26 February 2015

Principal’s Column

Schools Clean Up Day

Our school will be involved in Schools Clean Up Day tomorrow (Friday 27 February) and you are invited to participate along with your child. If you can make it, please inform your child's teacher. On the day, please arrive at your child’s class at 1.40 p.m.

There are also various community clean-up activities being held on Sunday 1 March 2015. The Clean Up Australia Day website lists the planned venues and activities.

http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-australia-day

Reading Levels

Teachers use a range of strategies to assess reading levels of students. These strategies encourage students to display a number of reading behaviours, which are crucial to children becoming competent and independent readers. Our reading levels are graded from A to Q/R and each level represents approximately 6 months growth in the reading behaviours of students. Therefore, your child will most likely spend a year at school on 2 to 3 reading levels.

The reading levels are not a competition to see who can achieve the highest level. It is really important that children achieve word recognition, fluency and comprehension over a wide variety of texts before being moved to the next level. The focus is on making meaning. If children cannot retell what they have read or answer questions about what they have read, they are not reading, they are merely ‘barking at the print’ in front of them.

If you have concerns about your child’s reading level please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. There will be very good reasons why they are on the level they are on.

Most importantly, read to your children as often as possible as you are able to read texts they can’t yet decipher, and this broadens their general knowledge and makes it easier for them to try more difficult texts themselves.

Student Writing

One of the areas of our school’s performance we really want to improve this year is students’ writing. Kylie Westlake, our Master Teacher, is working with a team of teachers to develop a framework that will govern the teaching of writing across the school. This week she worked closely with Year 3 and 5 teachers on planning for improvement in students’ results in this area.

I’ve had several children come and share their work with me over the last few weeks and I have to say that it is truly impressive what some of our children can do. I’m pretty sure I didn’t write with such accomplishment and confidence when I was in Year 3!

10 Ways Parents Can Work with Teachers

When parents work with us, we can achieve miracles. This image has a few tips on how parents can help their child’s teacher be the best teacher they can be!

Parents may like to read my blogpost on listening to our children read http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/2014/02/the-joy-of-listening-to-kids-read.html
Noosa District Swimming Carnival

Well done to our most magnificent Swimming Team who scooped the pool on Tuesday at the Noosa District Swimming Carnival. As well as being the best behaved and most self-managed team four students qualified for the Regional Swimming Team. Congratulations to Amali Roberts, Emma Lumsden, Zoe Butcher and Jemima Bainbridge.

Thank you to all of our students who attended. After each carnival a teacher mentions what a joy they are to take to these events.

Car Park Etiquette

Drop Off Pick Up Zone – Parents are asked not to stop in the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone unless your children are waiting. When the first car in the line stops and waits for children to come the rest of the traffic banks up behind, around the roundabout and over the traffic lights. If your child has not arrived at the green zone just keep driving through and back around again. There is always a staff member every afternoon there to look out for children using the zone.

Staff Car Park - We ask that parents do not use the staff car park at any time. The narrow entry makes for many problems with cars trying to squeeze in and out during the busy times of the day. Last week a staff member’s car was side swiped and damaged. If you know anything about this please notify the front office.

Principal’s Blog

I blog irregularly throughout the year about our school, education and being a parent. This fortnight I have written about our whole school focus for 2015 and wet weather lunches. You can find this post and all previous posts at http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/

PEREGIAN SPRINGS STATE SCHOOL

2015 whole school focus for every learner
*Reading *Writing *Numeracy

Until next fortnight …
Gwen

Deputy Principal’s Column

Already we are halfway through our first term and there have been many events and activities that our students have been involved in. Their enthusiasm is contagious and I am constantly impressed with their confidence to be involved in whatever is happening, whether it be public speaking, group work or learning a new concept or skill.
Earth Smart Leaders

A big congratulation to all our Earth Smart nominees who gave their speeches last week to the Year 5 and 6 students. The passion and knowledge of their topics demonstrated a real understanding and interest in being Earth Smart. Leaders will be announced on parade Friday 27 February.

Swimming

Swimming has started well and it is a great opportunity for our students to learn key skills in the water and increase their confidence. Please ensure your child has their rash shirt and goggles for swimming, so they can participate fully in all activities.

GRIP Conference

Our 6 Student Leaders attended the Sunshine Coast GRIP Conference last week to learn important skills about being a leader and how to support their school and its students. It was held at the Nambour Civic Centre and had numerous representatives from schools all over the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane. As always, our students represented us proudly and had a great day. Ideas they gathered from the day will be used to brainstorm some key initiatives that they will run in the school this year.

TravelSmart Ride2School Day!

Register now for Ride2School Day – Friday 13 March 2015

Cycle to school on Friday 13 March and you could be eligible for these prizes and more:

1st Prize - $500 voucher at a Bike Shop of your choice
2nd Prize - $200 voucher at a Bike Shop of your choice
3rd Prize - $100 voucher at a Bike Shop of your choice

To be eligible for prizes you must register online on Council’s website www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Why cycle?

Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day
There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’ and makes it safer for the students
Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60min a day of physical activity

TravelSmart is an initiative of the Sunshine Coast Council.
For more information, please visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au or contact our office by phone on 5475 7272.

Regards
Dave Foxover

Head of School - Curriculum

Making an Impact

Twelve of our Year 5 students are currently involved in an IMPACT Writing Project, which is run online with the Brisbane School of Distance Education. These students have a weekly online lesson with their online teacher, ably supported from our school by Miss Danae. There have been a few challenges for the students and teachers to overcome in the first few weeks of the project in getting all connected up. Everyone has been very patient and has learnt quite a few troubleshooting tips for their MacBooks. The program runs up until the middle of next term.

Learning Goals

As you visit your child’s classroom you may notice the different ways that learning goals are posted around our school. Some classrooms will have learning goals displayed for the whole class for particular subjects, some classrooms will have individual learning goals posted for students and in others you may see the acronyms ‘WALT’ and ‘WILF’ in use.

- WALT is short for we are learning to, i.e. ‘We are learning to recognise the letters of the alphabet.’
• WILF is short for what I’m looking for, e.g. ‘What I’m looking for is you to name the letters in some words around the room.’

The WILF is an example of how the WALT can be demonstrated, it may also be known in our school as Success Criteria, i.e. I will know I am successful when I can name letters in some words around the room.

Teachers use many different formats for learning goals in their classrooms, so see how many different ones you can find as you visit various classrooms in the school.

Rose Marszalek

Head Of School – Student Support

School Rules Quiz

Our school community has identified and embedded four over-arching school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour.

Do you know what they are?

See if your child can identify them.

Have a guess and click on the link to see if you are right.

Rule 1
Rule 2

Rule 3
Rule 4

These school rules have been agreed upon and endorsed by all staff members and our P&C association. They align with the values, principles and expected standards outlined in Education Queensland’s Code for School Behaviour.

Meet and Greet for New Families

All families new to our wonderful school are invited to attend a meet and greet. The meet and greet will be held on Tuesday 3 March from 2.15 – 3.00p.m. in the school staff room (just come to the office if you are not sure where to go).

This will be a great opportunity to meet other people new to the school. Nibbles will be provided and you are welcome to bring along younger siblings that are not of school age.

Gwen Sands our Principal will be there to welcome everybody. Dawn Shelton of the P & C will be a guest speaker.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Michael Slocombe

Head Of School

You are invited to attend a Hearing Impairment Seminar for Parents and Teachers. This session offers information on hearing loss and its educational implications.

Held on Monday 2 March in classroom 1M (underneath the hall) Afternoon Tea is served from 3.15 p.m. with the session running from 3.30 - 5.15 p.m.

For more details please contact Anne Slattery (aslat39@eq.edu.au)

Anne Slattery

Perfoming Arts

‘Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.’

–Albert Einstein

I measure the amount of time it takes for kids to get from their classroom to the Performing Arts doorway and it is usually faster than the time it takes me to leave my room to grab my lunch before we get started. I love that our students are so keen to release their creativity.

We have been busy this term getting creative during lunchtime clubs. Students have signed up and have been coming along during their lunchtime play to join in the fun with others doing performance activities.

Your child might be involved in:

• Junior Singers (Years 1-3)
Late next term the Junior and Senior Singers will have an opportunity to be involved in the African Children’s Choir, which is a unique and unforgettable cross-cultural workshop. The students will learn a Ugandan song and dance and experience drumming the Ugandan way. They will also learn about the Ugandan culture and find out about what the children eat and where they live. The workshops are led by the charismatic Barnett Tweisigome and are a fun cultural exchange for the children. You can peruse their website to gain more information about the program.

https://africanchildrenschoir.com/about/what-we-do/

Sofia Hobson
Performing Arts

The Minilit teaching program, covers the five BIG ideas of reading: Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Each lesson has three main components:

- **Sounds and Words Activities** where children learn to pay attention to the different sounds in words and to associate them with the letters of the alphabet.
- **Text Reading** which gives children the chance to practise their new skills.
- **Story Book Reading** which involves the teacher reading and discussing a story book with the students, to improve their vocabulary and comprehension.

National research completed over the last five years has shown consistently that students make remarkable gains following Minilit instruction.

**2014 – 2015 PSSS data showed substantial gains following Minilit instruction.**

A majority of students successfully held their gains over the holiday period from December 2014 to January 2015.

**Data Snapshot**

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What:
Supporting Early Readers Parent Workshop

Who:
Melanie Timbs (Learning Support Teacher)

When:
Thursday 29 March
6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Where:
Learning Enhancement Centre

To book click the link to our online booking service

Representative News

Up Coming District Trials
- 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

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. Register with the Hot Shots Tennis Program via http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/ . 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.

Yours in sport,
Cameron Hutchins

Uniform Shop
Good news..... We now have backpacks and library bags 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@peregiansspringsss.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.

I have received feedback on some of the uniform items either not fitting well or being uncomfortable for the children to wear. I have taken this feedback on board and am looking into alternative suppliers and designs. Please bear with me whilst I go through this process. If you have any questions or more feedback please come into the uniform shop for a chat.

The shop is open at the following times:
- Wednesday 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
- Friday 8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

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.

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.

P&C News

Ongoing ways to help our School
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.

Book Covers

Needling 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

"If there are any parents/grandparents or other wonderful bakers out there that would love to donate some home baking to us, please do- we always love someone else’s cooking and the students appreciate the home baking 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. 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

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

Follow us on Facebook

Search Peregin 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
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.

Come Join us for Afternoon Tea in our Restaurant.

Studying? Need time to finish that last assignment but have the kids- Book them in with Us!

Have a meeting, but need to pick up the kids- Book them in with Us!

Join Us AT Helping Hands Peregian Beach OSHC

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BSC 7am-8:30am
ASC 9-6pm
VAC 7am-6pm