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EDITION 8 – 25TH AUGUST 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Lisa Campbell

We passed the halfway mark for Term 3 with two fantastic events last week. The Jumps and Throws on Wednesday followed by the Faction Carnival on Friday were strongly supported by the school community.

Thank you to Kristy McKenna for the organisation of a highly successful day. The level of sportsmanship and resilience shown by many children on the day was amazing! We wish the Interschool team all the best at Wickham and Millars Well.



THANK YOU TO THE P&C

A very big thank you to the P&C for the fantastic new shades that were on display at the Faction Carnival. They also provided many students with lunch and the icy poles which were also a welcome relief with the warmer weather.

The P&C is a great way to become involved in the school and they regularly help with wish list items and provide valuable services to our school: Uniform Shop, School Canteen.

STAFFING UPDATE

Several staff have been successful in our selection process so congratulations to each of the following people:

Sally Featherstone – EA
Katie Gibson-Cooper - EA
Liz McDonnell-Jones - Special Needs EA
Jasmine Miller – Special Needs EA
Brooke Karolye – Special Needs EA
Tia Rauch – AIEO
Karen Hancock – School Officer

We also welcome Nat Richards to our staff and she will also be working in TA3 for one day a week.

You would be aware of the changes in Admin with Mrs Shiona Hobart currently on Long Service Leave. I am undertaking the Principal's role with Mrs Janet Gethin working in the Deputy Principal position. This will be until the end of term.

ILLNESS

Two important flyers have been sent home regarding Influenza and Gastroenteritis. Several schools in the area have had very large numbers of students away so we would like to avoid this through good hygiene and being considerate of others.

EVENTS

- 29 August**
 - Young Writers Competition
 - National Numeracy & Literacy Week
- 30 August**
 - Board Meeting
- 1 September**
 - Assembly TA5
- 7 September**
 - Interschool Jumps & Throws (Wickham)
- 9 September**
 - Interschool Athletics (Millars Well)
- 23 September**
 - Last day of Term 3
 - Daffodil Day: wear something yellow
- 11 October**
 - First day of Term 4

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Student Reports were distributed earlier this week to Year 3 and Year 5 families. We would invite you to talk to your child's teacher about their results.

As a school we will be looking at these to determine the celebrations and to pinpoint areas of need for planning in the future. These discussions, as a school, will take place later in the term following individual teacher's examination at how Peg's Creek has progressed.

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

Next week is National Literacy and Numeracy week and students will be doing a number of different activities. One of these is playing strategy games that need reasoning to be able to win every time. Classes will also come together to do some reading. Another activity that we will be doing is the Maths postcard where your child can identify where they use maths everyday. These can be addressed to Miss Campbell or Mrs Gethin and we are looking forward to collecting all of the different ideas. Postcards will be sent home with your child. Of course this week is also a time of terrible maths and literacy jokes. This is the first....

THERE ARE 3 KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD

THOSE WHO ARE GOOD AT MATH,
AND THOSE WHO AREN'T

FREE TABLES

Our Year 3 classes have received new furniture, so the old student desks from TA15 and TA16 (and a couple of large teacher-type desks) are now available for anyone who wants one. They are in the back car park, behind TA16. Absolutely free! Please help yourself! Any queries, please contact Janet Gethin in the Office.



MERIT CERTIFICATES

- TA5 – AJ Walker
Emmerson Rothe
- TA2 – Adrian Papertalk
Jake Kennaugh
- TA3 -- Diamond Pindan
Isabella Cox
- TA4 – Fletcher Rolle
Kellen Robertson
- TA15 – Logan Lockyer
Shivaree Spratt
- TA16 – Rydar Meyer
Chase Burke
- TA9 -- Sofi Twaddle
Kai Pratt
- TA10 – Ebony Hughes
Raven Camille
- TA11 - Tauaiti Caulcutt
Henry Elliott
- Drama - Clowy Tulin
Taylor Hughes
- Health- Chloe Bern
- Phys Ed – Jacob Hourn

WALKING WEDNESDAY WINNERS

- Term 3 Week 4 – Michael Edwards
- Term 3 Week 6 – Nikki Latt



Talk4Writing

When – Wednesday 31st August at 2.35pm
Where – Library

Peg's Creek Primary School has started implementing the Talk for Writing (T4W) process to teach writing – and it's very different to how writing was taught in the past. Come along to this fun and informative session to find out what T4W is all about, and how you can support your child at home to improve their writing. Please see Janet Gethin if you have any queries.

FACTION CARNIVAL

Friday was a beautiful day for our 2016 Athletics Carnival and again, it was a great success! Thank you to parents who helped set up, pack up, cheer on students or on the finish line, your help is greatly appreciated! Thanks to staff who were on their feet all day and made sure students were kept happy and also for setting up and packing away. A big thanks to Mr Perry who kept us entertained throughout the day with his quotes and music. Thanks to the faction captains and vice captains who are always there to help and to keep the faction spirit alive! Finally, well done to every single student who competed because you all put in 110% and we are very proud of your efforts. There were some tight races but from Wednesday's Jumps & Throws events and the athletic events, there were some overall winners:

Junior R/Up Girls Champion -	Nikki Latt
Junior Girls Champion -	Chloe Bern
Junior R/Up Boys Champion -	Jay Halliwell
Junior Boys Champion -	Kellen Robertson
Intermediate R/Up Girls Champion -	Jenny Bern
Intermediate Girls Champion -	Lauryn Ieremia
Intermediate R/Up Boys Champion -	Braydon Magerl
Intermediate Boys Champion -	Jake Mertens
Senior R/Up Girls Champion -	Sequoiah Hicks
Senior Girls Champion -	Christina Bern
Senior R/Up Boys Champion -	Bayden Robertson
Senior Boys Champion -	Jye Sander



With some tidy bays and organisation, Dolphin were awarded some bonus points but unfortunately it didn't get them over the line coming 3rd overall. Searipple came a close second with their competitive spirit which leaves Mermaid winning the shield for 2016 for their great athletic skills and motivation! Thanks again to everyone for a fantastic Athletics Carnival, now let's train hard for Interschool to get some even better results!



SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

You Can Do It

Students in Year 2 – 6 will be completing a survey in class. Every child will respond to a set of questions that embody the You Can Do It Keys for success. This will provide some valuable information, from the students, showing how they feel about different things at school and will be used to guide focus areas in the You Can Do It program.

*You Are The Key To
Your Success
"YOU CAN DO IT!"*



Behaviour Expectation

The staff have been working with the four behaviour expectations that were agreed on earlier this year: excellence, respect, responsibility and safety. With the development of some 'rules' in each of these we are reminding everyone of the expectations with a focus on the four rules every fortnight.

Aussie of the Month

Our focus for Aussie of the Month is Persistence. Persistence is about never giving up when things get difficult or boring. This is when your child chooses to do the 'jobs' before playing or staying focused on their work to finish it on time.

PARTNERSHIPS

Jump Off

On Friday, 12 August the Burrup Bouncers led the school in the Jump Off at the beginning of the day. This was to raise money for the Heart Foundation to help with the research of heart disease. It was a great session with Year 1 - 6 participating in the occasion. There are many promising Burrup Bouncers who are continuing to practise their skills with additional skipping ropes being made available to classes. Thank you to Mrs Hayley Newton-Cearns and Miss Kristy McKenna for their commitment and co-ordination of this event.



Parent Communication

We are currently reviewing our website design and will be looking to use this as our key form of communication, particularly for the distribution of newsletters and other notifications. We will also continue to use Facebook to provide immediate updates and notifications of community events. At the moment the Skoolbag app is not working as it should be, so for this reason we will be providing a paper copy of the newsletter until the end of term. The newsletter provides important information about what is happening in the school, recognition of individual efforts along with forthcoming events. Thank you for your ongoing feedback to ensure that you remain informed about the school.

Parent Surveys

A requirement of the Department of Education is the completion of Staff, Student and Parent Opinion surveys. At Peg's Creek we have nominated to do this every year as the information provides insight into areas that we can improve and others where we are doing well. Parent Surveys will be sent via email within the next fortnight and I would encourage you to take 10 – 15 mins to complete this as it is another option to provide feedback. Please anticipate receiving this within the next couple of weeks.

Attendance

Our current attendance rate across the school is shown in the table below.

Kindy	PP	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
78.1%	90.9%	86.5%	89.6%	86.9%	84.2%	86.9%	79.5%

It is recognised by the Department of Education, that for your child to have the best opportunity for success they need to attend school 90% or more of the time. This means that they would attend a minimum of nine days every fortnight. While there is illness in the community we understand the need to keep your child at home, however another aspect of improving our attendance is the need for you to contact the school.

If your child is away from school then please use the SMS system, note/email to the class teacher or a phone call to the Front Office to explain the absence. We currently have 471 unexplained absences since the start of the term. We can work together to reduce this.