8 August 2013

PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN:

What a fortnight it’s been – we’ve had National Tree Day and planted 51 new trees in our school; we’ve welcomed our first Japanese Tour Group and the second one is about to arrive; we’ve picked our team for District Athletics (our carnival will be in September, please see the calendar for dates); we’ve been to visit Morris Gleitzman, and we’ve had Raw Art. It has been a busy time.

Japanese Tour Group

Our first group of young Japanese students and their teacher, Aki Tawara, had the most wonderful week. They were overwhelmed by the friendliness and kindness shown to them. Many thanks to all our host families – I hope that some of you have forged the relationships that our Japanese teacher, Alex Huxley, and the West Japan teacher, Aki, talk about – that is, the joy of having being a host family and host child many years ago.

Our aim is to help all our students develop intercultural competence and understandings – and maybe even the love of another country, its culture and its peoples. These competencies are part of helping our children become true global citizens.

Global citizenship is not in itself a new idea. The idea that a person can belong to a larger community than a tribe, polis, state or nation, has been part of human thinking for a number of years. Adults have always taught their children the skills and knowledge necessary to take on the roles of members of the community, clan, family, indigenous nation, or state. The extension to this, in light of contemporary developments in transportation and communication technologies, is responsible participation in a global community – that is, a broad understanding of global issues related to social, political, economic and environmental systems. Welcoming visitors to our homes and school is the first step towards this goal.

Our second Tour Group arrives next week on 13 August, and they will be here for nearly two weeks.

Media attention

4/3T have been the topic of conversation in the media lately – even making the front page of the Coolum Advertiser (http://www.coolumadvertiser.com.au/)

First Aid

Last week the District Health Nurse visited our school to check health records. Our system for First Aid and medication management was lauded as the benchmark for the rest of the region to live up to. Families who work with Kaz in the office will be aware of how thorough she is – well done, Kaz!

District Athletics’ Team

Good luck to our 45 student strong District Athletics’ Team who are off to Sunshine Beach SS tomorrow to compete against all the other schools in running, sprinting, shot put, high jump and long jump. This group are possibly our strongest team yet as now in our 4th year, we have developed depth and numbers. I look forward to hearing about your results.
Parent Link

Thank you to all our Parent Link Coordinators who keep the parents of their class informed about events and happenings. If you don’t hear from the Parent Link Coordinator in your child’s classroom, simply notify Kaz at the office or your child’s teacher and they will pass on your email address for inclusion.

Many of our Parent Link Coordinators also run ‘get togethers’ – a play in the park or a coffee morning – these are a great way for parents to get to know each other.

Indoor Sports Centre

Construction on our Indoor Sports Centre which will double up as our hall will start towards the end of the month. This will cause a lot of disruption to our playground and will be worth it in the long run. It will take about 5 months to complete. What a terrific asset this will be next year. Fingers crossed we can use it for our first Assembly in 2014.

New Website

Our new website has a ‘go live’ day of 31 August. It will enable the capacity to include more up to date information for parents. It will also come with an App so you will be able to get push notifications on your phone and iPad.

A school song

Last week four Year 5 girls from 5SR shared a writing project with me - they had created school songs or poems. I was so impressed with all of them - it was clear they knew our vision statement and school values; they managed to incorporate the school wide practices that ensure our school is a safe and enjoyable place for everyone; their verses were catchy; and they have captured our school ethos beautifully! I promised them I would put them in the newsletter - one a week for a few weeks.

You can read Faith Roche’s on Peregian Posts (http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/2013/08/a-school-song.html). This one is Lily Dupuy’s – I’m not too sure about the bit on sorrow… but it rhymes well with ‘tomorrow’!

We are all different,
We don’t care.
We are unique and brilliant,
We’re full of heart and sorrow.
For we are learning for today and for tomorrow.

There is lots of space to share,
The friends are kind and true.
The teachers are always there,
And always there when you’re feeling blue. For we are learning for today and for tomorrow.

There are many people young and old,
Together we shall share the space.
Peregian Springs State School is not ice cold,
This school was not built long, long ago. For we are learning for today and for tomorrow.

29 classrooms all up, and in the future more to go.
2010 was when it was built.
And every year we have a disco,
We are Peregian Springs State School. Learning for today and for tomorrow.

Well done, Lily!

Lapathon

The Lapathon is nearly here and this year’s theme is ‘Heroes’ – your child will have brought home the forms for this event last week. Please note the safety message asking that children are not to door knock without an adult present.

This year’s funds will continue to pay off the multipurpose courts and start a new project – a fitness trail throughout the school. This will be built gradually starting with one or two stations, and then added to each year as funds become available.

Peregian Posts – the Principal’s Blogspot

Happy reading – this fortnight’s blog entries are ‘We’re for kids’, and ‘A school song.’ http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/

Chris Wise, currently Acting Head of School and usually teacher of Year 7, is also blogging. Many parents will find his latest post very helpful - http://mrw1se.wordpress.com/2013/08/04/learning-for-today-and-tomorrow/

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
Congratulations

We have amazing Support Staff in our school! Many of our Teacher Aides are working towards completing their Digital Practice Certificate, by collecting and collating evidence of how they are supporting Teachers and Students in their classrooms every day.

Congratulations to Fiona Lewis, Melissa Martin, Annette Alexander and Jacquie Christie, who have recently been accredited. Well done, ladies!

Athletics Carnival

We wish our students well, who are competing in the District Athletics this Friday. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for this amazing fine and sunny weather to continue.

Our school Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled for the first week of September. Here are the dates:

- Wednesday 4 September – Junior Carnival (Prep – Year 3)
- Thursday 5 September – Senior Carnival Day 1 (Year 4 – 7, and select Year 3s who are in the 9 year old age group)
- Friday 6 September – Senior Carnival Day 2 (Year 4 – 7, and select Year 3s who are in the 9 year old age group)

TravelSmart

Congratulations to everyone who participated in June’s TravelSmart Challenge. During the week 3 - 7 June our school TravelSmart percentage was 41%. We had 400 students, who between them completed 1485 TravelSmart trips during that week. This meant that they walked to school, caught the bus, rode their bike or skateboard, or carpooled.

Lee Berrill, who is the Project Officer for TravelSmart Sunshine Coast was at last week’s Assembly to present prizes to 4 lucky students who travelled smart at least once that week. Congratulations to:

- Rose, 2B, who won a helmet; Ciara, 4H, who won a $30 Rebel Sport Voucher; Willow, 5HP, who won a skateboard; and Tiana, 3H, who won a brand new bike!

Our next TravelSmart Day will be the Carpooling Challenge on 16 August. On this day we ask all students to try to find another family to travel to or from school that day. When we carpool it significantly reduces traffic congestions on our local streets, as well as helping to keep our environment healthy. Random prizes will be handed out to car-poolers in the morning and afternoon that day, as well as prizes to the classes who have the most carpooling students.

Uniforms

One of the things that make us all smile is the way our students wear their uniform with pride at Peregian Springs. It sets us apart from many other schools in the area and is something that we all must continue to be vigilant about. Parents, can you please check each day that your child is wearing completely black shoes with navy or white socks. Our girls are requested to have only navy, white or emerald green hair ties. With regards to jewellery, students are permitted a watch and only one earring (plain sleepers or studs) in each ear. Medical bracelets or medical necklaces are ok to be worn. Nail polish is not to be worn at school and needs to be removed prior to coming to school.

The complete School Dress Code is available on our school website.

Before School Procedure

We remind Parents that students should be arriving at school after 8.15am, unless they are attending Band on Tuesday mornings. There is no supervision provided before this time. After arriving at 8.15am, our 734 students are to wait in the following areas for their classroom to be opened: Prep students wait near the top bike racks; Year 1 - 2 in the Junior Covered Area; Year 3 - 4 in the Central Covered Area; Year 5 - 7 in the Senior Covered Area; all playground equipment is out of bounds to everyone (including younger siblings).

Teachers are very busy preparing their daily programs and are often in meetings before school. Where possible classrooms will be open by 8.30am, for students to enter and get themselves organised for the day. Thank you for your assistance with this procedure.

Rose Marszalek

HEAD OF SCHOOL - STUDENT SUPPORT:

Peregian Springs State School is proud of the efforts of our students when it comes to them making safe and responsible learning and behaviour choices. As a school we are committed to creating conditions in and out of the classroom, that assist each child progress towards responsible self-management. We encourage our students to develop self-discipline and accept responsibility for their own actions. This is developed and reinforced through our Social and Emotional lessons as part of our Bounceback program and a diverse range of activities that teachers run in their classrooms.

We are very proud of the responsible behaviour constantly being demonstrated in each and every classroom. In Semester One, 73% of our students achieved an A or B grading for
their class behaviour. This is an outstanding result and it is one that we encourage and support all students to achieve. This great effort reflects the support we receive from our committed parents and community, as they reinforce the high expectations we hold at this school.

The values developed by our students relating to themselves, others and civic responsibilities will assist them actively contribute to our school, the community and eventually the wider community in years to come.

David Foxover

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS:

Introducing avid reader and 5HP teacher, Kirsten Holmes (the H of 5HP)

Favourite childhood book: The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
Favourite childhood author: R.L. Stine and Paul Jennings

Favourite time of the day to read: Before bed
Current book/magazine you are reading? Gangsta Granny by David Walliams
Do you have a kindle or e-reader? No, but I would love one for when I’m travelling!
Most popular book or story read to your class/children/grandchildren this year? At the moment our two year old daughter Lani just can’t get enough of the Sesame Street: My First Library Series of books. She is enjoying reading the stories to us now in her own words. Another popular book for children is Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
Do you prefer to read fiction/non-fiction? Fiction
Favourite genre e.g. mystery, fantasy: Fantasy
Favourite series? Harry Potter

Beware a Book Week Alien Invasion! (Aug 19 – 23)

With this year’s theme being “Read Across the Universe” we have invited students to dress up for Book Week Friday 23 August. Students have been told that they can come as any book character relating to space or future or fantasy universes but NOT as an earthling!

Some ideas are as follows: -

- Aliens in underpants
- Superman (from the planet Krypton)
- Star Wars characters
- Dr Who characters
- Star Trek characters,
- Stars, the sun, the moon or a planet
- Astronauts or space travellers e.g. Buzz Lightyear
- Rockets of spaceships
- Robots.

Thank you to the parents who are already planning costumes. Please don’t spend too much time or money. Try to use what you have at home. And yes, for all those parents who have daughters who want to dress as rainbow fairies or mermaids that will be fine. They are from fantasy lands and are definitely not earthlings!

Maree Johnson

CATERING FOR ALL LEARNERS:

Social and Emotional Learning

Social emotional development influences all other areas of a child’s development including cognitive, motor, and language skills. Social and emotional growth affects how a child feels about him/herself and how he/she is able to express ideas and emotions.

At Peregian Springs State School our Social and Emotional Learning framework is based on BounceBack! and focuses on developing resilience. Central to social emotional learning are five core competencies: self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.
All teachers in all year levels incorporate Social Emotional Learning in their Health and Physical Education Curriculum. You may hear your child talking about learning goals relating to resilience or BounceBack, Rock and Water strategies, Choice Theory or Doug Dragster. These programs are used as the toolkit for teachers to implement our school-wide Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum.

School-wide classroom teaching of social and emotional learning enables all staff and learners to share a common understanding and encourages learners to think about the kinds of situations they can use skills for. Importantly, the emphasis is not just on learning about emotions and relationships, but on practical skills that children can apply across a range of situations at school, at home and in the broader community.

Social and emotional learning is about learning how to manage feelings, manage friendships and solve problems. These are essential life skills that support wellbeing and positive mental health. Social and emotional skills promote children’s ability to cope with difficulties and help to prevent mental health problems. Children who have developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about themselves and the world around them.

Research has shown that a range of social and emotional factors influences children’s learning.

How well children do at school is affected by things such as:

- How confident children feel about their abilities
- How effectively they are able to manage their own behaviour
- How well they can concentrate and organize themselves
- How effectively they can solve problems
- How positively they are able to get on with school staff and with peers
- How effectively they take into account others’ needs
- How well they can understand and accept responsibilities.

Because it emphasises teaching children the skills for positive relationships, social and emotional learning is a key strategy for schools to reduce bullying and improve caring, respect, responsibility and acceptance at school. When children are taught specific strategies for recognising and responding to emotions, thinking through challenging situations and communicating effectively, they are less likely to act out frustrations at school and elsewhere.

In our role as Special Education Program staff, we often advocate for children with diverse learning needs, working collaboratively with teachers to help all learners recognise, value and celebrate differences.

Adapted from www.kidsmatter.edu.au

"If you have to judge people, judge them based on what they can do, not on what they cannot. Judge them based on who they are, not who they aren’t. Otherwise, you’re judging based on your own shortcomings."

-- Anonymous

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:

**Districts Sport News**

Congratulations to Jaydn Hebin – Botha and Ethan Williams for making the Noosa District Rugby Union Team. The Boys played at the Regional Trial last week and from all reports had a cracking day. Well done, lads.

This Friday 9 August we are sending a team of 45 athletes to compete at the Noosa District Athletics Trials at Sunshine Beach. Our team will be wearing our new athletics singlets kindly sponsored by LiveLife Pharmacy Peregian Springs. With a less than ideal lead up to the trial due to poor weather I’m sure they will be very strong. Please make sure if you are attending the trial to be at school by 8:15am to catch the bus. Best of luck to all competitors.

Our School Athletics Carnivals have been rescheduled for the 4 - 6 September. Fingers crossed the weather continues to be fantastic and our oval is in tiptop shape. Our junior school will be on Wednesday 4 September and 9-13 Years on the Thursday and Friday 5, 6 September.

**Lap-a-thon**

You will have received your Lap-a-thon information and sponsorship forms home in the past week. Our school Lap-a-thon is our schools major fundraiser for the year. Last year we raised nearly $10000 profit. All of these funds went directly back into our school and to your children. This year I’m sure we will surpass last year’s figures. This year we plan to start building outdoor exercise parks. These parks will be filled with exercise equipment encouraging students to exercise while at the same time having fun. While the Lap-a-thon raises money for our school it also gets more sports equipment into your homes thought the way of prizes - another fantastic benefit. Please support our fundraiser as 100% of the profits return to our school.

**Cameron Hutchins**

LOTE NEWS

**Japan Study Tour**

本当にありがとうございました Thank you very much to all the Peregian Springs families who opened their hearts and homes to the school’s first ever West Japan Study Tour. For one week students from Japan attended Peregian Springs School and experienced life in Australia shared with our generous families.
It was a wonderful success for all involved. In such a short time, smiles, personalities, confidence and friendships grew. We need to sincerely thank the whole team at AllU and to all the families who made their time so memorable.

Our next group will be from 13-22 August. 15 students from Tokyo aged 10-14 will be living and learning with Peregian Springs families. We look forward to welcoming them too and leaving them with memories and experiences of Australia they will always remember.

MLTAQ- Sunshine Coast Speech Contest

I am also excited to announce the first team of students from Peregian Springs to contest the annual Japanese speech contest on Sunday 25 August at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The following students have memorised a set speech and will answer questions about it in Japanese in front of native speakers.

Year 4: Alice Ayton; Jessica Butt; Zoe Butler and Abbey Jones
Year 5: Tyler Mohr; Jessica Huxley; Maddie Astley and Amy Taylor
Year 6: Jen Ogbourne and Jaz McKenzie
Year 7: Sabian Fahey and Hayden Lumsden

Mata ne またね！
Alex Huxley

Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music and Eisteddfod

Well done to our talented musicians for representing our school and the recent Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod. Abby Jones, Simon Talevski, Nina Cunningham, Zoe Butcher, Emma Lumsden, Eline Van Bruggen, Merle Wiltsche and Jessica Butt performed in the small ensemble section after playing for only 6 months which is a fabulous achievement for them. The Year 6 boys who played percussion in their group, Wilson Foster, Zane Steenberg and Harry Ioannou did an excellent job keeping the group together and Year 7 students, Hayden Lumsden, Emily Fulloon and Jaime Thacker scored highly in the trio section. Hayden also went back to the Eisteddfod later that night and played ‘Mission Impossible’ as a baritone saxophone solo and really impressed the adjudicator with his playing.

I will be away on Long Service Leave in week 7 and 8 and we welcome Mr Paul Williams to Peregian as my replacement. For those 2 weeks (23.08.13 and 30.08.13) all instrumental music lessons will be on Fridays.

Recruiting for next year’s instrumental music program will start Term 4 so if you are interested in learning a musical instrument in 2014, keep an eye out for flyers next term!

Sharelle Guest
Woodwind/Brass/Percussion
Instrumental Music Teacher
Email: sgues28@eq.edu.au

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.
pandc@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS:

Student Celebrations

Congratulations to Jennifer Ogbourne who won silver for Kata in the GKR karate world cup that was held at the Olympic park stadium in Sydney on Sat 20 July.

And well done to Jadyn Hebin- Botha and Ethan Williams for your efforts at District Rugby. We can see that you also created a huge job for Mum and Dad’s weekly laundry!

Congratulations to Wilson Foster, who at the weekend achieved what many professional golf players, aspire to achieve, a Hole in One! He was a participant in the Greg
Norman Junior Open at the Mount Coolum Golf Club. He went on to complete a round of golf with a gross 93 net 63, which is an outstanding effort on any occasion. Well done, Wilson on being the winner of the junior boys division.

Thomas Van Bruggen came 1st in the U8 3km King of the Mountain race at Pomona last Sunday – awesome effort.

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@peregianspringss.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 5. Medical histories have been handed out to all Year 3’s and 4’s. Please return forms to the office no later than 7 August 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 12.00pm each day. Payments can be made online.

Account Name: Pereigian 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
We remind all families that the correct uniform includes a navy blue jacket or pullover – these items are available 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 290+ 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.

Community Notices:

COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7 into Year 8
2014

Junior Secondary (Years 7, 8, 9)
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)

Free Breast Cancer Screening in
Noosaville

Noosaville Professional Centre, 90 Goodchap St.

Saturday Appointments Available

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

No doctor’s referral is needed.

Phone 13 20 50

Breast cancer is a serious disease that affects one in nine Queensland women in their lifetime.

Having a regular breastscreen every two years is the best way to detect breast cancer early and gives you a better chance of successful treatment and recovery.

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

Coolum Beach Nippers

Aug 25 - Nipper Info Day 11-12 am, 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.

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