15 September 2016

Principal’s Column

Earth Smart – Nude Food Days

Nude Food Tuesdays are going really well. Many thanks to parents who are going out of their way to reduce rubbish in lunch boxes. It is really noticeable in the playground on Tuesdays and another benefit teachers have noticed is an increase of healthier food being consumed.

Goombucka Indigenous Bus

Each year we have booked at least three visiting performances or experiences for children. We try to choose things that take them outside of their usual activities and where they can learn new skills and knowledge. In the past, one or two year levels have visited the Goombucka Bus to learn about our indigenous heritage. This year we booked the experience for the whole school.

The activities have been fun and informative and focused on students developing awareness and appreciation of indigenous arts and story telling. The experiences fit nicely with our current exploration of the Aboriginal history of the area in which our school is situated – in particular the legacy of Murdering Creek. Next year we hope to partner with elders in the area who will help us share these stories in culturally appropriate ways.

Maker Faire

Maker Faire is becoming one of our annual traditions. It started as a small project a couple of years ago in which one class showcased their discoveries and learning journeys to interested parents and other classes, to an event which now involves all of Year 5 and 6 and some of their buddy classes.

This year we saw students showcasing games, technology enhancements, food, art and all many of creative and scientific pursuits. It is amazing what kids are capable of doing in a curriculum and classroom full of discovery, inquiry, insightful questions, plentiful resources and technology, and teachers who aren’t afraid of a little mess!

Many of our Year 6 students are budding entrepreneurs and as they prepared for Maker Faire they started small businesses, selling their products at little stalls around the school. All stalls had prior approval as students have prepared business plans and met with me to discuss their operations. I have been very impressed with their professional approach and preparation.

All funds raised will be donated to the P&C for the Senior Adventure Playground.

Roll on Maker Faire 2017!

Fire Evacuation Drills

Every term we practice either a Lockdown or a Fire Evacuation as a precaution. I am always so impressed by the ability of children to move quickly and quietly and follow instructions without panicking. We are able to evacuate everyone (970 students and 112 adults) to the oval in less than 12 minutes – very impressive!
Japanese Speaking Competition
We had a number of students competing at the Japanese Speaking Competition on Sunday 28 August. Congratulations to

Year 6 – Highly Commended Milla Foxover,
Year 5 – Bronze Medal Olivia Gray; Highly Commended Jessica Gavin, Ella Willis,
Year 4 – Gold Medal Matisse Dupuy; Highly Commended, Hannah Lynch, Tex Warren

Such a great effort for one school out of the hundreds of competitors on the day.

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.

Japanese School Trip
Last week I went to Japan with a small group of Year 6 students. Congratulations to Kooper Airey-Bamback, Drew Kleidon, Chloe Baker and Tiare Trevor who bravely signed up for this experience in February of this year and have been meeting with me weekly to prepare. They were the most wonderful ambassadors for our school and for Australia, and all will tell you their experience was life changing.

We spent the week at Sagami Women’s University Elementary School and students also experienced the famous robotic museum, Harajuku Street, Sensoji Shrine and the amazing trains of Tokyo. They participated in all kinds of lessons including tea ceremony, Japanese calligraphy, Japanese abacus and clubs. They helped out in English lessons and made a lot of new friends. This week really is the best excursion of primary school and I encourage all families to consider sending their children once they reach Year 6.

We will be going again in October 2017 and information will be distributed to Year 5 classes soon.

Lapathon
Lapathon is an annual favourite event and this year was no exception. Many thanks to all families who supported their children’s fund raising efforts. We are saving for an indoor climbing wall for the Indoor Sports Centre. Fingers crossed we have nearly got there this year!

Jodie Curran donates again!
Thank you, Jodie, for yet another $1000 donation to the school bringing your total donations to a whopping $10 000!!! Jodie’s aim is to get to $20 000 by the end of the year, so if you are selling don’t forget to mention our school.

Our senior adventure playground is one step closer!

Finally…
I cannot believe it is the end of Term 3 – where on earth is 2016 disappearing to? I wish all of our families a wonderful Spring Break. Remember school starts again on Tuesday 4 October. Our school office will be closed over this break too.

Until next time ….
Gwen

Springers Newsflash
David Foxover – Rose Marszalek - Michael Slocombe - Deputy Principal - Curriculum - Student Support
Anne Slattery - Kylie Westlake – Diverse Learners Master Teacher

Respect our staff, respect our school
Violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in our schools.
It’s not just a courtesy. It’s the law.
The Respect our staff, respect our school campaign aims to create safer and more respectful communities in Queensland state schools.
The campaign is part of the Queensland Government’s commitment to tackle the issue of violence and continue to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and school staff.
We all have different beliefs, expectations and experiences, so there are inevitably going to be times where conflicts or disagreements occur in schools.
How we handle those conflicts can make a significant difference to the learning and development of our students and the positive environments we aim to foster.
The safety of our students and staff is the number one priority and everyone in the community plays a part in ensuring learning environments are safe.

All members of the community are encouraged to work together to prevent abuse and violence directed towards school staff.

**How to turn requests into problems for kids to solve**

Attached is a great article from Parenting Educator, Michael Grose, around building children’s skills in solving problems.

**News from the Dental Van**

The dental van will be arriving at PSSS in Term 4. We will begin by offering treatment to Preps and Year 6’s. Medical history/consent forms have been issued through class. Please return completed forms to the office asap.

The dental van will remain open for part of the Christmas school holidays and will resume treating other grades in 2017.

**Dental Team**

**Ph:** 0408 008 154

**LOST PROPERTY**

Please label all belongings with child’s full name.

All remaining unnamed lost property is donated to charity.

**Some Helpful Things…**

**Student Free Day**

A reminder for parents that the school will be closed on Monday 17 October for a Student Free Day. This day coincides with moderation at the secondary level and all schools in Queensland are closed on this day.

Staff at Peregian Springs SS will be involved in a whole day workshop with Lane Clark on inquiry learning.

**Michael Grose Parenting Tip Sheets**

There is a lot being said in the media about respect and how this can be developed in a community. This week’s article from Michael Grose where respect begins and how parents can take a stand on disrespectful behaviour which then leads to violence in our society.

**Saver Plus**

Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Saver Plus can help boost your savings for education costs by matching your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to $500.

**How do I find out more?**

Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355, email saverplus@bsl.org.au, read more at the link below or pick up a brochure located near the sign in iPads in the office at school.

http://www.anz.com/saverplus

**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**

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.

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

The Peregian Springs State School Art Fair 2016

Bidding is open now for the class artworks! Go to the link below or look on our Facebook page to make a bid on your class artwork, or another one which takes your fancy. They are fabulous! More are being added each day as they are completed.

https://www.facebook.com/peregianspringssss/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1098823446838506

We have some great opportunities for sponsorship of our Art Fair! Go to Art Fair Information for details or contact the office.

Tickets are now available for sale for the Opening Night on 13 October. You can purchase online at www.Flexischools.com Book tickets online or in person with cash at the office. Your ticket includes a champagne cocktail, gourmet finger food and the opportunity to have the final bid on your class artwork. Many local artists will be showing along with our Art Masterclass work and the class artworks.

Murals
Talented classroom teacher Joel Hughes has created fabulous panels for our school! Make sure you check out the new one outside the office.

Resource Centre News

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

Congratulations to all students who met the challenge of reading a minimum of either 15 or 20 books in the reading period (May and August). The following students extended themselves by reading even more than 30 books. All participants will receive their certificates in Term 4.

- Tessa Blackmore – 2M - 103 books
- Bonnie Scudamore – 2M - 60 books
- Ella Westlake 2/3BH – 40 books
- Mia Smith 3B – 60 books
- Maddison Morris - 3B – 43 books
- Aleisha McArdle – 3B – 37 books
- Amelia Stead – 3C – 70 books
- Josie Irving – 3C – 37 books
- Monty Sanders – 3D – 40 books
- Emily Howe 4/3W – 30 books
- Luca Meade – 4/3W – 68 books
- Annabelle Steinhart - 4/3W –36 books
- Luca Tomasin – 4/3W - 31 books
- Aisha Leeman – 4G – 40 books
- Becca Jones – 4G - 40 books
- Gisele Sinclair –4G - 40 books

Thanks to Meredith Moody for co-ordinating the Prep to Year 2s, Meera Dyer for co-ordinating the Year 3s and Christine Warwick for co-ordinating the Year 4s, 5s and 6s.

Resource Centre Volunteers

At the end of this term, it is important to recognise the generosity of our merry band of volunteers who kept the wheels of the library turning as Meryl and I devoted more time to Book Week activities.
So a huge thank you to:

- Helen Logan and Anne Farmer who spend Mondays with us accessioning, covering books, shelving books and managing the circulation desks.
- Hazel Prosser who manages our circulation desk and shelves books all day Tuesday and Thursday.
- Mary Delgado (Hazel’s mum) who has covered hundreds of Readers.
- Mel Florence who volunteers before and after her day’s work as a teacher-aide, by shelving and helping us close up the library.
- Jane Catterall who runs our school’s Scholastic Book Club in her own time when not working as a teacher-aide.
- Staff such as Kerri-Lee Trescow and Meryl Todd who have also taken readers home to cover during the school holidays.

Maree Johnson
Teacher-Librarian

Sports News

Representative News

Congratulations to our 13 athletes who competed at the Regional Track and Field Trials on the 1-2 September at Sunshine Coast University. We had a number of students who jumped, ran or threw personal bests. All of our athletes represented Peregian Springs and Noosa District with exceptional behaviour and sportsmanship both on and off the track. We didn’t have any athletes selected in the Regional Team but we had a number of top 10 and top 5 finalists throughout the trial. Congratulations everybody.

Lapathon

Thank you everybody for making the 2016 Lapathon one of the best yet. There were some sensational outfits including ‘Eric The Eagle’, a member of the IOC and a stunning looking member of the Hockeyroos. Lapathon monies and forms are now due at the office. Once forms are received we will hopefully be placing an order for prizes before the holidays. Prizes will be distributed early in Term 4. There are reports of some individuals and classes raising sensational amounts for our rock climbing wall. If every student secures one sponsor our Lapathon will be a raging success. A special thank you to the P & C for the sausage sizzle.

Surf Education

Surf Ed starts for year 5 and 6 the first day back in Term 4. All students will need their swimmers, a rash vest, a hat, a water bottle and a small snack every week to attend. We look forward to some sensational weather every Tuesday in Term 4.

Yours in sport
Cam Hutchins

2/3BH

23BH received a visit last week from a swimming superstar and Olympic bronze medalist, Jake Packard. We loved hearing all about his time in Rio and the stamina and grit it takes to be an Australian Olympian.

Some pictures from our Art Room

Project Compassion 2016

Our Project Compassion this term benefited Australia Zoo Animal Hospital. Students raised $865.30

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@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au
The Fundraising team pulled out all the stops to produce a great Father’s Day stall. Thank you to all those involved with sourcing presents, wrapping, counting money and organising this event. We couldn’t have done it though, without the support of the teachers and those parents who sent in money for their children to buy a gift. We raised over $2000 towards our fundraising goal. Thanks also to Dave Williams, our P&C Vice President, who ran the sausage sizzle at Lapathon. A great effort and more funds raised to top up our account. Thanks Dave.

The P&C had hoped to run another disco this year in Term 4 but we are struggling to find a team of 4 people who can organise this event. We have many committed parents who have put their hand up this year already to help out and it would have been great to see some new faces taking on this event. At the last P&C meeting, it was sadly determined that the October disco would not be going ahead as we don’t have anyone to organise this event.

At the last meeting the P&C approved the donation of $10 000 to the school to go towards the senior playground equipment. Please note the next P&C meeting is in November, hope to see some new faces coming along.

Student Celebrations

Harry Wright swam at the QLD short course championships 28 August in 3 events. 50 fly, back and breaststroke. He had a great day with 2 personal bests in fly and breaststroke. 2 seconds off his fly now a 39.39. 3.5 seconds off his breaststroke now 44.44. He was extremely happy with breaststroke as he is now the 14th fastest 10 year old boy in the state. He also moved from 50th in fly to 35th so improving all the time.

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!

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.

Partnerships

Remember to mention our school if you or a friend is selling through Jodie Curran at Agent 4573 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.

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

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:

Friday 16 September  Talent Show Finals
Friday 16 September  Tuckshop Closed
Friday 16 September  Last day of School
Monday 3 October  Public Holiday
Tuesday 4 October  First Day back at School
Tuesday 4 October  Year 5 & 6 Surf Skills