8 October 2015

Principal’s Column

Welcome back!

Welcome to Term 4 – this year is flying by…
This is a 10-week term finishing on Friday 11 December. We ask that all families keep a close eye on our calendars and communications so as not to miss key dates for preparation for 2016.

Student Free Day in October

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 this 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.

School Crossing Supervisors

After six years of applying for a supervised crossing the funding has finally been approved. The infrastructure for this was installed during the school holidays and we currently have temporary staff working on the crossing.

Staff from the Department of Transport have been on the crossing daily handing out pamphlets and educating children and parents on how to use a supervised crossing safely.

If you would like to apply to be one of our three crossing supervisors see the advertisement below in this newsletter. Applications close on 19 October.

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.

Year 5 and 6 students started surf skills on Tuesday and had the best time. Preps, Year 3 and 4 need their togs, towels and sunscreen tomorrow!

Junior School Sandpit

Our Junior School Sandpit is now being constructed. We had hoped for this to be completed in the holidays but unfortunately the builders hit some services that weren’t on the plans! Hopefully kids will be playing in this new facility soon.

P&C

We have a fantastic P&C Team in place this year. They are working hard together to put things in place to provide services for parents and to enhance a sense of community and the resources the school has. The first meeting for Term 4 is tonight at 6.00pm.

On behalf of our school community and the P&C I would also like to thank Damien Swan who has been the Vice President
of the P&C since Term 4 last year and in that time coordinated many successful events and fund raisers as well as a review of our Tuckshop. Damien has resigned from the position and his energy and enthusiasm will be missed.

The Vice President’s and Secretary’s position is now vacant – parents and community members interested in these roles can find out more by emailing pandc@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

Student Resource Scheme 2016

Our Student Resource Scheme will continue unchanged for 2016. The Scheme will remain at $100 per child for the year and includes all extra items purchased by teachers for use in classrooms and extra curricular activities such as Art Lessons. Students whose payments are up to date also attend three visiting performances during the year as well as our Artist in Residence Program (up to three lessons per term with our Visual Artist, Tonya Newton).

As with previous years we will be emailing the information home very soon so that families can begin payments and also plan their end of year budgets. We are mindful that there is always so much to pay for at the end and the beginning of each school year and try to give you as much information as possible in advance.

Class placements for 2016

Soon we will start the process of forming classes for 2016. Determining class lists is a complex process that requires careful consideration of a range of information. The aspects we consider are friendship groups, gender, academic ability, behavioural and social needs, and child-teacher relationships. Parent requests are a final piece of information we consider.

You are invited to provide any information that you would like considered in deciding the most appropriate placement for your child. Please note: We do not accept requests for particular teachers. Please complete one form for each child and return the form to the office no later than Friday 30 October 2015

Only complete the form if you have information you’d really like us to know. In previous years we have acted on parent’s requests only to find that by the start of the school year information had changed. Teachers know a great deal about your child’s learning and friendship groups, and most often the decisions they make are the best ones. If you are happy to trust us, there is no need to return this form.

The form also enables you to inform us if you are leaving at the end of the year or if you will be late returning to school in 2016.

Congratulations

Well done to Zoe Butcher who has just won 3rd place in the 2015 Literary Competition. Zoe and her parents have been invited to an awards ceremony in Brisbane. Zoe’s writing is amazing – she is certainly a talent we should all look out for in the future. Zoe’s story is reprinted in this newsletter below.

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 about the little gold stickers!

Until next time ….

Gwen

School Crossing

I would like to thank the Principal and school community of Peregian Springs State School for their patience whilst we processed your application for a supervised school crossing.

An application for a funded supervised school crossing on The Avenue was received from Peregian Springs State School in September 2013. This application was assessed as an identified risk and placed on the departments state-wide priority list. The school was advised it would be considered for future funding.

The Hon Mark Bailey MP Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply announced the approval of the crossing on Wednesday 16th September 2015. Staff from the Department of Transport and Main Roads are working with Sunshine Coast Council to have the crossing operational from 6 October 2015 the first day of new school term.

Any questions in relation to this matter may be forwarded to Stuart Gardner, Manager Road Safety Telephone 3866 3112.

Kind regards,

Stuart Gardner
Manager (Road Safety) | Seq North
Customer Services Branch | Department of Transport and Main Roads

School Crossing Times

Morning: 8.05 a.m. – 8.50 a.m.
Afternoon: 2.50 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at this school, Peregian Springs State School and at other schools in the area.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on
the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and

- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address application to:

Private and Confidential
The Principal
Peregian Springs State School
The Avenue
Peregian Springs QLD
4573

Applications close at 3.00pm on Monday 19 October

For further information please phone the Road Safety on 07 54521827

Deputy Principal’s Column

2016 Student Leaders selection

As I advised in our last Newsletter, we have begun our student leader selection process for our six Student Leaders for 2016. This week students were shortlisted for our six Student Leader positions. We had a large number of high quality applications, which is a great reflection of the depth of leadership we have at the school.

During Term 4, there will be opportunities for Year 5 students to also 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. It is a great opportunity for students to develop public speaking, confidence and leadership skills as they nominate for these roles.

I look forward to a great final term from all our students and it is motivating to observe them immediately back into school routines and focusing on their learning.

Regards

Dave Foxover
Deputy Principal

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. This may include written guidelines from the prescribing health practitioner, including potential side-effects or adverse reactions.
- For school staff to administer ANY ‘over-the-counter medication’, 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

Yes, it’s back by popular demand! The Book Fair P&C Fundraiser to be held in the library courtyard— Friday 6 November to Friday 13 November - with proceeds to go to increasing the number of books in the Resource Centre. Just like previous years, we will be showing your children through the Book Fair and providing them with Wish Lists that they will bring home. If you then would like to purchase, you may place the money in an envelope with their wish list and return it to school or visit the Fair yourself.
Unfortunately this year Annie from Annie’s Books at Peregian Beach is unable to supply stock to sell so we are involving a company from Brisbane – The Book Warehouse. Please note the dates and support this event. Books make excellent Christmas presents.

This year the author afternoon is on Tuesday 10 November and the visiting author is Kim Michelle Toft. She will also be running 2 one-hour sessions for students during the school day. Kim Michelle Toft is a full time marine artist, author, illustrator and publisher of environmental children’s books depicting vibrant underwater worlds hand-painted on silk. We have most of her beautiful picture books in the library and I will be reading them to your children leading up to this event. Have a look at her website and be amazed at her artwork.


Maree Johnson  
Teacher-Librarian

Death’s Disingenuous Song

By Zoe Butcher

Sometimes one voice can’t grasp someone’s heart, pull them in to something they’re not. But I guess when you’re standing alone with death wounding its disingenuous song around you, one solitary voice could mean everything.

The smoke remorselessly woudn its twitching fingers around me, as if exhilarated by my perturbed soul. Tautness had seized the air smothering my senses away from me. Strangled sounds of more bombs dropping from afar, I couldn’t bare the thought of what now lay deceased past the smoke. What they had destroyed. No, what we had destroyed. The world was not supposed to work like this. It was like an invention gone wrong. I hate them. I hate this world. It seems as if I’m the only sane person here. That’s why I must speak. Alone. Solitary. Despised. Probably shot before I could get out a sentence. But that’s just what life has turned into. Negotiating has been replaced by killing, friendship has been replaced by enemies and hope has been replaced by terror.

The sudden emergence of inertness in the air stiffened my thoughts. There was no longer the sounds of distant bombs dropping and the screams and cries of the survivors left around me had died down. But trepidation still surged through me, filling up a deep hole of emptiness in my heart. I vigilantly started to make my way through the smoky pathway of decay, knowing that each lumbered step I took was just leading me further down his conniving pathway. I fought my way through the blinding colours of death’s dismantling harm on our land, people and home. Shocked by his clear bliteness wringing out insouciant in the night’s air. It was as if we were like dolls to him, nothing but little fake clumps of plastic moulded into anything he desires.

Hands reached out onto me in search for help, but my feelings were buried deep inside me. No longer mixed with compassion, I knew where I was going and I had to get there with no distractions.

I could sense his presence looking over me, snickering at my sudden rush of adrenaline and unprepared hope of winning back what I wanted. Knowing that his next victim was wandering right into his hands.

You always know when you have reached the tower. The endless destruction stops and leaves a clear area of selfish beauty before continuing on its journey of wreckage. It is one of the most horrible ways of how life now works. They try to remind others that they are better than them. Favoured. Preferred by the forces. But the truth is they only get their way because everyone is too scared of saying no. But today it will change. Today they will not get what they want. Humanity will get their say. Life will have its say. I will get my say. As I walked through the tower’s entrance, guns flew up to my face immediately as if waiting for my arrival. “I want to speak to the messenger,” I cried, ‘I promise I mean no harm.’ The men looked down at me, obviously perplexed by my presence.

‘What you want with him?’ one of them spat at me, circling me like I was his prey. ‘You’re comin’ wiv me, I’m sure the president will love to meet you.’ He laughed viciously, dragging me behind him. I fake a look of terror but really my plan was just starting perfectly.

Doors and doors flashed past us, until we stopped at one. ‘Sir, we have a trespasser,’ he whispered. A hoarse cough came from the room before answering, ‘Yes, I know, bring her in.’ The man pushed me in before slamming the door shut behind me. ‘Miss Enkara,’ an ironic voice boomed from behind me. He lumbered around me, staring me up and down. ‘You’re as brutal looking as your mother,’ he sniggered. ‘I remember the day when your mother came striding in here as blank minded and determined as you are, and guess what, I killed her, and I will kill you too,’ now shaking with bitter laughter. It was my chance. Three, two, one. I pounced onto him knocking his head down against the ground. I didn’t care, who would when he’s done all this? I ran over to his desk checking my watch, one minute left. I busted the door open and went over to the live recorder. The red light blinked. ‘This is Enkara speaking to you from the tower. If you want freedom fight with me…”

What Enkara didn’t realise, was at that very moment the world froze, as thousands of bodies fell into death’s arms. Her fight had only just began.

Maker Faire

Congratulations to these enthusiastic Year Two students who successfully completed the 80 sequential MINILIT lessons. MINILIT is an early intervention program that builds phonemic and phonic knowledge, reading skills and fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Meeting Initial Needs In Literacy
It helps us learn! It helps me with reading and spelling words’ Cameron.

“It helped me to catch up on sounds and letters and how to write and spell” Eli.

“It helped with my reading – I went up a level! I am happy!” Ella-Jada.

“I can sound out words, it helped me with hard words and to move up levels” Kyan.

“It helps me with sounds and letters and my reading and spelling homework’ Aishlynn.

“I liked it! When I did the test I could see I was learning more’ Darwin.

“I have improved. I can sound out words and read fluently’ Amelia.

“It helped me with learning about words’ Zac.

Uniform Shop

Good news..... We now have backpacks back in stock.

The table below shows all out of stock items and when they are likely to be back in stock.

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Please email uniforms@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au with your contact details if you would like to reserve any of the above out of stock items and I will contact you as soon as they become available.

The shop is open at the following times:

Wednesday 10.20 – 11.00am – appointment only (for pre-preps)
Wednesday 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
Friday 8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

For all available uniform, orders can be made using Flexi schools:
and I will email you when the order is ready for collection.

Sonia Sheridan
Uniform shop coordinator

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**

Grapevine Tuckshop news

It’s great to see our student’s smiling faces eagerly collecting their tuckshop orders once again. We are also excited to be welcoming a new wave of amazing volunteers into the tuckshop. Thank you to all who have put their names down for shifts over Term 4.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HELPING OUT AT THE TUCKSHOP?**

This is the question we would like you to ask yourself and others this month. Many parents within our school are unable to donate their time due to work and other commitments, but what about other people in your life who might be able to help? Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, neighbours? Inspire others to join our team by asking them a simple question! We really need the help.
SHIFTS
The busy times within our tuckshop is 9am til 11am and 12pm til 1.30 pm.
If you, or anyone you know can help out during these times on any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday it would be much appreciated. Following is the Tuckshop roster for the month of October. Once again, thank you to all the wonderful people who have already joined our team.

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As you can see there are plenty of VACANT spots that desperately need to be filled. Please help in any way you can. Simply text Lisa on 0481 276 834 to add your name to the roster and enjoy the karma that will come your way!

http://peregianss.schoolzinemailers.com/p-c-tuckshop-volunteers

P&C News

From the President’s Desk

Hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful break and has settled in to term 4.
We recently had some wonderful news with the approval of a supervised school crossing on The Avenue to improve safety of our children after many years of making submissions to the authorities. My congratulations to all those who persevered.

The October meeting of the P&C Association starts at 6.00 p.m. in the staff lunchroom tonight. If you wish to volunteer as Secretary or Vice President, I’d encourage you to come along tonight and let us know as your help would be very much appreciated!

I’m very grateful to all our officer bearers and volunteers who help in many different ways to the benefit of the kids, so thank you very much for your efforts.

Hope to see many of you at tonight’s meeting.

So until we chat again, keep safe.

Jeff Watson
P&C President

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

Neeing 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

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

Student Celebrations

PSSS students representing Ausfunk have had more success at the State Cheer Championships on the Gold Coast.

Teams Fearless, Intensity and Adrenaline all came in first making them all State Champions.

Auszfunk Adrenaline (Georgia Thompson and Miah Bye) also won the title of Grand Champions and have won a bid to compete in Hawaii!

Next stop Nationals in Melbourne in November!!

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

the.principal@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

We love to hear about what our kids are doing!

Follow us on Facebook

Search Pereign 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


Qparents and IOS 9

There is a known issue where some users (parents) may be unable to open the QParents app after upgrading to iOS 9 on Apple devices. If you are experiencing this issue, please try uninstalling the app from your device (tap and hold the icon until X appears, then tap the X to unistall the app). Then download and install the app again from the App Store.

Coolum Surf School Term 4 Vegemite surf grom program Starting week 2

Level 1 & 2 we offer after school programs on either Monday 330 to 5pm or Friday’s 330 to 5pm.

Weekends programs either Saturday or Sunday from 930 to 11am.

Level 3, 4 & 5 Saturday or Sunday 8 to 930am

This program is for 5 to 12yrs kids and is a six week program starting Monday 12th Oct.

We supply all equipment including wetsuits, so they will just need swimmers and towel.

http://www.surfgroms.com/surf_schools/coolum-surfing-school or call us on 0438 731 503
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

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.