4 June 2015

Principal’s Column

Influenza (flu) season


Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

Uniform Check

Please help us maintain pride in our school by doing a uniform check. Children need sturdy black joggers for school as they are running on hard surfaces for up to 90 minutes a day. These shoes need to be all black with black laces. Cooler days require school jumpers or jackets or a navy jumper – no other colours or logos.

Community members often comment on how good our children look – our uniform certainly reinforces the strong reputation our school has in the community. We also notice how more settled children are when they are in uniform. And while non-uniform days are great fun – some of us dread them a little bit!

Teacher’s Learning at the EduTech Conference

Sometime ago I wrote about how our teachers and other staff members learn. This week Pete Schumacher, Andrea Hall, Kent Campbell, Rose Marszalek, Chris Cashman, Sara Hollonds and Jono Mitchell attended the Edutech Conference in Brisbane with 2000 other delegates. They heard many international level speakers such as Gary Stager and George Couros talk about technology, creativity, and the future of teaching and learning. It was so inspirational and these staff members have returned enthused and excited.

Gary is an amazing speaker and has enthused other teachers in the school to incorporate elements on Maker Education into their classrooms. Many of his ideas are inspiring our own approaches to personalising learning for our students and our use of technology for learning throughout all of the year levels.

mLearning Scholarships

All families would be aware of our mLearning Program that operates across the school. We have a focus on the use of technology to enhance learning starting in Prep right through to the end of Year 6. Our program has also been adopted by Coolum SHS. Students in Prep and up to Year 4 use iPods, iPads, desktop computers, laptops, cameras, document projectors and many other devices. When students go into Year 5 we ask parents to make an investment in their child’s education and purchase a MacBook for their child to bring to school every day to use in the classroom. Our one-to-one laptop program has been successfully operating since the beginning of 2011.
Over the past three years I spent some time seeking community support for a scholarship program which Year 4 students could apply for. The scholarship provides the successful student with a MacBook and bag plus technical support and a mentor for their Year 5 year. We were successful in having 5 machines bought for the program by the Peregian Lions, the P&C, Leightons/Aspire, Pete Ashenden Pharmacy and the Independent Public Schools Program.

In Term 3 Year 4 students will be given the opportunity to apply for the use of one of these machines in 2015.

If parents would like to help with our scholarship program, please contact me. All donations are tax deductible through our Gift Recipient Status.

Report Cards, Grades and Absenteeism

Teachers are expected to report against an achievement standard, which includes all a child is to have learned in a given time period. Therefore it’s obvious that absence is going to affect the overall grade awarded at the end of a semester.

At Peregian Springs SS

Children who are new to the school and have missed significant pieces of work are awarded a grade based on their demonstration of achievement for the time of enrolment at this school.

Children whose families take extended holidays are awarded a grade for overall achievement. In many cases a higher grade may have been possible with complete attendance and an opportunity to complete all assessment tasks.

Children who are absent due to unavoidable family circumstances (not holidays) or long term illness are awarded a grade based on their demonstration of achievement for the time of enrolment. The teacher may also make a comment noting incomplete assessment.

Children who are away due to intermittent absence are awarded a grade for overall achievement. In many cases a higher grade may have been possible with complete attendance.

Report Cards for Semester One will be emailed to parents on Friday 26 June (the last day of Term 2).

Education Grants and P&C Fundraising

The Department of Education provides a basic grant to schools to meet recurrent operating costs.

This grant is used for items such as:

- annual requisites, including photocopy paper, cleaning materials, toilet paper, chalk, etc.
- office requisites, including general stationery requirements
- general grounds care requirements, including mower fuel, small tools, Schools Officer requirements
- general running costs including carpet cleaning, pest control and equipment safety checks
- equipment maintenance and replacement (such as photocopiers, etc)
- professional development for staff
- resource centre maintenance
- co-operative programs (such as transition to high school)
- sanitary services.

This year’s school grant for our school is $106 000.

Our school grant is supplemented by our School Resource Scheme, which pays for curriculum equipment and consumables for all curriculum areas.

The school grant is further supplemented by P&C fund raising. Our P&C generally fund raise for the large pieces of equipment and resources, which we would not be able to afford otherwise. This includes items such as our multi purpose courts, the senior adventure playground and the soon to be built sand pit for the Junior School.

Until next fortnight …

Gwen

We really need families willing to host the teachers!

Deputy Principal’s Column

School Photos June 10 and 11
A reminder that our school photos will take place next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Please remember to have your child bring their Photo Envelope on the day of photos. Their class teacher will confirm the day with them next Monday. All students are to wear their checked formal shirt.

Project Compassion Guide Dogs Queensland
Thank you to parents and students for your great support for our Project Compassion fund raiser for Term Two, Guide Dogs Queensland. We raised over $750 on the day, which will go to this very worthy organisation. It was also fantastic to see all the students and teachers having fun wearing pyjamas on the day.

Year 6 Activities
Over the coming weeks our Year 6 students who are interested in attending Coolum High School next year, have opportunities to participate in Challenge Days organised by the school. The aim of the Challenge Days is to provide an opportunity for Year 6 students to engage in a variety of tasks with the Year 7/8 students on the day. Information for these days will come out prior to the specific date.

Regards
Dave Foxover
Deputy Principal

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

Head of School – Diverse Learners.

This link is a useful online resource for families in our community – the Disability Standards of Education

http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/

Anne

Head Of School – Student Support

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 Walk Away.

KidsMatter
Thank you to the 39 parents who have already completed this short 10 minute survey about student health and well-being. The survey period will be open for 2 more weeks.
To participate, please complete the online survey at: http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

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 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 Perigean 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.

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**Michael Slocombe**

**Sporting news**

**Regional Cross Country**

We had 4 runners compete at the recent Sunshine Coast Regional Cross Country Trial. It was an ideal day for racing and after several months of hard training all of our runners had a fantastic day. Kooper Airey-Bamback finished 6th in the 10 Years boys. Only 0.4 sec off 5th and there was only 12 seconds between 1st to 6th. So close. Maya Wiltsche finished 10th in the 10 Years girls. A top 10 finish in the Region is very credible. Jack Conroy 19th and Connery McRae 25th both had fantastic runs in the 11 Years Boys race. Unfortunately due to illness Lucas Kljaicin did not race but still showed up to support our other runners.

**Date Claimer**

School Athletic Carnival

Monday 22 June P-3
Tuesday 23 June 9 Years-13 Years Day 1
Wednesday 24 June 9-13 Years Day 2 - Whole school March Past 8:45 am

Up Coming District Trials

Rugby Union 10 June
Athletic 11 August
Cricket 17 August

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**Yours in sport**

**Cameron Hutchins**

**Resource Centre News for June**

National Simultaneous Storytime was held last Wednesday at 11.00 a.m This year we, along with children throughout Australia, read Aaron Blabey’s delightful picture book, *The Brother’s Quibble*, about sibling jealousy and love. I showed some classes the Auslan version and students loved watching the story being told in sign language. It was great to hear how many classes participated.

The Junior Fiction section has a new addition, a doll’s house made by Meryl’s father. It houses the Rainbow Fairy Collection, the Billy B. Brown series, the Fancy Nancy books and the Girls Rock series. Meryl commissioned it upon seeing a similar one at her grandson’s school in Victorian. It is a magnificent construction.

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**Library Monitors**

Voices On The Coast

Sixty-six Year 6 students have paid to attend the Voices on the Coast Literature Festival in Week 1 of next term 16 July. The final payment date was Friday so unfortunately no more payments will be accepted. Some students who have already paid still need to complete forms so please help your sons or daughters complete this requirement asap.

Continue to read TO and WITH your children,
Maree Johnson
Teacher-Librarian

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.

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

Sonia Sheridan
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Administartion 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

From the President’s Desk

I don’t know how you feel about it, but I’m really enjoying the cooler weather… so nice to spend some time in the sun without melting for a change!

This morning I had a meeting about forward planning for the inaugural school fair and it was really pleasant walking around the school oval planning the layout. I’m getting just a little excited seeing what the Event Manager has organised so far, but more about that another time.

First we have a Car Boot Sale and Sarah will be discussing this further in her column.

Last Friday was P&C Day where acknowledgement is given to the important work undertaken in our state schools by the P&C Associations. Principal Gwen Sands hosted a special morning tea for everyone as a special thank you for our work within the school.

Although we love donating our time for the benefit of our children, it’s always pleasant to have our efforts recognised, especially in such an enjoyable way… thanks, Gwen!

I’m looking forward to the next couple of months of exciting activities.

So until next time, keep safe.

Jeff Watson
P&C President

Fundraising

The Fundraising Team has had a couple of weeks off following the wonderfully well supported Mother’s Day Stall. But now we’re back in the swing of things with the planning of our next big fundraising event - the Car Boot Sale on Saturday 20 June in the school car park.

Do come along, either to run your own stall, to grab some bargains, to have a go at a few games, to get your face painted or just to get something great to eat! There’ll be a sausage sizzle, breakfast pastries, a coffee van, ice cream and plenty more so we hope to see you there.

We’ve already got a great gang of volunteers involved in this event and others, but it’s always awesome to get more people on board. So, if you fancy sizzling some sausages, staffing a game stall or helping with the organisation of future events - like the school fair - please get in touch with Elaine (see flyer) who is always really happy to help.

Thanks 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 Peregrin Springs State School P&C.

Please email pandc@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.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.

https://peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC/Pages/Peregian-Connect-Community-Business-Register.aspx
https://peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC/Pages/Copy%20of%20PSSS%20Parent%20Connect.pdf

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
Our Friday Specials are proving to be extremely popular! Thank you for supporting Tuckshop.

This Friday it is Hamburger and drink Special. $6 Order online so that you don’t forget.

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

Baking donations gratefully accepted. Remember no nuts or eggs.

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.

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
Lisa 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!

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.

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.

Peregian Springs State School P.O. Box 251, Coolum Beach, Queensland 4573
Bank Account: 000-004-100-00-000-0000

Please make checks payable to Peregian Springs State School, Chair Drive.

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