26 May 2016

Principal’s Column

Peregian Springs State School

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

Mid-Year Reports and Parent Teacher Student Conferences

In response to feedback from parents about Report Cards we have modified and simplified written reports. Teachers will provide a grade for achievement and effort and just two comments - one for behaviour and work habits, and one for overall achievement. Our aim is to make Report Cards clearer and simpler for parents to understand.

Reports will be emailed to parents on the last day of Term 2 – Friday 24 June.

Early in Term 3 parents will be invited to a Parent Teacher Student Conference to discuss the Report Card and the learning goals for Semester Two.

Enrolments for 2017

Enrolments for Prep for 2017 have commenced. Information Packs are available from the front office or you can download all enrolment forms from our website.

We encourage all parents with siblings starting school next year to complete forms as soon as possible to enable us to plan for orientation and induction in Term 4. This includes information sessions for parents, parent and child interviews and playgroups. As in previous years we are expecting over 120 enrolments in Prep again in 2017.

https://peregianspringss.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Enrolments.aspx

Fanfare 2017

Good luck to our students performing at Fanfare this year. Fanfare is a biennial, statewide festival of bands and orchestras from Queensland State Schools. There will be over 300 String Orchestras, Concert Bands, Ensembles and Stage Bands with over 4000 students from Years 3 – 12 taking part in our Sunshine Coast Regional Heats over the course of 2 weeks.


Performances will be taking place in the Coolum State School Hall on Friday May 27 and the Heat starts at 12.00 p.m. Entry is free and everyone is invited to attend to support our young musicians.

To participate in such an inspiring event takes practise, discipline and talent. We wish all students a fine performance and encourage them to play their best.

And more good luck to the students who play in the Fusion Band with students from Coolum SHS - Milla Foxover, Lucinda Shelton, Jade Sheridan, Anika Hofer, Alicia Hallam, Torin Dale,
Isabella Stattman, and Anya Bourne. What a wonderful opportunity you have to play music with older students and for a variety of audiences. We are very proud of you!

**Sister School**

For the past three years we have been taking a small group of Year 6 students to Sagami Women’s University Elementary School in Tokyo to experience life in a Japanese home and to attend a Japanese school.

We are really proud to announce that we are now officially a Sister School of Sagami Women’s University Elementary School, having signed all the official paperwork. 14 students, the Principal and a teacher from Sagarni will visit our school in late July and spend a week in home stays and in our classrooms. After their hospitality for the last three years we are looking forward to welcoming them to our community.

If you would like to be a host family for children from Sagami in July/August please email admin@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

Our Japanese Program in the school, which includes weekly lessons, cultural displays, visitors from Japan, a sister school and an annual trip to Tokyo, provides some rich opportunities for children to develop a greater sense of openness to and appreciation of other cultures.

![Learning a second language not only helps improve academic grades but also supports a greater sense of empathy for and appreciation for other cultures.](image)

### Reading

Over the last few weeks I’ve been working with some capable readers in Year 5. We’ve read to each other, studied vocabulary and investigated the purpose of different authors. It is evident from working with these children that the difference between a capable reader and a highly competent reader is their independent reading habits.

**Our highly competent readers**

- Read often and for at least 30 minutes a day
- Read books that are varied and challenging
- Are read to by other adults or older siblings
- Borrow from the Resource Centre and/or local libraries.

In contrast children who are still capable but not quite reaching that really competent level don’t read very often and are usually only reading books that are just too easy or are all of one type, e.g. only comics or only short stories suitable for younger readers.

Reading opens many many doors in life – the better you are at comprehending multiple texts (print and digital) the easier everything is. Becoming a really great reader means pushing your comfort zone – reading things that are a little bit difficult and a little bit different and reading for longer each day. I encourage parents to help their children embrace the somewhat uncomfortable feeling of reaching beyond their current level of capability – the rewards will be with your children for life!

### SafeST

Last week we held our first SafeST Committee meeting for 2016. SafeST includes representatives from the Department of Transport, Queensland Police, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Central Office staff and our P&C.

As always, our car park was on the agenda, and we also discussed the ongoing planning for our Travel Smart initiatives and bike education. The minutes are available on our website under Community.

Our SafeST Committee have achieved a great deal over the years – safe traffic light timing, extra planting around the school, the crossing supervisors, better signage, and the installation of the ramp to the crossing to name a few. As our school grows and changes there is always more to do. If you are interested in being involved in this committee please contact the school office.

https://peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/Pages/Safe-ST.aspx

### Our Community Partnerships

One of our community partnerships is paying off in spades, as the saying goes. Many, many thanks to Jodie Curran from Agent 4573 who has again donated $2000 to our school off the back of sales with referrals from someone in our school community. This brings Jodie’s total donations to our school to $7000. This is $7000 from Jodie’s own purse – this incredible generosity is so appreciated by our teachers, other staff, children and parents.

*Hot off the press: Jodie has another $1000 to donate from a sale resulting from a referral from Class teacher John Stansbie! This will bring her total to an amazing $8000.*

Please support our community partnerships as in doing so you are also supporting our school. Thank you, Jodie so much!!
Cross Country Success

Our District Cross Country Team recently competed at Kin Kin. We had seven students qualify for Regional Trials and came second overall as a team – what a fantastic achievement! Well done to all competitors. Thank you to Mr Dixon who provided training for our team in the weeks prior to the event. Cam’s column will have some more details.

School Photos

A reminder that school photos are to be held on Wednesday 8 June 2016 and Thursday 9 June 2016. This week photo envelopes will be sent home, and we remind you that your child brings them in on the day of their photo. Your class teacher will advise you next week of the time and day.

Our P&C

It was great to see so many people at our last P&C Meeting on Thursday 12 May. We have a brand new executive and I thank each and everyone who put their names forward to assist with this volunteer role in the school.

President – Sandy Goodall
Vice President – Dave Williams
Treasurer – Alan Westlake
Secretary – Claire Cashman
P&C’s Qld Rep – Michelle Budd

Our new Executive are keen to continue to encourage a greater representation of parents at P&C Meetings. Our next meeting is Thursday 2 June at 6.00 p.m.

Acting Principal

I have taken a couple of weeks of long service leave. Dave Foxover is acting as Principal for this period with Michael Slocombe as the Deputy Principal. We have many capable teachers in our school who are also aspiring to embark on a leadership journey so these opportunities are also a good time for them to hone their skills. Many thanks to Nikki Miller, who is Acting Head of School while I am away.

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.

Michael Grose Parenting Tip Sheets

As parents we can sometimes be mystified about how to encourage our students to ‘follow the correct path’. This week’s article from Michael Grose is about bribery, threatening and making deals – there is another way!

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**
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New around school
Over the last month the school has had two additions to our school grounds.
The times tables have been added to our senior walkway.
Teacher, Sarah Albertson, has also designed an ‘Alphabet Tree’ for the Prep area.
The Alphabet Tree is Thermo-Plastic and is yet another great addition to the learning and aesthetics of our great school.

SMS Messages Sent Due to Unexplained Absences
In the month of April we sent 280 SMS to parents of children with unexplained absences. We continue to encourage parents to let us know via email, QParents or phone whenever their child is going to be away. Roles are marked at 8.50 a.m. and 1.40 p.m. every day.
Question Time?

Q 1. Do you know who the Peregian Springs State School Council Members are?

Q 2. What does the School Council do?

These are the questions you might well ask. I hope you will read on to learn more about who we are, and what we do for our school.

In becoming an Independent Public School in 2013, we were obliged to comply with the legislative requirement of establishing a School Council. The School Council has been in operation for 3 years. The committee is a mix of parents, staff and community members.

The 2016 School Council Members are:

Russell Krause, Chris Cashman, Meryl Todd, Gwen Sands - Principal, Sandy Goodall - P&C President, Jodie Curran - Secretary, and Sara Hollonds - Chairperson.

We are responsible for:

- establishing the strategic direction and priorities of the school
- the approval of the school's strategic plans
- facilitating and development of relationships between the school, the community and community organisations
- complying with the code of conduct.

The school council functions are:

- guiding the broad strategic direction of the school
- monitoring the school’s strategic direction
- approving plans and policies of the school of a strategic nature and other documents affecting strategic matters, including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the school
- monitoring the implementation of the plans, policies and other documents mentioned above
- advising the school’s Principal about strategic matters.

Two weeks ago, we attended a workshop about Building a Dynamic School Council: Good governance charting great futures. This opportunity to work with an outside consultant was invaluable. Our understanding of each of the roles on the committee is more defined. We feel ready to undertake new charters and look forward to working together as a successful school community, with all stakeholders to ultimately set the successful, strategic direction of our school.

If you would like to consider becoming a member of the school council, we currently have a tenure of 18 months that needs to be filled. Please contact me for more details.

Regards
Sara Hollonds

Performing Arts News

North Coast Region Kidsing is a biennial choral festival organized by the Regional Music Project Officers to celebrate and showcase Education Queensland’s school choirs. This is a non-competitive festival and our Junior Singers will be participating this year. The Kidsing festival will be held during Term 3 on August 26.

We hope that our Strings students have a wonderful experience on this Friday 27 May at Fanfare.

Also on Friday, Performing Arts Leaders are getting involved with Under 8’s Day by presenting Puppet Shows for our Juniors. They have been busy creating and rehearsing during their lunchtimes and are looking forward to entertaining the Under 8’s.

Exciting news ahead for our Year 5 students who next year will have the opportunity to attend the 2017 Year 6 Performing Arts Musical Excursion of Roald Dahl’s ‘Matilda The Musical’ written by Tim Minchin and Dennis Kelly. An anarchic tale of a brilliant, gutsy young girl who chooses to take control of her own fate. Matilda reminds us that knowledge, compassion, creativity and strength will endure.

Sofia Hobson
Sports News

District Cross Country

On Monday 9 May we sent a team of 28 of our finest runners to Kin Kin (so beautiful they named it twice) to compete at the Noosa District Cross Country Trial. All of our runners had sensational races over a rather testing course up against the best runners in the District. Peregian Springs place 2nd overall just behind St Thomas More. A special congratulations to the following runners who placed top 5 in their age group and were selected in the Noosa District Cross Country Team to compete at Buderim on the 31 May.

1st- Lucas Kljajcin 12 Years Boys
1st- Cooper Delaney 10 Years Boys
2nd- Kooper Airey-Bamback 11 Years Boys
2nd- Jada Delaney 10 Years Girls
3rd- Connery McRae 12 Years Boys
4th- Zander McCrae 10 Years Boys
5th- Maya Wiltsche 11 Years Girls

Thanks to Mr Dixon for helping out with our teams training prior to the trials. Love your work Mr D.

Sunshine Coast Fire Football Camp

The Sunshine Coast Fire visited our school a few weeks ago to hone our football skills. We had a great time practising our skills and playing the World Game. The Fire are holding a Fire Football Camp at Kawana Sports Precinct from the 4 - 7 July. If you are aged between 5 -16 years and would like to find out more information or register for the camp please visit the link below for more details.


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 www.try.weetbix.com for all of the event details. Jump on your bike and get out there and give it a TRY.

Upcoming District Trials

6 June- Girls Rugby League
13 June- Boys District Softball
9 August- District Track & Field Selections from Athletics Carnival

Yours in sport
Mr Hutchins

School Cookbook

Classroom teacher Amanda White has undertaken the task of creating a digital School Cookbook!

Close your eyes and picture your favourite meal that someone in your family cooks. Now rub your tummy and open your eyes.

Those are the recipes that we are looking for to create a Peregian Springs School Cookbook so we can ALL enjoy the yummy meals you just pictured.

Categories –

- Scrumptious Starters (snacks, appetiser)
- Mouth-Watering Mains (breakfast, lunch, dinner meals)
- Lunchbox Legends (yummy sandwich toppings, salads or sushi)
- Delicious Desserts (cakes, slices, biscuits)

Ask your Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandad or anyone in your family to contribute their recipe for our School Cookbook.

Download this Microsoft Word recipe template that also tells you all the information you need to include.

Complete all parts, attach a photo (a picture of you holding your dish would be lovely) and email it to cookbook@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au

Mrs White will create a flipbook like this that you can access on your computer, laptop, ipad or phone.

You will be able to flip through each page or jump to a category.

So if you’re keen to share your sweet and savoury secrets, download the template and start typing!

- We are able to accept one submission per person. (This allows for mum, dad, grandparents and children in family to possibly submit)
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Once the cook book is complete, it will be available for purchase. All funds raised will go directly towards our fabulous school :-)
You are invited to join in the fun at PSSS Under 8’s Day

**When:** - Friday 27 May 2015, 9.00a.m. - 12.00p.m.  
**Who:** - Prep – Year 2 (2/3) and Peregian Springs C&K  
**Where:** - Peregian Springs State School – Prep, Year 1 & 2 classrooms, covered areas, grassy play areas & the Performing Arts room  
**Dress:** - Come dressed as a Sixties Hippy Chick / Dude!  

Noosa Today newspaper will be there taking pictures so make sure that you all dress up! - Parents too if you like.

There will be an assortment of nature loving and creative craft activities for all children involved to participate in. Such as; nature necklaces, ten pin bowling, puppet shows, dreamy dream catchers, cool headbands, nature weaving, obstacle course, elastics, mural painting, crowns fit for kings and queens, groovy dancing, mandala painting, rainbow rings and oh so much more!

**Schedule for the morning**

- **9.00 a.m – 9.15 a.m.** - Under 8’s Day begins – Performance in the ISC  
- **9.15 a.m. – 10.25 a.m.** - Session 1 – Rotate through the activities  
- **10.25 a.m. – 10.55 a.m.** - Biggest Morning Tea (altogether on the grassy knoll) Please bring your class mat, hats, M/Tea and a drink.  
- **11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.** - Session 2 – Rotate through the remaining activities  
- **12.00 p.m.** - Clean up

This is a big event full of fun activities that approximately 450 students will be actively investigating and exploring. Therefore, **adult supervision is very important to ensure the children get the most from this wonderful opportunity and to make the day a huge, stress-free success.**

We are looking forward to a fun-filled morning and hope you can come and join in the action.

*Sara Hollonds*

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**5M**

**Super Heroes!**

Capes that 5M have received so far from inspirational people;

- Kyle Noke (UFC fighter) - ‘Every Accomplishment started with the decision to try’
- Julian Wilson (Pro Surfer) - ‘Bring it on’
- Kurt Fearnley (Paralympian) - ‘Be bold, be fierce and never give up’
- Natalie Cook (Gold medal beach volleyball player) - ‘Always believe in the power of your dreams’
- Josh Constable (Longboard champ) - ‘Come on, Let’s do this’
- Peter Helliar (The Project) - ‘Be true to yourself’
- Carrie Bickmore (The Project) - ‘Smile often, people smile at you if you smile at them’
- Waleed Aly (The Project) - ‘Just keep going and you’ll be unstoppable’
- Luke Hodge (Hawthorn Captain) - ‘Never give up’
- Johnathan Thurston (Cowboys Captain) - Have fun, try hard, play fair

5M wore their capes to do Naplan!

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**PG and PB News**

**Goldilocks and the Three Bears Bed exploration**

Prep G and Prep B have been making beds for Baby Bear. They have experimented with glue, tape, boxes and paper, and found the best ways to make a good comfy, sturdy bed for Baby Bear.

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**Mother’s Day 2016**

*Welcome to the MA Spa*

*Create Unleashed Relax Baby*
Thank you to all those parents who have helped the P&C this month by giving their time to support our children and the school. Your contribution is valued.

There was a great turn out for the last P&C meeting. I think everyone had heard Michelle was bringing homemade chocolate cake, which was delicious by the way.

As the incoming President I would like to thank Jeff Watson and Lisa-Marie Watson for all their hard work and significant contributions to the running of the P&C.

At the last meeting the following were elected or reconfirmed as the office holders:

- **President** – Sandy Goodall
- **Vice President** – Dave Williams
- **Treasurer** – Alan Westlake
- **Secretary** – Claire Cashman

P&C Queensland Representative (non-executive officer) – Michelle Budd

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see even more parents at the next meeting on Thursday 2 June at 6.00 p.m. in the Staff Room. I can't guarantee that we will have chocolate cake again but you will be warmly welcomed.

Our fabulous School Banking volunteers, lead by Ceilia Woods, really need some additional help in order to process the huge number of deposits. If you can help out (it’s fun!) please contact the P&C.

pandc@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au
A number of girls represented Peregian Springs State School in the District Netball team at the Regional trials in Caloundra on May 3. Ellie Gale, Isabella Stattman, Tayah Salter and Jada Delaney were in the Under 11 team and Kiera Dunba and Mia Clayton were in the Under 12 team. The girls were all amazing, both their performance and behaviour was wonderful. Ellie made the possibles and probabilities for the day which is top 16 in the entire region. Sadly she missed out on making the team of 10 that will go to States but it was an outstanding effort.

Alfie Shacklock recently attended the Jacqueline Morland Royal Academy of Dance panel assessment in Brisbane. Alfie was selected as one of 10 finalists from his group of 68 dancers to perform in the final and won one of the summer school scholarship awards offered by the Director of the Queensland Ballet 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.

Student Celebrations

Oliver Kruger in 5L and his tennis partner Harrison Watson (an ex student of PSSS, Yr 7 now) made the Finals in the summer fixtures for the Noosa Tennis Club. The boys are coached on a Thursday afternoon after school at the school tennis courts by the Noosa Tennis Club.

In March Anya was very proud and happy that she was given a special place with the Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra for playing Flute. On Sunday she performed for the first time with the orchestra in a big concert at Chancellor Park College playing 5 large ensemble pieces.

The weekend was busy for Flute as she also had an audition for a High School Music Excellence place. Anya played ‘Game of Thrones’ and ‘Winter’ two difficult pieces to play perfectly. She played very well and learnt that she got through and has a place! She was told that she is playing at such a high standard level for her age, so Anya is so pleased her effort has paid off!

She has entered in this years Eisteddod playing a solo and a duet. Last year she got Silver in a trio playing with students a year older, and so she is determined to get another winning medal this time! She is also playing in the...
Fanfair Music festival competition with other students in the Fusion Band next week.

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@peregianspringssss.eq.edu.au

We love to hear about what our kids are doing!

Eco-Discovery Workshops

Aimed at 4 - 10 year olds

Bring the family

Sunday mornings 10 - 12

Adults must accompany children

Explore and Enjoy Nature

Sunday 26 June: Beach and Turtle Care
Learn about turtles, discover the dunes and explore the rubbish run-off that affects our marine life. Shuners Creek Rd, Coolang Beach

Sunday 17 July: Exploring the Maroochy River
Aboriginal stories and learning about fish and mangroves. Muller Park, Bli Bli

Sunday 21 August: Photographing Nature’s Secret Garden
Wildflowers, weeds and taking photographs plus a nature walk. Keith Reay Park, Maroochydore

Sunday 25 September: The Art of Nature - Taking a Closer Look
Examine plants / animals and use our to show patterns, shapes and images Environment Centre, Noosa Parks Association, 9 Wallace Drive, Noosaville

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Ongoing ways to help our School

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