Principal’s Column

End of Term
The end of term is nigh. Term 2 concludes on Friday 27 June. Term 3 begins on Monday 14 July. There is no Student Free Day at the beginning of the term. We hope everyone will be back on time! This is the last newsletter for the term. Enjoy the Winter Holidays.

mLearning Program
Parents of Year 4 students have started to ask questions about our one to one laptop program that starts in Year 5. Please feel free to contact Rose Marszalek, Dave Foxover, your child’s teacher or me about this at any time. Additionally in the middle of next term we will hold a series of parent information sessions to enable parents to decide whether they are in a position to support this initiative for their children.

An information pack is also available at the school office and we are working on updating our website too - https://peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Subjestsandprograms/Pages/mLearning.aspx.

Parents who are already investigating the cost of MacBook computers are invited to contact Leading Edge on 1300 716 840 and enquire about education pricing for students of our school.

We have a scholarship program at Peregian Springs State School enabling Year 4 students to apply for assistance. The scholarship provides the successful student with a MacBook and bag plus technical support and a mentor for their Year 5 year. The Peregian Springs State School m-learning program recently received a helping hand from the Lions Club of Peregian. The Lions have donated a second Apple MacBook computer to assist students and we are very grateful to Lions Club President Michele Lipner for her continued support.

Compliments from Parents and Visitors to our School
We receive a relatively large volume of compliments from parents and visitors to our school and many go to the trouble of sending these in writing. I know teachers are always so happy to get an email from me sending on compliments and ‘thank yous’ for a job well done. Next time you are in the office you may like to read some of these. We have published some of them in a presentation folder. It makes for great reading while you are waiting for your appointment!

School Annual Report
Our School Annual Report has been published and is available on our website. There is also a hard copy for reading at the office.

Reports for Semester 1
Semester One Reports will be distributed to students on Friday 27 June – the last day of Term 2.
School reports and the process involved in preparing them is perhaps one of the most time-consuming aspects for any school. We believe that reports are one of the most important...
documents provided to parents, which is why they are time-consuming and often difficult. In fact, it is because of their value and importance to parents that we read and sign each child’s report.

We do this for many reasons:-

We want to know how each child is developing and to read about their progress over the semester.

We want to be sure of the ‘quality’ of the content of the report. As a teaching profession, we believe teachers need to be accountable for these reports as they are a record of what has taken place.

We also want to affirm the teachers in the work they have put into reflecting on student progress and writing their detailed reports.

This semester all Queensland State Schools will be reporting using the Australian curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. Please remember, if your child receives a C or Sound grade, you can be rest assured he/she is meeting the expected benchmark for his/her year level. During this time of moving into the new Australian curriculum with its increased expectations of students, being awarded a C or Sound is a very good achievement.

We will continue to report using the Queensland Study Authority’s (QSA’s) 5-point scale. Prep students will also be issued a report detailing student progress against selected achievement scales. We use the 5-point scale to report on all Learning Areas, i.e. English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, The Arts, Languages, HPE and Technology.

In the comment section for each Learning Area will be a description of WHAT was taught across the units of work and a comment on your child’s achievement.

Students will also receive a behaviour comment and a general overall comment at the end of the report. Parent interviews are offered on request. This is the time when teachers can explain the report card.

Numeracy News

Our Number Sense program is going great guns – just have a look at the progress we have made over the last few years. Teachers on every year level have been working consistently with their classes to develop each child’s flexibility and fluency with number. Children are becoming adept at estimation, working with large numbers and mental calculation.

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Rose Marszalek, Head of School; Curriculum, has been running workshops for parents in these strategies and will continue to do this next term. Rose is also developing resources for our website that parents can access. Our children are going to be the best mathematicians on the coast!

When Things Go Wrong

I firmly believe that no one gets up in the morning determined to ruin someone’s day or create uncomfortable situations for anyone. At Peregian Springs SS we work hard to help all families and students meet their needs. Sometimes things go wrong or information is mis-communicated.

We ask that if you feel something has happened, and if you have a question about it, to please in the first instance, contact your child’s teacher or the relevant specialist teacher. In nearly all cases your child’s teachers can clear up the misunderstanding or issue. If not, your child’s teacher will know the most appropriate person to refer the problem to.

Remember when you have a concern speak as soon as possible with the most appropriate person closest to the situation.

Principal’s Blogspot

This last fortnight I blogged about this year’s Edutech Conference and the wealth of ideas our teachers gained from attending - http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/ . We are so lucky to have such forward thinking teachers who constantly strive to keep their teaching practices at the ‘cutting edge’ and ensure that they are providing engaging learning experiences.

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:

- Friday 20 June – Dress as an Everyday Hero Day and bring a gold coin to support the All in for Finn Foundation
- Wednesday 25 June – Nude Food Winter picnic on the oval. 10.20 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.
- 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
- Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 July – Athletics’ Carnival
- Monday 21 July to Sunday 3 August – Japanese Tour Group 1
- Tuesday 29 to Wednesday 30 July – Human Relationships Education evenings for Years 6 and 7 students
- Wednesday 6 to Friday 15 August – Japanese Tour Group 2
- Thursday 14 August – P&C Meeting
- Monday 18 August – Book Week
- Friday 22 August – Book Week Assembly
Deputy Principal’s Column

The holidays are nearly here and half the school year is over already. There has been so much learning and fun happening at our school this semester. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in July.

School Photos

I would like to thank all the parents and carers for ensuring that their children arrived at school smartly dressed in their checked shirts and correct shoes and socks. The photos should arrive at school by the end of Term 3.

ICAS English Test

The English test will be held on Tuesday 29 July starting at 11.00 a.m. All students who have paid to sit the test will need to have two HP pencils and an eraser.

Lost Property

The lost property is now on display in the Central covered eating area and there are many lunch boxes, hats and jumpers. Students and parents are most welcome to check for missing things. We will endeavour to return all named items to the students but unnamed and uncollected items will be donated to charity on the last day of term.

All in for Finn. Hero Day

Friday 20 June is our Project Compassion Day. We have chosen to support the All in for Finn Community Fundraiser. Little Finn Smith was diagnosed with meningococcal disease and his family have had to face ongoing treatments, medical bills and everyday expenses during his long recovery.

Students are encouraged to dress as an everyday hero and bring a gold coin donation. Some ideas for dressing up as an everyday hero include: Fireman, doctor, nurse, police, your favourite teacher or sporting hero. Of course some children will still insist on coming as spider man and that’s ok too. All money collected goes directly to the Smith family via the All in for Finn Foundation.

Host Family opportunity!

Peregian Springs State School will be hosting Japanese students from 6 - 15 August 2014 and host families are needed. This is a great opportunity to share your lifestyle and home while your family experiences another culture. Host families must be willing to welcome the students into their homes, provide meals and an opportunity to experience the Australian way of life. For the majority of their visit, students will be attending school and participating in sightseeing activities.

If your family is interested in joining this program, the visit would provide an excellent opportunity to increase knowledge and understanding as well as building relationships. There is also a tax free amount of $30/day paid to families to ease any extra costs that may be incurred during the stay. Thank you to all of those families who have already expressed an interest.

If you are interested in hosting one or two Japanese children please email admin@peregiansprings.eq.edu.au or Barbara Hook weyba12@bigpond.net.au to express your interest.

Active After School Sports

This week is the last week for AASC as the sessions only run for 7 weeks.

We hope that your children enjoyed the activities and we will be offering a different set of activities next term.

Download the QSchools App

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.

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.

Friday 29 August – Lapathon

Thursday 11 September – P&C Meeting

Friday 20 September – Last day of Term 3; Uniform Free Day (bring a gold coin)
Last week, 28 students from Years 4 and 5 participated in Sumdog’s first online Maths competition for North Coast schools. Peregian Springs State School was one of seven participating schools. Competitions like this are a great opportunity to promote interest in and love of Mathematics in our students. The competition lasted five days and we had five of our students finish in the top ten, which is an exceptional result. These students were: Ashanti McLean, Mitchell Willis, Liberty Wallace, Zane Pederson and Paige Bolch. Another student who had a fantastic result was Hunter Hargans, who came 17th. When I discussed their success, students advised that it was important to have persistence and confidence and that they gained a lot of satisfaction from their results. Students had to answer 1000 questions so they certainly demonstrated their focus and drive to achieve these great results. Big congratulations to these students who are already participating in a National Competition, which ends on 20 June.

Number Facts

Number Facts are the set of basic facts in each operation, e.g. $3 + 1 = 4; 10 - 2 = 8; 7 \times 8 = 56; 45 \div 9 = 5$. These number facts are a basic building block in Mathematics, which students need to be able to recall within 4 seconds. Teachers expose students to a variety of strategies and ways of thinking about these basic facts, in order for students to make connections between them and then be able to calculate and apply them in a variety of situations. It is only necessary for students to learn number facts up to $+ 10$, $- 10$, $\times 10$ and $\div 10$. Students use their knowledge of these facts flexibly for calculations beyond this, e.g. $12 \times 8$? Using the split strategy, I know that $10 \times 8$ is 80 and $2 \times 8$ is 16, so $12 \times 8$ is 96 ($80 + 16$).

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For more information on our school Mathematics program please see our school website https://peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Subjectsandprograms/Pages/Mathematics.aspx

Rose Marszalek

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Winter Nude Food Picnic
Wednesday 25 June
10.20 a.m.–10.40 a.m.

Family members are invited to join us for a Nude Food picnic on the oval next Wednesday.

Nude food is not packaged, reducing rubbish and waste.
Students are asked to bring a Nude Food morning tea to school.
(Some classes may ask for a plate to share. Look out for more information)

Don’t forget your hat!

Sandy Cathcart
Head of School – Student Support

Head of School - Curriculum

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Sports News

Representative News
Congratulations to Amaya Foxover and Rylee Reed who have been called up to represent the Sunshine Coast Region at the State Softball Titles from the 28-30 August in Bundaberg. Congratulations girls.

Hats during PE
Please make sure that your child has a hat at school and they are bringing them to their PE lessons. There are a large number of students turning up to PE without hats. If we are out on the oval all students are required to wear a hat. I do have some spares but I cannot cover the large number of students that are turning up without hats at the moment. Currently our Prep-Year 3 classes are doing their PE lesson in the ISC. However there will be times where we will be on the oval or the multipurpose courts for PE. Please ensure they have their hat every week.

Charlie Marlow from 3WB showing off his extraordinary balance and coordination in the ISC during PE

Yours in Sport
Mr Hutchins

Catering For All Learners
Over the past few weeks I have been fortunate to attend two Professional Development presentations. Although I was away from school for 4 days, both PD presentations were fantastic opportunities to work closely with our Admin staff team to improve our understanding of developing inclusive practices and working with diverse learners.

The central message in both PD presentations was the importance of open, respectful communication with parents and families.

Positive Partnerships
Dave Foxover and I attended a total of four days Professional Development focusing on a whole school approach to supporting students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder presented by Positive Partnerships.

One of the presenters at the Conference was Dr Loretta Giorcelli. She has worked as a teacher, consultant and school Principal in Queensland and London schools and has taught students at all levels with a range of disabilities.

She recommended many readings and research papers and highlighted the book: ‘Far from the tree’ by Andrew Solomon for both parents and staff. Dr Giorcelli commended the book as an exceptional exploration of difference in families and the impact of that difference on parents, siblings and the children themselves.

For more information on the Positive Partnerships initiative and to access links including an on-line learning portal for parents and staff:
www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Quality Schools Inclusive Leaders
Last week Sandy Cathcart and I attended a two day ‘Quality Schools Inclusive Leaders’ Professional Development Presentation.

The key message was:
Leadership requires adherence to the Fairness Rule: Fairness does not mean that everyone gets the same. Fairness means that everyone gets what he or she needs. (Attributed to Socrates)
Holiday Loans

All students may borrow over the school holidays. When they have read their school library books and those in your home library, please take them to the local council library (Coolum Beach is the closest or look out for the mobile bus that services Peregian Springs).

Connect to Book Week 2014

The theme for this year is *Connect to Reading* (Reading to Connect) so start thinking about a costume that is connected to a book character for our big dress-up day Friday 22 August (Week 7 of Term 3).

Overdue Library Books Amnesty

Please return your well-overdue library books before the holidays so that you may have your borrowing rights reinstated. Nothing will be said if they come back during the next two weeks. If you can’t find them, expect a phone call from Meryl, followed by a letter and invoice from me, followed by a letter from Gwen.

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It is more important that young people know how to access information, rather than retain information, in a world where information is ever expanding. That is why it was so important to upgrade our system and have one that students enjoy using. I teach them from Prep upwards to be independent library users. Our catalogue’s name is Olly and the icon is a worm.

I love this Dr. Seuss quote which is on the Home Page of our new Library management system:-

‘The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.’

*Maree Johnson*

*Teacher-Librarian*

Learning Enhancement

The Support teachers, like all teachers, work daily, to find ways to reach out to individual learners at their varied points of readiness, interest, and learning preference. We aim to differentiate, so learning feels right to students who learn in different ways and at different rates and who bring to school different talents and interests. We do this by delivering lessons to enhance student learning using varied rates of instruction along with varied degrees of complexity. We do not expect all learners to fit into a standard mould. We ask what it will take to modify instruction so that each learner comes away with understandings and skills that guide them to the next phase of learning. Essentially, we embrace, that learners bring essential differences that make them individuals. We allow for this reality in many ways to make teaching and learning a good fit for each individual. Our goal is to maximise student growth and individual success.

Addressing the needs of academically diverse learners, these students are involved in a Streaming session and extension activities, where they are working in mixed-ability groups. Students are given the opportunity to think aloud and discuss their thinking with their peers.

*Melanie Timbs, Danae Steer and Amanda White*
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.

If anyone would like to help out in the uniform shop please let me know by sending an email to uniforms@peregianspringss.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.

Sonia Sheridan
Uniform Convenor

P&C News

Some good news first; we have paid off our pledge to the school for the construction of the multi-purpose courts!!! YAY, very good news. We must thank all of the school community for their support of our fundraising efforts over the past few years, everyone who has bought a raffle ticket, a sausage, and attended our Discos, THANK YOU!!

A BIG thank you to all past and current P & C Executives and members for all their efforts too, we couldn’t do it without all the voluntary hours you all put in.

On that note, it is with regret that we must say good bye to John Sheridan as our President. John has been an enormous part of the P & C this year, his personality and leadership will be missed. Thank you, John for all of your hard work. John has to dedicate his time to his paid work commitments, which everyone can understand.

Therefore we now need a new President. Anybody who wishes to put their hand up for this role needs to come along to our next meeting on Thursday 14 August. On this date we are holding a Special P&C meeting to make a small adjustment to our constitution to amend meeting times to 6.00 p.m. instead of 7.00 p.m. This Special meeting will start at 6.00 p.m. and the regular meeting will follow on from this, so come early please.

Another farewell and thank you goes to Kellie Butterworth, who has run our Book Fair since the beginning. Thank you Kellie, you have done a fabulous job every year and filling your shoes will not be easy.

Tuck Shop news

We wish to welcome Raemaree Sommerville to the team. Rae will commence this week in the Tuckshop. She brings with her hospitality and catering experience and lots of personality. Welcome Rae!!

The Tuckshop loves new visitors so please come along and help out on a Thursday or Friday. Mel and Rae are very friendly and always ready for a laugh.

Future events coming up

• Father’s Day stall, the first week of September.
• Indoor Sports Centre (ISC) Grand Opening and Spring Fling; a family day out at the school with market stalls, entertainment, food and drink. Come along and celebrate!! Planned for early September.

Hi School Bankers!

Remember your bank books every Tuesday to be in the draw for Student Banker of the Week!

Please ensure deposit slips are filled out correctly with Full name, Account Number, Student ID and correct amount of the deposit.

Thanks and Happy Banking

Kim and Nat

Community Art for Kids

Kids Club

The first Saturday of the month, Caloundra Regional Gallery runs Kids Club, a free event. Children must be accompanied by a parent/adult guardian and should wear appropriate protective clothing and footwear.
No bookings required.

**Holiday workshops**

ArtsCool workshops are fun and creative, stretching imagination and building artistic skills. A guided tour of the "Between the Pumice and the Blue" exhibition gives an understanding of the techniques and processes in each workshop.

ArtsCool, is presented by, A Little Creative with the assistance of blue card volunteers. The sessions are fully supervised and parents are not required to stay. Classes are limited to 12 students.

Book online and prepayment is essential.

**Acrylic Painting**

Create a landscape or animal painting that relates to your own experiences of the local environment. Be inspired by the paintings of artist Ron Badenhorst. Develop your sketching and painting techniques. Focus on creating:

- Realistic form
- A considered composition
- Brushstrokes to provide tone and texture.

Date and Time | Age | Cost
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Monday 30 June 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. | 5-7 | $15
Monday 30 June 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. | 8-12 | $15

**Photomontage and Text**

Reflect on living "between the Pumice and the Blue". What meaning does it mean to you and your lifestyle? Consider the different moods, various landscapes and activities that form part of this magnificent area. Using the written word (poetry) and visual imagery (photographs of exhibition artworks) create a photo-montage artwork of personal and local significance. Explore mixed media and various techniques.

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Tuesday 1 July 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. | 5-7 | $15
Tuesday 1 July 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. | 8-12 | $15

http://gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

**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@peregiannspringssss.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**

As we are well into our second Term, payment of your SRS would be appreciated. These funds cover costs associated with special activities including Mother’s Day, Father’s 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

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