4 December 2014

Principal’s Column

The weeks are passing very quickly and it will be the end of the year before we know it. We ask all parents to start planning for 2015 (if you haven’t already done so). Items that may need your attention are:

- New uniforms
- New school shoes – black joggers are best (no coloured laces please)

Notification to the office if your child won’t be in attendance at the beginning of 2015. We need this in writing with an expected date of return. This enables us to leave your child enrolled and ensures we receive the necessary resources for their education.

Thank you to all parents for attending to their items in advance.

The new school year is coming…

Please note that our school office reopens for business on Tuesday 20 January. Learning resumes on Tuesday 27 January after the Australia Day long weekend.

Our School Census Day for 2015 is Thursday 5 February. You may have heard this day referred to as Day 8 – that’s because it’s the 8th school day of the year and the day on which Education Queensland counts the numbers of students enrolled at our school. Our Department distributes Teachers, Teacher Aides and other resources according to the number of children enrolled on this day.

It is very very important for families who will be returning late to school after the holidays to let us know this as soon as you can – preferably in writing. Families who have not returned by Thursday 6 February without notifying us in writing are considered to be unenrolled – if you live outside of the catchment area for our school you would need to apply for an Exemption to re-enrol.

Please email admin@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au if you will not be at school by Tuesday 27 January and please include a return date. This information (in writing) enables us to count your enrolment.

Last week’s Dancing Program

Last week students were treated to a dance lesson each day which culminated on Friday in the whole school dance performance. Everyone loved it – from the cute little Preps to the Year 6s and 7s which their rendition of ‘Thriller’. I was most impressed with the participation of students. There was no sitting on the sidelines, standing at the back and not joining in or commentary on ‘how boring it was’. Even the Year 7 boys were right into it. I love to see this. There is nothing worse than watching kids deny themselves a good time because they’ve deemed the activity ‘not cool’. The attitude of participation and having fun is what I love about our students. It’s been there since Day One with 264 students and has stayed there through all of our growth to the size we are now – 834 students!

We have booked this program again for 2015!

Farewell to our Year 6s and 7s

Tonight we celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 and 7 students and will farewell them for the next step in their learning journeys. They have been a great group of kids – they have been with us since Year 2 and 3 and we all know them well. We will especially miss having Year 7 students in our school as next year Peregian Springs SS (like all primary schools in Queensland) becomes a P-6 school.

Congratulations to all students who will receive awards and commendations for their efforts tonight. Good luck for high school wherever you may go!

School Council

Our School Council met for the final time in 2014 last Tuesday. Two members are standing down this year as per the Constitution. Many thanks to Pete Schumacher (Staff Member and Council Chair) and Jane Catterall (Parent Member and Secretary) for your service over the last two years.

Congratulations to Meryl Todd (Staff Member) and Jodie Curran (Parent Member) whom nominated for positions and were voted in at a Staff Meeting and the November P&C Meeting. They will assume their membership in Term One 2015.
Class Structure for 2014

I am unable to confirm a class structure for 2015 due to the large number of enrolments still arriving. And there are always some children who don’t return at the beginning of the year. There will be a mixture of single age classes and multi-age classes as there has been every year. Class lists are released on Friday 23 January 2014 for parents who attend Meet your New Teacher afternoon. Class lists will be on display on the first day of school for other families. Class list information is not given out over the phone.

School Resource Scheme

Please pay your SRS for 2015 as soon as possible. We would like to order class resources so that everyone has what they need for the start of the year. Also we have a visiting performance on 9 February so if you’d like your child to attend the SRS must be paid by this date.

Staff Changes

This year we farewell a number of staff.

Sandy Cathcart, our Deputy Principal, who has been with us for 3½ years is returning to the Torres Strait as a Senior Head of Campus in charge of six island schools.

Rebecca McCann is moving to Coolum SHS to work in the Junior Secondary Program.

Aimee Thomas will be having her first baby in February. We look forward to her return in 2016.

Kellie Butterworth is also taking a break and will not be returning in 2015.

Taylor Soden (Teacher Aide) is also expecting her first baby and taking a period of leave.

Thanks to all of you for your work in our school and good luck in your new ventures.

A full staff list will be available in the first newsletter for next year (Thursday 29 January 2015).

Volunteers

Many thanks to all our volunteers – I hope you were able to attend one of the thank you events! We cannot continue to do the quality job we do without all of our volunteers helping out in classrooms, the Tuckshop, the Resource Centre and the P&G (including all the fund raising events). We hope we see you again next year!

Reports

Teachers are currently preparing students’ end of year reports. This is a time consuming process as teachers work to mark all assessment and make considered judgements about the progress each child has made. They also spend a lot of time moderating student work with each other to ensure that they are making common judgements across all the classes in each year level.

Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 10 December.

Year 7 Reports will be distributed on Monday December before the Year 7 Camp.

Are you leaving us?

Some children are telling their teachers they are leaving at the end of the year. We are sorry to see you go but if your children will be attending another school next year, please notify the school office as soon as possible. We are planning classes for 2015 and need to know who will be here to make good decisions about each child’s placement.

Last newsletter and Thank You to all our families

This is the last newsletter for 2014 – I can’t believe I’m writing that! It has been another great year at our school – mostly due to the fact that we are blessed with such support from our families. Thanks to all of you who support your class teacher/s, uphold our school policies, help out in classrooms, the Tuckshop, the Uniform Shop and the Resource Centre, and speak well of us in the community. Our reputation as a fine educational institution is sky high – as many of our new enrolments tell us.

And almost finally, I’d like to wish my beloved Deputy Principal farewell and the best of luck as she embarks on the next chapter in her long career in education. Many of you over the years will have witnessed her kind and caring nature, and all staff members will sorely miss this. Sandy will keep us in touch with her exploits in the islands, and no doubt we will be seeing photographs of beautiful blue oceans, sandy beaches and the smiling faces of the islander children as she visits her schools by helicopter. She has invited me to visit and I won’t need two invitations! All the best, Sandy, from all of us!

And finally, I wish you all a restful summer break with your children. They are a joyful group of kids to work with and we love them dearly.

Until next year …

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:

- 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)
- Monday 8 December – Year 7 Reports distributed
- Wednesday 10 December – End of Year Reports are distributed
- Thursday 9 December – Class Party Day
- Friday 12 December – Last day of Term 4 – clean up and moving day
- Friday 12 December – Last day to make SRS payments – $100
- Friday 19 December – Last day to order Book Lists from Office Max for delivery in the holidays
Deputy Principal’s Column

The past three and a half years that I have been Deputy Principal at Peregian Springs State School have been incredible. When I arrived at the school, there were only about 450 students and now we have over 800 students! The great thing about this school though, is that the same ‘newness’ prevails. Every child still wears the correct uniform properly and every child follows the common courtesies expected by the School Foundation Team. It can be quite difficult to maintain the high standards of the first year of any school but Peregian Springs State School has done just that. In fact, I believe the standards are actually stronger in some areas such as the use of ICT.

I have just been offered a very challenging and exciting job to work with schools in the Torres Straits and, although I love being at Peregian Springs State School, I feel that I need to go back there again. Whenever a staff member moves to another school, they always take with them special aspects of the previous school. Education Queensland encourages this to occur as it benefits all schools in the State. There are so many wonderful aspects of our school that I am going to share with the schools up North. I will be the Senior Head of Campus and will be assisting Principals on 6 different Islands in the Torres Straits. Although I will live on Thursday Island (Waiben), I will be travelling by small plane or helicopter for six weeks each term to visit Dauan, Ugar, Poruma, Moa (St Pauls and Kubon), and Warraber Island schools. I have included a map so that you can track my schools.

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.

Head of School  

QPARENTS Trial 2015

As mentioned in our last newsletter, in 2015 our school will be participating in the state-wide trial of QParents. QParents is a secure, online portal created for the parents of Queensland State School children. As a parent, you can view your child’s student information and also submit changes to some of their details. The information that you may be able to view includes timetable, report cards, attendance records, behaviour records and timely access to invoices and payment details. You will also be able to update your child’s details and let the school know of changes to normal routine, such as when your child is unwell or has to leave early.

Let’s Celebrate

What an amazing year we’ve had at Peregian Springs State School. This time of year is a time for celebrating how far all of our students have progressed with their learning and social skills. The willingness of our students to learn and have a go, their level of resilience and respect, and their ability to take responsibility for their actions are a reflection of both themselves and you as their Parents. We are proud of all our student’s achievements, in all areas and we thank you for your support during 2014.
Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to starting the new school year with you all on January 27, 2015.

Head Of School

It is amazing how fast this year has flown by and in a matter of weeks our students will be starting their holidays and recharging their batteries in anticipation of 2015. I wish all of our Year 6 and 7 cohorts the best of luck in their future educational journeys. I have had the pleasure over the past years to have taught many of them as their classroom teacher and it has been a privilege to watch them grow into responsible adolescents.

Last Monday we ran our last Teacher Aide meeting of the year, to look at the successes of 2014 and to plan for key goals and processes as we move into 2015. It is a pleasure to observe the knowledge, skills and enthusiasm that our Teacher Aides display day in day out, and it is with much enthusiasm that I look towards 2015 to enhance our teacher Aide program once again.

Personally, I will be taking up another role within the school in 2015 and I am very excited to be working in the capacity of Acting Deputy Principal. We have an amazing team of teachers, admin staff and teachers aides at our school and we are always identifying, evaluating and planning how we can further improve the learning opportunities and outcomes for our students. Best wishes over the break and enjoy the time with your children.

Dave Foxover
Head of School

Dental News

The School Dental Service will be open throughout the coming School Holiday break with a short closure between Christmas and New Year.

If you would like your children to have a free dental check-up, please contact Nambour School Dental Clinic 5441 2763 for an appointment.

We look forward to seeing you.

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. 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.

**Lost Valuables**

Various items of value have been found and handed in to the office during the year.

Many of these remain unclaimed.

If Parents know of an item of value that has been lost, please call in and check out our trinket box.

All items unclaimed by the end of the year will be sent to a charity.

**Learners**

**GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK AND WELCOME!**

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families we work with for your support, and wish you a relaxing holiday break.

To our year 6 and 7 graduating students, we wish you all the best in your next adventures at high school; we have really enjoyed being part of your support team!

And a big warm welcome to our new Prep students, we hope that you enjoy your learning journey at Peregian Springs State School.

The end of the year is a great time to reflect, and celebrate successes.

A few photos of lunchtime activities at the Learning Enhancement Centre, any students from year 1- year 6 welcome.

‘Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity.’ Kay Redfield Jamison

**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

**Learning Enhancement**

At Peregian Springs State School, we provide a program for teaching English to speakers of other languages. The English as an Additional Dialect or Language Program (EAL/D) is based on language teaching methods and teaches four micro skills: speaking, writing (productive macro skills) reading and listening, (receptive macro skills).

The program aims to support students’ learning of English so they are able to communicate with peers and teachers, participate in the classroom, access the curriculum and achieve equitable learning outcomes.

Students practice language, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation skills through small group focused and explicit teaching, revisiting key concepts and skills, engaging in fun and interactive games and Multiple Intelligence activities.

**Melanie Timbs**

**Performing Arts**

POP...POP...POP... (not music, but corn)

It amazes me that children and adults alike can become so excited by the smell of popcorn and the sight of the popcorn machine in the Performing Arts room. For the past week we have been celebrating student’s films with our Film Festival.

Our students have watched their own work and a selection of works from across the year levels. They have been part of the selection process for Kids’ Choice Award and this year’s winners were from 5H - MIAH, AMBER, MAKAELI, ZIAH, LILY, JAIME, and PENNY, with their film ‘The Fromance’. Well done to the girls.

Our Drama Club students have been busy rehearsing and having lots of fun in readiness to perform for the school students in the last week of school. Goldilocks and the Three Bears have certainly had a twist to their tale.

The Year Four students have been learning the art of playing the recorder and are getting ready to delight students around the school with classroom visits to entertain them with a song in this festive season. I’d like to say a BIG thank you to the parents who supported their child as they practiced their recorder at home. I feel your pain (insert cheeky grin here). The students have made great progress and are very proud of their achievement.

The Year Three students will be presenting puppet shows for invited younger student audiences over the next week. They...
have been enjoying the opportunity to puppeteer and to develop their own scripts to perform.

This week we had an amazing sight of over one hundred Prep Clowns all dressed up and entertaining the crowds. These Prep students have been learning the art of making people laugh and how to remain in control when doing their entertaining tricks as part of their Clowning unit. I have been very impressed with their focus to the challenging routines during our lessons.

As our year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Year Six and Seven students all the best in their new adventures as they go to high school. It has been a delight to have taught them for the past five years and be entertained by their creativity.

Enjoy the holiday season and I look forward to seeing our returning students next year for more adventures in Performing Arts.

Sofia Hobson
Performing Arts

Sporting News

Representative News

Congratulations to Stephanie Welsh who was recently selected to attend State Athletics this weekend. Steph will compete in the 4 x 100m relay team. Good Luck Steph.

School Surf Challenge

We sent a team of 24 students from Year 6 and 7 to the Noosa SLSC Schools Challenge this week. We had a fantastic day finishing second to St Thomas More. Over the 25 event program we bagged five 1st, five 2nd and five 3rd. (If anything we were consistent). The highlight was the Year 6 girls picking up the trifecta in the beach sprint finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Well Done Team. Also a very big thank you to those parents who provided transport for our athletes. Very much appreciated.

School Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival is on this Friday up at Good Shepard starting by 9:30am. We wish all students competing the best of luck. Food will be available to purchase thanks to our P&C.

The Year That Was

2014 was an extremely busy year in sport and PE at Perengan. We saw the Typhoons win the Run Walk Challenge and Athletics overall trophies and the Tornadoes win the March Past. Who will win the swimming carnival? We had over 30 records broken at our athletics carnival and I suspect there will be even more to come at our swimming carnival. PSSSS came3rd at the District Athletics Trial and 2nd at the NSLSC Schools Surf Life Saving Challenge.

We raised nearly $10,000 during our annual Lapathon. This money was used to help fund the construction of our new senior adventure playground. Our ISC was finally built and handed over half way through this year. I hope everybody realizes just how lucky we are to have an Indoor Sports Centre of this quality in a primary school.

We sent countless athletes to District Sport Trials throughout the year with many of them going on to represent our Noosa Sports District. We had nine athletes gain Regional selection and competed at 8 different State Titles. Congratulations to Lachlan Astley- AFL, Jacqueline Doyle- Football, Amaya Foxover and Rylee Read- Softball, Jennifer Ogbourne- Hockey, Jarvis Pattison - Swimming, Ethan Williams- Rugby Union, Stephanie Welsh- Track and Field and Amali Roberts- Aquathlon who were our students who represented the Sunshine Coast (and Perengan Springs) in 2014.

Thank you to everybody for your support, which makes my job just that little bit easier. I look forward to a bigger and better 2015. Merry Christmas.

Yours in sport

Cameron Hutchins

Resource Centre News

Book Fair 2014

Yet again this year we had a very successful Book Fair and students were enthusiastic about the wide range of publications supplied by Annie’s books. The P&C volunteers (Barb Hook, Mercier Kopinsky, Brigid Blair and many other amazing volunteer mothers and students) sold approximately $9,000 worth of books, raffle tickets and stationary over one week. This gives the library approximately $1,900 worth of new books. Every book will have a plate noting that it is the result of the Book Fair. International storyteller, Tanya Batt, entertained students over 2 days and was our special guest for the afternoon tea.

End of the year library returns

As you may remember, we don’t loan books over the Christmas holidays and we are currently very busy recalling all library items including readers. Please help us to return your children’s books. The first five classes to return all their books receive a prize for this. If you have lost or damaged a book, we would appreciate your paying for it at the school office. We will email invoices so that you can pay by direct debit if it is easier. If you then find the book, your school account will be credited. I have talked to all the junior classes about reading their own books and visiting any of the Sunshine Council libraries (Coolum or Noosa are the closest to us). The mobile bus/truck visits Perengan Springs and Perengan Beach and I know a lot of families who already take advantage of this great service.

Resource Centre 2015

We are in the process of making major changes to the Resource Centre’s layout to accommodate the Japanese classes that will be located in the Media Room. We are also adding much-needed shelving and plan to open up areas to accommodate the students who previously used the Media
Reflections

We have so many great memories of this year, our Voices on the Coast excursion for the Year 6s and 7s, our team’s inaugural participation in the Year 6 Readers Cup, our Book Week celebrations including the Year 4 and 5 Readers Cup, the Premier’s Reading Challenge, Annie hosting children’s book illustrator, Graeme Base and our Book Fair and author event. I am confident that our Year 6 and 7 students will be transferring to schools with experienced teacher-librarians who will continue to grow the reading culture that we planted. Most of all I believe that if you have a reading culture in your homes and continue to read with and to your children, then it will stay with them forever.

Thank You

We are very fortunate to have our library teacher-aide, Meryl Todd, working in our Resource Centre and she did a great job managing the library when I was off walking the Camino trail in Spain. She has been supported this year by a wonderful band of volunteers. Helen Logan has continued to cover books for us this year and we estimate has covered almost 15,000 books!! A huge thank you also to Jane Catterall who organises the Scholastic Book Club. This is such a time-consuming job and Jane never complains. The library benefits greatly from her efforts receiving points for new books. Other volunteers that continue to help each and every week are Ann Farmer, Jan MacDermott, Lucy Yule, Mercier Kipinsky and Linda Bourke who have both covered a huge number of our new readers.

The student library monitors who have worked very hard this term are: - Ava (2G), Macey & Charlee (2H), Aeva (3/2B), Kiara, Jayde & Imogen (3WB), Lila, Tess, Ava, Emma, Tahlia, Jacob, Zara, Amy, Thalia, Makayla, Dylan & Zoe (3G – thanks Miss Pam!), Maggie 4H, Kiki 4S and Jemima 4G, Bree (7D) and Faith (7/6W). I will miss these senior girls very much and wish them the very best library and life experiences in the future.

Happy lazy summer days to you and your families, reading whatever you can get your hands on,

_Maree Johnson_  
_Teacher-Librarian_

Uniform Shop

**Uniform shop**

Now is the time to start thinking about refreshing your child’s uniform for next year. The uniform shop is fully stocked and will be open every Wednesday 2.00 - 3.15 p.m. and Friday 8.30 - 9.30 a.m. until the end of term.

It will then re-open in January on the following days and times:

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Where possible please use Flexischools to order items as this will make collection much quicker. All orders placed over the Christmas period will be ready to collect on Tuesday 20 January between 9am and 11am.

Click on the following link to register or order: [https://www.flexischools.com.au/](https://www.flexischools.com.au/)

If you would like to bring your child in for a fitting please make a booking by clicking on the link below: [https://peregianssss.sessionkeeper.com.au/](https://peregianssss.sessionkeeper.com.au/)

**Uniform fitting.**

There will be 15 minute slots throughout each opening time. Families that have made a booking will take preference over families that just turn up on the day to try uniforms.

The uniform shop will open again on Tuesday 27 January between 8.30 and 9.30 and then return to normal opening times.

Please email me at uniforms@peregiansspringss.eq.edu.au with any enquiries.

Thanks

_Sonia Sheridan_  
_Uniform Convenor_

**Partnership with Star Real Estate**

Remember to mention our school if you or a friend is selling through Star so that our school can benefit from the $1000 donation when the property sells!

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

**P&C News**

**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](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.FDR0000.brightstarkids.com.au or call 1300 668 997.

**Book Covers**

Needing Book Covers for the new school year, try these ones; EZ Covers are environmentally friendly, recyclable, reusable and only $1.20 each regardless of the size, plus the school receives 10c for every cover purchased.

http://www.ezcover.net.au/school_rebate.htm

Til next time

*Dawn Shelton*  
*Acting President*

**Tuckshop**

- Please note that Tuckshop is open on Friday for Prep – Year 3 counter orders only. Pies, Sausage Rolls etc. No specials and no online or bag ordering!
- There will be food available to purchase at the Swimming Carnival for Years 4 – 7

**Next Week**

- Tuckshop will be open (WED/ THUR) but NO ORDERS - FLEXI SCHOOLS IS NOW CLOSED

**‘LIMITED ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE TUCKSHOP DUE TO END OF THE YEAR’**

Parents will need to make sure they pack their children Morning Tea and Lunch as we will not be able to cater for any child that has not been given any food.

Once all stock has been sold- we will close the tuckshop.

**FRIDAY - LAST DAY- TUCKSHOP CLOSED - ;-)**

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*

**Helping Hands Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) At Peregian Springs State School**

Helping Hands Network works in partnership with Peregian Springs State School to provide Outside School Hours Care services to the school community.

**Location**

The Helping Hands OSHC facility is located at Peregian Beach College on 41 Old Emu Mountain Road Peregian Beach. All children attending the service must be dropped off in the morning or collected in the afternoon by an authorised person and signed in and out of the OSHC room each day.

**Programs**

Helping Hands Network tailors their programs to meet the local school community needs, providing much more than child minding.

Their programs are designed to develop stronger, healthier, happier children and to provide an environment that is like a “home away from home”.

Programs are developed in consultation with children, parents, the school community and Helping Hands Educators. They are tailored to cater to the children's age, skill, interests and abilities through a variety of challenging and recreational activities.

**Before and after school care**

Care is available 5 days per week during term time. Before school, the service operates from 7.00am – 8.45am. After school, the service operates 2.50pm to 6.00pm. Children can walk straight to and from their classrooms. Educators pick up and drop off the Prep and Year 1 students and escort them to the OSHC room.

**Vacation care and student free days**

A full day program is available 5 days per week during school holidays, and on Student Free Days from 6.30am to 6.00pm.

**Food**

Helping Hands Network provides a healthy breakfast at Before School Care and a healthy afternoon tea at After School Care. Breakfast, morning tea, and afternoon tea are all provided at Vacation Care. In addition to these meals the children also have the opportunity to participate in cooking activities and the occasional special treat.

**Government subsidies**

There are a number of schemes available to parents including;

Child Care Benefit (CCB) – CCB is a means tested benefit available to parents accessing Outside School Hours Care. The percentage benefit available to a family is determined by criteria including the number of children in care and household income. Helping Hands Network automatically lodges claims on behalf of parents, and only bills for the difference.

Child Care Rebate (CCR) – This rebate is available to all families, and entitles families to receive 50% of their out-of-pocket child care costs up to $7,500 per child per year. This can be claimed as a rebate paid quarterly. Alternatively, you can now arrange to have it paid direct to Helping Hands to reduce your upfront fee payment. If you would like to take up this second option, please contact Centrelink in the first instance, to make these arrangements.
Cost to parents after CCB and CCTR

To get a quote, or to make an enquiry to use the service, please contact the Coordinator of the service directly on mobile 0458 013 302, or by email at peregianbeach@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au or the Helping Hands Help Desk on email: accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au or phone (07) 5390 0500.

Currently, places are available in Before School Care, After School Care and for Vacation Care.

For more information on Helping Hands Network, or information on enrolling at the service; please visit the Helping Hands Network website at www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au and select Our Schools/Families , and follow the prompts.

Parents handbook

A copy of the parent handbook is available on request from the service coordinator, or by contacting the Helping Hands Help Desk on (07) 5390 0500.

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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From the desk of Michele Juratowich

Time to Reflect

The end of the year is such a busy time with much happening at school, at home, at work and within the broader community. Life can become a frenzied rush from one end of year activity to another. It seems difficult to find time to do anything else; yet allocating and safeguarding time for students to undertake an end of year reflection is particularly important. Without making time to reflect upon the achievements and accomplishments of goals, the disappointments and targets not yet attained, the experiences of another year may quickly fade from memory.

Guided reflection requires more than simply listing items of personal or family history. This process requires thoughtful analysis of what has taken place; identifying the various factors, (including an individual’s thoughts, emotions, choices and behaviours) that influenced outcomes; reliving the excitement and joy that accompanied successes; revisiting difficult and challenging times with emotional support and care, to learn from these experiences. Students who are able to undertake this task regularly with positive questioning and nurturing guidance from a caring parent or other adult will develop self-awareness, a capacity to reflect and a positive, goal-directed focus for the future.

It is useful to consider attributions assigned to events during reflections. Are achievements attributed to good fortune or does the student understand the role they played by establishing goals, their personal effort, adaptability and

Student Celebrations

Joshua Kacperski 5H playing
More than words at our assembly last week.
He will go far!

Champions! These netballers won their grand final.
Well done girls!

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!
persistence? Are difficulties and disappointments attributed to bad luck or factors outside their control? Do they blame themselves for a perceived failure, ruminating anxiously about their role and the outcome? Students, who are able to recognise how they have contributed to a specific outcome, realistically attribute responsibility for their actions. Students who reflect are able to learn from experiences, understanding how they might repeat a successful pattern of behaviour or offset a difficulty by making different choices in the future.

Remembering that one’s perspective is one’s reality, parents should check for errors of proportion during guided reflections. Events may be perceived out of proportion to reality, either in a negative or positive manner. Mistakes may be catastrophized and dwelt upon without progressing to think about how this might be avoided in the future. A positive step along the way might be seen as a final achievement. Parents can be susceptible to errors of proportion and should guard against this, acknowledging attainments and encouraging progress.

School reports provide information about academic performance and school-based behaviour. Student’s reports may serve as a focus for discussion; however families are aware of so much that occurs at home – well beyond what might be captured within a student’s school report. Capturing critical information now and reflecting upon experiences that occurred throughout the year can help to shape positive goals and directions for the following year.

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