Enrolments
Our current enrolments are 817 students from Prep to Year 7. Several classes are over target size and North Coast Regional Office have refused our applications for more teaching staff. We will reach 820 in the next couple of weeks and I will apply again.

We have 54 children currently enrolled for Prep 2015 with a further 70 packs having been distributed so I expect at least double that number to enrol.

Professional Development
The staff has continued to extend their professional skills and knowledge during the June holiday period and in Term 3.

- Rose attended the Slide to Learn Conference in Sydney in the holidays.
- Rose and David attended the Australian Curriculum Maths PD with Peter Sullivan (lead writer of AC: Maths).
- Andrea, Sandy, Rose and Jono attended Building a World Class School with Dr Yong Zhao who focuses on cultivating students as globally competent creators and entrepreneurs. This is based on his book World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students.
- Nearly every staff member attended Senior First Aid and CPR training at the beginning of this term.
- Bette Blanch will be conducting a workshop based on Choice Theory Wednesday 20 August 12.00 – 6.00 p.m. for teaching staff.
- Aimee Holt has provided all the Prep and Year 1 teachers with PD in handwriting. Handwriting is still an important skill despite today’s technological world.
- Jill has attended the BSM Conference this week. She goes annually and gets a lot out of this.

Staff News
Brooke and Emma are soon to go on maternity leave. Brooke will be replaced by Kerryn MacPherson who will stay on with us next year as a permanent teacher. Emma will be replaced until the end of the year by Chris Gibbs. The children know him well as he has worked extensively in our school.

Cameron has been away at State and National Hockey Competitions all Week 4. He has been invited to be the manager of the Noosa District Athletics team on the 9-10 September

Alex Huxley is on LSL until 18 August.

Di Faulkner, Sara Hollands, and Bec McCann have been on leave this term.

Variations to School Routine
- The practice Fire Evacuation in Week One was very successful and the whole school was accounted for within 12 minutes.
- In Week 2, we conducted our School Athletics’ Carnival which resulted in exemplary sportsmanship and the overall winners being the Typhoons. There were many school records broken and our students seem to be getting faster and stronger.
- The ICAS tests for Science, English and Mathematics have been completed with over 50 students paying to complete the tests. We had one student in Year 3 gain a High Distinction for Science and many other students received credits and distinctions.
- The Active After School Sports has commenced again this term and students have a choice of Hockey, Athletics or Cricket.
- Project Compassion for Term 3 aimed at raising awareness for the Save the Koala Campaign. Students and staff were encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school and donate
a gold coin, which was donated to the Fund. The Student Leaders collected over $1000 which will be used to adopt a koala for one year and buy Eucalyptus trees.

Proposed Incursions and Excursions for this term include:

- 14 and 15 August the Year 3 classes will be walking to the Peregian Springs Duck Pond to study water life and other aspects of science.
- Children’s Book Week will now be celebrated on Friday August 29 (end of Week 7) with a book character parade where students and teachers are invited to dress as a book character who is connected to another character e.g. Charlie and Lola, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
- Swimming Term 4 for Prep, Year 4 and Year 5
  - Advanced warning notes have been distributed to all parents and swimming is compulsory and will be recorded in the end of year report cards.
  - Year 6 and year 7 students will no longer have lessons at the pool but will attend an 8 week (Weeks 1-8 Term 4 Tuesdays 10.30-12.30) Surf Skills Program.
- Spring into Art – Week 9 & 10 Term 3
  - We will be accessing the skills and talents of our own resident teacher artist Joel Hughes who is creating a very unique set of art lessons. These lessons will be a more creative, streamlined and economically viable than the ones previously provided by an outside agency.
- Tournament of the Minds- Sunday 24 August
  - A group of 7 students are currently working hard under the guidance of Danae Steer who will be escorting them to the Tournament of Minds Competition to compete with other schools.
- LOTE Japanese Contest-Sunday 31 August 14
  - Alex Huxley will be taking 14 students to compete in the Sunshine Coast LOTE competition.
- Kids in Action 4 and 5 September.
  - 11 students will be attending a two day Environmental Education event with Kathleen, Andrea and Sandy. The event will be held at the Kawana Community Centre and our students will be presenting a workshop to 48 other students about the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly.
- Coolum High School Clowning Visit Friday 12 September
  - All students in Prep to Year 3 will be entertained once again with a clowning performance provided by students from the High School.
- Prep Father’s Day BBQ Thursday 4 September 5.00-7.00 p.m.

Facilities, Grounds and Maintenance
Planning for the multi storey building is well underway. Originally they said this would be started in Semester 2 2015 but the start date now looks like it will be brought forward. Construction of this building includes removing the current Year 7 relocatables.

Aspire Schools have ordered that a number of areas of the school be fenced off due to wear and tear on the grass. You will notice some barricading of the worst areas up until the holidays.

The ceiling between the ISC and the two new Prep classes needs some further work to sound proof it. This will be done in the weeks leading up to the holidays.

Extra Curricular Activities
Many staff members are doing some great things around the place off their own initiative – this is innovation at its best and is what makes our school such a special place. Some of these are:

- Tanya C’s leadership of PD for Teacher Aides
- Kathleen’s Kids in Conference Project connected to the Bird Wing Vine project started by Kathleen and Andrea some years ago
- Danae and Chris C are working on a school video – I can’t wait to see this and they may approach you for some assistance or to suggest some kids to be part of it
- Alex is preparing a group of Year 6s to come to Tokyo with me in November. He has also prepared a number of students for the Japanese Speaking Comp on Sunday 31 August
Kirsten is running a before school tutoring club on a Friday in response to her maths data and at the students’ request because they did it last year with Joel.

Cam’s organising Lapathon

Maree is organising Book Week celebrations as well as training for a marathon hike through Spain. Maree – after discussing your progress with Rose, the hike sounds like the easier task

Pete and Joel are writing a play for the Book Week Assembly.

Chris W and Sofia are working on the Talent Quest

Rose, Chris W, Andrea and Justin are preparing risk management documentation for freeing up web filtering to schools

Other interesting events:

On Wednesday 30 July the Principal Mr Shigeru Oba and support staff Ms Keiko Okazaki and Mr Daisuke Koseki from the Japanese Seikei Elementary School visited Peregian Springs State School. Three of the Student Leaders-Faith, Tyler and Logan and Mr Huxley and Sandy greeted them. They were given a tour of the school and it was very exciting to see the enthusiasm of the other students greeting them in both English and Japanese. Our school was given a delightful gift of Japanese teas and chocolates. We gave a gift of our Asian Studies Poster and a boomerang. We are hoping to set up a sister school relationship with Seikei Elementary School. This school is one of the most elitist schools in Japan and is owned and funded by Mitsubishi Corp so facilities are second to none, including Olympic athletic fields and equestrian fields and their English programs and entrance requirements are rigorous.

Visiting Japanese students.

We are currently hosting 20 Japanese students and two teachers at our school. The students attend English classes organized by Barbara Hook who is being employed through the Australian Institute of International Understanding. The students are being billeted by families at our school.

School Opinion Survey:

Staff, students and parents were given the opportunity to participate in the on-line School Opinion Survey during the past 3 weeks.

Information from the Director General Education Dr Jim Waterson

The 2014-2018 Department’s Strategic Plan which sets our direction and key priorities over the next four years has just been released. EQ’s vision is Inspiring minds. Creating opportunities. Shaping Queensland’s future. The targeted strategies are developing Successful Learners, Great People, Engaged Partners and High Standards. DETE will support schools to deliver these actions through: Great Teachers=Great results, State Schooling Strategy, Great Results Guarantee, Independent Public Schools, Solid Partner Solid Futures, Flying Start, Red Tape Reduction Strategy and Fresh Start.

Queensland First Accord:

The Queensland Government is currently undertaking extensive state-wide consultation to develop Queensland’s first Education Accord. There were three ways that our school staff, students and parents were encouraged to be involved in the development of the Queensland Education Accord. These included the opportunity for students to submit a short video with their thoughts on the future of education via the website www.dete.qld.gov.au/educationaccord by 8 August 2014; School staff and parents are encouraged to contact their local Member of Parliament before 21 July 2014 to express interest in attending the Queensland Education Accord Summit to be held in Brisbane on 25 September 2014; and finally all interested Queenslanders can respond to the seven key questions on the Queensland Education Accord questionnaire via the website www.dete.qld.gov.au/educationaccord

Reports attached

- Balance Sheet Summary
- Cash Flow Management Report
- Budget Overview