Welcome to Term 3

A warm winter welcome to all our families. And a special welcome to all our new families. There are new children all over the school and we hope you settle quickly into our friendly community. As usual, we have an action packed term ahead and I encourage all families to keep an eye on the calendars on our website and Schoolzine to ensure you know what is going on. Your class teacher will also communicate with you about class-based events.

Staff News

This term we welcome back Emma Smith and Brooke Saunders. They have been on a period of leave and it’s so lovely to have them back in our school. We also welcome Karen Von Molnar on 2S who has started as Emma Smith’s teaching partner.

This term our teachers will be spending time in each other’s classrooms and learning some new skills – while this is happening your child may be taught by Kellie Butterworth or Deb Ellison.

We now have 103 staff members in our school working with 887 children!

Semester One Reports

Semester One Reports were emailed to parents on the last day of Term 2. I encourage parents to seek clarification or more information from their child’s teachers.

Please read your child’s Report with your child and help them plan their learning goals for this coming semester. Everyone learns so much better when they know what they are particularly focussing on.

Athletics’ Carnivals

Our Athletics Carnival days were shrouded with grey skies and a bit of rain but all students still managed to demonstrate terrific sporting behaviour and have a great time. Congratulations to all students in Hurricanes House – your participation in every event possible contributed to your House being the winning team for 2015. Also congratulations to our Age Champions – See Mr Hutchins Article.

We have a strong team heading off to District Athletics on 11 August.

Facilities News

We have quite a bit of activity going on in the school at the moment. The old Year 7 relocatable has been moved to behind the Senior Covered Games Area. 6/5W and 6D will be moving to these classrooms as soon as the refurbishing is complete.

Unfortunately the relocation of this building caused some damage on the oval which is being rectified as soon as possible.

Work has started on the new multi story building and we look forward to this classroom block being completed by next Easter.

mLearning Program

Parents of Year 4 students have started to ask questions about our one to one laptop program that starts in Year 5. Please feel free to contact Rose Marszalek, Dave Foxover, your child’s teacher or me about this at any time. Additionally in the middle of this term we will hold a series of parent information sessions to enable parents to decide whether they are in a position to support this initiative for their children.

An information pack is also available at the school office and on our website too – https://peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Subjectsandprograms/Pages/mLearning.aspx

Parents who are already investigating the cost of MacBook computers are invited to contact Next Byte at Maroochydore and enquire about education pricing for students of our school.
School Review

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 22 July to 24 July.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews replace the teaching and learning audits, and are designed to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but, rather, give schools independent and quality feedback to help them improve teaching and learning. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report will be made available to parents and the community via our school website.

You may meet the Review Team as they will be talking to parents at the gate in the mornings and afternoons and will most probably attend Assembly that week.

If you would like more information about the review process please speak to our administration team. Further information about the reviews is available from the Department’s website at:


Absenteeism in Semester One

In learning and achievement Every Day Counts (http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/) . In line with departmental policy we monitor absences from school and strongly encourage parents to ensure regular school attendance. The benefits of regular school attendance have been extensively researched. Achievement in both academic and social outcomes declines sharply once attendance at school drops to below 85%. This amounts to 10-15 days of absence per semester.

Last semester 43% of our students achieved 95% or greater attendance – less than 6 days absent over two terms. These students will have received a congratulatory letter at the end of last term – well done to all of you.

Sadly we had 54 students who missed more than 15 days (3 weeks) of school in Semester One. This is a lot of missed opportunities for learning

Community Partnerships Benefit our Students

We have a close association with Jodie Curran of Star Real Estate who has committed to donating $1000 to our school for every referral linking back to our school that leads to a sale.

Congratulations to Cate and Greg Jones who have three children at Peregrin Springs and have just sold their home through Jodie. Jodie will now donate another $1000 to our school. You can keep tabs on Jodie’s progress by keeping watch on the thermometer in the office.

Don’t forget to mention your association to our school when signing up to sell your home or buy a new one – you could be a parent, friend of a parent, extended family member, ex-parents, neighbour – anyone at all really; just mention our school!

School Opinion Survey

This week your child may have brought home an invitation to participate in the annual School Opinion Survey. We encourage all parents to participate in this as the results give us important information to improve our school and the services it provides. The online survey is available until 31 July 2015.

The shift from ‘stranger danger’ to ‘never go anywhere without asking permission first’

At times we have children report things they are worried about such as a strange car in their street or people they don’t know speaking or calling out to them in public. We always take these reports very seriously and investigate as much as we can, and then, of course, notify the police (if warranted) and parents.

Michael Grose whose parenting site we subscribe to has written a very useful tip sheet on how to teach children protective behaviours. You may like to read that here.

All families can access the Michael Grose site through a link on the front page of our school website.

https://peregianspringss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Parents can look at


Home for other useful tip sheets.

QParents

Many parents are taking advantage of QParents as a communication tool with the school. You can join QParents at any time. If you have any questions about the QParents app please go to the QParents help page at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help . This can help you with any questions you may have on the registration process, updating student details, accessing student information, paying invoices and managing changes such as absences.

We look forward to a productive and settled Term 3. Until next fortnight ....

Gwen

Design a mascot for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

Get your pens and pencils ready, it’s time to create history! The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Mascot Design Competition is now open to all ages, and there are some great prizes to be won. The nationwide competition asks you to design a uniquely Australian mascot to help promote the Games and to play an important role in key GC2018 programs and events. Draw your mascot, give it a name, write its background story, and enter this once-in-a-lifetime competition before entries close, 27 July. Read the FAQs for more information.
HRE workshop opportunity - Year 5 and 6 students

There are still some vacancies available for any Year 5 or 6 boys or girls that would like to attend a Human Relationships Education Workshop that is run by Family Planning Queensland. It is a one evening workshop that runs from 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m, attended by your child and yourself. It covers information related to Reproductive Health including healthy sexual development and the process of going through puberty. We run these each year and have found them beneficial to students and families.

Permission forms can be collected from our office. The cost is $10 and is paid at the door on the night. The workshop is presented in our staff room. If you can return permission forms by 24 July that will enable us to confirm numbers.

Dates:

Boys - Tuesday 28 July 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Girls - Wednesday 29 July 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Year 6 students

This term there are 2 more days that are available to your child if they are interested in attending Coolum State High School next year.

Thursday 23 July - Academic Challenge day 3 - Creative arts/IT and media.
Wednesday 16 September - 2015 Junior Secondary open day for all students from local primary schools

Side Fence - safety

Parents, can you please ensure that students enter and leave our school through the 2 front entrances for their safety. The gravel road near the hall is a service road that is not designed to be used for general traffic. Thank you.

 Regards
Dave Foxover
Deputy Principal

Head of School – Curriculum

NAPLAN

We have received notification that individual student reports for the 2015 NAPLAN tests will arrive in our school at the end of this month. This is much earlier than in the past, and the earlier publishing of this data will allow us to further support and extend our student’s learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Rose Marszalek

Head Of School – Student Support

School rules

Definition of Bullying

There are numerous definitions bullying. Staff at Peregian Springs have been using the following definition to ensure a consistent approach when dealing with alleged bullying incidences.

The definition of bullying is when the following sorts of things happen again and again and again to someone who finds it hard to stop them from happening:

- Being ignored, left out on purpose or not allowed to join in
- Being hit, kicked or pushed around

Students are required to wear Peregian State School jumpers or a navy blue jumper/cardigan in this cooler weather.
• Lies or nasty stories are told about them to make other kids not like them
• Being made afraid of getting hurt
• Being made fun of and teased in a mean and hurtful way

The above definition of bullying has been provided by Dr Ken Rigby from the School of Education at the University of South Australia.

Report Behaviour Marks

79% of students received an A or B behaviour mark for their Semester 1 report.

The school’s target is above 80% and class teachers will be targeting students who received a C grade to lift this percentage.

The school works individually with all students who have not reach a satisfactory behaviour mark (D or E). Students who receive a D or E behaviour mark work, with Gerard O’Brien or myself to come up with a personal plan for improved behaviour.

Of the 19 students who received a D in behaviour (2014), 13 improved their behaviour marks to a satisfactory level or higher.

Michael Slocombe

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE NEXT WEEK ON THE FOLLOWING MORNINGS:
6D + 6/5W – TUESDAY 21 JULY
6H – WEDNESDAY 22 JULY
6S – THURSDAY 23 JULY
COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL COLLECT MONEY FROM YOUR CHILD AT THEIR CLASSROOM

Head of School – Diverse Learners

National Consistent Collection of Data

All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education.

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

Peregian Springs State School is now collating this data for the 1 August submission date.


Anne Slattery

Tournament of Minds 2015

This year our school will be entering our second team into the Tournament of Minds competition. Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Tournament of Minds looks beyond academic achievement and understands that the pursuit of excellence knows no boundaries. It offers students a unique, total experience, providing challenge and growth through its six-week problem solving structure. Students learn effective problem solving skills, thinking outside the square and that the use of technology are values that employers are searching for in the employee of tomorrow. Tournament of Minds mirrors what successful businesses practise.

Our team consists of seven upper school students. They are Emma Lumsden, Eline Van Bruggen, Amali Roberts, Skye Butcher, Amber Barry, Ashanti McLean and Alana Edwards. We will be competing in the Language and Literature section. The students will participate in the regional finals on Sunday August 23 against schools on the Sunshine Coast. I am extremely impressed with their creativity, teamwork, ideas and enthusiasm thus far. I would also like to thank all the children who applied. They all showed tremendous confidence, skills and enthusiasm. Please wish our team luck!

Academic Talent Development Program Manager

Danae Steer

Performing Arts

Newletter report by Hannah Douglas 6H

As part of the Senior Singers Performing Arts Lunchtime Club, I had the great opportunity to see the African children’s choir. Let me tell you it was the best, most unforgettable experience I have ever had.

When they were dancing I felt like I was in their home country.

The first dance they showed us we had to watch very closely because some of the girls and boys in the audience had to come up and do the dance with them. We were taught the
dance moves and then we danced in front of the other students. The African kids came around, danced with us and the other kids were playing the drums.

The children told us about their lives in Uganda and we even got the chance to see their traditional outfits.

They asked some of us what we did with our left-over plastic drink bottles, and because they are so amazing, they made the most unforgettable dance I have ever seen. If your eyes were closed you would not even know they were using plastic bottles as instruments.

By the end of the workshop we could clearly see how much they seriously want to do this, and how much they have fun singing and dancing around the world.

I asked some students what they thought about the ACC.

**What was your favourite part of the workshop?**

Chloe – When they were dancing and their voices Cate - When they used the drums and the plastic bottles Imogen & Makayla - When we got to go up and dance with them Markela - The little girl busting a move when they were dancing and singing.

**If there was any question you could have asked them what would it be?**

Kiara - Who composed and choreographed the songs and dances?

I hope that you get a chance to see the African Children’s Choir because it was a fantastic experience and their sound was amazing.

**Hannah Douglas 6H**

**Woolworth’s Earn and Learn**

Save your stickers from Woolworths and bring them into the school office. We earn $10 spent in Woolworths = 1 sticker.

**Sporting news**

**Athletics Day**

Despite the questionable weather this year, we pressed on with our Athletics Carnival. The oval was wet underfoot but that didn’t deter all of our students from giving it their best. After a sensational first day with the Prep-Year 3 we headed into the final two days with only points between 1st to 4th. The Cyclones took out the prestigious March Past with awesome marching and

dance moves. After a further two days of fantastic competition the final places were as follows-

1st- Hurricanes 1394
2nd- Typhoons 1394
3rd- Tomatoes 1206
4th- Cyclones 1128.

We also had 4 records broken this year. Congratulations to Chloe Baker (10 Years Girls Long Jump), Jada Delany (9 Years Girls 800m), Zander McRae (9 Years Boys 80m) and Kooper Airey-Bamback (10 Years Boys 800m) for their sensational record breaking attempts.

A special congratulations to all of our students who participated over our 3 day carnival. I hope you all had a fantastic time.

**Sprint Champions**

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From our Athletics Carnival we also selected our School Athletics Team. We will have 39 athletes complete at the District Athletics Trials at Girraween Sports Complex on 11 August. We wish them the best of luck.

**Yours in sport**

Cameron Hutchins

**Music**

**Band Tour 2015**

In the final week of last term 32 Music Students from Coolum High School, Peregrine Springs SS and Coolum SS along with Instrumental Music Teacher Sharelle Guest, Head of Creative Industries Emma Clarke and Maths/Science teacher Barry Butler went on the annual Coolum High School Band Tour. The group enjoyed a day at Dream World on the Gold Coast before heading to our accommodation at Mt Tamborine. Over the next two days the group presented a half hour program, combining performances from our Concert Band ‘Fusion’ and outstanding performances from soloists and small groups, to local schools. While playing at Mabel Park State School we were treated to a performance from their school Drum Line. We were amazed and what these kids could do with their drums. We also had some free time to explore the lovely town of Mt Tamborine, entertain each other with a talent show and enjoy each other’s company on our tour bus.
All the students presented themselves well and performed to their best possible standards. I was often complemented not only on our engaging performance but on our student’s presentation and good manners. (Even from the very tolerant lady in the local fudge shop who served them all taste testers of her delicious fudge.) My colleagues and I were very happy with the trip and are very excited to continue working with these fine musicians.

Sharelle Guest

Uniform Shop

News flash

The uniform shop is now stocking the fabulous new Peregian Springs bucket hat. These hats will be priced at a very reasonable $14.50 and have the following features:

- Full Peregian Springs State School logo
- Reversible with house colour and name
- Toggle – to keep the hat firmly in place
- Name label – no more lost hats
- Soft, flexible material
- Two sizes available: Small (50-54cm) and Large (55-59cm)

These hats are available from the Uniform Shop from Friday 17 July and can be ordered through Flexi Schools (http://www.flexischools.com.au). There is still stock available of the original bucket hat (50/57/59cm) and these will remain for sale at $12.00

Sonia Sheridan

Uniform shop coordinator
Administration Officer

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

RECYCLE

Recycling aluminium saves resources, energy and greenhouse gas emissions.

Raise money for the school! 67 cans (1kg) = $1

www.pereiganspringss.eq.edu.au

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

Welcome back to Term 3!

Hope you had a wonderful holiday break. I’m sure your children are all glad to be back at school and ready to take on new challenges.

Our Vice President Damien Swan was very busy over the holidays conducting a complete review of our tuckshop operations with the help of our hardworking convenors, Mel Waters and Raemaree Sommerville.

They are still working on many aspects of that review, but the most prominent feature you will see is a revised menu for Term 3 featuring good healthy choices, but with enough variety to keep hungry kids satisfied. This menu has gone out in school bags this week along with a survey. Please complete this survey to assist us providing a great service to our school community.

I really implore you to use the tuckshop at least once per week so it can continue to serve you in the months ahead.

The fundraising team has also been busy during the holidays planning upcoming events, so keep an eye out for some interesting announcements.

Hope you are keeping warm during the chilly weather this week… don’t worry, it’ll soon be summer again… can’t believe we are halfway through the year already, it’s really flying along!

So until next time,
Jeff Watson
P&C President

Fundraising

The Fundraising Team would like to extend their appreciation to everyone involved in the Car Boot Sale, which was a great success for the P&C both socially and financially. There were bargains galore for young and old. Stallholders left with their wallets considerably fuller and car boots lighter. It was brilliant to have so many families support us, all of whom were appreciative of the delicious treats and brilliant face painting. We received lovely comments from the community stating that our students displayed wonderful manners – something that we already know though we will never tire of hearing! Our appreciation is extended to Crust Bakery and Patisserie, Coffee Crew Sunshine Coast and Mr Whippy for their contributions; their muffins, pastries, finger buns, scones, coffee and ice-cream hit the spot!

Looking forward to this term, our brilliant team is preparing for a variety of ventures. With another Car Boot Sale, a Father’s Day Stall and a Bunnings BBQ day there are plenty of ways you and your family can support our P & C. There are new fundraisers joining us all the time so if you would like to get involved Elaine in the office can get you in contact with us.

Sarah Wedgewood and the Fundraising Team.

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

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

The AASCF Winterfest Cheer & Dance competition at the Brisbane Convention Centre was held recently. Several PSSS students were involved and had great success.

Ausfunk Fearless -

Georgia Thompson, Penny Burke, Jordan Gray, Lexi Trappett & Milla Foxover won 1st Place in the Youth level 1 division.

Ausfunk Adrenaline -

Georgia Thompson & Miah Bye won Senior level 1 and finished as Grand Champions ahead of 48 other teams. The prize for this achievement is entry to compete at the Pinnacle competition in Melbourne in November against the best cheerleaders in Australia.

This is a huge achievement by all the girls!

We have amazing kids in our school achieving in their chosen interests at high levels. If your child has achieved something wonderful outside school please let us know either through the office, your child’s teacher or email the.principal@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

We love to hear about what our kids are doing!