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New Term

Welcome back to a new term. The recent holidays were a treat and we were blessed with some beautiful weather. This is an 11-week term that concludes on Friday 24 June.

I hope all our new families have settled in – we have had 16 new children starting in classrooms all over the school. We have over 950 students in our school now!

We hope to see everyone on Friday at the Run Walk Challenge.

A dress option for girls in the school uniform

It is really important that we nurture the development of physical skills in girls. Many years ago it was thought that girls are not ‘into sport’. However, it was identified that it was the clothing girls were wearing that was holding them back. In comparison to boys who wear shorts, harder shoes, shirts that breathe, girls uniforms were acting like physical shackles and did not allow such physical freedom. Skirts and dresses pose the biggest problems for girls. Even the simple act of running can cause them to fly up exposing parts of themselves that can lead to humiliation and embarrassment. When faced with this, girls are most likely to choose to sit and watch physical games rather than join in. What we choose for girls to wear to school through an impressionable period of their lives can inadvertently send a damaging message. Anything that slows and distances them from sport and physical activity can lead to the choice they make in their teenage years when many girls stop playing sport.

The disadvantages of dresses and skirts can also be viewed in the classroom and other areas of the school e.g. sitting on the ground at eating time, windy days, walking up stairs or even uphill, bending over at the drink bubblers, sitting or lying on the floor in classrooms, and movement in performing arts. In contrast, shorts and skorts are more comfortable, protect modesty and ensure no embarrassing situations for girls.

With this in mind, our Interim P&C in 2009 chose a school uniform that would give girls as much freedom of movement as boys, thereby encouraging them to run, hang on the monkey bars and join in as many physical games as they like.

ANZAC Day Ceremony at school

Our school ceremony will be held on 22 April at 11.00 a.m. in the Indoor Sports Centre. Our ceremony is led by our very capable Student Leaders and is structured in such a way that it teaches children about the important parts of the ceremony.

All visitors are welcome.

We have Western Front Centenary Commemorative Coins for sale in our school office or from Student Leaders who will visit classrooms soon. These coins are $3.00 each with all profits going to the ongoing great work of the RSL.

ANZAC Day Ceremony – Dawn Service at Coolum Peregian RSL

All families are invited to join us for the Dawn Service at Coolum Peregian RSL. We meet in Seacove Court just south of the RSL at 5.00 a.m. on Monday 25 April for the March Past at 5.25 a.m.
The RSL likes to have all children inside the grounds, which provides a view of the ceremony. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about this special heritage and tradition. Children are asked to wear school uniform for the March Past – please wear a school jumper or jacket or other navy jumper – it may be cool. It is also a good idea to eat something before coming – standing for 40 minutes on an empty stomach can be a little demanding!

Change of School Times

Just a reminder the school now starts at 8.50 a.m. The warning music plays at 8.45 a.m. This signifies the time to move to class and get ready for the day.

Please do not send children to school before 8.15 a.m. as there is no supervision prior to this and no teacher supervision in the mornings at all. We thank parents for their cooperation in this.

A focus on teaching in Prep

Teachers in up to 115 schools across Queensland are involved in an education department funded program to enhance the ways in which they teach children in the first year of school. Using current national and international research identifying how young children learn best, these schools including Peregian Springs State School are reflecting on their current teaching practices and considering opportunities to deliver the curriculum in ways that take account of children’s development.

There isn’t one way of teaching. Teachers make decisions about the best way to teach particular subjects, content or groups of children and will draw on a range of different approaches. As a teaching team we continue to refine our teaching practices in response to the children’s strengths and capabilities, interests and learning achievements.

This program is a priority of the State Government and as it continues to expand to more schools the learnings and experiences of teachers will be shared with all schools. Information about this program, including the research foundations can be viewed on the Department of Education and Training website at http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/about/successful-transitions/age-appropriate-pedagogies.html

The Car Park

Coolum Police have advised us that in response to continued complaints from residents and users of the Sunshine Coast Council car park outside of our school they will be issuing infringement notices regularly. Parents can avoid receiving one of these penalties by using the car park in accordance with the signs.

Please be advised that the staff in the office of our school are not ringing the police with complaints about where car park users are parking. They really are far too busy to be doing this.

Refer to the Coolum Police Blog at the foot of this edition of our Newsletter and to ‘Some Helpful Things’ below.

Newsletters this term

Newsletters are published about four times a term. Our next newsletter will be distributed on Thursday 05 May.

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.

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

Exchange Tour Date: Tuesday 26 July 26 – Tuesday 2 August

This year Peregian 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.

**Michael Grose Parenting Tip Sheets**

We are seeing an increase of children suffering anxiety. This week’s article from Michael Grose is about Easing Children’s Anxiety.

**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 this 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!

**Buddy Bench**

The school has had a number of parent inquiries in regards to this concept over the last 6 months.

*The Buddy Bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship in the playground. Other schools use this approach to combat Bullying.*

As a result of these parent inquiries the Kidsmatters Project Team discussed this concept in depth in Term 1. The Kidsmatters team is made up of Parents, Students, Teacher Aides and Teachers.

It was established that if PSSS were to implement the Buddy Bench the goal would be for students to find a friend when they have no one to play with.

**Questions the team asked included.**

Is there any data on the effectiveness of the Buddy Bench?

Are the programs we have in place at PSSS enough?

The team came up with a list of Pros and cons.

**Pros**

- Concept best implemented in the Prep/Lower school area where it could act as a visual reminder for social inclusion.

- Foster new friendships.

**Cons**

- Student representatives stated that in the upper school it could be seen as the *Loser Bench.*

**Free Microsoft Office For Students For Home Use On All Devices**

Members of the team also contacted schools who have implemented the Buddy Bench with mixed feedback from these schools. The team decided not to implement this initiative at this current time.

It is always a pleasure to see parents sharing ideas and giving feedback around products they see.

Michael Slocombe

Sports News

Run Walk Challenge

Our rescheduled RWC will be held tomorrow Friday 15 April. Our action packed program begins with Year 3 at 9 a.m. works through to our Preps and then after first break (11 a.m.) we kick off with our 9-13 years age groups. We look forward to seeing as many parents at our RWC as possible.

Representative News

A huge congratulations to Connery McRae who was selected in the Sunshine Coast Regional 10-12 Years AFL Team. Connery will be kicking goals all the way to Hervey Bay for the State Titles in June. We wish him the very best of luck. Connery also etches his name onto the Sporting Honour Board for his achievement.

Weet-Bix TRYathlon

The Weet-Bix TRYathlon will be run and won on 29 May at Kawana. We were lucky enough to have professional triathlete Sam Betten visit our school to promote this upcoming event. Check out the link below for all of the event details. Jump on your bike and get out there and give it a TRY.

http://www.try.weetbix.com/

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

Performing Arts

Excitement in the Performing Arts room with our latest student workshops.

Lunchtime Club Junior and Senior Singers had the opportunity to work with Stuart Gillard just before Easter and sing a few of his compositions. Stuart Gillard mostly composes for primary school choirs, primary string orchestras and repertoire for primary school classroom music. We’d like to thank Stuart for taking time out of his busy schedule to come along to our school and do a workshop with our Peregian Singers.

Next week Year 3 students will be participating in a workshop with special Stage Training Puppets. This workshop will be conducted by the Dead Puppet Society, who are a production house and design company creating puppet-based visual theatre in Australia and the United States.

Sofia Hobson

Clean Up Australia Day

School Earth Smart Leaders

On Sunday 06 March some of the Earth-Smart leaders decided to help out the community and participate in Clean Up Australia Day. We cleaned up the beach at Mudjimba foreshore. We wanted to help because our Earth needs saving. We split up into a few groups
and started to clean. A few of us found pots, dog bags and tin cans. It was devastating finding so much rubbish. But it was a good feeling getting rid of it to save our Earth.

Some of us even got in the Coolum and North-shore Newspaper.

Litter reduction is one of the major priorities the 2016 Earth Smart Leaders have at school. By reducing the amount of litter around the school, we can keep or school environment clean. One of the other reasons we wanted to help our community, was to show people that kids can make a difference. All it takes is a little commitment and passion to save our Earth!

The Peregian Springs State School

Art Fair 2016

P&C News

Welcome to Term 2. Your P&C are busy creating some very special events for this term and we can’t wait to announce these soon.

We often get asked how parents can support their P&C. Below are some ideas. Please consider how you could help.

A strong, dedicated parent body contributing towards and being part of the P&C team and enables our school to provide resources, experiences and connections that go above and beyond basic requirements. We want all parents and our community to get involved and support our children’s futures together!

- **Smiling at and encouraging P&C members**, event coordinators, fundraising committee members and other volunteers when you see them around school or volunteering at events and reminding them they are valued by all.

- **Donating your time** – helping when you hear the call out for people to support BBQ’s, Discos, in the Tuckshop and the many other events. Events and services cannot run if there aren’t people to help run them.

- **Taking the lead** – Run an event with the support of your Fundraising Committee, step up into a Officers position on the P&C or present an idea to a meeting.

- **Donating goods** – the Tuckshop is always in need of kitchen supplies; Lunch bags, disposable gloves, cling wrap, cleaning supplies, foil, equipment etc. as well as home baked goods and fruit or veggies. ANYTHING you donate to the Tuckshop is appreciated!

- **Attending and participating in events** – your support is shown when you come along to events or encourage your child to get involved! Attending P&C

Hosted by the Parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C) of Peregian Springs State School and the PSSS Art Committee this will hopefully become an annual cultural event for our artistic community.

The Opening Night, Thursday 13 October, will be a great local night out! Artists, collectors, friends and family are invited to view and acquire artwork both from talented artists as well as students. Put this date in your diary!

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Two days celebrating the Arts and sharing our talent as a school and a community.

The Peregian Springs State School Art Fair is a first for the school and will showcase the creative talents from skilled artists in the community as well as student artists. The 2 day event will feature an Opening Night with over 200 paintings for viewing and acquiring and an Art Walk which will be a showcase of student work to demonstrate our creativity to the community. This will be held on Thursday 13 October – Friday 14 October 2016.
Meetings and having your say is a great way to show your support too.

- **Donating money** – All monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the office to donate.

- **Ask questions** – email pandc@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au and ask how you can support your P&C.

We hope to see you the meeting for this month tonight!

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**REMINDER**

**Thursday 14 April**

**P&C Meeting**

**from 6PM**

**Staff Room**

**ALL WELCOME!**

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**Tuckshop News**

**The grapevine**

Juicy Gossip from the Tuckshop

Very glad to see all the smiling little faces back at the Tuckshop after the break. Please see below the revised menu for Term 2. Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers in the kitchen, the menu has had to be altered to enable the ability to cater to orders. We need more volunteers as we want to be able to continue to provide a great range of options but it’s just not possible without support. It’s still a fantastic menu though, and we thank all for your continued support.

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http://peregiansss.schoolzineplus.com/
p-c-tuckshop-volunteers

**New School Banking rewards now available!**

**School Banking News**

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day! Please ensure your deposit slip is filled out correctly to support your volunteer School Banker, Celia, process deposit easily.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

**Celia is still looking for a friend to help co-ordinate School Banking.** Please email pandc@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au if you can help.
Term 2 Book Club catalogue Issue 3 2016

Term 2 Book Club catalogues will be sent home during Week 2.

All orders are to be placed online via LOOP, Scholastic’s online ordering and payment platform. Go to the link below. Please DO NOT send cash or order forms to school. Scholastic’s online ordering system is very easy; it will direct you to select your school, your student’s class teacher and then enter the items you wish to order. When your order is complete you will pay using a credit card and the books will be sent to our school within two weeks.


Issue 3 orders must be placed online by Friday April 29.

All orders earn reward points. These are used to buy new books for our school library.

Thank you for your support.

Uniform Shop

Size 2 and size 4 polo shirts are now back in stock.

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:

- 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 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! 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.

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

School traffic reminder for Peregian Springs

Coolum Police Blog
With the resumption of school after the Easter holidays, Coolum Police are reminding the community of traffic and parking offences being committed around the Peregian Springs State Schools and the effect it has on local traffic, around car parks, bus zones and surrounding roads.
Traffic complaints during last term have resulted in the school, community and police working together to educate everyone on available options when collecting children from school.
Overflow parking is available to the south of the pick up point adjacent the oval and must be utilised to avoid congestion and back log at the school entry and roundabout.

We also remind everyone of the reduced speed limits in the school zones and to take extra care when the school children return next week.

**Police will issue infringement notices as required if traffic or parking regulations are being breached.**

**David McLean J.P.**

**Volunteer in Policing, Coolum Beach Police, Sunshine Coast District | Queensland Police Service**

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Additional parking area to the south, adjacent to oval.

Additional parking is also available offsite and still within walking distance of the school.

**The Bus Zone is for school buses only.**

You should not be entering the congested roundabout if there is traffic already stopped. The same rules apply as for a blocked intersection. Remember give way to traffic on the roundabout. Be courteous, allow the traffic to flow east through the roundabout, let the buses through and allow those not entering the school to proceed.

**Red arrows indicate bus zone and green arrows indicate Two Minute Parking Zone.**

The school advise that a two minute ‘Green Zone’ is provided for those parking to collect children who are sick or those with babies where it is difficult, problematic and time consuming to remove your baby, pram etc to go and collect your school aged children. You are reminded though that if the child is not ready you must continue around the loop, rejoin the queue and not wait blocking traffic entering the two minute green area.