14 August 2014

Principal’s Column

It was great to return to school last Wednesday after 3 weeks leave. I’ve spoken to, seen or have had correspondence with many of you already, and it really brings home the strong sense of community we have at Peregian Springs.

I walked around the school on Wednesday morning and the classes were buzzing with learning, teachers were humming, and everyone was busy and keen to tell me what they had been up to. Ideas and innovation are the lifeblood of our school and when you step away for a short time, it’s really clear to see. This is what makes our school so special.

mLearning Program – Bring Your Own Device

We are offering two information sessions for parents of Year 4 students who would like to know more about our one to one laptop program in Year 5.

The sessions will be offered on Friday 12 September at 9.30 a.m. (after Assembly); and Tuesday 16 September at 5.00p.m.

Both sessions will be the same and will include an overview of our program, what we ask of parents who would like their children to participate, teachers’ presentations and a display of the products available from Smile IT (formally Leading Edge Computers).

Parents wishing to attend can enrol in their preferred session through Schoolzine - http://peregiansss.schoolzinenumnewsletters.com/bookings.htm

Our website also has a lot of information including Frequently Asked Questions - https://peregiansspringss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Subjectsandprograms/Pages/mLearning.aspx

Parents who are unable to attend one of these meetings are welcome to make an appointment to see either Rose Marszalek, Dave Foxover or myself.

Japanese Visitors

We have 22 Japanese students in the school at the moment. Many thanks to our families who offered their homes for homestay. I know you will be finding this most rewarding and are possibly making some life long friends in the process.

In making our school available for our visitors we have also benefited – our Japanese Language Program is enriched and all students have an opportunity to learn some intercultural competencies which are so valuable in our modern world.

Extra Curricular Activities

We have a large number of students across the school engaged in many activities that are outside their class programs but are supplementing their learning. These include:

- The Kids in Action Conference
- The annual Japanese Speaking Competition
- Tournament of Minds
- Instrumental Music
- District Athletics and
- Book week

Some of our great Japanese speaking students.
Some of our dedicated Kids in Action Students.

A couple of years ago we would not have been in a position to offer this array of learning opportunities to our students. One of the benefits of being a big school is the depth of staff expertise and the ability to organise time for these events to occur.

Well done to all children who are grabbing these opportunities with both hands!

Prep Enrolments for 2015

We have about 30 families still to return enrolment forms for their children for next year. The office are currently taking bookings for the Induction Program which runs throughout Term 4 and it would be a shame for children to miss out on this. Please return your enrolment forms as soon as possible so that you can secure a place in the playgroups.

We expect to have five full Prep classes in 2015.

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

When Things Go Right

And when things go right, it’s wonderful when parents tell us about that too.

Our P&C

Our P&C really need some help – they are such a hard working group and are currently two members down – the positions of President and P&C’s Qld Rep are vacant. We have a P&C Meeting tonight at 6.00pm. If you would like to meet new friends, have some fun and find out about what’s going on at school then come along!

Principal’s Blogspot

This last fortnight I blogged about the big, messy, noisy learning going on in 6S and 6M - http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/ . The results of their work on electrical circuits was great to see.

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:

• Wednesday 6 to Friday 15 August – Japanese Tour Group 2
• Tuesdays 19, 26 August – Parenting with Choice Theory Being the Parent You Want to Be 9.00 to 10.30 a.m.
• Thursday 14 August – P&C Meeting 6.00 p.m.
• Friday 15 August – Year 3 Duck Pond Excursion
• Monday 18 August – Book Week
• Friday 22 August – Year 1 Excursion to Wombat Stew in Nambour
• Saturday 23 August – Tournament of Minds Competition
• Friday 29 August – Book Week Assembly
• Sunday 31 August – Japanese Speaking Competition
• Thursday 04 September – Prep Father’s Day BBQ
• Friday 05 September – Lapathon
• Thursday 11 September – P&C Meeting 6.00 p.m.
• Friday 12 September 9:30 a.m. (after Assembly) - mLearning Program Information Session for parents of Year 4 students
• Sunday 14 September – Indoor Sports Centre Grand Opening
• Tuesday 16 September 5.00 p.m. - mLearning Program Information Session for parents of Year 4 students
• Friday 20 September – Last day of Term 3; Uniform Free Day (bring a gold coin)
• Tuesday 7 October – First day of Term 4
• Friday 12 December – Last day of Term 4

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Deputy Principal’s Column

There are a number of interesting things happening during the next two weeks.

Travel Smart

The TravelSmART calendar competition is here again

• Students create a poster based on sustainable travel – walking, cycling, carpooling, or riding the bus.
• Like last year there will be two calendars produced - one for Prep to Year 3, the other for Year 4 to Year 7. Thirteen artworks will be selected for each calendar.
• Please use the back of the entry form as your A4 drawing paper.
• All entries are to be returned to school no later than Monday 8th September 2014.
• Every entry created will receive a copy of the 2014Walk Cycle Ride Calendar

So start thinking about fun ways to get to school without the car, then get your paints and crayons out and get creative! We can’t wait to see all your beautiful artwork. Class teachers will distribute the forms to students if they require one.

Spring into Art Timetable

During the last two weeks of Term 3, all students will be given the opportunity to develop and extend their creative art skills by attending some inspirational art workshops provided by our very talented resident Art teacher Mr Joel Hughes. The workshops will be conducted in the form of an Incursion which is included in the SRS Payments.

Child Wise Art Competition

This term students will be given the opportunity to participate in the Child Wise Art Competition. Child Wise is inviting children of all ages to take part in promoting the message of Hope, Safety and Protection for this year’s National Child Protection Week with a national art project in three categories.

• Category one: Colouring in for young children
• Category two: Drawing for all ages
• Category three: Photography

Closing date: 15/08/2014, include name, age and school details
(Class teachers have access to the entry forms)

The activity aim is for children to create an artwork through the medium of drawing or photography to represent something that makes them feel hopeful, safe and protected. Child Wise believes that this will create the opportunity to spark positive discussions and inspire the children to voice what makes them feel secure.

All submitted artwork will be displayed in prominent state government premises- details to be provided. This is a great opportunity for children to explore and promote their creative talents as well as promote the vital message of Hope, Safety and Protection.

ICAS Tests

The final Mathematics ICAS test was conducted this week. Many of the students who completed the Science test received Credits or Distinctions and Tijay Li in Year 3WB received a High Distinction and the Principal’s Award.

Sandy Cathcart

Visiting Japanese students.

We are currently hosting 20 Japanese students and two teachers at our school. The students attend English classes organized by Barbara Hook and Kerryn Butt who is being employed through the Australian Institute of International Understanding. The students are being billeted by families at our school. On Tuesday, the group attended Surfing lessons at the beach and visited Underwater World. We wish them all a safe trip back home on Friday and thank them for visiting our school.

Head of School – Student Support

On Saturday 2 August of our very talented Instrumental Music Students competed in the Small Instrumental Ensemble section at the Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod. All students played exceptionally well with one of our groups taking out second place out of 10 competing groups. Many of our talented Peregian Springs students have competed in this festival over the past 2 weeks in sections varying from piano solos and dramatic monologues to groups of 12 wind instruments.

Music competitions such as Eisteddfods give the students an opportunity to prepare themselves and perform in front of a large audience. They receive feedback to help the young musicians improve in their playing and the experience of overcoming nerves builds courage and character and can help prepare them for other life experiences such as job interviews and public speaking. We should all be very proud of the achievements of our students and their music teacher Sharelle Guest takes great pride in their achievements.
**Catering For All Learners**

**Supported Play at the LEC**

We have a range of children coming to play at the LEC, some attend regularly, some occasionally.

All enjoy the opportunity to play in a smaller, more closely supervised play area. The learners attending can select from a variety of activities available.

Outdoors we have soccer nets, handball, skittles, grip ball, fit balls and mini trampolines.

Under cover we have a selection of activities available, these change from week to week.

The Littlest Pet shop and My Little Pony characters and accessories are always popular. We have Lego, a range of Pirate accessories and superhero figurines, cars and mats, puzzles, puppet show and puppets (donated by a generous parent). Our fantastic sand tray is also very popular, it was built by our very talented Schools Officer, Mark Coert, and has recently had a shelf added to store the plastic animals.

Some days we have learners playing board games, listening to music or painting quietly inside.

Staff are able to explicitly teach and reinforce appropriate social interactions, cooperative play, and turn taking.

If your child would like to visit and find out more, please encourage them to visit the LEC- we are open every day at second break.

Some comments from a few of our ‘satisfied customers’!

Jackson likes to play with the sandpit and the animals.

Eva and Emma like to play with all the toys.

It was Anastasia’ s first time today and she came with Abbey who has been about 5 times, they like to play with the pet shop and in the sandpit.

Javia likes to play with the animals.

Matteo likes to draw and play with the Lego.

Brock loves the Fit Balls, they are great to do tricks on.

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**Head of School - Curriculum**

**mLearning Program**

This year, with the assistance of several community sponsorships, we introduced the mLearning Scholarship. The mLearning Scholarship offers several students in Year 5 the opportunity to use a school-owned MacBook, as their own, for their learning during Year 5. We currently have six Year 5 students in our school who are recipients of this scholarship. Sandy Cathcart, our Deputy Principal, recently presented Jayme-Lee in 5C with her new MacBook, sponsored by the Peregian Lions. Jayme-Lee was so excited and you just could not wipe the smile off her face.

Next year we will be offering at least seven mLearning Scholarships, with Pete Ashenden from LiveLife Pharmacy at Peregian Springs being the latest donor. We appreciate his kind donation, along with our other mLearning Scholarship sponsors – Peregian Lions, Aspire Schools and our P & C. Soon we will begin to accept applications from students who will be in Year 5 in 2015 to be a part of this amazing opportunity. Year 4 Teachers will inform their families when it is time to apply.

mLearning happens all across our school, not just in Year 5 – 7. Our youngest students in Prep and Year 1 are already making movie and book trailers using iMovie on our school iPads and MacBooks. We look forward to sharing some of these with you at an assembly in future.

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**Rose Marszalek**

*The Lion King - Brisbane 29 November 2014*

"There is Simply Nothing Else Like It" – The New York Times

Disney in association with Autism Awareness Australia will present an autism-friendly performance of THE LION KING on Saturday 29 November 2014 at 1:30pm at the Lyric Theatre, QPAC. This specially adapted performance will be

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Regards

Dave Foxover
Tournament of Minds

This year our school will be entering our first team into the Tournament of Minds competition. Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way. Tournament of Minds looks beyond academic achievement and understands that the pursuit of excellence knows no boundaries. It offers students a unique, total experience, providing challenge and growth through its six-week problem solving structure. Students learn effective problem solving skills, thinking outside the square and that the use of technology are values that employers are searching for in the employee of tomorrow. Tournament of Minds mirrors what successful businesses practise.

Learning Enhancement

Our team consists of seven upper school students. They are Riley McNamara, Faith Roche, Mia Bennett, Chase Davis, Joel Sidney, Shiran McLean and Mitchell Willis. We will be competing in the Applied Technology section. The students will participate in the regional finals on Sunday August 24 against schools on the Sunshine Coast. They are working hard on a six-week challenge to create a wearable device, an infomercial and presentation. I am extremely impressed with their creativity, teamwork, ideas and enthusiasm. We are working collaboratively during class and lunch times. Please wish them luck!

Gifted Education Mentor
Danae Steer

Creating a Happier Life with Choice Theory

Last newsletter we were considering our Basic Need for Love and Belonging. What did you notice about your interaction with other people? Did you find yourself actively seeking connection with others? In what form do you like that connection – a few intense relationships or lots of friends at work, home, on Facebook, etc? Have you noticed how your kids like to satisfy their Love and Belonging need?

The next need is Power. Power is the need for significance or making a difference in the world. People high in power like to be in control, are usually organised, goal-driven and capable of leading others. Power is also the need that can get us in trouble in relationships, particularly if we choose to use power over other people.

Power over others. It almost seems as though we are born knowing how to satisfy our power need in this way. Think about two year olds playing – one wants the toy the other has. What often happens? Grabbing, pushing, shoving, maybe hitting, biting and tantruming as well. You can probably see that satisfying our power need by choosing power over others can destroy relationships – especially as we get older (making satisfying our Love and Belonging need very difficult). A power-over-others person likes to control and manipulate others, wants the last word and may believe they are always right. Luckily, we can change how we satisfy our needs at any time we want.

The other two kinds of power have to be learned (part of our job as parents). The second way to obtain power is through power with others. This is what happens in groups with common goals. You will see this with winning sports teams, at work with productive work groups and at home with functioning families. It’s a great way to get power. The downside is you need others to be successful and those other people may not always be around.

The third kind of power is the personal power we have within that comes from those things we are good at, proud of, or have accomplished in our lives. These are the areas of our special competencies and gifts. Power within lets us know we are important and make a difference.

This week, be aware of when you are choosing to satisfy your Power need using power over, power with or power within. Do you notice when other people use power over you? Have you ever noticed the damage power over does to relationships like friendships, marriages and between parents and children? Have you noticed the positive effects of choosing to satisfy your power need with others and by gaining power within by being
successful and making a difference in areas that are important to you - trying to control only yourself?

Developed from The 21 Day Challenge at http://mentalhealthandhappiness.com/

More next time
Gerard

Resource Centre News

Important Dates

29 August. Annual Book Week Assembly
We invite everyone (grandparents, parents, teachers and students) to dress as a book character; one that connects with another character or is part of a couple, a group, a family, a gang or a club? Teachers and students are preparing some very special performances for this. One student from each class will be presented with a certificate for reading. Please come along and support this fun event.

5 September. Last day of reading for Premier’s Reading Challenge
Sheets to be given to the class teacher who will pass them on to library staff and we will send to the Premier’s Department for the issuing of certificates. Certificates will be presented to students on assembly during Term 4.

November (date to be advised) Book Fair Fundraiser in time for Christmas!

Children’s Book Council of Australia Shortlist

I have been reading some of the top ‘Books of the Year’ in the categories of Early Childhood, Picture Book and Information Books to Preps, Year 1s, 2s and 3s. During Book Week, they will help me judge their favourite book out of those we have read this term. The Year 4s and 5s have been reading the same books in preparation for the Readers Cup Competitions which held is during Book Week. Some of the favourites are:

- Jeremy
- King Pig
- The Swap
- The Treasure Box
- I’m a Dirty Dinosaur
- Banjo and Ruby Red
- Granny Grommet and Me

Five Star Club members have been busy creating book trailers of some of these books for Book Week. Please come and view their masterpieces as they are looping on the TV monitor at the entrance of the Resource Centre. The following photos to follow are the students holding their Book Reviews under the club board.

Thank you to the 4 new library volunteers, Anne who helps us on Mondays and Jan who helps later in the week. Students, Faith from 7/6W and Bree from 7D have been reliable helpers this term. Bree is being trained like a ‘work experience” student and would be an asset to any public library who is looking for young dedicated and enthusiastic part-time employees.

Bree 7D

Until next fortnight,
Maree Johnson
Teacher-Librarian

The more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the more places you go. (Dr Seuss)

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Needs

YOU
Help urgently required for Term 4 on a Thursday morning

Can you spare one hour of your time on a Thursday morning between 10.00 a.m. and 11.00a.m. to help kit out our new Prep children starting in January? The uniform shop will be open after the Pre-Prep playgroup to allow parents and carers to size up their child for uniform. This is an appointment only session but to try and get through over a hundred Prep children in one term I need your help! Please send me an email: uniforms@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au if you think you can offer some time.

Uniform items currently out of stock
- Polo shirts – size 6 & 8
- Girls blouses – size 8
- Shorts – size 6
- Culottes – size 6

We are waiting for out back to school order to arrive in October before stock will be replenished. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Sonia Sheridan
Uniform Convenor

P&C News

ISC Grand Opening/ Family Fun Day September 14

Please come along and celebrate our School’s new great facility. The day promises to be fun filled with rides, side shows, face painting, market stalls and food treats.

We will have raffle tickets on sale and prizes include 1 girls and 1 boys bike, Glen Elmes MP is donating one and Venture Cycles, Noosaville is donating the other. Starshots Maroochydore have donated a photo package including styling, makeover and 1hr studio time.

Please see your Parent Link notices for details of how you can help.

We need more committee members; there are currently 3 roles that need filling. President, Vice President and QCPCA Rep. I say Vice President as I am currently Acting President, if I nominate for President that role will become vacant.

Anyone who would like to join the team needs to come along to our next meeting Tonight at 6p.m. We are holding a Special P&C meeting to make a small adjustment to our constitution to amend meeting times to 6p.m. instead of 7p.m. This Special meeting will start at 6pm and the regular meeting will follow on from this, so come early please.

Ongoing ways to help our School

Entertainment book

The Entertainment Book is now available from our school, they are packed with lots of discount vouchers for local restaurants, attractions and more. There is one on display in the office and can be purchased from Elaine or ordered online via our special link https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22863s2

Discounted Movie Tickets


Purchase adult movie tickets from $10.50 and children’s tickets at $10.00 and help raise money for our school, please copy the above link into your browser, the school receives $1.00 per ticket purchased.

Sticky name labels

If you need to buy labels for your children’s books, Bright Star Kids Labels do provide the school with a donation for every order, so when you’re ready to purchase please try www.FDR000.brightstarkids.com.au or call 1300 668 997.

Til next time

Dawn Shelton
Acting President

Tuckshop

FRIDAY SPECIAL 15 AUGUST

Morning Tea $3.50
Fresh Fruit Salad
Crackers and Cheese
Lunch $5.00
Homemade Hamburger with Lettuce/Tomato/Sauce Choice of Just Juice Poppa OR Water..
Both for $8.00
Please note there are NO other menu items available on Friday, Only PIES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS and Counter foods.

Thanks very much
Mel and Rae. Tuckshop convenors

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

Student Celebrations

The following girls are part of the Sunshine Coast Youth Theatre and have worked really hard this year in qualifying for the national championships, which was held at the Gold Coast exhibition and conference centre last weekend.

Ellie Christie 5H
Sophie Davenport 5H
Alex McGarvey 5H
Isabella Barry 3C
Amity Listorti 3C
Zara Vass 3G

The girls competed in the glee singing category and between them have quite a number of gold and silver medals for various performances over what was a huge weekend of performing at a rather spectacular arena...Isabella said "Can you believe we are singing on the same stage as Pink!"

Sophie was also involved in cheer leading and dance. A fantastic achievement for all of the girls, especially the younger ones as for some of them it was their first time performing to such a big audience.

Amber Barry competed at the 2014 Sunshine Coast Regional Gymnastics Championships at Maroochydore. Amber received 4th place for her vault. Well done Amber! A great result.

Charlie Tolman entered his first Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition for Queensland State Nationals down at the Gold Coast on Sunday 6th July. It was a very proud moment for all his family as Charlie gained a Silver Medal coming 2nd in his league!!!

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!

Student Resource Scheme

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 PSSSS 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 navy 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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