30 July 2015

Principal’s Column

School Review

Last week we had the pleasure of having three School Reviewers in our school for three days. Over these days they spoke to nearly every staff member as well as children, parents and community members.

The commendations included

One of the strongest cultures of learning seen anywhere. The Reviewers were so impressed with our teachers’ knowledge of each individual child’s learning needs and their ability to plan for improvement. They were also impressed with the ability of children to articulate their learning goals and express how their teacher helped them to learn.

Our expert teaching team and Teacher Aides, and the emphasis on professional learning for everyone.

Well-mannered and well-behaved students. The Reviewers commented that there are minimal disruptions to learning in any areas of the school due to student behaviour. They were also impressed by how articulate students are when talking about the school and their roles in it.

The best digital learning strategies and use of devices to support learning seen in a primary school anywhere.

A comprehensive well-being program supporting students in a whole array of social and emotional areas.

The immense pride in and support for the school from parents and community members. It was very clear to them that parents support their children’s teachers and other staff members as much as they possibly can. It was noted the many forms this takes – working in partnership with teachers to solve problems, financial support for the resources their children need, volunteering in classrooms, and backing up the school’s and teacher’s decisions on a variety of issues.

A vast array of community partnerships (i.e. pre-prep providers, businesses, local community organisations) benefitting students from Prep to Year 6.

The proudest moment for me was when one of the Reviewers said that every staff member he had spoken with talked about their role as being ‘to do the best they could for the care and education of the children in front of them each day’. With a team like this, we can do anything.

The Reviewers’ recommendations included to continue and keep developing what we are doing; to ensure all of our staff have access to continuing professional development in learning strategies; and to start sharing our practices with other schools. They warned us our phones were going to start running hot as they start to share what we have achieved and the rest of the educational community want to know more about what we are doing.

Of course, there is work to do – nothing is perfect. But with the foundations we have created over the last six years we are in a great place to go from a great school to an even better one.

We will receive the written School Report in a few weeks, and this will be posted on our school website for everyone to read.

Many thanks to parents and community members who made themselves available for interviews or at the school gate and Assembly to speak to Reviewers.

The purpose of a School Review, which happens every four years, is to inform the school’s plans for improvement for the next four years. 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:


Starting New Classes Mid-Year

This week we formed a new Prep class in order to bring the numbers of students in the Prep classes to an acceptable level.

I thank parents for their cooperation and understanding when we have to make these decisions.

Some parents have asked me to implement measures to prevent this from happening again. I would love to have the resources to do this! It simply isn’t possible with the government’s staffing model for schools.
As a state school we are staffed for the number of children enrolled on the eighth day of the school year (usually about the 4 or 5 February). Based on this staffing every class in the school starts nearly full or full (i.e. between 25-28 children each). The Department does not take into account that we are a continuously growing school and have been for the last six years. We will continue to grow for many years to come.

As a state school we must enrol every child who lives in our catchment and wants to attend here. I am unable to turn students away or tell families we are full (or tell families who have moved out of the catchment to also move their children). When these enrolments after 5 February are too many (as has happened this year) the state government allocate another teacher. I have no way of avoiding having to start new classes throughout the year or move children to other classes to even up numbers. In our first couple of years this happened six times. It happens less frequently now as we have more classes per year level to even things out.

Community Partnerships Benefit our Students

We are continually building our community partnerships to benefit children’s education. We now have a close association with two Real Estate companies – Phil Storton of Mondo Realty and Jodie Curran of Star Real Estate. Both have committed to donate funds for any home sale generated from a school referral.

Mondo Realty have donated $250 to the school as a start up and we look forward to Phil being very busy selling properties in the area.

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

Many thanks to Jodie and Phil for your continuing support of our school as parents and as business people in our community. Comprehensive details for each real estate agent is posted in each newsletter.

The funds donated to the school by Mondo and Star are being saved towards extending our upper school adventure playground – something all children will benefit from over the years.

School Opinion Survey

In the first week of term 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.

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.

NAPLAN Reports

Teachers have already received some preliminary information about children’s efforts with NAPLAN and have analysed this data and started work on the gaps and misconceptions some children demonstrated in the tests.

Reports for parents are also on their way and these will be distributed as soon as they arrive. ACARA have marked and analysed the Tests much faster this year, which is giving teachers more timely information. Parents with questions about NAPLAN are encouraged to make an appointment with their child’s teacher.

Art Project

We have had a group of Year 6s engaged in a couple of art projects over the last few weeks with visiting artist, Lauren Moody. One of these projects has produced very large murals which will be hung on the outside of the Year 6 classrooms. The children’s work will brighten up this area considerably.

The work the students have created has been absolutely gorgeous!

Until next fortnight ....

Gwen

Deputy Principal’s Column

Sporting Schools

We are happy to advise that our school has received approval and some funding for the new government Sporting Schools program that will operate during Semester Two. This program is now officially running after its national launch last week. These funds will assist us to secure an afterschool sport activity, coach, equipment and sport development. Once the
sport and a time is confirmed we will advise parents of this opportunity.

**Visiting Performance**

We are excited about our visiting performance on Friday 14 August that is linked with our Book Week activities. It is a musical called Shine a Light created by Echelon Productions Pty Ltd. This performance will be attended by students at different times during the day. If parents SRS payments are up to date there is no need for further payment.

*Regards*
Dave Foxover

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**Head of School – Curriculum**

**School Opinion Survey**

The annual School Opinion Survey closes this Friday 31 July. Please don’t miss your chance to provide feedback on what we have done well in the past 12 months and how we can improve. A blue form was sent home to most families in the first week of this term, containing the website and log in details.


Rose Marszalek

**mLearning Year 5-6 BYO Program**

**Information Sessions for parents of Year 4 students**

On **Monday 10 August at 5.00 p.m** Peregrin Springs SS will host a Parent Information Session about our mLearning Year 5-6 BYO Program specifically for parents of Year 4 children.

What does **mLearning** stand for? The ‘m’ in **mLearning** stands for mobile. It is a name signifying the movement of learning towards using digital technologies that help students learn anywhere and at any time. This is the learning students will be expected to be able to engage in as they move to high school and into post-school study and work. Our **mLearning Program** will provide students and parents with the means and tools to create, compile, share and collaborate on class work, assessment and promises to unleash some amazing learning potential.

**Agenda**

**Location:** Peregrin Springs State School – Staff Room in the Administration Building.

- Welcome and introduction to the **mLearning** initiative
- The Apple Learning Environment – what it look like in classrooms for Years 5-6
- (Teachers and student presenting)
- Product display from Smile IT – purchasing and packages
- Questions and Answers

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Our website contains our information pack as well as Frequently Asked Questions. Please peruse the documents at your leisure-

https://peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Subjectsandprograms/Pages/mLearning.aspx

To book your place for this session go to:

http://peregiansss.schoolzinemailnewsletters.com/bookings.htm

Please join us to hear about our program and the future of your child’s learning in Years 5 and 6 and beyond.

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**Head Of School – Student Support**

**School rules**

**Responsible Behaviour Plan**

**Review of Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students**

The school is currently taking part a review of the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students (RBPS). All state school must have a RBPS and review it every three years.

The plan includes the school’s expectations about behaviour and it outlines a range of possible consequences for inappropriate behaviour. This plan is available on the school’s website and is provided to parents of newly enrolled students.

This Term’s **Meet and Greet** will provide parents with an opportunity to share their thoughts on the current plan and any possible future changes to this plan.

I have provided a link to the RBPS and details about the Meet and Greet below.

Year 5 Camp
Do you want to know what’s going to happen at Year 5 Camp next week? Read this with your child to see what’s planned.

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 07 August submission date.


Anne Slattery
Woolworth’s Earn and Learn
Save your stickers from Woolworths and bring them into the school office. We earn $$’s from your spending! $10 spent in Woolworths = 1 sticker.

Uniform Shop
Don’t forget to come in and purchase one of the new reversible bucket hats, priced at a very reasonable $14.50.

We also have a new uniform supplier and are expecting to take stock of this uniform in the middle of Term 4. The overall look and feel of the uniform will remain the same; however, we have taken into consideration all the feedback we’ve received, and incorporated the changes into the uniform.

The new supplier can make garments in 100% cotton for any families concerned about skin allergies (at a small additional cost). Please contact me if you would like to discuss the options and/or order any non-standard uniform items – uniforms@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

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**

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**Behaviour Management**

**Being the Parent You Want to Be**

You are invited to be part of our highly acclaimed Parenting Program, *Parenting with Choice Theory Psychology – Being the Parent You Want to Be*. More than 120 families have attended the program over the last six months at Peregian Springs and Sunshine Beach State Schools. The four week program was developed by our very own Behaviour Support Specialist, Gerard O’Brien. Gerard will run the program at no charge for parents of Peregian Springs students again this term.

**Some of the topics we will cover include:**

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

A comprehensive parent workbook is part of the program.

We will meet for **4 x 2 hour sessions**, Please meet me at the front office in the Administration Building.

**Dates:** Mondays – August 17, 24, 31 and September 7

**Time:** 8:40 – 10:40 a.m. (we need to start right on time to cover the full program)

**Venue:** Learning Enhancement Centre

**Cost:** Free

**To register:**

Link [http://peregiansss.schoolzinenewsletters.com/bookings.htm](http://peregiansss.schoolzinenewsletters.com/bookings.htm) please contact the school on 5351 2222 or email us at admin@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

*This program is highly recommended for all parents.*

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

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

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**Resource Centre News**

**CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK 2015**

**BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD**

It’s that crazy creative costume time of the year again! How quickly it comes around!

We celebrate CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK in Week 7 this year culminating in our usual Book Week Assembly on Friday 28 August. Please note this date to help your children with dressing as a book character and for you to come along to that Assembly and watch the character parade, 35 books will be promoted to the whole school. AND…. there’s more to look forward to ….. some performances and one student from each class yet again being acknowledged for their reading. Please help your child/children prepare for this day.

**Year 6 Voices on the Coast Literature Festival Excursion**

The group photo shown is taken on the steps at the University of the Sunshine Coast and shows what an amazing time we had on the Thursday of the first week of this term. Every student attended an author or illustrator workshop and 2 talks or one play (Shake and Stir) and everyone enjoyed the day. Some of the highlights were meeting Belinda Murrell, Oliver Phommavanh, Dave Hartley and Scott Prince. Yes this ex-footballer is now co-writing stories for boys who love “footy”. Shake and Stir also created a most relevant play about the transition from Primary School to Secondary School.
Our Prep classes grew so rapidly that an extra class was needed this term. A few Preppies from each class moved over to become Prep W and my granddaughter loves the move so much she insisted I take her to school last Tuesday so she could show off her new classroom. I was very impressed with everyone’s enthusiasm while the Prep W children seem to be settling in to their new surroundings and making new friends quite quickly.

Changes are also happening to our school tuckshop. Recently the Executive Committee decided that to embrace those changes efficiently, we needed to appoint somebody with the ability to act on the Association’s behalf to make needed business decisions without having to continuously refer back to a committee before implementing them.

The new voluntary position of ‘Vice President-Business Operations’ will be endorsed at the 13 August 2015 Association meeting where nominations will be called for and a vote conducted (if more than one nomination).

The new Vice President-Business Operations will be an Executive Member of the Association responsible for overseeing any business operations of the P&C Association, in particular the School Tuckshop. They will report directly to me for the day to day running of the tuckshop and will prepare the Tuckshop report (overview) for each monthly Association meeting.

All training necessary for the safe handling of food will be given on appointment, so I’m initially looking for someone with the general skills to handle a small business with staff.

Sound like you? Do you want to take on a new challenge? Then the P&C needs you to step up and take on this important role. Please contact Elaine at the office to express your interest.

It’s certainly a busy time for both the school and the P&C Association, so don’t forget to mark your calendar on 13 August with a note to attend the P&C Meeting in the staff lunchroom at 6.00 p.m. I’d love to see you there!

So until next time, keep safe.

Jeff Watson
P&C President

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee are extremely busy getting ready for an action packed September!

Firstly on Thursday 03 September we are running our Father’s Day Stall. We have purchased 1000 gifts and are ready for the kids wanting to find their ‘perfect’ gift for Dad. Watch out for posters coming out next week!

Next on Sunday 13 September the Car Boot Sale is on again! Focusing on early advertising we are sure this will be a great success as it was last term. It’s just in time for Spring-cleaning!

Here’s a snippet of our feedback from last term:

‘A great morning full of laughs!’
‘I’m extremely glad to be able to finally fit my car in the garage after 5 years.’

‘Everyone was delightful who came to chat – the children were wonderful, a real asset to the school.’

‘Great selection of goodies to eat.’

‘Face painting was great quality.’

Lastly we are putting the call out for the parents of our wonderful Year 5 students. Bunnings at Noosaville have kindly given us the opportunity to run their BBQ for Sunday 20 September. All proceeds go straight to the P&C, which is brilliant! We are setting up a roster for 2 hour shifts - get a group together for a laugh!

Please email me at sarah.wedgwood@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to join us in one of these ventures.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Sarah Wedgwood 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

Scholastic BOOK CLUB

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Please order and pay online at www.scholastic.com.au/ , go to ‘Parent payments’ and follow the links to LOOP for parents. Alternatively take your order form and payment directly to the Green Lock Box at the school office before Friday JULY 31.

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. Please make an appointment to speak with the BSM, Jill Hamilton about this.

Student Celebrations

Bella Gray 6S competed in 3 cheerleading competitions over June/July (CUA Championship at Caloundra, AASCF Winterfest in Brisbane and Aussie Gold International Cheer and Dance Championships on the Gold Coast). She cheers with Sunshine
Coast Cheerleading and won 1st place in all 3 competitions in the Senior Level 4 Partner Stunt division.

Last week, Eline and Thomas Van Bruggen were both awarded Honours (A) for their Grade 3 AMEB Flute and Piano exams respectively.

Thomas won 2nd place in the Piano Solo Popular 9-10 years at the Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod on Saturday and the next day he came 3rd in the King of the Mountain 3km 9-12 years race!

Family Fun Day Fundraising Event
To assist Zane Pederson attend the West Ham Football Academy in September Touring the UK and Scotland

Date: Sunday 09 August 2015
Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
Venue: The Ridges Sporting Complex. Peregian Springs
Dress: Enclosed shoes (No football boots please) and wear your favourite football shirt
Cost: $10 per child – covers all football activities

Lots of Fun and Food. A Great Family Day Out!

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.