15 June 2016

Principal’s Column

Peregian Springs State School

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

End of Term

The end of term is nigh. Term 2 concludes on Friday 24 June. Term 3 begins on Monday 11 July. There is no Student Free Day at the beginning of the term. We hope everyone will be back on time! This is the last Newsletter for this term. Enjoy the Winter Holidays.

mLearning Program

Parents of Year 4 students have started to ask questions about our one to one laptop program that starts in Year 5. Please feel free to contact Rose Marszalek, Dave Foxover, your child’s teacher or me about this at any time. Additionally, in the middle of next term we will hold parent information sessions to enable parents to decide whether they are in a position to support this initiative for their children.

An information pack is also available at the school office and on our website too –
https://peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Subjectsandprograms/Pages/mLearning.aspx

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 and the process involved in preparing them is perhaps one of the most time-consuming aspects for any school. We believe that Reports are one of the most important documents provided to parents, which is why they are time-consuming and often difficult to prepare. In fact, it is because of their value and importance to parents that I read each child’s Report before it is published. I do this for many reasons:-

I want to know how each child is developing and to read about their progress over the semester.
I want to be sure of the ‘quality’ of the content of the report. As a teaching profession, we believe teachers need to be accountable for these reports as they are a record of what has taken place.
I want to affirm the teachers in the work they have put into reflecting on student progress and writing their detailed reports.

One thing I have learned (or have had reaffirmed) from reading this semester’s Reports is how very well behaved the majority of our students are. This makes an incredible impact on student learning everywhere in the school and I thank parents for the support they give us in maintaining high standards in this area.

This semester all Queensland State Schools will be reporting using the Australian curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. Please remember, if your child receives a C or Sound grade, you can rest assured
he/she is meeting the expected benchmark for his/her year level.

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

Your child’s teacher may have already emailed you regarding a Parent Teacher Student Conference at the beginning of Term 3 to discuss the Report Card and the learning goals for Semester Two.

Compliments from Parents and Visitors to our School

We receive many compliments in writing from parents and visitors to our school. I know teachers are always so happy to get an email from me sending on compliments and a ‘thank you’ for a job well done. Next time you are in the office you may like to read some of these. We have published some of them in a presentation folder. It makes for great reading while you are waiting for your appointment!

School Annual Report

Our School Annual Report 2015 has been published and is available on our website. There is also a hard copy for reading at the office.

Staff News

Congratulations to Renee Chagoury and Justin Dixon who welcomed their baby girl, Luca, to the world a few weeks ago. It’s always lovely to have new babies on staff!

And farewell to Lucy Jorgensen for Semester 2. Lucy will be finishing her law degree. We wish her all the best and look forward to her return. We welcome Irina Pacey to 1J.

Contact Details

Have you recently changed your email address or phone number?

Please make sure that your contact details are kept up to date to ensure that you receive all emails, our Newsletter and the office is able to get hold of you in an emergency or when your child is unwell.

Email admin@peregianspringss.eq.edu.au

End of term

The last day of term is next Friday. It is a No Uniform Day and students are asked to bring a gold coin donation. This donation will also entitle them to attend a puppet show performance we have organised by Camp Quality. All donations collected will go towards this very important cause.

Until next term ....

Gwen

Springers Newsflash

David Foxover – Deputy Principal

Rose Marszalek – Curriculum

Michael Slocombe – Student Support

Anne Slattery – Kylie Westlake – Diverse Learners Master Teacher

Camp Quality Puppet Performance

On the last day of this term we will have a puppet show performance performed by Camp Quality.

There will be no charge to students, with all the donations from our free dress will go towards this amazing organisation which assists young people and their families to deal with cancer.

Please support the fantastic work this charity. If every child brings $1, we could raise $950. Imagine if it were $2……

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aESYhzaD45o

Click the link to see our puppets in action.

Further information from the presenters....

At no cost to schools, parents or students, our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit primary schools across the country to dispel myths and misconceptions that
are commonly associated with cancer. Our puppets tell an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- The importance of recognising our own strengths and the power of positivity
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a family member with cancer
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play

‘The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner.’ - Primary school teacher

Our New Benches

Some Helpful Things…

Michael Grose Parenting Tip Sheets

Too often we hear from children about the late night television they have watched and wonder how they have gotten enough rest for learning well. This week’s article from Michael Grose is about the effects of a good night’s sleep

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.

CURRENT PAYMENTS

Year 4 camp (18 - 19 July) - a reminder final payments due last day of this term.

Payments Procedure PSSS

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.

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!

Free Microsoft Office For Students For Home Use On All Devices


Pictures From Our Art Room
Strings Mid-—Year Concert

Thursday June 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Tonight!)

The Twilight Concert for parents and friends is in the Performing Arts Room in the New Block (map attached) tonight! Every student will play a short solo of their choice and the ensembles will perform. All welcome.

Peter Rickert

The Peregian Springs State School Art Fair 2016

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.

Thursday 13 October: Opening Night: A great local night out! Artists, collectors, friends and family are invited to view and acquire artwork from talented local artists (adults) and PSSS Masterclass participants (Year 5 and 6).

Friday 14 October: Art Walk: A showcase of student work to demonstrate our creativity to the community. This will be held on Friday 14 October 2016 throughout the school.

If you are an Artist in our community and would like to exhibit your work at the Opening Night, please email Sarah-salbe31@eq.edu.au.

Earth Smart - Nude Food Day Update

Our Term Two Nude Food Day was a great success. Two classes won a fruit platter for bringing so many nude food lunches to school that day. 4M and Prep AR won the yummy (nude) fruit platters made by Rae in our Tuckshop. We have plans more Nude Food days!

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.

‘Asian Roast Chicken by the Gilligan family’

‘Christmas Mince Pies by Ms Sands’

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)
- Whilst we would love to use everyone’s recipes, unfortunately space restrictions and possible repetition mean we cannot guarantee that all submissions will be produced in our Cookbook.

Submissions close at the end of Term 2

Once the cook book is complete, it will be available for purchase. All funds raised will go directly towards our fabulous school :-)

**Sports News**

**Representative News**

**District Rugby Union**

Reggie Hammick and Andrew Doyle impressed selectors at the recent District Rugby Union trials after being named in the Noosa District Rugby Union Team. The boys will join the ruck at The Regional Trial in Caloundra on 13 & 14 July. Good luck boys.

**Noosa Winter Multisports Festival / Weetbix Superkiz Try**

Peregian Springs SS had multiple students who participated in the recent Noosa Multisport Festival and Weetbix Superkiz Try. Congratulations to all of those who participated.

**SEQ Football Championships**

Peregian recently participated in the SEQ Football Championship knock out competition. We were represented in the Senior Boys and Senior Girls competition. Our first round games were against Coolum State School where the girl’s team went down in an epic 3-2 battle to a very strong Coolum team. The boys were the eventual 1-0 winners in their first round match after a solo goal scoring effort from Lucas Klajcin in the 26th minute. The boy’s team progressed to the next round where we met a very gritty and determined team from Eumundi. The boys went down 3-1 and Eumundi progressed to the next round. Congratulations to all of the students who represented our school. You did a sensational job.

**Performing Arts news**

This week it’s all happening in the Performing Arts room with students putting on shows for classes.

Year 3s are delighting audiences with their Puppet Show Extravaganza, using a range of puppets from marionettes to muppets.

Year 2s are performing to the music of Sergei Prokofiev’s ‘Peter and the Wolf ’ with our beautifully designed puppets from our previous Artist in Residence, Lauren Moody.

Year 6 students have been writing and performing group compositions in the style of ‘Stomp’.

Year 4s are finishing the editing process of their Convict films.

Year 1s and Year 5s have been studying different film genres and we’ve had some very creative storyboards being designed for filmwork.

Preps are enjoying Dance Battles in class, where the audience have as much fun as the dancers on stage strutting their stuff.

It has been a jam-packed term with lots of fun. We are looking forward to a lot more excitement next term.

**Upcoming District Trials**

13 June- Boys District Softball
9 August- District Track & Field- Selections from Athletics Carnival

**Year 6 Voices on the Coast Literature Excursion**

What an inspiring day we (years 5 and 6 students and teachers) had at the University of the Sunshine Coast, meeting authors/illustrators of the calibre of;
Every student had a highlight of the day and these covered every presenter that we met. Like the author ‘groupie’ that I am, I attended the festival launch and sat at Leigh Hobbs’s table (see photos of me meeting Mr Chicken who I’m told, directly from his creator, has not only had a trip to Paris and London but also Rome. So look out for Leigh’s new release. Thanks to our lovely Resource Centre volunteer, Mrs Helen Logan, for being an extra set of hands on the day.

End of Term borrowing

Your children may borrow over the holidays. In fact we allow them a few extras as there is no point in having books sitting on school library shelves all over the holidays when they can be in your home being read. All we ask is for you to help us to help your children by ensuring that they don’t let their library books fall overdue. If they haven’t returned their books, they won’t be able to have any over the two week break.

Term 3 Book Week

2016 Theme: Australia! Story Country. 20-26 August

Start thinking about character costumes relating to this theme and class teachers will better inform you closer to the event.

C&K Peregrin Springs

C&K Peregrin Springs often visit our library to listen to a story and familiarise themselves with our school. They always feel very welcome!
Important cyber safety tips

The department has recently been alerted to random users contacting children using the social media app 'Instagram'.

The following tips are provided to parents on how their children can avoid random contact on social media:

- Know which social media your child uses.
- Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are. Only be friends with people online who you know and trust in the real world.
- Take a proactive approach and establish clear and agreed rules for your child's internet use.


Year 4 Emu Mountain Excursion

Dump ‘n’ Dam Excursion

2P and 2G Planet Protectors Learning Expo

REAP Harvest Project Compassion Term 2

Machines clunking, trucks beeping, cans rattling, birds scavenging! This could only be.... the Year 2’s exciting excursion to the Nambour Recycling Facility, followed by a relaxing lunch at Wappa Falls Park.

‘It was the best school day ever,’ writes Ollie Scrivener 2G. ‘We had to sort all the waste into recycling and landfill bins.’

‘The grocery scanner activity showed us what packets gave us too much rubbish and what packets were good for the environment.’ recalls Jesse Crawford 2G.

Every recount of the day tells the same story, how much the students enjoyed the experience.

As for the teachers, we were very proud of our students’ engagement in the activities offered, as well as their use of common courtesies and respectful behaviour.

Well done, everyone!
Thanks to all of the parents and carers who have offered to assist at the Disco tonight! These events could not happen without your support.

Win a marquee (and possible cash) for our school! Save the tokens from the Sunshine Coast Daily until 04 July for us.

Sandy Goodall
P&C President
Look what a lovely parent volunteer has donated to our Tuckshop! Thanks to parent and chef Jamie Milverton for donating these items.

Raemaree Sommerville  
Tuckshop Convener

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

Congratulations to Alfie Shacklock. He was the runner up in The Australian Ballet School Scholarship Awards (11 – 12 years) this week! An amazing feat. This means that Alfie is awarded a scholarship for next year. Well done Alfie.

Recently Anya Bourne, Lyla Crouch & Zara Warren from 6N competed in the Noosa Ultimate Sports festival. All three entered the 1km swim race. Lyla took 1st place in the age 9-10 category, Zara took 4th place and Anya 7th place in the 11-12 age category! Well done girls!
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@peregianspringss.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

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