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P&C

Many thanks to our outgoing executive for 2015 – Jeff Watson, Lisa Maree Watson, Sandy Goodall and Jodie Curran. Also thank you to the leaders of our fundraising subcommittee – Michelle Budd and Sarah Wedgwood. You’ve been an active and fun group to work with, and our school community is lucky to have had a group of people prepared to put so much time and effort into their roles.

A P&C Association is very important to a school, and many underestimate how vital the committee is to school operations and to the community – in particular in the provision of services the State does not provide resources for, such as the Tuckshop.

I have appreciated this committee’s persistence, resilience and good humour. And most of all I have appreciated the personal investment each member made on behalf of all children in our school.

Our new P&C Executive is

- President – vacant
- Acting President – Lisa Maree Watson

And the Fundraising Sub-Committee – Michelle Budd and Sarah Wedgwood. Michelle and Sarah are already working with a terrific group of people and have an action packed calendar planned.

I very much look forward to working with you all.

If any parents are keen to contribute to the whole school community and perhaps be part of our P&C Executive please come along to our next meeting on Thursday 14 April.

Change of School Times

It has been brought to our attention that our school day is 10 minutes too long, and doesn’t comply with the newly updated Teacher’s Award. Therefore, to bring us in line with all other state schools in Queensland we will adjust our starting time in the morning from the start of Term 2.

The warning bell will go at 8.45 a.m. signifying moving to class and preparing for the day, and instruction will start at 8.50 a.m.

There will be no change to buses or any other before school arrangements. As there is no supervision provided by teachers before school we ask that parents do not bring children to school before our first bus arrives at 8.15 a.m.

An opportunity to clean out your kitchen cupboards and garden sheds

Over the holidays you may have a chance to clean out a few cupboards. If so junior school teachers are desperate for old cooking equipment, pans, spoons, plastic measuring cups, funnels, plastic containers, plastic garden implements, sand toys, small buckets, etc. for use in the new sandpit.
Please deliver these items to your class teacher – thanking you in advance

**Common Courtesies**

Over the last week I’ve had numerous visitors and parents comment on the exemplary manners our students display. This always brings a smile to my face. The Common Courtesies that we teach explicitly are

- Say, ‘*Please*’ whenever you ask for something.
- Say, ‘*Thank you*’ when someone gives you something or does something for you.
- Say, ‘*I beg your pardon*’ if you didn’t hear what someone said.
- Say, ‘*Excuse me*’ when you walk or lean in front of people.
- When people speak to you, look at their face and listen to what they say.
- Greet people when you see them, e.g. ‘*Good Morning, Ms Sands*.’
- Use the person’s name when speaking with them, e.g. ‘*Yes, Ms Sands.*’
- Say, ‘*Please may I...*’ followed by your request, e.g. ‘*Please may I leave the room?*’
- Knock before entering a room, walk in and stand where the teacher can see you. Wait quietly to be asked your business.
- Be on time for the beginning of lessons and excuse yourself if you are late.

Thank you to parents who also insist on great manners from their children. Good manners open many doors in life.

**Shave for Cure**

Crazy Hair Day on Friday 11 March was a huge success with some of the craziest hair ever. Thank you to all children who got involved and brought along a gold coin donation towards Shave for a Cure. In one of the most memorable Assemblies ever brave Tallis Pascoe cut off an afro he’s been sporting since Prep in front of the whole school. Tallis, like many others, has been touched by the scourge of cancer in his family, and he decided last year that this was a stand he wanted to take. We are all so very proud of his efforts.

One of our teachers, Simon Thomas, also joined in and cut his hair even shorter at lunchtime. Madeline Brittain’s name was drawn out of the raffle to be in control of the shears.

The funds raised through our Shave for a Cure event have been donated to the Leukaemia Foundation to further their research into a cure for this scurrilous disease.

**Hats**

We have a lot of grumbling about hats – parents have reported that hats are being taken from bags and misappropriated in a variety of other ways despite names and other identifying features. All class teachers are having a discussion with students about looking after their own hat and not taking others. Picking up someone else’s hat to wear is actually stealing – many children might not see it that way. There seems to be a general consensus amongst children that any hat will do whether it’s their hat or not. The simple message is – unless the hat is your own, don’t touch it. We ask parents to also discuss this message with their children.

**Parent Teacher Student Conferences**

I hope all parents have had a chance to avail themselves of an opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher.

Class teachers spend a lot of time in Term 1 getting to know their students. They use the assessment information they collect to design the learning program – this is personalised for each child. The way that teachers do this is by having varying levels of expectations, providing differentiated homework, designing differentiated tasks and planning activities that have multiple entry points. They will be working on scaffolding children’s learning to the next stage – this is different for every child.

At the Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences your child’s teacher talk with you about what they’ve learned about your child and the learning program they have in place. They also have some ideas about how you can help at home. You may like to read my blogpost about the importance of these conferences and the messages we as parents can take away with us and communicate to children - http://peregianposts.blogspot.com.au/2013/03/kids-who-love-to-learn.html

I urge all families to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with your child’s teacher. Phone conferences are available if you are unable to come into school at the scheduled times.

**SMS Messaging to Parents**

Next term we will be introducing SMS messaging for parents who have not explained their child’s absence from school. These messages will be sent after 9.30am each day and include a request to ring the school with information on their child’s whereabouts. This will assist parents who worry their child has not turned up for school in the morning.

There is a cost to the school of 7c per message. This means funds need to be redirected from learning areas to the cost of the service. Parents can help reduce the burden on our already tight budgets by calling the Student Absence number (5351 2266) or emailing (absences@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au) the school office before 8.30 a.m. in the morning of the absence with a reason for the absence and a date of return.

We will also be able to use this service for notifications about emergencies that may arise at school.
Community Partnerships

We have a number of community partnerships with local businesses who have promised us funds in response for mentioning Peregian Springs SS when parents are doing business with them. These are

- Agent 4573
- Mondo Reality
- Love your Door Step
- Platform Properties

Please help our partnerships help us by ensuring you tell the business owner you are associated with our school.

Many thanks to Jodie Curran for donating another $1000 to our school on the sale of a house of a Peregian Springs SS family. That makes an extremely generous contribution of $4000 from Jodie! Next time you are in the office check out the progress we are making on the funding ladder.

Further sponsorship for Performing Arts has also come from Skipper Plumbing and AVEO. Many thanks to these businesses. Our Peregian Singers will be the best dressed singers in the region!

If other businesses are interested in sponsoring specific programs please contact me. Our specialist areas are always in need of resources and it’s great to have community support for these.

Holidays

Enjoy the Easter break with your children. School resumes on Monday 11 April at 8.50 a.m. Get plenty of rest during the holidays as next term is a big one – 11 weeks long!

Newsletters are published about four times a term. Our next newsletter will be in Week 1 of next term.

Until next time …. 

Gwen

Some Helpful Things…

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.

School Watch

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, 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 – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

For more about the School Watch Program contact Education Queensland’s School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

Michael Grose Parenting Tip Sheets

This week’s article is about social skills. As parents we often focus on the development of children’s academic skills and sometimes neglect the development of important social skills, which contribute so much to children’s happiness and wellbeing. School brings different types of learning, including social interactions and how to make friends. Parents can lay the foundations at home by teaching their kids these 7 important social skills.

QPARENTS – take some time over the holidays to sign up

We are proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents, as part of a pilot program in the first half of 2015. The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

Nearly 40% of our parents are experiencing the convenience of QParents.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence?
• Academic report cards?
• Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online?
• Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address?
• Enrolment details?
• QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us?

The benefits of QParents
• Convenience and time savings for parents?
• Parents can view or update their child’s details without having to contact the school
• Secure 24/7 online access
• Available anytime, anywhere — access QParents on your phone or tablet or computer
• Improves accountability between parents and schools by providing parents with timely access to their child’s information online.
• Allows parents to engage more deeply in their child’s schooling
• Improved administration efficiencies for schools
• Allows schools to streamline their administrative processes and cut down on printing

Please contact our office for details on how you can join QParents

2016 Japanese Cultural Exchange Visit - Host Families Needed - Can you help?

Exchange Tour Date: Tuesday 26 July – Tuesday 2 August

This year Peregrine Springs State School will participate in an Exchange Homestay Program involving a group of 10-12 year old Japanese students from Sagami Ono Women’s University Primary School (SWUP) in Tokyo. There will be a mixed group of boys and girls coming.

The group of boys and girls, together with a teacher from their school in Tokyo, will visit and attend our school. They will arrive Tuesday 26 July and depart Tuesday 2 August. This visit is co-ordinated by the Brisbane International Academy (BIA) who will contact you should you apply and express your interest to be a Host Homestay Family. BIA has both Australian and Japanese staff. An information session will be provided. If your family is interested in having a Japanese student stay in your home during this Exchange Tour could you please express your interest on the application form available from the school office.

It is an extremely rewarding cultural experience for the host family as well as the children from Japan. Their hope is to stay with an Australian family and experience all the ordinary day to day things these families do. Your son would be a host ‘buddy’ for a Japanese boy or your daughter would be a host ‘buddy’ for a Japanese girl. One of the mutual benefits of the homestay program is that the Japanese students have the opportunity to practice their English skills whilst your children are in a position to further develop their study of Japanese.

If you take on the role of host family, you will need to provide a bed for your student, three meals each day, drop off and pick up the student each school day and provide a fun activity on the weekend they are here e.g. a trip to the beach would be a highlight.

If you are interested in hosting a student and being part of this special program, please complete the attached form and return it via the Administration Office at school as soon as possible.

Drop off and Pick Up Zone

The Police have advised they will be targeting the correct use of our Drop Off/Pick Up Zone throughout next term.

To remind you of the expectations of this area

• No parking in there at any time – even if you are sitting in the car. The queuing area is reserved for cars waiting to move into the green zone to pick up children who are already waiting there. This applies even when there is no staff member to monitor the area.

• If your children are not in the green zone keep driving around until they are – when cars park here they cause a traffic jam that stretches out past the roundabout and up to the traffic lights. This prevents buses from access to the school and creates more congestion. Keep driving until your children are at the Green Zone or park your car and walk in to fetch your child

• If you have more than one child and they haven’t all arrived at the Green Zone either keep driving until they are all there or pick up the waiting one and keep driving. You cannot wait here until your child arrives

• Teach children to open the boot of the car and the doors themselves – this saves time at Drop off/ Pick Up. When staff are there they are always happy to help.

• Tell others who pick up your children how to use the Zone – especially grandparents who are always the most apologetic for not knowing what to do!

• Be patient and practice respectful communication with all who use the area – remember your children are watching you and everyone else and learning from what they see. There have been raised eyebrows from children on more than one occasion!

Free Microsoft Office For Students For Home Use On All Devices

Springers Newsflash

David Foxover – Deputy Principal

Last Friday was National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This was the focus for classes’ weekly Social and Emotional Learning. Students also revisited the school’s definition of Bullying as outlined in the school Responsible Behaviour Plan.

The definition of bullying is when the following sort of things happen again and again and again to someone who finds it hard to stop them happening:

1. Being ignored, left out on purpose or not allowed to join in
2. Being hit, kicked or pushed around
3. Lies or nasty stories are told about them to make other kids not like them
4. Being made afraid of getting hurt
5. Being made fun of and teased in a mean and hurtful way

Parent Workshop on Cyber Bullying and Online Safety

Last Tuesday the school welcomed Brett Lee, an expert in online safety, to speak to parents about how to create a safe online environment for children.

The 5 key messages and actions were:

1. Communicate with your kids
2. Set clear rules and boundaries
3. Stay up to date with apps and programs
4. Consider and use parental controls
5. Be the one who makes the final decisions

Some parent feedback:

It was an excellent presentation, so informative, intelligent, important and delivered very well.

It’s a shame more people weren’t there - essential information. It should be a must for all parents especially for iPad classes. It was brilliant. Cheers

I went to the Online Cyber Bullying talk - it was an excellent presentation - essential information - informative, intelligent and well-delivered. A must for all parents

Parent Workshop on Cyber Bullying and Online Safety

Crazy Hat Parade

Who: Preps, Year Ones, Year Twos
When: Thursday 24 March 2.15pm
Where: The ISC

We are celebrating the end of term with a Crazy Hat Parade. Join us for an afternoon of pre holiday festive cheer and of course fabulous hand crafted hats.

See you there!

Clean Up Australia Day
Ride To School Day

Sports News

Run Walk Challenge Postponed
Unfortunately due to the wet weather we have had to postpone our RWC. Our oval is saturated and is definitely not up to an event of this scale. RWC will now be held on Friday 15 April (Week 1 Term 2).

Weet-Bix TRYathlon
The Weet-Bix TRYathlon will be run and won on the 29 May at Kawana. We were lucky enough to have professional triathlete Sam Betten visit our school to promote this upcoming event. Check out www.try.weetbix.com for all of the event details. An early bird discount applies until the 3 April. Jump on your bike and get out there and give it a TRY.

Representative News
What a HUGE couple of weeks for our students and representative duties………

Congratulations to Harry Wright who was selected to represent the Sunshine Coast at the State Swimming Titles at Chandler on 21 March. This is an absolute outstanding achievement considering the high level of competition at the Regional Trials. Harry swam a PB of 42.20 in the 10 Years Boys 50m Butterfly placing 2nd in his heat and 28th overall. Harry also etches his name into PSSS history by making the Sporting Honour Board. Well Done Harry, sensational work.!

Beck Marshall and Imogen Taylor have also been selected into the Noosa District 10-12 Years Basketball Teams. Beck and Imogen will compete at the Regional Trial on the 18 & 19 April at Caloundra. I’m sure that they will be dropping bangers from all over the court. Good Luck!

Andrew Doyle impressed the selectors at the U11 Rugby League Trials. Andrew was selected in the Noosa District Rugby League team and will compete at the Regional Trial at Redcliffe on the 27-28 April. Good Luck Andrew.

Peregian Springs will be well represented at the Regional Football trials this year with 7 of our players being selected in the Noosa District Football Teams. Kiera Dunbar, Chloe Baker, Lauren Murdoch, Maya Wiltsche, Zane Pederson, Lucas Klijacin and Jack Conroy will fly the flag at Maroochydore on the 13-14 April. Good Luck and Well Done. Huge effort as Football would have to be one of the toughest teams to be selected in.

Upcoming District Trials
14 April- Boys & Girls District Touch
20 April- Regional Hockey- Direct Nominations to Mr Hutchins
9 May- District Cross Country- Selections from RWC
17 May- Regional Golf- Direct Nominations to Mr Hutchins
20 May- District Tennis
13 June- Boys District Softball
9 August- District Track & Field Selections from Athletics Carnival

Yours in sport
Mr Hutchins

Dinosaur Museum in 1F!

MOVING TO LEARN AND LEARNING TO MOVE!

Prep Perceptual Motor Program
To assist our students to function successfully in all areas of the curriculum we provide them with the opportunity to participate in a program that aims to enhance their perceptual motor abilities. The program requires students to complete planned movement experiences, encourages mental concentration as well as physical involvement. Students are moving to learn and learning to move. They are challenged to think and respond with purposeful controlled movement. These Prep students are having fun and working on their rhythm, locomotion,
coordination, agility, strength and flexibility through mid line, core and strengthening activities and movements.

Literacy Enhancement

 Teachers and Teacher Aides are supporting the literacy development and reading skills of our Year One and Two learners through an early literacy reading intervention program, MINILIT. This program is based on the key elements of reading, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehensions and vocabulary.

Some Images From Our Art Program

P&C Events

Amazing effort by Michelle and her team of happy helpers who worked hard making sure everyone had a sizzling sausage on Election Day. All were grateful for Rae’s team suppling cold drinks and ice creams on such a hot day. Great job to all involved.

Some arty fun was had last weekend also at Coles Peregian Springs Grand Re-opening with facepainting. Awesome job to Sonnie and Mandy for their wonderful creations and a special HUGE thanks to Coles for their ongoing support to our school.

P&C News

A HUGE thanks to our team of volunteer P&C leaders 2016 for taking on these roles and dedicating their time to supporting our school community. Meet the team:
Upcoming Events to look out for in Term 2:

Mother’s Day Stall, Camping and disco events to be confirmed so watch this space. EXCITING!

We would love you to join in on the fun! If you can help, would like to ask a question or anything else, please email us – pandc@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

Have a safe, happy, chocolate-y holidays!

Your P&C

Tuckshop News

Thank you to all who have helped the tuckshop achieve this term. It has been our most successful term in while! A special thanks to Carole, Mary and Julia who are our very regular, weekly volunteers. Well done to all – you are very appreciated!

Congratulations to Alicia Hallam in Year 6 for becoming Student Tuckshop Monitor last week. Alicia, and many other students, put a lot of their own time and effort into supporting the tuckshop and we are very grateful for their support. Well done!

VOLUNTEERS for Term 2 needed

If you can make a sandwich please help us. With over 400 orders in 3 days on average, we really need more support. Please look at which days you can fill on the below roster, hit the link and leave your details or email pandc@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au and we will contact you! Thank you.

Have a magical Easter break!

Team Tuckshop

Uniform Shop

Uniform special - For one week only (11 – 15 April 2016)

Long Sleeve Micro-fibre Jacket - $45.00 (normal price $55.00)
- while stock lasts

The micro-fibre jacket is shower resistant and a great option for those children that only feel the cold when outside.
All our winter uniform items look smart and help identify your child with the school.

Unfortunately, no Flexi School orders or reservations can be taken for this special. Please come into the uniform shop to purchase on either:

Monday 11 April 8.00-9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 13 April 2.00-3.15 p.m.
Friday 15 April 8.30-9.30 a.m.

Watch out for more uniform specials next term.

Sonia Sheridan
Uniform shop coordinator

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@peregiansprings.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! Love Your Door Step will donate 5% of monthly fees for businesses who sign up to the local directory and quote the referral as from our 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

- 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.

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

Phil Storten, Agency Principal & Proud Dad
Phil@mondorealty.com.au
List your home with us now!
Follow us on Facebook

Search Periean 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

Recycling your Cans

Recycling aluminium saves resources, energy and greenhouse gas emissions.

Raise money for the school!

67 cans (1kg) = $1

www.peregianspringss.sq.edu.au

Dates for your diary

Keep an eye on the calendar in Schoolzine (our newsletter service) and on the website. All important dates and changes are recorded there.

Here are a few things coming up:

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