National Tree Day

Friday 26 July is National Tree Day – and to celebrate we will be planting 50 trees throughout the school. Each class will have one of two seedlings to plant and then care for until they are established. Our challenge at the moment is to find a bit of ground that is not too sodden from the recent rains.

We will also be planting a Japanese Maple in honour of our first visiting Japanese Tour Group who arrives on Thursday evening. We hope this tree will survive our comparatively warm climate. Glen Elmes, the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Member for Noosa will be joining us for Assembly for National Tree Day.

What’s wrong with rewards?

I am often asked why we don’t do ‘Student of the Week’ at Assemblies and give out rewards for good behaviour like other schools do. We have strong philosophical reasons for this, which are steeped in the research around intrinsic motivation and teaching children to be self-managed. Some time last year I blogged about this in my Peregian Posts (http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/) – you may like to read this post particularly at http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/2012/09/student-of-week-what-to-do-about-awards.html.

Educator Bob Sullo has this to say about rewards:

“Rewards promote compliance, not responsibility. Adults like to talk about kids and their behaviour, but let’s forget about the kids for a moment and consider what we want as parents and teachers. Rewards may entice kids into compliance, but there’s no evidence that they help kids internalise values and promote self-control. Consider these words from EJ Sobo, a professor at San Diego State University: “Children cultivated toward dependence on external praise through constant positive stroking are at risk for growing into poorly-adjusted adults who must always look to others for approval. They never have a chance to develop their own internal resources.” If you’re like me, you want kids to develop responsibility and be self-directed. Providing external rewards only distance us from what we say we want as parents and teachers.

If you’re satisfied with a quick fix and enjoy living from mini-crisis to mini-crisis, then rewards will work just fine.

On the other hand, if you want to promote responsibility and self-control, it’s time to abandon the quick fix offered by rewards. Yes, it will take more time. It will force you to move from autopilot to genuinely engaging with kids. But if you have the will to stick with it, you’ll be a more effective and satisfied parent or teacher.”

We want our kids to be responsible and in control of themselves – this is not to say that we don’t recognise great effort and good behaviour – we applaud this loud and clear; all kids know when this is happening. But rather than extrinsic rewards and promises of ‘you’ll get this, if you do that…’ we do it in ways that promote quality learning about being self-managed and a responsible and well liked citizen in our society.

Academic Talent Development Program for Years 6 and 7

A trebuchet is a siege engine employed during the Middle Ages to fling projectiles of up to 160kg at high speeds into enemy fortifications. In those times it was a very effective method of gaining ground during a battle. Our first group of students in our Academic Talent Development Program (which has been funded by North Coast Region) are using all their maths, engineering and technology skills to build one – they are being ably assisted by Chris Wise, David Williams from Coolum SHS and Jeff Steele, a structural engineer volunteering his time in our school. It will, of course, be a lot smaller than a Middle Ages version, and the students have assured me it will only manage a throw of 400m! Show and Tell Day for this project is going to be a lot of fun! I just hope I have time to do all the risk management paper work!!
Our second group in this program will start later in the term and will be working on gaming and animation with Justin Dixon; and our third group will be honing their writing and illustrating skills with Rebecca McCann and Pete Schumacher.

Jeff a community volunteer and trained engineer and Dave Williams, a science teacher from Coolum High School assist students to make a Trebuchet. These students are all participating in an Academic Talent Program that is supported by teachers from Coolum State High School.

Unexplained attendance

Some families may have received letters in the last week regarding unexplained absences from last semester. As a state school we are expected to monitor and report on absences; therefore we ask families to return these as soon as possible. Remember to always let us know why your child is away from school. You can do this easily by leaving a message on the Student Absence Phone Number in the mornings – 5351 2266 or email admin@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

Who to ask?

Last fortnight I wrote about the growth in our school’s leadership team and advised parents on who best to talk to when they have a question in relation to their child’s schooling.

This has just become a little more complicated as Sandy Cathcart, our Deputy Principal, has taken some well-deserved long service leave. Kent Campbell and Chris Wise will be filling the space in the office while Sandy is away.

So for the next few weeks, the following will apply:

In the first instance, always see your child’s class teacher or the specialist teacher. Otherwise -

- Prep and Year 1 – Rose Marszalek (Head of School: Curriculum) – rmars45@eq.edu.au
- Year 2-3 – Kent Campbell (Acting Head of School: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays) kcamp73@eq.edu.au - and Chris Wise (Acting Head of School: Monday and Tuesdays) – cwise24@eq.edu.au
- Year 4-6 – David Foxover (Head of School: Student Support) – dfoxo1@eq.edu.au
- Year 7 – Gwen Sands (Principal) – the.principal@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

Of course, any of us will be willing to help you but going to the administrator in charge of your child’s area will mean you speak with someone who is most familiar with what is going on in those classes.

Parenting Ideas Magazine

We have a subscription to Michael Grose’s Parenting website. You can read his latest magazine at by clicking this link - http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine.

Peregian Posts – the Principal’s Blogspot


I hope you are enjoying our new format newsletter.

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 2009 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:
How exciting is our new Newsletter! Technology has opened so many pathways
these days. During the past few weeks I have been sorting out our family photos and
downloaded them onto a web-based program, and then this beautiful hard covered
book was delivered to my door. There is no limit to our ability to create beautiful high
quality videos, books and other productions.

The students at our school are given the best education in the
use of technology and our mLearning Program is highly
regarded by other schools around the State.

Travel Smart
We will be conducting another Travel Smart survey this week
and hopefully the weather will fine up enough to enable the
students to walk and ride to school. We still have many Travel
Smart back packs and other prizes to give away to the winning
class. I have also heard that our school performed exceptionally
well last Term in the Sunshine Coast School Challenge. Mr
Lee Berrill from the Sunshine Coast Council will be announcing
some student winners at the Assembly on 2 August. Some of
the prizes include a new bike and skateboards.

Year 7 Orientation into Secondary School Visits
Coolum High School is the preferred High School for our
students as it is the closest State Government Secondary
School which is easily accessible via the walk/ride bridge
across the Highway. It has many exciting programs to offer our
students. During the next few weeks, teachers and students
from the Coolum High School will be visiting Peregian Springs
to talk about what happens at High School. We currently have
three Coolum High School students working in the Prep
classrooms as they study a Certificate 1V Childcare Program in
conjunction with their normal High School studies. The Coolum
High School orchestra also visited our school last term and it
was exciting to see past students performing so well.

The Year 7 students will also have a visit from staff and students
attending Noosa District High School on Tuesday this week.

National Tree Day
On Friday 26 July, each class will be assigned an area of
the school where a hole has been dug and the students will
plant a tree. This will coincide with the visit from our Japanese
Student’s group who will be planting a Japanese Maple Tree in
the front of the school.

Raw Art
Students in Prep and Year One will participate in a Raw Art
activity in week 4 on Tuesday 30 July. This activity has been
included in the SRS payments.

ICAS English tests
These will be held on Tuesday 30 July at 9.00a.m. instead of
Wednesday due to the Athletics Day timetable changes.

On Wednesday, I will be flying to England to be re-united with
family who I haven’t seen for many years. Once again, this
was made possible through the use of Internet and computer
technology. I wish you all the best for the next four weeks and I
will be looking forward to returning in Week 8.

Sandy Cathcart

HEAD OF SCHOOL - STUDENT SUPPORT:

Peregian Springs State School is committed
to promoting positive behaviour and providing
safe environments for our students to learn.
When you visit our classrooms you will see
our posters endorsing the Queensland
Schools Declaration against bullying and
violence. This declaration from

The Queensland Schools Alliance Against
Violence (QSAAV) supports the view that effective responses
require the engagement of the community beyond the school
gates.

Our commitment:

- We strive to ensure all students are able to work in an
  environment where they feel safe and are free from
  bullying and violence
- We seek opportunities to encourage school staff,
  parents and students to work together to develop the
  knowledge and skills that support learning, positive
  behaviour and constructive social relationships
- We implement strategies and policies guided by
  current research on effective approaches to the
  prevention of bullying and violence
- We use our role in the community to raise awareness
  that bullying and violence toward children and young
  people are issues for the whole community and
  require a community response

Our school is focused on providing a safe, respectful and
disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where
students have opportunities to safely participate in our school
community and progress towards responsible
self-management.
HEAD OF SCHOOL - CURRICULUM:

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

Throughout this term, the Year 4 classes in our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum. Other Year levels will implement the curriculum over the next 12 months. The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum is centred around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn ways to recognise react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum fits within our school Social and Emotional Learning and Human Relationships Education Programs.

Further information is available from the Year 4 Teachers and online www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum

100 Days of School

Over the past week, our Year 1 classes have been celebrating 100 days of school. The students collected 100 small items to bring in to class. These items were then shared with their class and used for all sorts of activities as they investigated the number 100. The students also used 100 cups to build a structure; estimated and proved how far 100 footsteps would take them; decorated (and ate) biscuits with 100 on them; threaded 100 things onto necklaces and 100’s of other things!

School Opinion Survey

The annual School Opinion Survey is occurring in our school this week. The Parent/Caregiver Survey was sent home to a number of families at the end of last week. It can be completed either online or using the paper form provided. Selected students in Year 5 and 6 have also completed their survey online at school earlier in the week. A big thank you, to everyone that has already completed their survey online, or returned a completed paper survey to the office. A reminder to other survey participants to please complete/return their survey by Friday 26 July. Please contact me if you have queries about the survey.

Prep H

I had the privilege of working with Prep H all of last Thursday morning, whilst Miss Sara attended the Parent Walk. Miss Sara asked me to do some Number Sense activities with them. We all shared out the Number Bead strings and the Preps amazed me with their ability to split 10 beads into a variety of groupings e.g. 3 and 3 and 4, two equal groups of 5, and 5 groups of 2. They even showed me how they could count by 10s to 100, as well as sharing their strategies for working on doubles. I was totally amazed at their enthusiasm for learning and welcoming manner! Thank you Prep H, I’m looking forward to visiting again!

Rose Marszalek

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS:

Voices on the Coast Literature Festival

Last term, fifty Year 6s and 7s attended this annual literature festival. In smaller groups we met authors such as Nick Earls, Kate Constable and Sophie Masson, illustrators such as Roland Harvey, Gus Gordon and Anne Spudvilas and Terry Whidborne, script writers such as Fiona Wood and the Youth Theatre Company, Shake and Stir.

Resident Author, Jacquie Christie entertains Preps

We are very fortunate to have Jacquie as a member of staff because every week she spends the Morning Tea break in the Resource Centre entertaining the Preps by reading them sections from her book Alphabet Animals. Jacquie launched that last year and is generously donating a copy for a Book Week raffle. It was one of the best sellers at our Book Fair last year.
Library Monitors

The following Year 2-5 students have been helping in the Resource Centre this year and were awarded with badges on the last Friday of Term 2. Their tasks have varied depending on their age, but most have helped issue and return books, process books (stamping them), shelve books, search for books, fill the photocopier paper storage cupboard, create displays and deliver resources and lost property.

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Morris Gleitzman comes to Peregin Springs

The Written Dimension Bookshop in Noosa Junction has invited students from Years 4 to 7 to attend a Book Launch event at St Andrew’s College with the popular author, Morris Gleitzman, on Tuesday 30 July. Forms from Year 5s and 6s are still to be returned to classroom teachers. It is now **too late now for Year 4 and 7s** to return their forms as we have filled our quota. Morris is launching his new book *Extra Time*. Thanks to the parents who pre-ordered the book for your children. We will collect on the day.

Read Across the Universe

This is the Book Week theme for this year and for the Book Week Assembly on the 23 August we would like students to dress in a costume of a book character that comes from a different universe e.g. Aliens in Underpants or Star Wars characters or Hobbits. No Earthlings! They may like to choose Science Fiction or Fantasy characters. More about this next newsletter

Maree Johnson

CATERING FOR ALL LEARNERS:

We’re all ‘differently abled’

Differences exist amongst all children and they all benefit from having their individual needs met. Children with additional needs (such as children affected by a disability or medical condition) may face additional challenges when attending school or in the community.

Children with additional needs have their own unique strengths and abilities that need to be promoted to build resilience and support their learning, mental health and wellbeing.

Schools can support students with diverse learning needs by teaching children how to include and respect others.

Our Social and Emotional Learning provides a framework to teach important life skills:

- to teach children that we all have strengths and differences
- everyone has the right to feel respected and valued
- promote cooperative, caring behaviours for all students
celebrate all children’s differences
All parents and carers can:
- encourage their own children to include those of different abilities in their play
- support their child to identify strengths in themselves and others
- teach social skills to help children manage friendships
- be role models for inclusion by showing through their actions how to be caring and respectful towards others

Adapted from: www.kidsmatter.edu.au

"Every child is gifted. They just unwrap their packages at different times."
-- unknown

Your Special Education Program Staff Team:
Jane Thiselton, Janet Crow, Amanda Tinney, Melissa Martin, Maree Burgess, Natalie Trappett, Lisa Seagg and Trillian Wansbrough

SPORT NEWS:

Congratulations to the following students who represented Noosa at the recent Junior State Touch Championships: Coby Gale, Rylee Read, Emma and Hayden Lumsden and Levi and Jack Herriman. A special mention to Hayden (7W) as he was selected as a shadow for the Sunshine Coast Boys under 12 Squad. Well done to all players; they showed excellent sporting behaviours throughout the carnival. (See the Student Celebrations section for more information.)

Athletics Carnival
Parents please check your emails for the latest information on dates for the postponed P-7 athletics carnivals.

P & C NEWS:

Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is on Thursday 8 August at 7pm in the staffroom. If you would like to get involved, just come along.

Movies
If you are heading to the movies, discounted vouchers are available for purchase at http://www.voucherfundraising.com.au/?partner=PA-00000744
$2 from every ticket sold comes straight to our school, and you get cheaper tickets! What a great way for everyone to benefit from a fundraiser!

Handballs

HANDBALLS are available from the Tuckshop for $2 each. Don’t forget your freshly ground coffee from the Tuckshop - perfect for those cold assembly mornings! Parents are reminded that the Tuckshop is for volunteers only. Please place your order in the box outside the Tuckshop for collection. Mornings are very busy for Nicole and parents going in and out of the Tuckshop can make it harder for her to get things underway for the Tuckshop day! Also, NO CHILDREN IN THE TUCKSHOP! This is essential for their safety and the safety of those working in the Tuckshop. Thanks for your understanding.

Afternoon Activities

Thanks so much to all those families who have supported our school by enrolling in one of the P&C’s new Afternoon Activities, which start this week! We are very excited about this new programme and what it means for our students... access to varied activities within their own school environment, broadening their horizons, giving them the chance to experience new things at affordable prices, all the while raising money which gets ploughed back into our school for the benefit of all of our students. If your child didn’t get a place this term in either tennis or gardening, please do try again next term, as preference will be given to new enrolments so that all children get a chance to experience these fantastic activities.

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS:

Liberty Wallace got a DISTINCTION 88 marks
Charlize Wallace DISTINCTION 80 marks
in their Jazz Examination 2013.

A massive WELL DONE to three students from Peregian Springs State School who competed in the Qld Junior State Cup for Touch Football in Hervey Bay from 5-7 July. Coby Gale, Rylee Read and Emma Lumsden played 6 games – they won three games, lost two games by the smallest of margins (2-1) and drew with Toowoomba who hadn’t lost a game for the tournament. They were all amazing, along with their coach, Kirsten Holmes (Year 5 teacher). We are very proud of all of them!
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@peregiansprings.eq.edu.au We love to hear about what our kids are doing!

Dental Van

The staff members working in the dental van are 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 and 3.30pm.

*Lori Lace – 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 12.00pm each day. Payments can be made online.

**Account Name:** Peregrin 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**

The cooler weather is here. We remind all families that the correct winter uniform includes a navy blue jacket or pullover – these items are available from the Uniform Shop.

Please ensure students have the correct uniform for the start of the winter months by ordering a pullover from the Uniform Shop or by sourcing a navy blue pullover from variety stores such as Big W, Target or Kmart.

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 290+ families following us on Facebook. Simply search Peregrin 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:

**COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Year 7 into Year 8  
Junior Secondary (Years 7, 8, 9)  
2014  
2015

Coolum SHS would like to invite all Year 5, 6 and 7 parents and students to an;

‘Parent Information Evening’ -  
Tuesday 10 September, 6.00 -7.00pm, Coolum SHS Library

The evening will provide all parents with a valuable insight into important issues related to Year 7 students moving into Year 8 in 2014 and Years 5 and 6 students moving into Coolum SHS – Junior Secondary in 2015.

For more information contact Robbie Koch on (07) 5471 5333.

(See also Coolum SHS ‘flyer’ distributed to all Year 5, 6, 7 students)

**Coolum Beach Nippers**

**Aug 25** - Nipper Info Day (11-12 yrs), **Sept 1** - Sign-on 2-4pm, **Sept 6** – Memberships Close

Nipper Age Groups U8-U14 (as of Sept 30). To be eligible for U6-U7 Green Caps, your child must have an older sibling participating.

**Sept 15** & **22** – Pool Evaluation, **Sept 29** – Season Commences

New: Qld Government Getting Started funding opens July 15 for eligible families.

**Info:** www.coolumsurfclub.com.au/surfclub

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