Principal’s Column

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

NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 sat the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I’ve never seen such a confident bunch of kids! Some even told their teachers they couldn’t wait to do it! This is certainly testament to their preparation.

Roll on September when the results arrive.

Under 8’s Day

What a gorgeous morning! Under 8’s Day is firmly stamped on our school’s calendar as an annual event. Our first Under 8’s Day in 2010 had 180 children celebrating – this year 350 children from Prep to Year 2 and some visiting kindergartens came and celebrated being a kid. The cool wind didn’t dampen anyone’s spirits.

Thank you to all parents who came and ran an activity for children to enjoy.

Walk to School Day Tomorrow Friday 22 May

Michael Slocombe and I will meet children at Coles tomorrow morning at 8.00 a.m. for our annual Walk to School. Children can also meet David Foxover at the Duck Pond and staff will escort them to school. Parents are welcome to join in.
Walk, scoot or skate to school tomorrow and you could be eligible to win one of ten kid’s scooters, one of ten kid’s skateboards, plus other minor prizes.

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

Why Walk?

- 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 their recommended daily exercise target

Did you know we are a Travel Smart school? More and more of our students are walking and riding to school than ever before. Please be sure to talk to your children about safety on the streets. A parent reported narrowly missing a boy from our school who ran out in front of her in Peregian Beach just this week.

Be on time for school

I know it’s tempting on these cool mornings to snuggle in bed for a bit longer but it is important that children are on time for school. Every missed minute counts! And more importantly, children who are late often feel out of sorts for the rest of the day. It is also disruptive for other children and teachers too.

So set your alarm and be on time. We like all children to be at school by 8.30 a.m. but not before 8.15 a.m. Thanks, everyone!

District Cross Country

Well done to our District Cross Country Team who competed at Kin Kin on Monday. Special congratulations to Kooper Airey-Barnback, Lucas Klijacin, Jack Conroy, Connery McRae, Maya Wiltsche, Andrew Doyle and Sophie Davenport who will now move onto the Regional Cross Country Trials. As always our students were congratulated on their behaviour and also on how professional they looked in our runner’s shirts. More news is in Cameron Hutchins’ Sports News section.

Reader’s Cup

Yesterday we took our second entry to the Regional Reader’s Cup at Immanuel College. Congratulations to the following students who have diligently read the same five books many times over the last few weeks and attended twice weekly practice meetings – Emma Lumsden, Miah Wilson, Makaell Adler, Anouk Yehoshua, Abby Jones and Amber Sheridan.

It was an absolute privilege to watch you competing in that environment! They came second out of 24 schools with a total of 51 points. The winning school, Chevallum State School won with 54 points.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This week the reading period for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge commenced. This is a great opportunity for our Prep to Year 6 students to improve their literacy, cultivate a passion for literature, and for teachers and families to encourage them to read widely for pleasure. Interested students should check with their classroom teacher or our Premier’s Reading Challenge coordinator, Maree Johnson, to make sure they are registered.

For further information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

QPARENTS iPhone 6 Competition

Tammy Bolch was the winner of the iPhone 6 in the QParents Competition. Congratulations, Tammy!


Until next fortnight …

Gwen

Deputy Principal’s Column

Coolum High School Transition Information

COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 6 into Year 7, Junior Secondary 2016

Coolum SHS would like to invite all Year 6 parents and students to our;

‘Parent Information Evening / Junior Secondary Precinct Tour’

Wednesday 27 May, 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.

Coolum SHS (Humanities Block)

The evening will provide all parents with a valuable insight into important issues related to Year 6 students moving into Year 7 - Junior Secondary in 2016.

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

(See also Coolum SHS ‘flyer’ distributed to all Year 6 students)
**Year 6 News**

Our Year 6 students will participate in Interschool Sports with Coolum and Tewantin State Schools starting this Friday 22 May and also on 29 May, 5 June and 19 June. All sports take place at Coolum State School. Students will leave at 11.15 a.m. and return at 2.45 p.m.

**Project Compassion 29 May**

Please note that our Project Compassion organisation this term is Guide Dogs Australia. On Friday 29 May we will have a Free Dress Pyjamas Day, where students can wear pyjamas or onesies to school and give a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go to Guide Dogs Australia.

Regards

**Dave Foxover**  
**Deputy Principal**

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Students are required to wear Peregian State School jumpers or a navy blue jumper/cardigan in this cooler weather.

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**Head of School – Curriculum**

**Tackling Multiplication**

When it comes to multiplication, the first area we usually think about is ‘times tables’ (or multiplication facts). How we go about teaching them has changed, and rote learning is no longer where we start. Most of us learnt our tables by chanting them and they were usually learnt in order from the twos, up to the twelves. If your child likes to do this, then by all means continue. However, within the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics, the concepts underpinning the multiplication facts and how we can combine and manipulate number facts are our key focus areas.

Students are introduced informally to the ideas of multiplication in the early years, as a shortcut to adding up. Some of the terminology students might hear and use are ‘lots of’ and ‘groups of’. So instead of adding 7 plus 7 plus 7, it could be 4 lots of 7.

The formal teaching order begins with learning the 2 x facts (building on knowledge of the addition doubles strategy). Then moving to 5 x and 10 x (double 5s), then 3 x and 6 x (double 3s), 4 x (double 2s) and 8 x (double 4s), 9 x (build on 6s or 3s) and finally 7 x. We no longer explicitly teach the 11 x and 12 x facts, as students are encouraged to use combinations of their other facts to work out these and other multiplication questions. It is important that students know and understand the turnarounds and related division number facts too, i.e. turnarounds: 6 x 8 = 48 is the same as 8 x 6 = 48; related division facts: 48 ÷ 6 = 8 and 48 ÷ 8 = 6.

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The multiplication pyramid diagram below shows that there are actually only 45 multiplication facts to learn (excluding the 1 x facts). Starting from the bottom of the multiplication pyramid (below), we can see that after learning the 2 x facts, when students move to the 5 x facts, they already know 5 x 2 (the turnaround of 2 x 5), so that is one less to learn, and so on up the pyramid, so that by the time they get to the 7 x facts, the only one they haven’t previously learnt is 7 x 7. This pyramid can be used by students to track the facts they already know and identify the ones they don’t, so they can focus their energies there.

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**Head Of School – Student Support**

**IMPACT Writing Project**

This week we have started another round of online learning in conjunction with the Brisbane School of Distance Education. Six students from Year 4 and 6 will be working with an online teacher and Miss Danae for 12 weeks in the ‘Write On’ program to further develop their creative writing knowledge, skills and confidence. There was so much excitement and enthusiasm as the students had their first lesson on Tuesday afternoon and tried out all the features and tools of their online collaborative space.

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**Rose Marszalek**

**School rules**
Take 5

The Take 5 strategies: Talk Friendly, Talk Firmly, Ignore, Walk Away, Report are used by students when they encounter a problem with another student. Students are currently learning more about the Take 5 strategy Ignore.

Ignore

Try ignoring for things like mild teasing, pulling faces at you, tapping or if someone is making annoying noises. Use ignoring after you have asked the person to stop.

DO:

- Turn your body away
- Stop looking at the person
- Keep a calm, normal expression on your face. Stand or sit normally.
- Do something else (e.g. your work) or talk to someone else (in the playground)
- If the person keeps annoying you, get ready to use the next step (stay calm and Walk Away)

THINK:

- 'I'm not going to give them any power over me.'
- 'This might feel uncomfortable, but it might get them to stop'
- 'If this doesn’t work, I’m ready to calmly WALK AWAY.'

If you feel UNSAFE, REPORT your situation to a staff member NOW.

KidsMatter

All families were emailed the parent part of this survey titled Official School Mail: KidsMatter survey on Monday 18 May.

Thank you to the parents who have already completed this short 10 minute survey. The survey period will be open for 2 weeks.

Meet and Greet

Date: Tuesday 9 June
Time 2.15 – 3.00 p.m.
Venue: School staff room

This term’s parent meet and greet focus will be on high school and how the transition from year 6 to year 7 has gone this year.

Our school Meet and Greets are an informal gathering where parents meet to discuss with other parents around a particular topic.

The topic this term will be will be year 7. There will be a number of guest speakers including Robbie Koch, Head of Department, Junior Secondary, Coolum State High School as well as past Periegian Springs State School students who will discuss their experience with the move to secondary school.

All parents are invited to attend with particular focus on families with students in years 5 and 6.

Nibbles will be provided and you are welcome to bring younger siblings along that are not of school age.

Michael Slocombe

Performing Arts

'I think I really liked doing it. I learned to always have courage in yourself and try new things.'

Just beautiful.

Lunchtime Clubs have been busy in performance.

Drama Club students kicked off Under 8’s Day with a fun performance of ‘Stephanie’s Ponytail’.

Senior Singers gave the audience goosebumps with their acoustic version of David Guetta’s ‘Titanium’.
They were also showing off their fantastic new shirts designed by our very own Ms Sarah Albertson. They have been kindly sponsored by FBC CONCRETING PTY LTD and CENTRE STAGE.

We would like to thank them for their generous support of the Performing Arts program in our school.

Sofia Hobson

**Sporting news**

**District Cross Country**

After months of training for the RWC and the District Cross Country Trials 28 of our finest runners from Years 4-6 hit the hills of Kin Kin (so beautiful they had to name it twice) in pursuit of glory and Noosa District Cross Country Team selection. All of our runners had a sensational day with several outstanding efforts. The weather wasn’t sensational but Kin Kin delivered us a true cross country test sending our runners up some steep hills with plenty of slippery mud scattered throughout the course. In the inaugural year of perpetual trophies Peregian Springs did extremely well. We placed 3rd overall to Sunshine Beach and St Thomas Moore.

A special congratulations to our following runners who placed top 5 in their age group and will be heading along to the Regional Trial as part of the Noosa District Cross Country Team at Buderim on the 2 June.

1st Kooper Airey-Bamback 10 Years Boys
1st Lucas Kljajcin 11 Years Boys
4th Jack Conroy 11 Years Boys
5th Connery McRae 11 Years Boys
4th Maya Wiltsche 10 Years Girls
6th Andrew Doyle 10 Years Boys (Reserve)
8th Sophie Davenport 12 Years Girls (reserve)

Congratulations to all of our runners. We will continue to train at 8 a.m. on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. All welcome.

**Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon**

We were lucky enough last week to have professional triathlete Sam Betten visit our school promoting the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon. Sam spoke to our kids about the importance of good health and exercise. The next race in the series is on at the Kawana Aquatic Centre on the 24 May. For further information and race entry visit www.try.weetbix.com.au If you are entering don’t forget to select Peregian Springs as your school. If we have 15 or more competitors we go into the draw for a $5000 cash prize. Good luck to all of our students who will be giving it a try.

Up Coming District Trials-
- Tennis 22 May
- Rugby Union 11 June
- Boys Softball 16 June
- 12 Years Cricket 17 August

Yours in sport

Cameron Hutchins

**Resource Centre**

**May News**

**Library Monitors for 2015**

The following students have volunteered their morning tea and lunch breaks to work in the library right throughout Term 1 and have well earned the badges with which they will be presented this Friday.


Here are reminders of some Term 2 library events in case you missed them last Newsletter:
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<td>All classes invited to participate – I will introduce this during library borrowing sessions - early May</td>
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### Overdue Library Books

If you receive a letter from me this week, it is because we have tried to contact you via a note home with your son/daughter, a phone call and an email requesting that overdue library books be returned. It is disappointing that our library teacher-aide, Meryl, has had to spend so much time contacting families and not always with any response. Please help your children to return their books on time every week or fortnight. They know that they are allowed to extend their books if they bring them back on time.

### Readers Cup

The following students are part of the Year 6 Readers Cup team that represented us in the Regional Competition at Immanuel Lutheran College on Wednesday morning: - Emma Lumsden, Makaeli Adler, Amber Sheridan, Abby Jones, Anouk Yehoshua and Miah Wilson. Great Job girls!

### Uniform Shop

Now the colder weather is upon us and the mornings are getting chillier it’s time to get your children wrapped up in something warm. The uniform shop is well stocked with our winter range of uniforms and children have the choice between:

- V-neck pullover – a good option for those children that feel the cold in class
- Micro fibre jacket – shower resistant and a good option for those children that only feel the cold when outside
- Vest – a great option for layering up with a white/navy skivvy under the school polo or shirt/blouse

All our winter uniform items look smart and keep the children warm, and they help identify your child walking to and from school.

You can use Flexischools to place orders: https://www.flexischools.com.au and we’ll email you when your order is ready for collection. Alternatively, come into the uniform shop and have a closer look at the range.

Our current opening hours are:
Wednesday 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Friday 8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

**Sonia Sheridan**
**Uniform shop coordinator**
**Administration assistant**
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

From the President’s Desk

What an absolutely wonderful P&C Meeting we had last Thursday with 20 people turning up, highlighted by a presentation from the Fundraising Sub-Committee outlining their intended activities for the near future... it all sounds great and I’m really looking forward to having some fun!

On Friday I was asked by a parent why was the P&C needed and what they did, so I thought this week I would do a little review. The objectives of the P&C are to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of, the school. We promote parent participation and encourage collaboration between parents, students, school communities and non-government entities to foster a commitment to achieving the best educational outcomes for our children.

In short, we raise money to be able to give our children the little extras the school is unable to provide within the scope of their budget, and in doing so, I’ve given the Fundraising Sub-Committee only one direction... have fun!

The P&C also runs the school tuckshop. This year, we have undertaken to conduct a complete review of the tuckshop’s practices and procedures by an independent auditor. You should see some changes later in the year that will ensure a profitable tuckshop designed to best serve your children’s needs.

So why not become involved, either by volunteering to help the fundraising team, or turning up at a meeting of your school’s P&C? Contact Elaine at the school on 5351 2222 or via email at ewill300@eq.edu.au for further information. Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom at 6.00pm on 18 June... come on, I’d love to meet you!

Next newsletter I’ll continue discussing the role of the P&C and its officers and maybe introduce some of them to you so, until next time, keep safe.

Jeff Watson

Fundraising

Hello from the Fundraising Team, and a massive thank you for your extremely generous support of our first event, The Mother’s Day Stall. The children had a great time smelling candles and testing hand lotions and we raised over $2500 for the school.

The volunteers were outstanding and came in their droves, the staff were brilliant and positive and the children were incredibly polite and well-behaved... We loved it, and we hope you enjoyed your gifts. We’d love to hear your feedback!
pandc@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

We have two big events coming up, firstly the PSSS Car Boot Sale on 20 June.
Please come along to sell, to buy, to enjoy some games or just to grab a yummy bite to eat. If you’d like to help out in any capacity please pop in and see Elaine in the office or email / phone her (see flyer).

The School Fete will be taking place on 18 July and there will be loads of rides and stalls to make it fun for all the family… There will be lots more details to follow.

Finally from me, we’re in the process of creating some specific fundraising goals which will help us to spend the money we raise in the most effective ways. We’d love to hear your thoughts, so just contact Elaine and she’ll tell you where to find us.

**Thanks again, from Sarah and the Fundraising Team x**

**Peregian Connect**

**Connecting Peregian businesses with our community.**

Peregian Connect is about providing Peregian parents with a place to connect and promote their businesses within the Peregian community. If you are a past or current Peregian family and a business owner, we encourage you to list your business in our directory for $25 per annum. All funds raised through this initiative will be directed towards the Peregian Springs State School P&C.

Please email damo_cath@yahoo.com.au if you are interested in becoming involved in Peregian Connect.

This directory will be advertised on our Facebook page, in our Newsletter and with a link on our website.

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**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**

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**

Friday Special for this week (22 May ) Nachos + Drink $6.00

Please remember that with a Friday Special it is a lunchtime special therefore there will be NO SUSHI/PIZZA/ SANDWICHES/STIR FRYs sold. Only SAUSAGE ROLLS/PIES/ FRUIT SALADS/MUFFINS and COOKIES.

Go to flexischools.com to order online.
Hi School Bankers!

Just a reminder to please ensure deposit slips are filled out correctly with FULL NAME, ACCOUNT NUMBER, STUDENT ID, DATE and CORRECT DEPOSIT AMOUNT. A few have been coming through not filled out at all, or incorrectly. Thank you for your co-operation.

For the safety of coins, notes and tokens could I please advise to keep in the velcro side of your bank book wallet to avoid loss.

Also a reminder, 10 silver tokens can be re-deemed for one of the fantastic prizes on offer released each term.

As tokens are tallied electronically per student per deposit, siblings or friends tokens cannot be used for a reward redemption. On hand tokens should match the electronic tally. If you would like to know your tally please leave a note in with your next banking. If you feel there are any discrepancies please let myself or Natalie know so this can be adjusted.

We have 299 student bankers which is great! Our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Whilst your savings grow you also contribute to our school. A whopping $961.87 commission was made last year. Let’s beat it this year!

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking Program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking Program Information Pack from the School office.

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 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.

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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.