9 October 2014

Principal’s Column

Welcome to Term 4 – this year is flying by… This is a 10 week term finishing on Friday 12 December. We ask that all families keep a close eye on our calendars and communications so as not to miss key dates for preparation for 2015.

Student Free Day

Just a reminder that the Student Free Day for October is on Monday 20 October. All schools have this day as the high schools use it for moderation of senior school studies.

Our teachers and teacher aides will be participating in professional development here at school. The topic we are looking at for this day is Talent Development across the school and catering for our high ability learners.

Partnership with Star Real Estate

We are excited to have entered into a partnership with real estate company Star and Jodie Curran, one of our parents. Jodie has committed to donating $1000 for every property sold that stems from referral from our school. All prospective buyers need to do is to mention the name of our school when they talk to Jodie.

Jodie has already kick started this program with a $1000 donation and we are going to track our progress towards a goal of $20 000 on a huge thermometer in the front office.

The donations will fund the building of adventure play equipment for our senior students.

Many thanks, Jodie for this initiative.

Swimming and Surf Skills

Over the years our swimming and surf skills program has developed into a strong and coordinated approach to ensuring our students can swim well and stay safe in water. In Term 4 Preps and Years 4 and 5 will have their eight swimming lessons with the Diamond Swim School; and Years 6 and 7 will be participating in Surf Skills at Noosa Main Beach. These lessons start in the first week of Term 4 with Surf Skills on the first day. Payment for both activities is due before the end of term.

Our swimming lessons are taught by trained AusSwim teachers at the Good Shepherd Lutheran College. The Surf Skills program is taught by qualified Surf Coaches who all have their Bronze Medallions. The supervision rations and levels of training of staff far exceeds the recommended levels.

Parents with questions about risk management for activities and the qualifications of staff can speak with Sandy Cathcart, our Deputy Principal, who oversees this aspect of excursions and incursions.

Resource Centre News

Maree is away on long service leave walking the Camino in Spain for the first four weeks of term. The timetable for students differs a little while she is away. Your child’s class teacher will advise you if children need to bring their library books on a different day.

Our annual Book Fair starts on Friday 14 November this year and is looking to be a fantastic place to pick up some Christmas presents and summer holiday reading.

mLearning Program – Bring Your Own Device

We are offering an information session for parents of Year 4 students who would like to know more about our one to one laptop program in Year 5 on Friday at 9.15 a.m. (straight after
This 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 through Schoolzine – http://peregiannss.schoolzinenewsletters.com/bookings.htm. Our website also has a lot of information including Frequently Asked Questions – https://peregiannspringss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Subjectsandprograms/Pages/mLearning.aspx

Parents who are unable to attend this meeting are welcome to make an appointment to see Rose Marszalek, Dave Foxover or myself.

**Education Queensland - Policy and Procedures Register**

We appreciate that parents will not always agree with our procedures at school; however, we always hope that you will understand that things that work well in a family or in the backyard do not always work so well when translated into a setting where there are 820+ children and 100 adults. Our procedures are based on the Department’s Policies and Procedures Register. Parents can read these at http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx. The policies and procedures that deal specifically with Curriculum Risk Management for physical education and sport can be found at http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/carmg/sport.html.

**Student Resource Scheme 2015**

Our Student Resource Scheme will continue unchanged for a third year for 2015. The Scheme will remain at $100 per child for the year and includes all extra items purchased by teachers for use in classrooms and extra curricular activities such as Art Lessons. Students whose payments are up to date also attend three visiting performances during the year. Visiting performances to schools cost up to $10.00 per child.

As with previous years we will be emailing the information home very soon so that families can begin payments if they wish and also plan their end of year budgets. There is always so much to pay for at the end and the beginning of each school year.

**Our School’s Facebook Page**

The purpose of our school’s Facebook Page is to share good news stories and reminders. It seems to be a helpful forum for parents who can access it and read short messages quickly – over 600 people now follow our page. We use photos taken throughout the day or during events and excursions as many parents and grandparents like to see what their children are doing. If you would prefer that we did not post photos of your child please contact the school office to change the media permissions you have provided us with.

We ask that parents don’t use our Facebook page to air their grievances. This tends to upset everyone. Please ring us, come and see us or send an email if there are issues you would like us to resolve or be aware of.

Posts to our page are reviewed before publication to protect our school community from profanity, spam, excessive advertising or inappropriate images. These posts are reviewed a couple of times a week so don’t be concerned if you don’t see your post on our page immediately.

**Academic Emotions**

As I have written about in previous newsletters, we are currently working with a consultant to enhance our provisions for our brighter students. The consultant, Michele Juratowich, is providing regular newsletter articles. This fortnight’s article is on Academic Emotions. You will find it at the end of our newsletter.

**Great Results Guarantee**

We have had some preliminary notification that our Great Results Guarantee funding will continue in 2015. This year, this funding has been used to purchase half day Teacher Aides for all classes in Years 1 and 2. This has in turn freed up other Teacher Aide time for other year levels. Teachers have used this extra assistance to support children in their learning in English and Maths and we have seen some very promising results.

Knowing we have this funding again means we will be able to continue these great programs for at least another year. Our Guarantee will again be published on our website.

**Until next fortnight … Gwen**

**Dates for your diary**

Keep an eye on the calendar in Schoolzine (our newsletter service) and on the website. All important dates and changes are recorded there.

Here are a few things coming up:

- **Friday 10 October** – mLearning Parents Information Session 9.15 a.m. (after Assembly)
- **Friday 10 October** – mLearning Scholarship applications due
- **Friday 10 October** – swimming lessons for Prep and Years 4 and 5 start (every Friday until 28 November)
- **Monday 20 October** – Student Free Day
- **Wednesday 22 October** – Year 6 excursion to the Lion King
- **Thursday 23 October** – 8.45 a.m. Parent Information Session for parents of Preps starting school in 2015
- **Thursday 30 October** – P&C Disco
- **Friday 14 November** – Book Fair starts
- **Friday 21 November** – last day to order uniforms for January 2015 delivery
- **Tuesday 25 November** – 5.30 p.m. Parent Information Session for parents of Preps starting school in 2015
- **Thursday 27 November** – 6.00 p.m. P&C Meeting
- **Thursday 4 December** – Year 6 and 7 Graduation Ceremony and Awards Night
- **Friday 5 December** – Years 4-7 Swimming Carnival (some Year 3 students also attend this event)
- **Wednesday 10 December** – End of Year Reports are distributed
- **Thursday 9 December** – Class Party Days
- **Friday 12 December** – Last day of Term 4 – clean up and moving day
- **Friday 19 December** – Last day to order Book Lists from Office Max and pay only $8.95 for delivery
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL – Junior Secondary 2015

Coolum SHS would like to invite ALL current Year 6 and 7 students and parents to the;

**Junior Secondary 2015 (Year 7,8) ‘Open Day’**

**Thursday 16th October, 8.30am - 2.45pm, Coolum SHS**

Students are to arrange own transport to and from Coolum SHS on the day. Students are to bring along own lunch or can access the Coolum Cafe.

Parents are invited to a Coolum SHS Tour/Morning Tea from 8.30-10.30am.

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

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

Head of School – Student Support

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you had an opportunity to share some quality time with your child before we head straight back into a very busy last term of the year. On the last day of Term 3, it was fantastic to watch our students participate in the Talent Quest and observe them display courage and confidence in front of all their peers.

The support and audience manners from all students was excellent and reflects what a fantastic community we are all part of.

Throughout the year, many of our upper school students have participated in activities from our Rock and Water program that we run in the upper areas of school, and we have also started trialing it in some Prep and Year 2 classes also. This program focuses on building self-control, self-reflection and self-confidence skills in students. They build confidence in social and emotional learning, including themes of safety, assertiveness, communication and listening to their body.

The themes mentioned above are interrelated in the program by four leading threads:

1. **Grounded, being centred and focused:** learning how to stand firm and relaxed, how to concentrate your breath in your belly and focus attention (first external, later transformed to an internal goal).

2. **The golden triangle of body-awareness – emotional awareness – self-awareness:** Emotions are expressed in the body by way of muscular tension. Therefore, increased body awareness can lead to more insight and experience of one’s own patterns of reaction, which in turn can offer a chance to deepen and further develop the emotional awareness and self-awareness. In fact, this concept is the basis of every martial art that has an eye for the development of mental and inner power.

3. **Communication:** the development of physical forms of communication as a basis for the development of other, more verbally oriented, forms of communication.

4. **The Rock and Water concept:** the tough, immovable rock attitude versus the mobile, communicative water attitude. This concept can be developed and applied at various levels: the physical, the mental and the social level.

At a social level – for instance in a conversation – it is also possible to choose between a rock and a water attitude and the same choice applies to the way in which one maintains relationships with others. Finally, at a spiritual level, the apparent opposites between rock and water disappear. Then the insight and experience come about that both ways are needed to reach happiness and that people, in their deepest essence, are connected to each other and go along a path together.

Each year, staff are selected to attend training in this program and we will continue this excellent social and emotional training into 2015.

**Regards**

Dave Foxover

**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 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 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**

These funds cover costs associated with art, cooking and other 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.

**Catering For All Learners**

**Is Everybody Here Event**

Welcome back to term 4. We are looking forward to another term of working in partnership with families to achieve positive outcomes for all our diverse learners.

We have included a selection of photos from last term’s ‘Is Everybody Here?’ event. A number of our students with disabilities and their families attended the day, held at Maroochydore Soccer Club/Sports Complex on 9 September 2014 to celebrate Disability Action Week.

Everyone enjoyed trying different sports including:

- AFL, Golf, Tennis, Ten Pin Bowling, Soccer, Taekwondo, Basketball, traditional games, Rugby League, Drumming, Cricket and Oztag.

Other fun activities included clowning, face painting, jumping castle and balloon creations!

It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and family members to connect with other families facing challenges and to find out more about local inclusive sports providers and community support agencies.

**Resource Centre News**

**Term 4 Changes**

For parents of Prep and parents of 1T and 1H - please note the following changes that may affect your son or daughter:

Your child’s library borrowing will change from Monday to Wednesday or in 1H’s case from Wednesday to Monday. Prep 1AR will change to Thursday or Friday. T.B.C. Please help them to remember to return their books on this new library day.

This will only be for the first 4 weeks of term and then revert back to Monday.

**Resource Centre Hours**

For the first 4 weeks of term the library won’t be open before school, only after school (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 3.30 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays until 3.15 p.m.)

**P&C Book Fair Date Claimer (November 14 to 21)**

Please contact Barb Hook, Brigid Blair or Mercier Kopinsky if you’d like to help with this annual P&C fundraiser.

**Uniform Shop**

For Prep uniforms the shop will be open on a Wednesday morning between 10.00 and 11.00 a.m. after the Pre-Prep playgroup during Term 4.

This is an appointment only session so please contact the office to make a 20 minute appointment.

The shop will also be open at the usual times:

- Wednesday 2.00 – 2.15 p.m. and Friday 8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

**Thanks**

Sonia Sheridan

Uniform Convenor

**P&C News**

What a great day we had at the ISC Grand Opening/ Family Fun Day on September 14.

Thank you to everybody who came along and supported the event, by all accounts it was a huge success.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and participants; Peter and Lyn Greiger of Drive Yourself Crazy-Pedal Carts, Aveo Group (formally FKP), Jodie Curran from Star Realty, Venture Cycles, Russel Krause (the man in the orange suit) from Zest Factor, Oracle Realty, Jetts Fitness and MJ Shelton-Builders.

‘Play is the highest form of research.’ Albert Einstein

**Your Special Education Program Staff Team:**

Jane Thiselton, Hilary Dean, Janet Crow, Amanda Tinney, Melissa Martin, Maree Burgess, Natalie Trappett, Trillian Wansbrough and Jodie Dennis
Congratulations to the lucky winners of the raffles...Lorraine won the 1st Bike, and then Monty won the 2nd one. Lots of other winners too, hope you have all collected your prizes from the office.

The Lap-a-thon was a great success too, thank you to Cameron Hutchins for organising this. There were some huge sponsorship with some students collecting over $200 each; all up over $13 000 was collected by the students, a fantastic effort, thank you to everybody who participated.

Orders for toys from the Chalk and Parent Direct catalogues close on the 17th October please drop them into the P&C box in the office.

DISCO>>>DISCO>>>DISCO

Thursday **October 30**, Halloween Theme, in the ISC. $5 entry
Prep-Yr 3 4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m,
Yr 4 –Yr 7 6.00 p.m – 7.30 p.m

More information to follow.

Christmas Raffle...more information soon

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

President

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**Tuckshop**

No Friday Special this week. Look out for our ‘Around The World’ specials which start next Friday with Mexican!

Go to flexischools.com to view our latest menu and to make an order.

Orders can also be made using a bag at Tuckshop. Remember to put student’s name and class on the bag!

PLEASE if there are ANY Super Fantastic Bakers out there that would love to bake the Tuckshop some homebaking, we would appreciate that!! Anything from Cookies to Cakes, Muffins or a Slice…..Please list ingredients as we are completely nut free!! (Eggs can be cooked into cakes, but no quiches etc.) Thanks so much to anyone who feels they can help us out.

*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*

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**Student Celebrations**

*We have amazing kids in our school achieving in their chosen interests at high levels. If your child has achieved something wonderful outside school please let us know either through the office, your child’s teacher or email*

the.principal@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

We love to hear about what our kids are doing!"
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.

Academic Emotions

Reinhard Pekrun, Professor of Psychology at the University of Munich, has for many years, been conducting research into a range of human emotions that are associated with learning. The emotions found to significantly influence students’ learning are: curiosity, delight, enjoyment, engagement, flow, hope, relief, pride, confusion, frustration, anxiety, hopelessness, boredom, anger and shame. Collectively referred to as academic emotions, these emotions are initially formed within the family and parents continue to positively and negatively shape students’ learning experiences throughout their education. Anxiety, shame associated with failure and pride in success are emotions based upon very early experiences.

The impact of academic emotions on educational performance, especially when combined with goal orientations, is thought to be greater than the student’s cognitive ability or motivation. Pekrun and his colleagues identified that academic emotions play an important role in behaviours such as: interest, persistence, self-regulation, well-being and performance. Academic emotions are also related to motivation, learning strategies, cognitive resources and academic achievement. Pekrun continued to explore the role of emotions in learning and proposed that a reciprocal relationship exists between academic emotions and student achievement, with one influencing the other over time. Parents involved in their child’s education and teachers interested in factors that shape student performance will have observed these reciprocal influences operating at home and in the classroom.

It might be expected that positive emotions promote, while negative emotions impede, learning. It is not so simple. There are cognitive benefits associated with positive emotions, including the enhancement of flexible, creative and holistic problem solving capacities. Counterintuitively, negative emotions also have a positive role in learning as these emotions encourage focused, detail-oriented and analytical thinking. Negative emotion is critical when students are confused, struggling to grasp a new concept, establishing a new way of thinking or are engaged in deeper learning. Confusion is the best predictor of learning and students frequently experience the lowest levels of enjoyment under conditions when they are learning the most.

When learning challenging material, students typically experience a progression of emotions. A student might start with feeling curiosity about new information; progress to confusion and frustration when a concept is not easy to understand or a skill not easy to acquire; experience relief and pride as learning is mastered. Pekrun stresses the importance of understanding academic emotions and the role they play in academic learning in order to support students’ achievement.

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Host Families Sought

V AIU is seeking host families for a group of Japanese students visiting the Peregian area from 29 December to 4 January. Families will be paid a stipend of $30 per student per night for hosting. Students will attend English Communication Sessions daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are able to assist with hosting or would like more information please contact Tracey on 0418 433 517 or email tedurham67@gmail.com

Donation of Picture Books

We believe that the kids’ reading at Peregian Springs State School deserves a well-crafted Reading Program that inspires them to read. To further enhance our current reciprocal home reading program, we would like to include picture books in the home reading packs i.e. 3 home mastery and a picture book.

Why?

Because picture books unlock images of beautifully coloured, beautifully illustrated books that help the child to read.

Perfect for an engaging word reading experience that allows for prediction, reading and vocabulary development, skills that enhance future literacy development.

Picture books invite us to curl up and read.

They are magical! The magic begins when the adult and child explore the book cover, open the book and throughout, together, have conversations about what’s happening in the story, what the characters are feeling, meaning of words and recognition of events that happen in what the child’s own experience.

To do this we would like to ask parents to donate a picture book.

Thank you Jennifer, Jennifer, Amanda, Jennifer, lively, Karen, Pam and Kylie.

Like to donate a book? Great! Please drop off at your child’s classroom before the end of Term 3 (as we can start in Term 4).
Chair Drive!

Please help by participating in our chair drive. We'd like every family to purchase just one chair! Each locally produced chair will be branded with a plaque stating the family name. Deposit your $120 into our school bank account or make your donation to the school office.