6 November 2015

**Principal’s Column**

**Wall Murals**

The very talented Joel Hughes has created a beautiful mural depicting the joy of learning which will be installed on the wall outside our office very soon. Make sure you come through for a look!

**Delayed start to the new school year – Wednesday 27 January**

The Hon. Kate Jones, Minister for Education, has declared a later start to the school year. Children will now start school on Wednesday 27 January and not before the Australia Day holiday – hurray for common sense!


**School Council Elections**

Our School Council plays a crucial role in reviewing and approving key planning documents and processes occurring in the school. A School Council is designed to access the expertise of staff and parents for the benefit of the whole school. Being part of the School Council can be rewarding and fulfilling.

We need to elect one parent/community member to serve on our School Council for the next two years, as one will be leaving the Council after the required period of service.

If you are interested in being involved in the School Council, please complete the nomination and declaration forms available at the office. These can be returned to the office.

The timelines for the election of parent/community representatives is set as follows:

- **05 Nov 2015** Notification of vacancies and election
- **20 Nov 2015** Closing date for all nomination and listing of possible candidates
- **26 Nov 2015** Election process (P&C Meeting) in the Staffroom

I encourage all parents to consider the position as playing a key role in a strong and developing school. With your input the school will continue to strengthen the many high standard practices occurring in the school.

**Facilities News**

Work on our Junior Sandpit has continued – far more slowly than we would have liked! Children will soon by playing here morning tea and lunch time.

The walls of our new building are poking up over the construction fence. The builders have said they are two days ahead of schedule! This is great news as we will have four or five Year 6 classes at the start of 2016 in our specialist areas, and not in their own classrooms. As soon as the new building is complete, Year 6s will move into a brand new building.

Our second bike cage is finished. All students are welcome to park their bikes in this area. Bike locks are recommended as it opens onto the car park.
Community Partnerships

We highly value our set of community partnerships and they are proving to have much mutual benefit. Thank you very much to Jodie Curran from Star Real Estate for her latest donation of $1000 to our school. Jodie donates $1000 for every sale resulting from a referral from a member of our school community. Thank you so much, Jodie!

Remember to mention our school if you are selling your property. Every sale results in further generous donations. These donations are banked towards improving play equipment for our Years 3 to 6 students.

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 extra curricular activities such as Art Lessons, as well as student subscription to Mathletics and Online Reading program. 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) without further payment.

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.

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas

Our school pays a membership for this website which gives us access to numerous helpful articles for parents and teachers. To enable more access for parents to these we will have a regular feature to each newsletter. I hope you find these useful.

Noosa District High School – Junior Summit Program

Congratulations to Amber Sheridan and Alice Ayton for their achievements in this academic talent development program. Alice was awarded an Outstanding Achievement in Marine Science and Amber was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Digital Design and Multimedia – well done, girls!

I look forward to seeing more of our students being accepted into this program for 2016.

Messages for children

We ask parents to make all arrangements for how children are getting home from school before they leave home in the morning. However, in the event of parents needing to change an arrangement please ensure you contact the school office by telephone (and not your child’s teachers by email) as we can’t guarantee that teachers will read the email before the end of the school day. The office staff ensure that phoned in messages are distributed to teachers and children by 3.00pm. Please be aware that messages received after 2.30pm cannot be guaranteed to be delivered as it is sometimes difficult to locate a class in a short space of time.

Class Placements for 2016

We have already starting placing children into classes for 2016. As usual we will have a Meet your Teacher afternoon on the last Student Free Day in January. This will be Friday 22 January 2016 at 1.45pm.

Parents will be notified by email from their child’s teacher by just after midday on Friday 22 January. The information will also be available to parents who have QParents accounts.

We ask all parents to ensure your contact email address is current by notifying the office of any changes as soon as possible.

Hopefully this new process will make things a little easier – especially if we have those big downpours of rain again right on 2.00pm!

Crossing Supervisors

A big welcome to our newest staff members – our three crossing supervisors. Beá Faludy, Tracey Ryan and Terry Bickey will be rostered to manage our crossing every morning and afternoon.

Getting ready for 2016

Just a few things to help you finish up the year and get the new school year started smoothly

• Students' Reports will be distributed on Wednesday 9 December by email. If you require an interview with your child’s teacher please contact them directly to make an appointment

• Stationery lists for each year level will be distributed soon
• **Uniforms** can be ordered online through the school’s website or you can visit the shop Wednesdays at 2.30pm or Fridays at 8.30am. The Uniform Shop will open Tuesday 19 January. You can email Sonia for more information at uniforms@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

• Pay your **Student Resource Scheme** at the office or by direct debit – you will have received information about this throughout the term

• **Years 5-6 students** (in 2016) are invited to participate in our mLearning Program. MacBooks can be purchased from any outlet of your choice.

• If you move house or change your phone and email details, send an email with your new contact details (admin@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au)

• If you decide to enrol elsewhere for 2016, also let us know ASAP

• On Friday 22 January 2016 at 1.45pm we will have **Meet your Teacher afternoon**. You will receive an email from your child’s teacher that morning or you can look up class details on QParents. **Class list information will not be available over the phone.** You can also bring your child’s stationery packs (covered and named) at this time.

• The first day of **Term 1 2016 is Wednesday 27 January**. Please let us know if you are going to be away at the start of the year. We must account for all students by Thursday 4 February in order to secure staff and other resources.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about any of the above reminders

**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/](http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/). You are also welcome to leave a comment on the blog posts. You need a Google account to do this.

The latest blog post is a story about Friday’s swimming lessons.

*Until next time ....

Gwen*

**Michael Grose Parenting Tip Sheets**

This week’s article is on the hot topic of the moment – developing resilience in our children.

**Deputy Principal’s Column**

**Remembrance Day Tuesday 11 November**

All staff and students will acknowledge Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11 November at 11.00 a.m. by attending a short service conducted by our new 2016 School Leaders in the Central covered area facing the Remembrance Garden.

Four Year 6 School Leaders will also be attending the Remembrance Day Service at the Coolum RSL with principal Ms Sands.

**Giving Tree**

The student leaders will be organising a gift collection for families in need. A Christmas tree will appear in the office foyer in Week 6 and all donations will be kindly distributed by the Coolum Salvation Army. They will pick up all the gifts at the end of Week 9 to give to those in need. Please ensure presents are unwrapped, as the Salvation Army need to see what the present is and what age group it is targeted at.

**Year 6 Celebration School Ceremony**

A reminder that our Year 6 Celebration Ceremony will take place on Thursday 3 December in the ISC from 5.00-6.30 p.m. It will be a great opportunity to recognise all the great work and results that our students have achieved in their time at Peregian Springs.

Students are requested to wear their checked school uniforms.

**School Leaders 2016**

We are proud to announce our six student leaders for 2016. All students that applied were of a high standard and we congratulate everyone that applied for these positions. Our selected students are; Kiera Dunbar, Jack Conroy, Ellie Gale, Alfie Shacklock, Jack Munro and Joel Foote. They will have a range of responsibilities in 2016 and we are sure they will represent our school well.

**Until next time ....

Gwen**

*Head Of School – Student Support*

**School rules**

• Be Safe
• Be Respectful
• Be Responsible
• Be Courteous

**Expectation of the week**

In the first week of the term teachers explicitly taught students the expectation of I **invite others to join in games.**

Even with this expectation a recent study across Australia showed that even popular kids are rejected one in four times when attempting to join in with others.
Attached are some parenting tips by Michael Grose around helping children deal with rejection.

**Mental Health 2015**

Mental Health Week was celebrated in October. This event provided us all with an opportunity to reflect on mental wellbeing and focus on positive strategies that can be implemented at the workplace, school and individual level to help maintain positive mental health and wellbeing.

The school has a number of programmes at whole school, class, small group and individual level to support students to maintain positive mental health and wellbeing. Teachers discussed the importance of good mental health with students throughout this event.

Just like being physically fit it is important that students have the skillset to maintain positive mentally healthy and ask for assistance when needed.

**Celebrating Failure**

Miss Miller, the teacher of 2N, has the following written on her classroom door: Please come in and make mistakes because it is when the best learning takes place.

Michael Grose, the author of Parenting ideas expands on what Miss Miller is instilling in her students.

**Teach your kids to fail**

So much parent energy and time is spent helping our kids be successful that we forget to encourage our kids to fail. It’s counter-intuitive!

**But failing is part of the learning process.**

Just watch an infant learning to walk and you’ll see that for every step forward there are countless stumbles. He fails more than he succeeds.

Anything worthwhile learning usually involves many failed attempts to get it right.

**There’s a low tolerance for mistakes**

Kids learn many things through trial and error including how to walk, how to feed, and how to dress themselves. Then when they’re older children learn how to form friendships, how to read and how to master many skills through trial and error.

The difference is that adults tend to be less tolerant of mistakes as children get older.

Parents become impatient. Schools assess performance. Kids compare themselves against the progress of their peers.

**Develop a positive approach toward failure**

Kids take their initial cues from their parents about how they should interact in the world so your attitude to mistakes, both big and small, will have a huge impact on their attitude to failure.

How would you feel if your young child sets the table with knives and forks upside down?

Would you correct them straight away or would you acknowledge their best effort and next time you remind them how to do it properly?

If you want your child to take learning risks then I suggest you take the latter approach. He most likely got it wrong due to lack of skill. He’ll only get the skill he needs if he has confidence to learn. Keep his confidence up by thanking him for his contribution to the family. Patience, like faith, is a virtue if you want your child learn.

Teaching kids that it’s okay to make mistakes is counter-intuitive but it’s important if you want them to embrace all the wonderful opportunities that world offers, rather than restrict themselves to safe options where success is assured.

*Michael Slocombe*

**Head of School - Curriculum**

**Whole School Focus – Numeracy**

One of our main areas of focus this year has been numeracy. Teachers have continued to implement the Australian Curriculum Mathematics, with a particular focus on the proficiency strands of problem-solving and reasoning where students learn to apply their mathematical understanding creatively and efficiently.

As a school we have noticed the continued development in our students confidence and willingness to actively participate in mathematical investigations and day-to-day mathematical learning. Last week Prep T were so excited to share with me how they had been partitioning teen numbers, not just into two parts (7 + 10 = 17, 10 + 7 = 17) as you would expect in Prep, but also into 3 or more parts (5 + 5 + 7 = 17, 5 + 5 + 5 + 2 = 17). I challenged them to think about whether 17 = 10 + 7, was the same as 10 + 7 = 17. After a few confused looks, many agreed it was the same thing. These students have begun to understand that ‘=’ means ‘the same as’, rather than ‘the answer comes next’.

Slight changes in how we present mathematical concepts, helps students to create broader connections and see other ways of thinking. The excitement and joy on these Preppies faces as they discovered more and more combinations and put ‘=’ in different places was amazing to witness. It is this ability to see and use numbers flexibly that helps students to more easily interpret situations later in their school and the rest of their lives.

**Number Facts**

I published this picture of the Multiplication Pyramid (below) earlier this year and several parents have contacted me about how it has changed their and their child’s thinking about tackling these number facts. When thinking about number facts in this way it may seem less overwhelming, as there are actually only 45 facts to learn (excluding the 1 x facts). Start at the bottom of the pyramid and work upwards. It is important that at the same time as learning these, students understand the turnarounds and related division facts, ie 6 x 8 = 48 is the same as 8 x 6 = 48; related division facts: 48 ÷ 6 = 8 and 48 ÷ 8 = 6. The other important factor is to not always learn/test them in order – mix them up and see if they’ve still got it!
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

Is your child enrolled for year 7?
The end of your child’s primary schooling years is rapidly approaching.

To ensure students experience a smooth transition from primary to high school, state secondary schools have introduced a Junior Secondary phase of education. Junior Secondary is a phase of education for students in Years 7 to 9, which caters to their specific academic, social and emotional needs.

It’s important for students to continue to attend the transition days offered by their intended high school. Only those students who have enrolled with these prospective high schools can attend these sessions.

Coolum State High School

- 2 groups attending alternate Fridays starting Nov 6 (9am–10am)
- Wed Dec 2 (whole day)

Sunshine Beach State High School

- Thursday Nov 19 (10.30am – 1pm).

Permission forms with further information have been given to the students; please check this for more details.

Students who are attending high school at other settings will need to contact their schools directly.

Regards
Anne Slattery
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.

Yours in sport,
Cameron Hutchins

Pizza Time!

“The class with the third highest amount for Lapathon fundraising is…” Mr Hutchin’s gravely voice comes through the speakers and he builds the tension as he congratulates the third place winners.

5J sit nervously, fingers crossed, twenty-six eager sets of eyes watch the stage and occasionally shoot a hopeful glance at their teacher. Our class leader-board tally was close to $1000 so the students think they have a chance of winning the Pizza-Party.

‘… aaaaaand in second place, with a total of $600 was…”

Stifled squeals of delight erupt from 5J as they realise they’ve done it. The prize is theirs and no one could take it away from them (except Mr Hutchins if he came and ate all the pizza). One week later, 5J and the four top fundraisers of the school… and Mr Hutchins, enjoyed a stack of delicious Zachary’s Pizzas. Thank you Zachary’s for our tasty prize.

2015 Mission Foods Primary School Cup

Recently Jessica Butt, Miah Vass, Miah Wilson, Charlee Wilson, Skye Butcher, Kloe Lewry, Eve Christopher, Ciara Cullen, Jaime Stanley and Ella Christie competed in the Mission Foods Primary School Netball Cup. The girls won 4 out of their 9 games, finishing 6th in their pool. The games they lost were extremely close against some really tough competition.

Well done girls!

Music

At our school, Education Queensland provides class instruction to all interested year four to six students on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium and percussion.

Instrumental Music lessons are held once a week for 30 minutes during regular school time and are open to students at all levels of proficiency, including the beginning level. These lessons are carried out in a group with other Instrumental Music students. of the same ability level.

If you are in Years 4, 5 or 6 in year 2016 and you are interested in applying for this program please collect an application form from the school office or see Mrs Guest in the Music Room on Tuesdays. Applications are due in by 13 November and positions are limited.

Music Camp

Students from Peregian Springs State School recently attended the Noosa Cluster Beginner music camp along with 90 students from 9 different schools in our region. Students participated in intensive rehearsals at QCCC Mapleton in a String Orchestra and a Concert Band. All the students had a fantastic time and came home having learnt a lot more about their instruments and made many new friends. If you are interested in learning a musical instrument in 2016, now is the time to see your music department for an application form.

Sharelle Guest
Learning with Melanie Timbs

Introducing our Year Two Journalists

Top Secret

By Hannah Azzopardi

Shhh.....

I am doing something top secret. I am feeling a little anxious that I might forget some of it, but I know I can do it!

Are you wondering what this Top Secret task is? I am so passionate about it.

I’ll give you a clue. It’s all about a countries.

It’s not long now for you to wait and see what this Top Secret project is all about!!

The Explosive Excitement Of The PSSS Halloween Disco.

By Caitlin Barry

The Halloween disco was a great success. The adults and children were cheerful, running and screaming, singing and dancing.

The costumes were really scary, witches, goblins, skeletons, zombies and vampires everywhere.

There were lots of crazy hairstyles and faces painted like masks.

Not everybody enjoys the disco but most people LOVE it!

As I walked on the footpath towards the hall I could smell the amazing sausages that were sizzling. There was lots of interesting food that you could buy.

It was great fun!

Count Us In

By Luca Tomasin

Snoop to what I am saying.

We were singing in the classroom.

We didn’t stop the beat and we stomped our feet.

We shared the delightful moment and together we believed.

Gold stars on our shirts and a yellow wig on Kai’s head.

Count us in was GOLD!!!

Count Us In 2015 Is Gold

By Maddi Morris

In class we practiced and at Performing Arts we sang Count Us In at the same time as everyone in the school. We acted out actions that went with the song. We passed around gold and then a villain stole the gold. We all gasped! The Villian vanished as he entered a magic door. It was awesome being a part of Count Us in 2015.

Learning To Move and Moving To Learn

Our Perceptual Motor program uses movement and activities to enhance academic and cognitive skills. Motor skills, eye hand and eye foot co-ordination, locomotion, balance and fitness, including stamina, flexibility and strength are developed through movement.

Our Prep students have been having fun all year learning to move and moving to learn. Midline movements help students to get ready to read, write, listen and speak. The Energy exercises assist organisation and planning skills. Lengthening activities support focus and understanding.

Resource Centre News for November

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BOOK FAIR!

It opens tomorrow morning!

Our annual P&C library fundraiser Book Fair starts tomorrow at 8.15 a.m. and continues every afternoon and morning until 3.30 p.m. Friday 13 November. Please support us. It is being organised and run by parents Melissa Foster and Barb Hook and they have worked very hard to make this a success. They may have already contacted you about being part of the team. Your children will bring home wish lists starting today.
Dear Families

Peregian Springs State School Community Survey - OSHC - $100.00 gift voucher to be won.

To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both your and your child’s individual requirements, and to understand what is important to your family we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey.

Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a $100 gift voucher.

(One survey per family).

Follow this link to complete the survey online;
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015peregianbeach
Or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you. Hard copies are also available at the service. The survey closes on 27 November 2015
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.

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

Uniform Shop

Now is the time to start thinking about refreshing your child’s uniform for next year. The uniform shop will be open every Wednesday 2.00 - 3.15 p.m. and Friday 8.30 - 9.30 a.m. until the end of term.

Please note: Shorts (sizes 4, 6, 8 and 10) and culottes (sizes 4 and 8) will be back in stock at the end of November. Please email me with an order if you would like to reserve items: uniforms@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

For children with allergies, I am also taking orders for 100% cotton uniform. We can order the following items: Shorts, culottes and polo shirts. Please email me if you are interested in ordering these, or come into the shop for a chat. There will be a small additional cost for these items.

The Uniform shop will be open in January on the following days and times:

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Where possible please use Flexischools to order items as this will make collection much quicker. All orders placed over the Christmas period will be ready to collect from Wednesday 20 January.

Click on the following link to register or order:

Sonia Sheridan
Uniform shop coordinator

Use your QParents account
Ring our Absence Number 5351 2266 and leave a message
Email absences@peregiansprings.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.
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

Happy Tuckshop Day

Tomorrow, on Tuckshop Day, schools across Queensland are encouraged to give a special thank you to their tuckshop workers and volunteers, as a recognition of the great work of thousands of people across the state each and every school day.

Our Tuckshop team of over 20 volunteers, headed by our amazing convener Rae, are a dedicated, enthusiastic and fun group who put such a huge effort into providing healthy, nutritious meals to 100s of students each day. They deserve a huge thanks for all they do. Happy Tuckshop Day to all!

Breaking Records

Last week, with the addition of our $1 Wednesday specials, our Tuckshop broke all order records! Congratulations to those involved, including parents and students that placed an order last week and thank you for helping us to achieve this. Our concerns about the viability of the Tuckshop are fading and we are on track to see a successful future! $1 Wednesday will continue though out term 4.

Home Baking

Could you follow a few basic recipes to bake goodies at home for our tuckshop? We would love to hear from you! Text Lisa on 0481 276 834 to receive more info on how to become part of our Home Baking Team.

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

P&C News

Already November! Where has the year gone?

I went to the plaza last week and they already have Christmas decorations up! Good grief, can’t we get past Halloween yet?

Talking of which, from all reports (I couldn’t get there due to the flu visiting and quickly outstaying its welcome) everyone had a great time, and not only the children, but all of the hard-working volunteers who helped out on the night and/or involved themselves in the planning.

As a fundraiser the night was very successful, but more important to me was hearing that everybody enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to the fun of next year’s Halloween Disco already!

My personal thanks goes to Sarah Wedgewood, Michelle Budd, and the entire fundraising team of volunteers who put in such a great effort to ensure our children had an enjoyable and memorable night.

Another group of volunteers who have done a mighty job over the past few weeks are Team Tuckshop under the leadership of Lisa Watson and Rae Sommerville.

It’s a huge task that Lisa and Rae have taken on and they’ve been rewarded by turning the tuckshop around to now making a good profit, while giving the children plenty of interesting eats to choose from.

They couldn’t have done it without the help of about twenty volunteers who have given their time and energy towards feeding your kids and I do know their own children are especially thrilled to see their parents or grandparents at school helping out. That’s just one bonus for being a volunteer on Team Tuckshop!

So to all our volunteers and all our future volunteers, thank you. I believe there’s some special planning happening for tomorrow’s Tuckshop Day.

So until next time, keep safe.

Jeff Watson
P&C President
**Halloween Disco…**

Thanks so much to the amazing volunteers who dressed up and made the Halloween Disco happen! We raised $48.50 which is absolutely awesome, so thanks to all those who came and supported the event.

*Thanks, Sarah*

**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

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**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*

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**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.

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**Student Celebrations**

After their successful auditions last month, both Eline and Thomas van Bruggen have been accepted into the Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra. Eline will travel with the Wind Symphony to Japan in the new year as one of the youngest players in the orchestra and Thomas is now double bassist in Amati Strings.

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

mailto:the.principal@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

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.


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 uninstall the app). Then download and install the app again from the App Store.

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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!

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.