10 September 2015

Principal’s Column

School Holidays and Student Free Day in October

Only a little over a week to go until the Spring school holidays. It’s hard to believe that we are nearly ready to launch into the last term of the year. School finishes on Friday 18 September and reopens again on Tuesday 6 October. Monday 5 October is Labour Day Public Holiday. Happy Holidays, everyone!

Also a reminder about the Student Free Day in October – this falls on 19 October this year. High school teachers are involved in moderation of student work at this time. Our teachers and teacher aides will be attending a range of professional development both here at school and in other locations.

Fewer Newsletters

From next term we will be producing fewer newsletters – just three newsletters a term, instead of one every fortnight. As usual you will be emailed the link once the newsletter is published. Thank you to parents who responded to our survey on this issue.

Japanese School Trip 2015 and 2016

Five Year 6 students will be taking a big step of going to Tokyo for 8 days in November. Jacob Little, Maria Wynne, Alexis Dennis, Anouk Yeoshua and Tahlia Birrell will stay with Japanese families and attend Sagami Women’s University Elementary School. They will also participate in a number of excursions.

They have been preparing for their trip all year and everyone is getting very excited – including the families they will be staying with.

We will again offer this experience in 2016 and parents of Year 5 students will be invited to a meeting to see what this entails.

Travelling overseas with a group and experiencing the country first hand in this way is one of the best learning experiences children can have.

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. Best of luck to our team which will compete at the state finals on Sunday 13 September.

Skye Butcher, Amali Roberts, Ashanti McLean, Alana Edwards, Emma Lumsden, Eline Van Bruggen and Amber Barry will travel to Griffith University on Sunday and will spend three hours working together to solve a problem – best of luck all of you!

Kids in Action Conference

Congratulations to our Earth Smart Leaders who presented at the Kids in Action Conference at Lake Kawana Community Centre a couple of weeks ago. This is a major event on the coast and they have been working together once a week to prepare. Their project included planting, sampling and learning about our unique environment and then culminated in an evening at SeaWorld.

Our Earth Smart Leaders are Amber Sheridan, Jayde French, Miah Wilson, Indigo Bradshaw, Eve Christopher, Anouk Yehoshua, Jaime Stanley, Alice Ayton, Ziah Harvey and Lily Bonwick. They are the hardest working of all of our Student Leaders – well done!

mLearning Scholarships for 2016

Applications from Year 4 students are due on 11 September (tomorrow). I look forward to reading these. Students awarded with a MacBook to use in Year 5 will be notified by the end of Term 3.

Community Partnerships

Many thanks to Pete Ashenden from Live Life Pharmacy at Peregian Springs for his donation of $343.55 to our school recently. What makes this such a wonderful effort if that it was completely unsolicited by our school. We have an array of community partnerships developing and this sort of generosity goes well above and beyond!
Student Absences

The Department of Education expects schools to account for student absences.

We currently have a lot of unexplained absences from school. We know there’s nothing more effective in disrupting a household than a sick child and we ask that you please notify us when you child is away with a reason for the absence.

There are a few ways you can do this

- Use your QParents account
- Ring our Absence Number 5351 2266 and leave a message
- Ring the office on 5351 2222
- Email absences@peregian springs.eq.edu.au
- Email your child’s teacher

Any one of these ways will suffice. Thank you for your help with this piece of record keeping.

Father’s Day Raffle

Congratulations to Jackson Krause who won a bike for his father Russell in the Father’s Day Raffle. We drew this at Lapathon last week and Jackson looked quite startled when he realised it was him! Tayla White won a Jetts Fitness Pack including a 3 month membership at the gym for her Dad, and CJ Connolly won the $100 voucher for Mt Coolum Golf Club Pro Shop – three very lucky Dads!

Many thanks to our major sponsors for contributing to this raffle – Venture Cycles, Jetts Gym and Mt Coolum Golf Club. With your help this has been one of the P&C’s most successful raffles.

Swimming and Surf Skills

Over the years our swimming and surf skills program has developed into a strong and coordinated approach to ensuring our students can swim well and stay safe in water. In Term 4 Preps and Years 3 and 4 will have their eight swimming lessons with the Diamond Swim School; and Years 5 and 6 will be participating in Surf Skills at Noosa Beach. These lessons start in the first week of Term 4 with Surf Skills on the first day. Payment for both activities is due before the end of term.

Year 5 and 6 students need their togs, towels and sunscreen on the first day of term – Tuesday 6 October!

Principal’s Blogspot

Every so often I blog about events and learning in our school. You can read these 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. The latest blog post is a story from the playground – what really matters.

Until next term ....

Gwen

Deputy Principal’s Column

2016 Student Leaders selection

We have begun our student leader selection process for our 6 Student Leaders for 2016. Last week students that were interested received a Nomination form and a Proficiency Scale that they are to complete and hand in to the office by deadline Tuesday 15 September. From those nominations, students will be shortlisted and speeches will occur in early Term 4. In Term 4, there will also be opportunities for Year 5 students to nominate for Sport, Performing Arts and Earth Smart Leader positions. Our school has a very rigorous process in selection of our student leaders and every year we have a high level of applicants. Unfortunately only a few can be selected into these positions, so we ensure that we reinforce the role that every student has in being a leader and role model in our Grade 6 cohort.

Dear Year 5 Parents,

We would like to invite you and your student to attend the Coolum State High School Senior Open Day held on Wednesday the 6th of September.

The purpose of this Open Day is to provide an opportunity for you and your student to engage with the quality that Coolum State provides to our community including:

- Innovative Technology
- Diverse curriculum
- Experiential education
- Specialist facilities
- Innovative Teacher
- Innovative campus
- Diverse student needs

We welcome all students to attend and participate in Open Day activities, regardless of which school they may have preference for in 9th. We encourage parents to support their student(s) by preparing them for a regular school day. The school day will consist of their full school uniform with lunch and water bottle. The back-up will be open for students to purchase lunch if they wish. Parents should have left all non-essential items in their car park prior to arrival.

Parents are encouraged to attend a Junior Secondary Information session and school tour on Friday 9th – organized by Mr. Ryan Burton (R) – Principal Junior Secondary.

Our goal is to support all students’ transition to Junior Secondary in a caring and supportive environment. By delivering engaging opportunities for both parents and students to become more familiar with our school we hope the transition to Coolum State will be as smooth as possible.

Our commitment to improvement in all aspects of teaching and learning and continued focus on strong relationships with Peregian Springs State School and Coolum State to ensure we provide a solid foundation for future student success. We begin this journey with primary students by creating targeted and consistent transition opportunities for our students.

Parents wishing to attend the Junior Secondary Information session and school tour please RSVP your attendance by emailing or calling the school on 5475535 or admin@coolumshs.eq.edu.au. This will help our planning for the junior information session.

All enrolments for 2016 are due by Friday 16th September. We look forward to meeting you and your student on Wednesday the 6th of September.

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School rules

Approaching students at school

We have recently had a small number of cases where parents have approached students, other than their own, to discuss issues that are occurring at school. Education Queensland expects parents to inform the class teacher of concerns their own children may be having, and the class teacher and leadership team (if required) will follow up reported incidents in line with the schools Responsible Behaviour Plan. Please do not approach other children to discuss issues.

eSmart

Telstra’s top tips to help balance children’s screen time?

1. Agree limits. Talk to your children about the amount of digital time they’re having and then, based on what you agree is a healthy balance, set ‘switched off’ times of day. Help your children create a media use roster allocating blocks of time for homework, chores and their screen time.

2. Be an offline supporter. Support and encourage your kids in activities that don’t involve a digital device. A ball game or reading a book are all great ways to show kids how they can enjoy themselves without a mobile, tablet or computer.

3. Set family rules. Make sure you’re seen as a positive example. Do you want the dinner table to be a device-free zone? If so, then have everyone (including Mum and Dad) turn off their mobile phones and devices during dinner, or when taking part in family activities. Children are happier following rules if everyone in the family plays by them.

4. Turn off devices before bedtime. Lack of sleep can affect alertness, concentration and memory. For a better night’s sleep try encouraging children to switch off at least one hour before bedtime. Create a charging station and charge all household devices in the one spot overnight.

5. Make the most of parental controls. Many parental controls tools allow you to set time-of-day restrictions on children’s device usage. Telstra naturally recommends its ‘Telstra Smart Controls’ for mobile devices and ‘Telstra Online Security’ for your home network.

6. Consider the difference between types of screen time. Not all screen time is created equal. Think about the differences between using a device for homework or creative expression versus using it for passive entertainment.

Waiting to pick up students from class

Please wait in the central pathway, or the Central Covered Games Area, or out the front of the school until the bell goes at 3.00 p.m. It can be distracting for children and teachers when parents wait near classroom doors and windows close to the end of the day. A reminder that the Junior playground and Senior climbing dome are out of bounds areas both before and after school.

National Child Protection Week has been coordinated by NAPCAN, with the support of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs since 1990. The campaign aims to engage and educate all Australians to understand that they have a part to play in keeping our children and young people safe from violence, abuse and neglect.

NAPCAN supports and promotes community-led prevention through strengthening the voice of community (in particular children and young people) in planning, research and evaluation. In coordinating and promoting National Child Protection Week, NAPCAN sees it as a catalyst for community action that continues throughout the year.

Michael Slocombe
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.

Resource Centre News

Some pictures from Book Week Assembly. What a fabulous day!

Maree Johnson
Teacher-Librarian

Japanese News

Japanese Speech Contest Results 2015

For the third year in a row Peregian Springs has proved it has some of the best speakers of Primary Japanese on the Sunshine Coast. More than 20 schools, 500 students and 100 volunteers came together to contest the annual Languages speech contest held at the University of the Sunshine Coast on August 30.

Congratulations are extended to all contestants and particularly the following students who received medals and certificated of High Distinction:

Year 6 FIRST PLACE Jessica Butt, Alice Ayton Highly Commended
Year 5 THIRD PLACE Liberty Wallace, Amali Roberts and Amber Barry Highly Commended
Year 4 THIRD PLACE Jessica Gavin, Maya Wilsche, Olivia Gray and Emma Willis Highly Commended

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Alex Huxley
LOTE Teacher

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

From the President’s Desk

I hope all the fathers and step-fathers and grandfathers of our little Springers had a wonderful Father’s Day last Sunday, and survived!

As the ‘substitute Dad’ to my three grandchildren with two of them in Prep, I was invited to the ‘Dads in the Dark’ BBQ last Thursday night where I put on two ties and followed two excited Preppies from class to class doing all sorts of activities, from craft, painting and construction to a disco, iPads and games.

And just as I was relaxing with a great sausage sandwich, I was called up for group dancing, which was quite an ordeal, ummm, fun time, with one Preppie hanging off each arm (haha).

I'd like to thank all the Prep teachers and support staff for hosting a truly wonderful night, one that Dads and Preps alike will long remember.

And of course the Father’s Day activities culminated last Sunday with three excited children giving me gifts they took delight in selecting for me at the Father’s Day Stall run by the hard-working team from the Fundraising Committee… another successful event the kids enjoyed.

Additionally, the Father’s Day Raffle was our most successful raffle yet with thanks to our event manager Damien and major prize donor Lisa Petersen from Venture Cycles, who was seen selling tickets at the front gate just before the draw.

The big winners were the school children as a whole, because they raised $2,354 to be spent on something special they can all enjoy. A big shout out 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 and remember, support those businesses who support our school!

In other P&C news, I see Lisa follows me in presenting her new Tuckshop roundup she’s aptly calling ‘The Grapevine – Juicy Gossip from the Tuckshop’… it’s pleasing to see our tuckshop finally getting the attention it deserves.

And finally, a reminder that the September monthly meeting of the P&C Association is held tonight at 6.00 p.m. in the staffroom. Hope to see you there for coffee and cake… all welcome!

So until we chat again, keep safe.
Jeff Watson
P&C President

Grapevine Tuckshop news

Welcome to the new Tuckshop News column. My name is Lisa and I’ve been given the honor of supporting our great Tuckshop through my new P&C role as Vice President – Business Operations.

Over the coming months we will be using your feedback to revitalise the Tuckshop, from menus to operations and everything between. During Term 4 we will trial opening Monday and Tuesday for morning break only, in addition to our normal opening times, so look out for more information regarding this coming to you soon.

One of our biggest adjustments will be saying farewell to our much loved Tuckshop Convenor Mel, who will be moving her family to WA. Her work and dedication in the Tuckshop over the years has been extraordinary and she will be truly missed. We wish her the best of luck.

Now, more than ever, we need your support. We need volunteers to keep the Tuckshop open.

Just 1 shift per term is all we ask. Team Tuckshop are a fun loving group, you won’t regret it and you will be making such a huge difference to our ability, as a P&C, to raise funds for the students. Just click the link below, fill out a few basic details and receive your Volunteer Welcome Pack.

http://peregiansss.schoolzinenewsletters.com/p-c-tuckshop-volunteers

Until next time: Eat, Live, Love
Lisa Watson.
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!

Help Us Reach $20,000 for Much Needed Outdoor Activity Equipment for Years 4 to 6

Simply refer someone to me who is thinking of selling. When I sell their property I will donate $1,000

Jodie Curran
0412 717 691

Sell your home with Mondo and we will donate up to $1,000 per sale to the School.

2% commission rates for parents of PSSS pupils. (For details see www.mondorealty.com.au or ask at school reception.)

Call Phil on 0459 239808

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.

Discounted Movie Tickets


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

Love Your Door Step Peregian

Love Your Door Step is a new community website putting local people in touch with local business 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 local 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.

Ongoing ways to help our School

Happy Savings

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 weekday.

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

On Sunday 30 August Dion Owen 4G competed at the MAG Sunshine Coast Classic Gymnastics competition at Woombye.

He placed 1st on vault, 1st High bars, 2nd on Rings, 3rd on floor & 4th on pommel horse. Giving him an overall score of 56 out of 60 and placing 2nd overall in the open age category.

What a fantastic effort Dion!

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!