27 August 2015

Principal’s Column

Peregian Springs State School

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

Fewer Newsletters

With the myriad ways we communicate with parents these days there always seems to be shorter, more timely and more efficient ways to let parents know what is going on.

As a result we are proposing to drop the number of newsletters distributed to three per term – Weeks 1, 4 and 9 of the term. We are polling parents on this decision so if you would like to have a say on this vote below.

Do you think that 3 school Newsletters per Term is enough?
We are proposing to bring this change in from the start of Term 4.

Our visit from Sagami Women’s University Elementary School

A couple of weeks ago we were honoured to have Maki Imai, the English teacher from Sagami Women’s University Elementary School visit us and spend time with our students. She was accompanied by Matthew Heindorff from Brisbane International Academy, the group who organise our Japanese School Trip at the end of Year 6.

They hope to bring their students with them next year to visit us. This will be a homestay program with the children spending their days in class – just as we do when we go to their school.

We have five Year 6 students taking the big step of participating in the Japanese School Trip to Tokyo this year – congratulations to Jacob Little, Alexis Dennis, Maria Wynne, Anouk Yehoshua and Tahlia Birrell. Your Japanese families and school buddies from Sagami are wishing the months away until we arrive.

It will soon be time for this year’s Year 5s to be thinking about whether they would like to participate in this unique opportunity.

Love Your Door Step Peregian

Love Your Door Step is a new community website putting local people in touch with local businesses operated by one of our parents, Andrea Duff. Andrea has listed our school as a free service and has already committed to 5% of monthly fees for businesses who sign up to the directory and quote the referral as from our school. Take a look at our entry -

http://www.loveyourdoorstep.com/peregian/local-businesses/Entry-Detail/239-Schools/160-Peregian-Springs-State-School/3-Local-Businesses

The funds will be put towards our mLearning Scholarship Program which provides worthy Year 5 students with laptops for a 12 month period.

Thank you, Andrea, for partnering with us in your new venture.

Tournament of Minds

The Tournament of Minds is part of the suite of enrichment activities offered to our high ability learners across the school. This year was our second entry to the Regional Tournament.
Congratulations to Skye Butcher, Amali Roberts, Ashanti McLean, Alana Edwards, Emma Lumsden, Eline Van Bruggen and Amber Barry who competed in the Tournament of Minds competition last Sunday. Their task was to create a performance around a language literature challenge. Their task was to portray a character from an Andrew Blabey book and restructure the narrative, so that key features and the characters of the story are different to the original – very challenging!

These students and their teacher (Danae Steer) had great fun creating this piece. To the surprise of all the students, they were awarded second place with Honours and now go on to compete in the State Final in Brisbane on Sunday 13 September. Well done, all of you – we are so proud!

As a school we are making a continued commitment towards supporting our high ability learners with enrichment and extension where possible. Class teachers also make adjustments (or twists as we call them) to their provision of curriculum in the classroom to ensure that children are offered suitably challenging tasks and learning activities.

Our NAPLAN data indicates that approximately 40-50% of our students are quite capable of tackling challenging curriculum in the areas of English and Maths. We are continuing our professional learning in implementing strategies and provisions for these children across the school.

**mLearning Scholarships for 2016**

Applications from Year 4 students are due on 11 September. I look forward to reading these.

**Student Absences**

5351 2266 Call our absence line any time of the day to report your student absences. Alternatively you can notify us via QParents or email absences@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

Fridge magnets are available at the office if you would like to call in and pick one up.

**Staff News**

Jono Mitchell and his wife, Sarah, have welcomed their second bundle of joy into the world. Little Harry and parents are doing really well!

**Illness**

We are doing our best to ensure continuity of our teaching staff at this time. Quality relief staff are in short supply and sometimes we actually can’t find anyone. In these cases the class is divided amongst other classes. In all cases teachers do what they can to ensure a quality program for students continues.

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**School Review**

The School Improvement Unit report summary is now available to read on our website. It is something for us all to be very proud of and I encourage you to have a look.

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

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**Principal’s Blogspot**

Every so often I blog about events and learning in our school. In my recent blog ‘Only in the Springs…’ I wrote about the wonderful generosity of Pete Ashenden at the local Pharmacy. You can read this and more at http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/ . You are also welcome to leave a comment on the blog posts. You will need a Google account to do this. So far more than 22 000 people across the world have read about the wonderful things that go on in our school and in the community.

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**Deputy Principal’s Column**

Queensland State Schools operate for approximately 200 days each year. Students are expected to attend school on every one of those days unless there is a reasonable excuse.

Research confirms a strong link between attendance and student outcomes. While some student absences are unavoidable and understandable due to illness and the like, or enforced through school disciplinary absences, many are not. These could be unexplained or unauthorised absences. Our school is committed to working with parents and carers to ensure the highest possible attendance of all our students at school. Of course, common sense prevails if your child is sick. When this happens ensure the office is notified of the reason and let them recover fully before they return.

By referring to table 1 below, you can observe how the impact of 11 days away over a year can reduce attendance to under 95% for the year.

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When we look at our Semester One data, our Year 5 cohort have the highest attendance rate with 94.9%, while our Year 1 cohort has the lowest with 93.1%. We are proactively promoting each year level to strive to reach the 95% mark in Semester Two, to ensure we are having our students here as often as possible to continue their learning journey throughout the year. Days away can contribute to key pieces of information missed, that need to then be caught up on their return.
We appreciate the support that our community provides to ensure that our students are at school as often as possible and we will continue to promote attendance as ‘everyday counts.’

Apple For The Teacher!

Please take the time to check out this great competition run by Hot 91.1. You know how much we love Apples! **Competition closes today.**


Great prizes for everyone!

**Regards**

Dave Foxover
Deputy Principal

Head Of School – Student Support

School rules

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

Teacher Aides’ Day

Peregian Springs State School celebrate Teacher Aide Day on the first Thursday of September to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers. The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers in organising and delivering engaging educational activities each day.

*Michael Slocombe*

Anne Slattery Head of School – Diverse Learners

*Learning to Value Others*

‘Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need.’ Rick Riordan

For some students this could mean where they sit in class, what medication they take, wearing glasses, using crutches, an individualised curriculum, the type of programs they access and the technological devices they use.

iPads can greatly assist some students with disabilities in demonstrating their knowledge. For some students an iPad or similar allows them to complete the whole task, which is not possible if they used traditional paper and pencil.

*Which of these pictures is ‘fair’?*

As a school community we need to reinforce with our children what is ‘fair’. We would not question why only one student receives an asthma puffer.

Being a role model for your child, by modelling empathy is an important part of building positive relationships with others.

Aquatic Fun Day

Swimming Queensland, with the support of The Georgina Hope Foundation, is offering **FREE Aquatic Participation Fun Days** throughout Queensland in 2015.

They are inviting swimmers with special needs, their teachers and their carers to a **FREE Aquatic Participation Fun Day**
at the Caloundra Aquatic Lifestyle Centre on Wednesday 14 October, 2015. The Fun Day will run from 11.00am to 1.00pm and will cater for non-swimmers, beginners, intermediate and advanced swimmers.

Registrations are to be completed online at Swimming Queensland’s Website http://www.qld.swimming.org.au

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Swimming Queensland via email at admin.qld@swimming.edu.au , or phone the office on (07) 3390 2011.

Regards
Anne Slattery

Health

Staff members are able to assist with the administration of medications during school, on camp and during excursions; however, there are strict guidelines which must be adhered to in order to do so. Please note the second item, which states that ANY ‘over the counter’ medication must be accompanied by a letter from your doctor.

The following points are for security and safety purposes, and are requirements of the Health (Drug and Poisons) Regulation 1996 (Qld).

• The parent notifies the school by completing the Request to Administer Medication at School form. (see office staff) This may include written guidelines from the prescribing health practitioner, including potential side-affects or adverse reactions.

• For school staff to administer ANY ‘over-the-counter medication’, (including any creams, ear/eye drops, Panadol etc.) a letter of authorisation is required from your doctor or specialist.

• Provide medication in original pharmacy labelled container to the school.

• Ensure medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student’s name, dosage and time/s to be taken. Staff members are only able to administer the dose as stated on the pharmacy label. Any variations should be authorised in a letter from the doctor.

• The student has received a dose at home without ill effect.

• Where parents are working with a prescribing health practitioner to determine a dose for that day (e.g. insulin, Rivotril) parents will provide a letter from the prescribing health practitioner instructing that parents will be responsible for notifying the school of the adjusted dose.

• Certain medical conditions will require an Action Plan, Individual Health Plan or Emergency Health Plan prepared in conjunction with your doctor. Please refer to our office staff for details.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office at school.

Newsletter Item from 2C

In conjunction with Road Safety Week and our SEL lessons, 2C have been looking at how we can cross the road safely. Our class practised, through role-play, what crossing the road safely ‘looks like’. We also brainstormed a whole list of things we could do to keep ourselves, and our families, safe when crossing the road! These are the top 3 things we wanted to share with you;

1. Always hold the hand of a responsible person. Look left, then right, then left again and continue scanning the road for traffic while crossing.

2. When you need to cross the road, always look for a zebra crossing or a traffic light crossing. Remember to wait for the fast beep and the little green man.

3. Never be in a hurry when you cross the road. Always walk, never run … you may trip.

As well as crossing the road safely, our class spoke about the things kids can do in the car while an adult is driving. Remember kids; buckle your seat belt up, never fight or argue with anyone in the car (it is a huge distraction to the driver) and always use a calm, quiet voice.

Sporting News

Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school at the recent Noosa District Athletics Carnival. We had a sensational day and all did our absolute best.

Special congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Noosa District Athletics Team to compete at the Sunshine Coast University on the 8-9 September.

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Representative News

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All of our students have been training hard either before school or during their lunchtimes. We wish them the best of luck.

Lapathon

Our annual Lapathon is on again. It is our school’s biggest fundraiser. Last year raised over $10000 for our school. Notes and sponsorship forms have been sent and emailed home. We thank you and look forward to your support.

When- 4 September 2015
Where- School Oval. An awesome obstacle course will be constructed specifically for the event
Time- Prep – Year 1 9:30 – 10am, Year 2-3 11:15-11:45am and Year 4-6 11:50-12:50pm

P & C will have a coffee van and refreshments available on the day.

Community Kick Back

For the past three or four years we have been apart of the Community Kickback Program with Amart Sports. 5% of your purchase is credited towards our school, which we can use in store to purchase sporting equipment. Over the last two years we have purchased several pairs of running spikes for our athletes to use during District and Regional Trials along with multiple balls and other pieces of sporting equipment. Just sign up to the program and put Peregian Springs State School down as your organisation… and it’s free.

Coolum Oztag

Coolum Oztag visited our school a few weeks ago to work with our kids playing Oztag. Oztag is just like Rugby League but without the tackling. A new season of Oztag kicks off after the school holidays at the Rugby Fields just behind the Recreation Centre. If you’d like to get involved check out www.coolumoztag.com. Thanks to Gavin and Jodie for coming out to our school.

Children’s Book Week.

THE 2015 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

NOTE: These books are intended for independent younger readers
Winner
Gleeson, Libby
Illus: Blackwood, Freya
The Cleo Stories: The Necklace and The Present
Allen & Unwin 9781743315279

Honour Books
Bancks, Tristan
Two Wolves
Random House Australia 9780857982032

Rossell, Judith
Withering-by-Sea: a Stella Montgomery Intrigue
ABC Books HarperCollins Publishers 9780733333002

Book of the Year: Early Childhood

NOTE: Intended for children in the pre-reading to early reading stages
Winner
Gleeson, Libby
Illus: Blackwood, Freya
Go to Sleep, Jessie!

Honour Books
Gibbes, Lesley
Illus: King, Stephen
Michael Scary Night
Working Title Press 9781921504631

Lester, Alison
Noni the Pony Goes to the Beach
Allen & Unwin 9781743311141

Picture Book of the Year
NOTE: Intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years. Some books may be for mature readers (Arranged by illustrator)
Winner

Resource Centre News

Finally Children’s Book Week has arrived and all week, we have been celebrating 70 years of Australian children celebrating

Yours in sport
Cameron Hutchins
Blackwood, Freya  
Text: Kobald, Irena  
My Two Blankets  
Little Hare, Hardie Grant  
Egmont  
9781921714764

Honour Books

Camilleri, Michael  
Text: Metzenthen, David  
One Minute’s Silence  
Allen & Unwin  
9781743316245

Voutilia, Ritva  
Text: Wild, Margaret  
The Stone Lion  
Little Hare, Hardie Grant  
Egmont  
9781921894855

We look forward to seeing you at our special Book Week assembly tomorrow morning, August 28, to meet characters from at least 35 of our students’ favourite books. Don’t forget your camera!

Maree Johnson  
Teacher-Librarian

‘If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you only think what everyone else is thinking.’ Haruki Murakami  
(Norwegian Wood)

Japanese News

2015 Japanese Study Tour

Last week we farewelled 17 students and 2 Teacher escorts from Japan who participated in our educational and cultural Australian Homestay Program for 10 days. The program was run by AiU and organized by Barbara Hook and Kerryn Butt. It proved to be a wonderful success and I take this opportunity to thank warmly all the host families who opened their hearts and homes to the students.

Welcome Hiromichi!

Mr Nakamura will be our first ever International Guest Teacher and arrived in the middle of July for a placement at our school until December. Welcome Michi to our school and community. We look forward to learning more about Japan its people, language and culture.

‘Hello. My name is Mr Hiromichi Nakamura. I’m 26. I am from Hiroshima. I am an active and social guy who plays the martial arts and am a track and field athlete. I resigned from the Self-Defence force of Japan this year and am training to be a Primary School teacher in the future.’

Alex Huxley  
LOTE Teacher

Aurasma

My name is Isabella Barry and I’m in 4C. We are in a one to one iPad class, which means every person in my class has been supplied with an iPad from the school. On our iPads we have an app called Aurasma. To break it down, what it basically is, is an app where we can create video overlays and they will pop up over certain objects when we scan over them. We have been using this app to film book reviews and set them to the book so that when we scan that book our video will pop up. It is creative, innovative and really, really cool.

Year 4 Olivia Gray, Maya Wiltsche, Jessica Gavin, Lila McIntyre and Emma Willis.
Year 5 Amber Barry, Amali Roberts, Liberty Wallace, Skye Butcher and Jake Storton.
Year 6 Jessica Butt, Lilian Browne, Alice Ayton and Anouk Yehoshua.

2015 Japanese Speech Contest

On Sunday 30 August The University of the Sunshine Coast will once again host the annual MLTAQ Speech contest. In the past PSSS has experienced wonderful success at the contest. I am proud to announce the following students will be representing our school this year:
Save your stickers from Woolworths and bring them into the school office. We earn $10 spent in Woolworths = 1 sticker.

**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*

**P&C News**

What an exciting and busy couple of months it’s been for our P&C Executive team, with the focus being the tuckshop review and then starting to implement the changes suggested in the auditor’s report.

Our Vice President-Special Projects, Damien Swan, took on the role of gathering information requested by Catherine Jensen of Enrack Community Business Solutions who were commissioned during the June monthly meeting by the P&C Association to review all aspects of the Tuckshop operations, with a view to ensuring our Tuckshop provides best practice service to our school community.

VP Damien was ably assisted by the Tuckshop Convenors Rae and Mel, who gave up most of their holidays to collate and supply the figures Damien needed for his submission the auditor.

We’re very fortunate to have such a dedicated and devoted Tuckshop team. My sincere thanks to Damien, Rae and Mel for all their hard work!

The Executive Committee decided that a new executive position of Vice President-Business Operations was essential to ensure the successful implementation of Catherine’s final report, and called for nominations at the August Association meeting.

Lisa Watson was elected unopposed to the new Vice President’s role and has hit the ground running over the past couple of weeks, working closely with the Tuckshop staff in updating procedures and introducing changes that will ensure a successfully run Tuckshop.

Lisa will write a column under P&C News, starting next Newsletter edition, to keep you informed of all the Tuckshop and business news so I look forward to reading her detailed reports.

Of course, the Fundraising Sub-Committee has also been keeping busy organising our first Father’s Day Stall and I’m sure your kids will love it!

The Father’s Day raffle will also be drawn on Friday week… and what Dad wouldn’t want a new bike for Father’s Day?

A big shout out also goes to our wonderful raffle sponsors, Venture Cycles for supplying the major prize, Jetts Peregian Springs, and the Mount Coolum Golf Club Pro Shop… a huge personal thanks from me for your wonderful generosity!

**So until next time, keep safe.**

**Jeff Watson**

**P&C President**

**Partnerships**

Remember to mention our school if you or a friend is selling through Star or Mondo Real Estate so that our school can benefit from a large donation when the property sells!
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!

Tuesday continues to be a busy school banking day. Many of our regular savers are seeing a steady increase in their bank balances whilst saving towards their individual saving goals. For each deposit the Commonwealth Bank rewards our school with 5% commission (up to a maximum of $10 per deposit) and we are on track to beat last year’s commission of $961.57.

The school banking is organised by the P & C and volunteers. We are always looking for additional helpers. If there is anyone who would like to learn the School Banking system please contact the office staff who will pass on your details.

It would be appreciated if deposit books could be filled in correctly and that Australian currency is sent to school. Details that should be completed are FULL NAME, ACCOUNT NUMBER, STUDENT ID, DATE and CORRECT DEPOSIT AMOUNT.

If there are any students who wish to enrol in the School Banking Program or you would like to know more, information packs can be found in the school office.

‘One penny may seem to you a very insignificant thing, but it is the small seed from which fortunes spring.’

Happy Saving
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. Please make an appointment to speak with the BSM, Jill Hamilton about this.
Dion Owen 4G (pictured with his sister) recently competed in his first gymnastic competition in Brisbane. Dion placed 2nd on High Bars, 3rd on Floor, 4th on Vault and Rings, 6th on Bars and placed 5th overall. Well done Dion.

Many of our students attended the Cheerleading Battle Competition on the Gold Coast last weekend through Ausfunk.

Auskunk did extremely well and got 1st place in every single category that they entered. Also the following teams were award Ultimate Battle Champions in their category – Intensity, Adrenalin and Fearless.

A special mention to congratulate Miah Bye (4J) who was chosen to compete at Dual of the Desert in California next year. This is such a huge achievement as she is only 9 and will be competing against girls up to 18 years old.

The kids from the school involved are as follows:

- Caitlyn Nissen (5H)
- Mila Foxover (5H)
- Tiana Sands (5H)
- Aria Little (4L)
- Brooke Welch (6S)
- Miah Bye (4J)
- Georgia Thompson (5K)
- Lexi Trappett (4J)
- Jessie Juster (5J)
- Kailani Rae 3W/J
- Reese Sherriff (3B)
- Penny Bourke (5H)
- Jordan Gray (5J)
- Summer Harrison (3W/J)
- Mahlia Humpries (6S)

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@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

We love to hear about what our kids are doing!