Principal’s Column

Welcome back!

Welcome back to our new school year. I trust everyone had a restful and fun break. It did seem to go very fast. We’ve had another great start with children settled and already learning well. Once all the new books and stationery were sorted, all classes were hard at work. Even Prep were already learning at 9:20 a.m. on Wednesday!

New Staff

We welcome many new and returning staff members to our school this year. Welcome to Leah Florence, Michael Tuni, Danni Brooke, Chloe Brooks, Deb Ellison, Meera Dyer, John Stansbie, Peter Hensley, Adam Flack, Aimee Thomas, Pat Collis and Jan Green. All bring with them a range and wealth of experiences.

School Structure for the beginning of 2015

We have started the school year over 940 students from nearly 570 families!

Classes

Prep - Kerrie-Lee Treskow, Emma Smith, Jess Birss, Sarah Albertson, Clair Allan, Lucy Robson, Teneale Gordon
Year 1 – Rachel Dowling, Diane Faulkner, Sara Hollonds, Amanda White, Lucy Jorgensen, Sandi Wenck, Leah Florence
Year 2 – Lisa Parker, Jan Green, Meredith Moody, Danni Brooke, Kirsten Holmes, Belinda Cook, Nicole Miller
Year 3 – Rebecca Brian, Michael Tuni, Heidi Wise, Alex Jennings, Christine Warwick, Simon Thomas, Meera Dyer
Year 4 – Chris Cashman, John Stansbie, Kathleen Gordon, Jonathan Mitchell, Christine Warwick
Year 5 – Pam Gore, Kerryn McPherson, Nick Lunn, Joel Hughes, Chris Wise
Specialists
Sofia Hobson and Deb Ellison (Performing Arts), Cameron Hutchins and Hilary Dean (Physical Education), Alex Huxley (Japanese), Maree Johnson (Teacher-Librarian), Jane Thiselton, Hilary Dean, and Aimee Thomas (Special Education), Melanie Timbs, Renee Chagoury, Pete Schumacher (Learning Support, Gifted Education, ESL) and Megan Jackes (Speech Language).

Leadership Team
Myself, Dave Foxover (Deputy Principal and lead administrator for Year 3 and 6), Rose Marszalek (Head of School: Curriculum and lead administrator for Prep and Year 5), Michael Slocombe (Head of School: Student Support and lead administrator for Years 2 and 5), Anne Slattery (Head of School: Diverse Learners and lead administrator for Year 4); Kyle Westlake (Head of School: Pedagogy and Coaching and lead administrator for Year 1) and Jill Hamilton (Business Services Manager)

Office staff
Kaz Jones, Karen Siddle, Sonia Sheridan (Front Office), and Melissa Martin and Elaine Williamsz (First Aid Coordinators and Parent Liaison Officers)

Teacher Aides

Facilities staff
Mark Coert, Peter Hensley, Craig Alexander, Marylin Davies, Allan Hayes, Kate Gregory, and Marife Tempest

The office foyer features a display of all staff photographs to enable parents to identify people working in the school. Some teachers allow students to use their first name. This is not disrespectful – merely an individual choice and children soon get to know who everyone is.

Parent Information Afternoons
During the first few weeks all teachers hold a Parent Information Afternoon in their classroom. Teachers will let parents know when this is. They will share with parents how their class runs and what their expectations are for the year. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher and ask questions specific to the class.

Before and After School - Pick Up and Drop Off
Despite of our ample parking there simply isn’t enough spaces for 500+ cars before and after school. Please be mindful of our neighbours and keep off their lawns and driveways when you are parking. You may want to delay your pick up until 3.10pm. Children are safe either within the gates or waiting out the front and there are often lots of spaces by then.

We encourage parents to develop independence in children as soon as possible by letting them walk or ride to school with their friends or in small groups with maybe a parent for supervision. We promote our status as a TravelSmart school and many children have developed great habits with getting themselves to school on their own steam.

Please wait in the central pathway or the Central Covered Games Area or out the front of the school until the bell goes at 3.00pm. It is very distracting for children and teachers to have parents hovering at doors and windows when last minute messages are being given out at the end of the day.

Back to School Reminders
Earlier in the week we distributed an information sheet of Back to School Reminders. This is a good reference to put on the fridge for later reference. A link to this is here in case you missed it.

Art Lessons
Last year we provided up to three specialist visual art lessons each term to all students. This program will continue this year with Tonia Newton (our artist). Please ensure you have paid your Student Resource Scheme so that your child can participate in these lessons.

Keep a watch over our school – 13 17 88
To keep our school safe and free from vandalism we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Assembly
Our first Assembly for the year will be tomorrow morning at 8.40am in the Indoor Sports Centre! All parents, carers and other family members are welcome to attend.

Census Day
On Friday 5 February the Department collects the number of students in each state school and makes a determination about the allocation of staff and resources for the school year.

If your child is away for any reason next Friday we ask that you notify the school office in writing (email is fine) stating the reason for the absence and the expected date of return. We must prove to the auditors that your child will be returning to this school, and therefore is able to be counted as an enrolment.

Thank you for your cooperation with this. Please don’t hesitate to call the school office on 5351 2222 if you have any questions about this process.

Principal’s Blog
I blog irregularly throughout the year about our school and education in general. This fortnight I have written about David Morrison’s appointment as 2016 Australian of the Year and his
messages for us as a school. You can find this post and all previous posts at http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/.

**Newsletters are published four times a term. Until next time .... Gwen**

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### Some Helpful Things...

**Michael Grose Parenting Tip Sheets**

This week’s article is about making a fresh start. A new school year means a clean slate for students. Here’s 7 ideas from Michael Grose to help you make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child’s best year ever at school.

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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, as well as Art Lessons and up to three visiting performances.

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### Locked gates

We are not wanting to appear unwelcome but due to two Prep children leaving the school unsupervised at the end of Term 4 our front gates are now locked during the day. All visitors during school hours will need to arrive and leave through the front office. This process will assist us to monitor people on the premises.

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### Deputy Principal’s Column

Welcome back to the first week of school for 2016 for our existing students and a big welcome to all new students commencing with us this year. It was fantastic to see all the smiling faces on our Meet the Teacher afternoon.

### Swimming Lessons Term 1

In Term One, Year 1 and 2 students will be undertaking Swimming Lessons. This year our swimming lessons will be conducted at Coolum-Peregian Aquatic Centre. Lessons start for Year 1 students on Friday 12 February and Year 2 students on Monday 15 February. They run for 6 weeks. Preps, Year 3-6 will be undertaking Swimming lessons or Surf skills later in the year. Please see your class teacher for further information and ensure payments are made for your child by 10 February so they can attend.

I look forward to another great year at school and appreciate your continued support in our school community.

**Regards**

Dave Foxover

**Deputy Principal**

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### Head Of School – Student Support

**School rules**

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### New Family Meet and Greet

In week 3 on Tuesday 9 February there will be a Meet and Greet for all new parents and families.
This is a great opportunity to meet other parents new to the school community as well as administration and P and C representatives.

Check out the advertisement on this page for details.

Making sure your child is ready

I have included a great checklist on how you can ensure your child gets the best start to the year from parenting expert Michael Grose.

a) Trust your teacher. You know your child better than anyone and often it is hard to drop them off with a new person. However, trust your teacher. They are trained professionals and they know how to deal with separation issues that your child may have. If it is beyond what they are able to comfort, they will call you.

b) Routine. This is a simple concept, but it’s often hard to follow through with getting back into a normal schedule before the school year starts. It’s our job to do it. Moving into a normal schedule eases the kids back into bedtimes, breakfast times and basic management of the day. It also helps reduce stress and anxiety as you are doing all you need to do to get them up and out the door on time.

c) Nutrition. Our kids need to start off each day with a healthy breakfast as fuel for the day. Their brains and bodies are going to be working hard for the next 6-8 hours that they are at school. They need a healthy lunch to re-fuel and get them through the second part of the day also.

d) Keep the learning going in everyday situations. Take the kids to the store and use it as an opportunity to work on math skills. When travelling pull out a map and have them navigate. Lead them into learning without them even knowing.

e) Talk to your kids about school. Ask them how they are feeling. Support the positive feelings about it, and do what you can to ease any anxiety. Keep an open dialogue with them and let them know you are there to support them.

f) Be positive for them. Your attitude will help support their attitude to learning. Focus on the positives in the learning process at the start of the year.

g) Meet the teacher. Meeting the teacher can be a great way to ease anxiety for you and your child. It provides a sense of familiarity on the first day of school.

h) Travel routines. Plan school pick-up and drop-off routines so you child feels confident in getting to and from school.

Michael Slocombe

Head of School – Diverse Learners

Wired for Sound

During the holidays all the Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 classrooms were installed with Sound Field systems. These are speaker systems that enhance the learning environment improving student’s comprehension, concentration, attentiveness and participation. Regardless of where the student sits in a room, the teacher’s voice can be heard clearly. Teachers are loving the positive effects it is having within their classroom and that they no longer need to strain their voices.

Medications at School

Administering medication at school

If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

Requirements for students at risk of anaphylaxis

If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their ASGIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan, completed by your doctor. This Anaphylaxis Action Plan provides the instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication in an emergency, which is specific to respond to their health condition.

If you have any concerns about your child’s health condition, please contact Anne Slattery 07 5471 2333 or email aslat39@eq.edu.au

Requirements for students at risk of asthma

If your child has asthma and requires assistance to administer their medication, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their Asthma Action Plan, completed by your doctor. An Asthma Action Plan
provides specific instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication.

We recognise that some students are capable of managing their asthma without adult assistance. If you are confident that your child can confidently, competently and safely self-administer their asthma medication, let the school administration know. The school will record your decision and will not require your child’s Asthma Action Plan. Please note that if your child requires assistance in an asthma emergency, staff will provide Asthma First Aid.

If you have any concerns about your child’s asthma, please contact Anne Slattery 07 5471 2333 or email aslat39@eq.edu.au

Providing medication to the school

Before you provide the school with your child’s medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child’s qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). If you can’t provide the medication in person, contact the school to determine the easiest and safest approach for the school to receive the medication.

If you believe your child is capable of self-administering their own medication at school, please contact us to discuss, as this requires approval by the Principal.

When your child’s medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

Working with the school to support your child’s asthma needs

For many students, asthma will be a lifelong health condition, so it is important for students as they become older and more capable, to recognise their signs and symptoms and be confident to administer their own medication independently when required.

If your child is not yet confident with this and you would like the school to administer asthma medication to your child, it would assist us if you could provide an Asthma Action Plan, completed and signed by your child’s doctor when you provide their prescribed medication to the school.

However, when you feel that your child can confidently, competently and safely administer the right dose of their own medication at the right times and can store their medication securely, let the office know. We will note/update your child’s medical records to reflect your decision.

The school only needs your child’s Asthma Action Plan if staff are administering or helping your child to administer their asthma medication, or if their emergency response is complex.

Our school has staff trained to provide Asthma First Aid in an emergency to any student demonstrating signs and symptoms of serious asthma attack.

If you are unsure whether your child is ready to self-administer, or if your child’s health condition changes, please contact Anne Slattery 07 5471 233 or email aslat39@eq.edu.au to discuss further.

When your child’s medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

Thank you for your assisting us in supporting your child’s health needs and in keeping our students safe and healthy.

Anne Slattery

Olympic Champion Natalie Cook Spoke to Staff Last Week!

Resource Centre News for 2016

Opening Hours
8 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. For students, before and after school and during both play breaks (10.20 – 10.40 a.m. and 1.15 to 1.35 p.m.)

Staff
Maree Johnson (Teacher-Librarian)
Meryl Todd (Library Technician /Prep Teacher-Aide)

Parent, Grandparent & Community Volunteers
Helen Logan, Anne Farmer, Melanie Florence, Hazel Prosser and Tracey Upston
Library Loans

All students except for Preps will be allowed to borrow books from Day 1 of the Term One. Prep parents, please be patient while we also wait for the Prep class lists to be uploaded into our system. As we have a small collection for books for such a large school, we are limited as to the number of books that students may borrow. Preps may only borrow 1 Junior Fiction or Junior Non Fiction book per week. To make it easy to remember, all other students may borrow the same number of resources as their Year level e.g. Year 1 – 1, Year 2 – 2, Year 3 – 3 and so on.

Caring for Library Resources and Library Bags

Please ensure that your son or daughter (especially in Years Prep to 3) have a library bag. Those sold at the Uniform Shop are waterproof. If students don’t have bags, we ask that the library books stay in their classroom until they bring a bag to take them home. This is very important in wet weather. In the first couple of weeks, I will be teaching Prep (and reminding all other students) about caring for library books. Please help your children by reinforcing this and remembering their library day. I have included the timetable below.

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| 12:20 | PB    | PAR     | PTG       | 4G       | 15/5H forti |
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Performing Arts

Raaaow!!! Welcome to our wonderful school for our new families. 2016 is starting off with a whole lot of fun in Performing Arts. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Deb Ellison who will be joining me on the Performing Arts team this year. We both look forward to working with your children and fostering their creativity in 2016.

I would also like to welcome our Performing Arts Student Leaders for the first time in our school’s history. Lots of fun, creative work and developing artistic skills in Stagecraft for these leaders this year.

Year 6 students are attending ‘Cats - the Musical’ in Week 3 this term. The students have been excited since they purchased their tickets last year, especially once they found out Delta Goodrem was part of the Cast.

Lunchtime Clubs will once again be up and running for your child to have fun, mix with other students from across the school and perform for others. Students can check out the Timetable at Performing Arts and sign up on the day.

Sofia Hobson

P&C News

From the President’s Desk

As I sit at my desk on Australia Day to write my newsletter at the beginning of another school year, I find myself reflecting on what it means to be Australian.

This land had custodians for some 40,000 years. The area that became Peregian Springs was home to the Gubbi Gubbi people, and it’s good and appropriate to see that fact acknowledged every Friday at assembly by our children.

Whether your ancestors, like mine, were transported on one of the original boats of the first or second fleets from England, or were later arrivals fleeing wartime Europe, or even people who made the wise decision to make Australia your home in later years, over the last 226 years Australia has truly been a unique nation of immigrants.

On reflection, I am grateful for the fact that anybody who has been born here, or has migrated or fled here and subsequently been granted residency or citizenship, is equal before the law.
and has every right to stand on Australian soil and say, “this is my home!”

Yes, this is my home and I’m proud of it!

It boasts one of the best health care systems in the world, which is largely free.

Australia provides primary and secondary education to every child at taxpayer’s expense.

Almost half of its population are migrants or children of immigrants, and we speak 300 languages.

We do not stagger around our capital cities wearing masks to filter smog.

There is no death penalty here, nor do we endure the atrocities that are frequently committed in other countries.

We truly are the lucky country and we should all take pride as citizens and residents in standing together and saying to each other, ‘this is my home, and it’s yours too, welcome, and aren’t we lucky to be here?’

As Peregian Springs State School opens its doors this week to welcome back old students and new to our school community, I hope everyone takes the opportunity to cement old friendships and to make new ones, while openly welcoming all, no matter where you came from in the world to be here, to our very special place in the world we all now call ‘home’.

As P&C President, I look forward to meeting many of you in the months ahead. Welcome to 2016!

Until we chat again, keep safe.

Jeff Watson

Tuckshop News

With another exciting year ahead we are thrilled to introduce our all new Summer Menu! With daily specials including Chicken Caesar Salad, Lasagna and fresh, delicious Wraps to accompany long time favourites as such our made to order Sushi, students will be spoilt for choice while fueled with healthy, nutritious meals.

The Tuckshop will be re-opening from Wednesday 3 February 2016 and will be open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Uniform Shop

Click on the following link to register or order: https://www.flexischools.com.au/

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

Student Celebrations

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!
Partnerships

Remember to mention our school if you or a friend is selling through Star, Mondo Real Estate or Platform Properties 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

Love Your Door Step is a 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.

http://www.lovemydoorstep.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.

$1200.00 will be donated by Hannah Gair-Bryant, to Peregian Springs State School, with every active sale that comes from within our school.

Ever thought of investing in property but don’t have answers to your BIG questions?

That’s great! That’s why Hannah who works with Platform Properties is here!

PLATFORM PROPERTIES’ single line commitment is providing a wide range of investment property options, backed by comprehensive research, at wholesale real estate prices.

Platform Properties is widely regarded as a specialist research house serving as a conduit between investors in residential investment properties as well as sophisticated, larger-scale interests.

High growth areas, current market value, and high rental return, set the benchmark for Platform Properties to recommend property to our clients.

Each Platform Properties Investment Property Approved (PPIPA) asset has graduated from an investment property due diligence process and measured against proprietary Australian property industry metrics.

Platform Properties prides itself on providing first class service at all levels. We welcome your further interest in our current project listings by calling Hannah Gair-Bryant on 0412 842 240.

Tell Hannah that you too, are apart of the PSSS community and she will provide a complimentary session, with Platform Properties, Senior Investment Strategist, who will create a unique strategy for you individually.
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
- 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.

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

A Note From a Concerned Resident

‘I would appreciate you passing on the following information to school parents

I know that these parking issues have been raised in the past however the problem continues to grow and does impact on how your school is viewed

Peregian Springs school parents please do not park your cars in the Ridges private roads adjacent to the school. (Honeyeater, Finch, TeaTree and Quoll)

Ample car parking for drop off and pick up is provided at the school and council/rec centre car park.

Ridges private roads are not designed or safe for on street parking and are managed and maintained by a body corporate for residents and their guests.

Ridge residents pay fees to a body corporate to maintain the common land (i.e. The roads, footpaths and landscaping) in the area and as such foot the bill for any repairs and upkeep.

Ridges residents properties are also subject to several covenants including a requirement for residents and their guests to park cars in their respective driveways and garages and not in the street.

If residents breach body corporate covenants actions may be taken to remedy or penalise.

Apart from the above residents are concerned with the safety of their children walking/riding to school as traffic in these narrow private roads is a danger and not warranted.

Ongoing representations to all stakeholders continues to highlight these issues including Police being contacted in relation to traffic and parking law breaches.

Thank you for your understanding.”

Name and Address Supplied
The Nambour School Dental Service is currently offering free dental check-up appointments to ALL children aged 4 years to year 10, and ALL CDBS eligible patients.

Please email SC-Nambour-OralHealth@health.qld.gov.au with the subject ‘SCHOOL DENTAL CHECKUPS’

Include your children’s names, date of birth, address, contact phone number, school / year level, and preferred appointment time. (Availability is Mon-Fri 8am – 4pm)

Please provide your name and contact phone number and the friendly staff will arrange appointments and take complete care of your children’s oral health.

Alternatively phone 0418 714 737

START THE YEAR OFF SMILING!