Principal’s Column

Our whole school focus for improved learning for 2015

Peregian Springs State School
2015 whole school focus for every learner
*Reading *Writing *Numeracy

The research on school effectiveness demonstrates clearly that when everyone – parents, teachers, teacher aides and the leadership team – are sharply focused on specific areas of learning, outcomes improve.

This year our focus is unwaveringly on Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Attendance at school, on time, every day, plays a huge part in this. The information we have on student attendance is showing us very clearly that students with more than 7% days away from school, i.e. 15 days in one year, are not achieving at the levels they should be. In some cases these children need a lot of assistance to meet their year level expectations, and in many cases, children are just not reaching their potential.

As always we encourage families to schedule holidays for the school holidays, appointments for after school (or a Friday afternoon), and ensure their children are at school at 8.30 a.m. and stay at school for the whole day.

iPads in Classrooms

Technology presents us with so many ways to improve learning for our children. Last year we invested in a number of iPads to be used in Years 3 and 4. The teachers using these devices with their students are trialling apps and ways of working to ensure that their use in the classroom enhances learning.

Our Facebook Page

Our Facebook page has become a popular ‘go to’ point of communication for our school community. However, the changes to Facebook mean that you may not see our posts in your newsfeed any longer just because you have ‘Liked’ the page. To be sure you continue to see the news we post there download the QSchools App which automatically collect our newsletter and social media sites meaning you only have to go to one place to catch up with what’s going on at school.

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.

Great Results Guarantee

Last year we received about $259 000 from the state government to enhance our learning programs for children. All the Year 1 and 2 classes had their own Teacher Aides and were able to purchase some exciting reading resources and train teachers in programs such as MiniLit - a reading program for Preps to Year 3.

MiniLit has had some great results for some of our students and Mel Timbs and Amanda White, our teachers, were very excited that most children retained all they had learned last year over the holidays.

In 2015 Year 1 and 2 classes will have their Teacher Aide again and we have also purchased an extra Teacher to work with children struggling in English. We have timetabled all classes in each year level to teach English at the same time. This enables the Learning Support Teachers to work alongside classes every day of the week providing intensive support for those children who need it. In just a few short weeks we are seeing some great results from organising our resources this way.
Fundraising in our school

Schools get asked to raise funds by many organisations and causes – sometimes our students also get passionate about a cause and want to assist.

In consultation with our P&C we have developed and had in place since 2010 a policy for fundraising in the school. This policy is designed to ensure that children are not going home asking for money for this and money for that every week, and parents not really understanding where all this money is going. Fundraising occurs in three different ways at school:

1. Fundraising for resources and equipment for our school is run by our P&C with events approved by the P&C at monthly meetings. Anyone who wants to participate is invited to come to a P&C meeting and put the proposal to the meeting. Generally, requests and ideas are handled by the Fundraising Subcommittee according to a program that is approved at P&C Meetings.
2. Fundraising for charities is operated under the Project Compassion Program – one event per term coordinated by a staff group. These are well advertised as events, and as a school, we all support them.
3. Fundraising for student leader activities is done through a gold coin donation for not wearing uniforms on the last day of each term.

There is no fundraising by individual classes or interest areas. This is to ensure we do not cut across the P&C efforts and the Tuckshop sales.

Make every day count in 2015

Make 2015 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school both academically and socially.

If students aren’t at school or arrive late or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

If your child is going to be away from school please notify the school office on 5351 2266. Longer periods of absence must be discussed with your child’s teacher and the school office.

Swimming for Years 1-2

Swimming for Years 1 and 2 begins on Friday 13 February for 8 weeks. (Prep and Years 3-4 swim in Term 4.) We swim every week – even if it’s raining! Children need a rashie, goggles and swim caps (or their hair tied back securely).

Art Lessons

Last year we provided three specialist visual art lessons each term to students in Years 2-7. This program will continue this year with Lauren Moody (our artist) covering all classes in the first few weeks of school prior to going back to university to complete her degree.

Please ensure you have paid your Student Resource Scheme so that your child can participate fully in these lessons.

Junior Summit Program at Noosa District State High School

Congratulations to Abby Jones, Zoe Butcher, Emma Lumsden, Alice Ayton and Amber Sheridan for being accepted into the Junior Summit Program where they will be participating in extension classes in Visual Art, Marine Science and Digital Design.

Until next fortnight …

Gwen

Deputy Principal’s Column

It has been a successful start to our new school year and it is pleasing to observe how quickly our students have engaged back into school life in and out of the classrooms. A big thank you to parents for ensuring they are ready each day to come to school and be the best they can be.

Project Compassion

Each year our school supports a number of different charities or causes. We have interested staff in our school that coordinate our Project Compassion Program. This program develops empathy and compassion in our students for people less fortunate than themselves and is a great avenue to assist others in need.

In Term One our school is assisting the Reap by OzHarvest Food Rescue Community on the Sunshine Coast. We will be participating in a pantry drive towards the end of Term One, where we will encourage students to bring in canned or dry food. Examples of this would include; peas, carrots, beetroot, soup or canned fruits. We will shortly advise the day that we would like students to bring an item in if possible.

Operation Jump Street

We have been advised that the Queensland Police Service will in the near future be running another Operation Jump Street. Operation Jump Street is an operation that targets a range of traffic offences, including:

- Illegal parking in No Stopping Zones/Drop Off Zones
- Double parking
- Parking on Footpaths
- Parking in Bus Stops
- Drivers using hand held Mobile Phones
- Seatbelt Offences
- Any other breaches of the Road Rules

Swimming

As we have advised previously, swimming for our Year 1 and 2 students starts on Friday 13 February. Please ensure they have all gear required, as listed in swimming letters and in class Newsletters. It is a great opportunity for them to learn vital swimming skills or enhance their ability further.
**Clean up Australia**

On Friday 27 February our school has registered for the Clean-up Australia Day. All classes in our school have an assigned area that they ensure is kept tidy. There are also many local area registered groups that your family could join in with if you were interested in participating on the weekend.

_Dave Foxover_

**Head of School - Curriculum**

QPARENTS

We are soon to be a part of the QParents trial across the state. **QPARENTS** is an app /website that parents will be able to register for and use for access to update your child’s and your contact details, notifying us of absences and eventually downloading copies of report cards and checking any payments that are required.

So that we can send everyone the access code to register, we need you to make sure that your email address is up to date. If you have changed your email address in the last 12 months or haven’t been receiving regular email communication from the school, then can you please send an email to admin@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au and let us know your correct email address.

More details will be provided later in the term, once setup is complete to advise when QParents will be available to parents.

_Rose Marszalek_

**Head Of School – Student Support**

Cybersafety

Monday 10 February was Safer Internet Day (SID), Teachers used this opportunity to promote safe and responsible use of online technology.

At Peregian Springs State School we are committed to ensuring our students, staff and parents have access to relevant and supportive Cybersafety education throughout the year.

It is also important that we know procedures on how to deal with inappropriate texts, messages, posts or photos that may be received on a range of devices.

If you or your child receives or views an inappropriate message, photo or post, it is important that you capture it to assist in reporting it to the relevant person or authority.

A great site to take you step through step on how to screenshot on a variety of devices is http://www.take-a-screenshot.org

Below are steps on how to screenshot on iphones, ipods,ipads, macs and window devices.

**Emals to Teachers**

As a new arrival to Peregian Springs State School I have been impressed with how settled and ready to learn students have been from day 1.

As lead administrator for Years 2 and 3 I have observed respectful and professional discussions between parents and school staff. The use of emails as a form of communication definitely helps with the ever-increasing busy family life.

I also have observed teachers taking parents’ commentary on their work very much to heart and therefore encourage all parents to keep emails light and friendly.

_Michael Slocombe_

**Master Teacher**

This week I have been fortunate to be part of the two day induction for all Master Teachers. This firstly involved working closely with University of Southern Queensland who will be supporting our action research projects and secondly working with coaching specialists extending our coaching skills. Both action research and coaching will be important to the Master Teacher role as we work alongside teachers on improving learning outcomes for all students. My next step will be working closely with staff to establish a focus for our school’s action research project.
This time of the year, students are often asked to complete reading as part of their weekly homework. There are a number of ways that you can support your child with their reading and class teachers have been supporting parents with this through their class information sessions. Here is just a quick checklist that you may find helpful with supporting your student.

**Before Reading**
Encourage your child to choose a text that interests them - but try to include variety. A text can be a chapter book, magazine, newspaper or information from a website
Predict what the text might be about.
If reading a chapter book discuss what has happened in the story so far.

**During Reading**
Read to your child and have them read to you.
Support your child to decode words with strategies that they have been taught in class
Ask “why” questions during the reading session. “Why do you think the author made the character appear that way? How is the character feeling now?”
Discuss characters, plot and setting.
Compare the text with other texts or their own experiences.
Answer your child’s questions as they read.
Give post-it notes to your child so they can record their ideas and thoughts while they read.

**After Reading**
Discuss what was learned or what surprised them.
Praise your child for their effort.
Discuss what text they’d like to read next time.
Always remember that reading should be enjoyable and stress free, happy reading everyone!

*Kylie Westlake*

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**Resource Centre News from Maree and Meryl**

As you can see in the photographs, the library upgrade is almost complete. Three more shelves and ten more chairs arrived to enhance our small but colourful reading environment. The Non Fiction & Fiction sections are now clearly separated by the walkway into the Japanese room. To complete the upgrade, iPads will be positioned at the end of bays in both areas.

Student borrowing has commenced. We expect Prep to Year 3 students to have a **waterproof library bag**. Please make sure your son or daughter has one and that each week on library day, the book/s are in the library bag in their school bag so that they don’t miss out on a new book. Even though **Preps and Year 1s** may only borrow one picture book per week, they may change them everyday if they wish, especially if you visit the library before or after school with your son or daughter to help them with this.

On display this week are the books that were purchased with the proceeds from the P&C fundraiser Book Fair last year. We were able to buy over a thousand dollars worth of new books. (See photos of these books). Thanks again to all the parents who were involved with this.

Reading with your child means that not only do your children see you reading when they are reading but you develop a reading culture in your house, with books and bookcases in prominent places in your living room and children’s bedrooms.

Looking forward to meeting you, especially if you have a few hours to spare and would like to donate that time to us.

*Maree Johnson*
Teacher-Librarian
Representative News

The New Year has arrived and with that a very busy first two terms of sport at Peregian.

District Sport Procedures

Term 1 and 2 are jam packed with District Sport Trials. Below is an outline of the procedure that we will be following in 2015.

- Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics teams will be selected from our school trials.
- All of the other sports that are offered are on a nominated basis. All of these sports are 10-12 years except for netball and rugby league, which offer an 11 and 12 years age group.
- District conveners will issue a trial notice prior to the trial. This will be emailed to all class teachers and displayed on the sports notice board.
- Students who would like to trial for a particular sport need to place their name on the “Expression of interest” form by the due date which will be on the noticeboard near the bottom sports room.
- Priority is given to older and/or more experienced students.
- We can send 5 students to each trial. If we have more than 5 students wanting to trial we will need to trial them at school prior.
- Once a student is selected they will be given a note notifying them of their selection.
- Please be advised that 10 year old students need to be a very capable athletes to trial as they will be trialing against 12 year olds.
- These are not come and try days.
- All students attending a district trial must complete a Project Consent Form (media release). If your child is considering attending a trial this year it might be a good idea to print this form off, complete it out and return it to the office. You only have to complete a PCF once. This form is held at our school. This covers all school sports until your child changes schools or your circumstances change.

Up Coming District Trials

- 20 February- Swimming
- 2 March- 11 & 12 Years Netball
- 6 March- AFL
- 16 March- 12 Years Rugby League
- 17 March- 11 Years Rugby League
- 1 April- Girls and Boys Football

Regional Sports News

Good Luck to Amali Roberts who will be representing our school and the Sunshine Coast Region at the State Aquathlon (run, swim, run) in Hervey Bay on 21 February. Good luck Amali. Run like you stole it?

A few dates for your diary

Below are our school carnival dates for 2015

- Run Walk Challenge- 23 April
- Athletics- 22-24 June
- Swimming carnival- 4 December

Hot Shots Tennis Program

All students in Year 3 & 4 are currently participating in the ANZ Hot Shots Tennis Program. This is a fantastic program from Tennis Australia where we have been given over $1500 worth of tennis equipment in the past few years. Year 1-6 students at our school can register with the Hot Shots Tennis Program via http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/. Simply click on the register tab and search for our school and fill in your details. It is that easy. When you register your child will get a FREE T-Shirt and our school will receive a $2 rebate to purchase more tennis equipment for our school. A win win situation. The more students who register the greater the rebate, which is used to buy additional tennis equipment for our school.

PREP STUDENTS- We have not forgotten about you. Hotshots are offering free tennis racquets for all Prep students to keep in addition to your free T-Shirt and school rebate. If you would like your free tennis racquet please fill in the attached form and return to the schools office by Friday 20 February. Please note if Prep students register via the website they will not receive their racquet.

 Yours in sport,
Cameron Hutchins

Behaviour Support

Being the Parent You Want to Be

You are invited to be part of a new, highly acclaimed Parenting Program developed by our very own Behaviour Support Specialist, Gerard O’Brien. Gerard will run the program at no charge for parents of Peregian Springs students this term.

The program is called Parenting with Choice Theory Psychology – Being the Parent You Want to Be and runs over four weeks.
Some of the topics we will cover include:

- recent discoveries in neuroscience and their implications for parenting
- an introduction to Dr William Glasser’s Choice Theory psychology which gives us insight into ourselves and our children’s personalities, needs and behaviour (Choice Theory is the underlying psychology at Peregian Springs State School)
- raising happy, resilient and healthy children – preparing them for the world ahead
- building and maintaining our relationship with even the most difficult child
- navigating the difficult times calmly and in control
- adjusting our parenting as our children mature
- being the parent you want to be
- how to put this all into practice
- time to create a personal plan
- how to find out more

A comprehensive parent workbook is part of the program.

We will meet for **4 x 1 hour 40 minute sessions** in the **staffroom** (admin block).

- **Dates:** Tuesdays – 24 February, 3, 10 and 17 March
- **Time:** 8:40 – 10:20 a.m. (we need to start right on time to cover the full program)
- **Venue:** Peregian Springs State School **staff room** (Admin Building)
- **Cost:** Free
- **To register:** please contact the school on 5351 2222 or click the online booking link [http://peregiansss.schoolzinewsletters.com/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=206177](http://peregiansss.schoolzinewsletters.com/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=206177)

**This program is highly recommended for all parents.**

Testimonials from last year:

‘The whole program is brilliant. I truly hope all parents get to participate and I thank you for bringing it to us.’

‘Thanks so much, Gerard. It has given me some real tools that I could use straight away, that are making a big difference for me and the whole family.’

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**Prep Learning Enhancement News**

**Supporting Early Readers- Prep Parent Workshop**

Would you like to know how to assist your child with their reading and encourage them to become a confident early reader?

Melanie Timbs will present, **Supporting Early Reading**, a workshop for parents. During the workshop she will share strategies to assist you when reading with your child, provide helpful handouts and an opportunity for discussions and question.

- What effective early reading looks like
- Reading Cueing systems
- Tips for reading at home
- Discussions and questions
- Help handouts

**What:** Supporting Early Readers Parent Workshop  
**Who:** Melanie Timbs (Learning Support Teacher)  
**When:** 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.  
- **Thursday 19 February**  
- **Friday 20 February**  
**Where:** Learning Enhancement Centre

**To book click the link to our online booking service**


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**Dance Club with Miss Danae!**

Dance club is one of the many lunch time clubs offered here at Peregian Springs State School. Every Thursday Morning tea at 10:20 a.m. in the undercover area next to the Tuckshop, students from Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate. We would love children to come and join in the fun and learn some new skills.

Dancing is great for fine and gross motor skills, fitness, coordination, creativity, confidence, working collaboratively, counting, rhythm, timing, spatial awareness, flexibility, strength and remembering sequences.

‘Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world.’  
— Voltaire

**Miss Danae**

**Who are they?**

Pictured are two staff members from Peregian Springs State School! Can you guess who they are?
Uniform Shop

Good news..... We now have shorts and culottes in all sizes back in stock. The table below shows all out of stock items and when they are likely to be back in stock.

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Please email uniforms@peregianspringssss.eq.edu.au with your contact details if you would like to reserve any of the above out of stock items and I will contact you as soon as they become available.

For all available uniform, orders can be made using Flexi schools: https://www.flexischools.com.au/ and I will email you when the order is ready for collection.

The shop is open at the following times:

  - Wednesday 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
  - Friday 8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

Thanks

Sonia Sheridan
Administration Officer

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.

Scholastic Book Club

Library Fundraising with Scholastic Book Club.

Our school participates in Scholastic Book Club each year. Allowing children to choose the books they want to read certainly encourages reading and a love of books.

You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites in the Book Club brochures. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are offered at great prices. The Brochures are Wombat, Lucky, Arrow & Star. Your child will receive the brochure that is appropriate for their year level, however additional copies of all the brochures are available at the office & library.

Once a term, students will bring the Book Club brochures home. Together you can look over the brochures and perhaps choose a book or two. Each order helps to earn free books for our school library; however there is no obligation to order.

Last year we were awarded with over $2000 rewards points. Maree Johnson uses these rewards points to buy wonderful books for your children to borrow from our School Library.

It is easy to order, Scholastic now offers, LOOP, a parent online ordering system. Go to www.scholastic.com.au and follow the parent payment prompts. Alternatively, just fill out the form at the back of the brochure with your Student’s Name & class printed clearly. A phone number is helpful too, in case we have a query about your order. Then return the order form & payment to the school office by the due date. The preferred payment method is by Credit Card (over the phone or online) or Cheque made out to Scholastic Aust. We are happy to accept cash if the order is $10 or less. If you are paying with cash please be sure to send the correct amount and seal your envelope very well. The books will arrive back to your child’s classroom within two weeks.

We hope you enjoy Scholastic Book Club again this year.

Thank you again for your support.

Issue One brochures for February will be sent home this week.

February Book Club Orders Are Due: FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2015.

P&C News

Scholastic Book Club

Available in our office on FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2015.

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.

**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

**Tuckshop**

**WELCOME BACK TO TUCKSHOP 2015!**
We would like to Welcome everyone to another year at the tuckshop!

Term 1 - There is NO Friday Special this term as we would like everyone to settle into their new classes especially our Preps…Yes there will be Friday Special in Term 2….

We have made some minor changes to the menu, they are the following….  
* Nachos- $3.50- SERVED ONLY AT LUNCHTIME- available WED/THUR/FRI  
*NEW PIZZA BASES- Hawaiian or Margarita- (there was a typo with the price- Please note that the pizzas are $4.00- NOT $2.00) as stated on the menu….  
*Wholemeal Buns (NO WRAPS)- Fresh wholemeal buns- Choice of Ham or Chicken- Salad or Cheese- Toasted or Fresh-whatever you wish!  
*If there are any parents/grandparents or other wonderful bakers out there that would love to donate some homebaking to us- please do- we always love someone elses cooking and the students appreciate the homebaking also.

Please note that we are Egg/Nut free..  
*We do Birthday Icy Poles for those parents that would like to purchase a packet for their child’s classroom….Please come to the Tuckshop and see us..  

*Thank you all for your support so far.  
*Rae and Mel  
*Tuckshop Convenors.  
*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

**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.

**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.

**Student Celebrations**

**Tom Parkes - 3B**
Tom achieved First Class Honours (meaning a result between 95% and 100%) for his ANZCA Classical Pianoforte Preliminary exam. What a fantastic achievement Tom!

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@peregiansspringsss.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

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Search Peregian Springs State School and click ‘Like’. We are regularly posting news and reminders. Our feed also appears on the opening page of our website. This service is for parents. Children must be 13+ to be allowed a Facebook page.