11 February 2016

Principal’s Column

Peregian Springs State School

2016 whole school focus for every learner
Reading Writing Numeracy
Wellbeing and Attendance

The research on school effectiveness demonstrates clearly that when everyone – parents, teachers, teacher aides and the leadership team – are sharply focused on specific areas of learning, outcomes for students improve.

This year our focus is again unwaveringly on Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Attendance at school, on time, every day, plays a huge part in this. The information we have on student attendance is showing us very clearly that students with more than 7% days away from school, i.e. 15 days in one year, are not achieving at the levels they could. In some cases, these children need a lot of assistance to meet their year level expectations, and in many cases, children are just not reaching their potential. As always we encourage families to schedule holidays for the school holidays, appointments for after school (or a Friday afternoon) and ensure their children are at school at 8.30am and stay at school for the whole day.

Wellbeing is also a very important area leading to high quality outcomes from school. We have a range of proactive programs operating across the school to teach children about social and emotional literacy. A dedicated team of staff including our Heads of School for Wellbeing and Diverse Learners (Michael Slocombe and Anne Slattery), our Guidance Officer (Annette Te Aho) as well as teaching staff and teacher aides work with children and their families to aid the development of skills for life and learning.

Make every day count in 2016

Make 2016 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school both academically and socially. If students aren’t at school or arrive late or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV
https://www.youtube.com/user/DETQueensland

If your child is going to be away from school please notify the school office on 5351 2266. Longer periods of absence must be discussed with your child’s teacher and the school office.

Fundraising in our school

Schools get asked to raise funds by many organisations and causes – sometimes our students also get passionate about a cause and want to assist.

In consultation with our P&C we have developed and had in place since 2010 a policy for fundraising in the school. This policy is designed to ensure that children are not going home asking for money for this and money for that every week, and parents not really understanding where all this money is going.

Fundraising occurs in three different ways at school:

1. Fundraising for resources and equipment for our school is run by our P&C with events approved by the P&C at monthly meetings. Anyone who wants to participate is invited to come to a P&C meeting and put the proposal to the meeting. Generally, requests and ideas are handled by the Fundraising Subcommittee according to a program that is approved at P&C Meetings.
2. Fundraising for charities is operated under the Project Compassion Program – one event per term coordinated by a staff group. These are advertised as events, and as a school, we all support them.

3. Fundraising for student leader activities is done through a gold coin donation for not wearing uniforms on the last day of each term.

There is no fundraising by individual classes or interest areas. This is to ensure we do not cut across the P&C efforts and the Tuckshop sales.

Census Day
Many thanks to parents for your cooperation with Day 8 procedures. We submitted the enrolment count for 942 children. We’ve grown so much from when we had 264 students in 2010!

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

Notice for parents re Student Health
We have a child within our school who is immunosuppressed, meaning that this child has a lower immunity and cannot fight infections in the normal way. As such we are following the guidelines laid out by the child’s medical practitioners.

Viruses that cause measles, chickenpox and shingles could make this child extremely unwell. Therefore I would be grateful if you would contact the school immediately if your child was found to have one of these illnesses. If we know that there has been exposure to measles, chickenpox or shingles, medicine can be given to lessen the side effect of such an infection to this child. This medicine does need to be given as soon as possible after the contact has taken place.

I must assure you that your child is not at any risk because of this child.

Class teachers Parent Information Afternoons and Newsletters
I hope you have all had a chance to meet your child’s teachers and start to build this special bond. When teachers and parents are on the same page working closely together the outcomes for children are palpable.

If you need to speak with your child’s teachers please don’t hesitate to email them for an appointment or contact the school office.

Online Safety and Cyberbullying Workshop
THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – IT WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING
Recommended for all parents.

Delivered by a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child’s digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.

http://peregiansss.schoolzineplus.com/cyber-bullying

Emails
Our staff are very email friendly and emails can be a convenient way to avoid playing phone tag. If you send an email please allow up to 48 hours for it to be replied to. If you require a more urgent response than this please call the school office.

Parents are asked to keep the tone of their emails light and friendly as this written communication can sometimes be misconstrued and end with very stressed teachers.

Principal's Blog
I blog irregularly throughout the year about our school and education in general. This fortnight I have written the funny things our children say. You can find this post and all previous posts at http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/

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

Some Helpful Things…

Message from Marlene, our Adopt a Cop
We have been instructed by local police to inform parents that in the event of any type of evacuation at school, that parents are to not come onto school grounds to collect their children. Parents are to await instruction from the school when it is possible for them to enter school premises.

Michael Grose Parenting Tip Sheets
This week’s article is about practical confidence building strategies parents can use with their children at home. Children with healthy self-esteem and self confidence learn more, achieve more and are generally happier than those with low confidence levels.

Being the Parent You Want to Be Program
Hi Everyone, I hope your Christmas break was fun and relaxing. Unfortunately I won’t be able to run our popular parenting program this term due to a shortage of space! This term was to be a daytime program, but we’ll have to postpone until next term when our new teaching spaces come on line. I hope this doesn’t cause any problems for anyone, but keep an eye out for fresh information early next term.

Gerard O’Brien

Reminders
- Please pay your child’s Student Resource Scheme as soon as possible to ensure his/her Mathletics and Reading Eggs accounts stay active. For more information on what our Student Resource Scheme covers refer to the booklet distributed at the end of last year. There is also a copy on our website.
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, up to three visiting performances and subscriptions to online learning programs.

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.

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.

Student Leaders 2016

Congratulations to all of our Student Leaders for 2016. We look forward to a productive and fun year of leadership.

National Ride2School Day Friday 4 March

Peregian Springs State School will be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 4 March. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun of wheeling and walking to school.

Students within the Sunshine Coast Council region should register at http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec2zrk1u2e201e78&llr=447vrupab before Friday 4 March 2016 to enter the draw for great prizes, including a $500 bike shop voucher.

Meet and Greet Success

On Tuesday the school held its annual Meet and Greet for new parents and families to our school community.

At the meet and greet new families met members of the administration team and the school P&C President, Jeff Watson.

Lunch Clubs

During Morning Tea play time and Lunch play time, we have a great number of amazing club activities on offer. Ask your child what club they belong to!
Friends! Week 3 Term 1

Prep 2010 – Year 6 2016

Look how they have grown! From Prep 2010, our Foundation Year, to embarking on their last year of primary schooling in 2016.

Sports News

The New Year has arrived and with that a very busy first two terms of sport at Peregian.

A few dates for your diary. Below are our school carnival dates for 2016-

RWC - 23 March - Prep - Year 3 8:45 a.m. - 10:20 a.m, 9 - 12 Years 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Athletics - 20 June (Prep – Year 3), 21 - 22 June (9 Years - 12 Years)

Swimming - 2 December

District Sport Procedures -

Terms 1 and 2 are jam packed with District Sport Trials. Below is an outline of the procedure that we will be following in 2016.

• Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics teams will be selected from our school trials.

• All of the other sports that are offered are on a nominated basis. All of these sports are 10-12 years except for netball and rugby league, which offer an 11 and 12 Years age group.

• District conveners will issue a trial notice prior to the trial. This will be emailed to all class teachers and displayed on the sports notice board.

• Student who would like to trial for a particular sport need to place their name on the “Expression of interest” form by the due date which will be on the Sports Noticeboard in the ISC.

• Priority is given to older and or more experienced students.

• We can send 5 students to each trial. If we have more than 5 students wanting to trial we will need to trial them at school prior.

• Once a student is selected they will be given a note notifying them of their selection.

• Please be advised that 10 year old students need to be a very capable athletes to trial as they will be trialing against 12 year olds.

• These are not come and try days.

• PLEASE do not simply turn up to a trial without being previously nominated by the school.
Up Coming District Trial-

23 February – Swimming
1 March - 11 & 12 Years Netball
7 March - 12 Years Rugby League
8 March - 11 Years Rugby League
9 March – AFL
18 March - Girls and Boys Football (possible date change to the 11 March)
19 March - Basketball

Yours in sport
Mr Hutchins

Uniform Shop

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 2.00 – 3.15 p.m.
Friday 8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

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

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

Sonia Sheridan
Uniform shop coordinator

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.

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 Jodie Curran at Agent 4573, Mondo Real Estate or Platform Properties so that our school can benefit from a large donation when the property sells!

Your cooperation in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform is appreciated
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.

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.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.

$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 option helping hands, backed by comprehensive research, at wholesale real estate prices.

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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.
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

New Year, GREAT SMILES!!!

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 0408 008 154

START THE YEAR OFF SMILING!