents. The weekly sessions take approximately one hour to complete and are designed to help children manage their anxiety. This is being offered free to families who are eligible to participate.

As part of the research study, you will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews up to four times that are separate to the treatment.

If you are interested in participating in our program or have any questions, please contact the Brave Team on Ph (07) 3735 3325 or email braveformorphs@griffith.edu.au

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**STEPPING STONES TRIPLE P PARENTING SEMINAR**

Tuning Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour

Children with disabilities are more at risk than others of developing problem behaviours. These behaviours can interfere with growth and development and can be disruptive for the family as a whole. This seminar provides ideas on understanding why a particular behaviour is occurring and practical suggestions on how to promote alternative behaviours.

**Where:** Nambour Special School (Ph: 5444 9333) 70 Windsor Road Nambour, 4560

**Wednesday 4th of June 2014**

**Time:** 9.15 am-11.30 am (for a 9.30am start) Morning Tea provided

**Cost:** No cost

**Who:** Any parent/care giver of a child with a disability aged 2-12 years

**How:** RSVP at www.triplesteppstones.net via the ‘Get Help’ tab or phone Project Team or Nambour Special School

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**Better Start Early Days Workshops**

Free workshops for parents who have a child with a disability in Queensland

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**Are you in the early days of the journey with your child with a disability?**

Are you still finding your way in the disability system?

Do you have any questions?

- Consider going to a Better Start Early Days Workshop

You can attend any of these workshops especially designed for you.

The Better Start Early Days workshops are designed for parents who have a child in the early years before school.

These workshops will help you to:

- Understand more about the services and support available to you and your child
- Understand how Better Start and NDIS funding works
- Meet other parents who have similar experiences to you
- Build on knowledge and develop positive strategies

**Workshop Near You**

We are running 4 workshops in South-East Queensland: Southport, St. Lucia, Brendale & Mansfield

**Location:** Southport

**Date:** Friday 6th May 2014

**Venue:** confronting families, 51 Balmoral Avenue, Southport
Ash Tennis, based at the Coolum Tennis Club, is a Tennis Australia Hot Shots accredited provider & is the Peregian Springs State School's Tennis Australia National School Partner Program Partner. Through our team of coaches, we present tennis using modified equipment, balls & courts to allow players to serve, rally & score earlier in their tennis journey. We offer red, orange & green groups at the school courts on Monday & Tuesday from 3:15.

For further information & enrolment form, contact us on 0421 391 505 or email Coolum@ashtennis.com

### Transport and Main Roads

**Information Sheet**

**Crossing the road**

"**STOP – LOOK – LISTEN – THINK**"

Young children are still developing skills needed to judge safe road situations such as the ability to judge distances, speed of vehicles and distinguishing traffic sounds. If a parent or carer then asks them to cross in an unsafe manner, a child may become confused and with their poor judgement skills, may run into the path of an approaching vehicle.

Never stand on the off side of the road and call your children across to your vehicle. This is an extremely dangerous practice as children are taught in school to cross at the crossing and will hesitate before crossing the road away from the crossing. This hesitation can be fatal.

Children learn most of their road safety skills through observation and imitation of adult behaviour, so even if your children are not with you, it is important that you set a good road safety example near the school or any other place where children may be watching. In fact, good road safety should be practised at all times.

If you would like more information on this or any other road safety issues, please phone Transport and Main Roads on 1300 360 135 or visit our website www.mctafeq.qld.gov.au

**PEREGIAN SPRINGS**

**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS**

*Wilson Pee Wee* Thurs @ 3.15pm

30 Min, Modified courts and balls suitable for ages 5-7.

*Wilson Junior Rookie* Thurs @ 3.45pm & 7am

1 hr program for children from 7-12 years of age.

Both programs will be run for a 8 week period.

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