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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 3. It seems hard to believe that we officially have less than two weeks of school left of term three. We have many events occurring between now and the end of term, however our core business of teaching and learning continues to remain front and centre.

As a whole school, we are also in the process of reviewing our whole School Responsible Behaviour Plan. We are on the journey of becoming a Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) school. This is an evidence based approach that aims to provide greater structure and consistency around behaviour. Behavioural situations are never cut and dry, and individual needs and context is important. To the contrary, having clear consistent processes that aim to work on preventative measures, strengthen fostering the positives, and those that adopt a framework of common language that can be easily communicated within and beyond the school setting, is a proactive approach that promotes sustainable success.

Of course we have some areas already working well at Peak Crossing State School, so we will continue to build on those strengths, and we will be aiming to close the gap on any areas of deficiency. Embarking on the Positive Behaviour Learning journey is a process that should embrace collaboration and feedback from key stakeholders, including Regional Office Staff, Peak Crossing Staff, the P & C and parent/s and carers in the Peak Crossing State School community. Early next term, we are very fortunate to be having Paul Leith, who is the South East Region Behaviour Services Coordinator, come and visit our school. Paul will be providing us with some feedback around our School Responsible Behaviour Plan and Paul will also be conducting some Professional Development around behaviour functions and strategies with staff.

To commence our Positive Behaviour Learning Journey, after discussion with staff, we have decided we would like to shift our current four school rules to sit under a new umbrella of the following three school rules.

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible.
These rules will be discussed with the P & C at our next P & C Meeting on the 12/09/16 to obtain their support and approval. If any parents and/or carers have any feedback they would like to provide, your feedback is welcomed. The Positive Behavior Learning journey is not an overnight process, but one which will take time. This process will assist to embed and grow an inclusive and positive culture at Peak Crossing State School.

**Parent/Teacher Communication**

Effective communication is the key to all successful relationships. Having strong partnerships between home and school is a healthy and productive recipe for success in supporting your child/ren. Report Cards will be issued at the end of term 4, however if you feel you would like to obtain a progress update, I encourage you to contact your child’s class teacher to organise a mutually convenient time to discuss your child’s progress.

In addition, from time to time, an issue may arise where you may feel that you need to contact your child’s teacher or the Principal. Please ensure that you discuss with your child what has happened, and then if you need to approach a staff member to discuss an incident or situation further, it is imperative that staff are approached in a calm and respectful manner and at an appropriate time. Your co-operation with this is not only appreciated but is timely with the launch of the new Government Campaign, ‘Respect our Teachers, Respect our School’.

**Respect our School, Respect our Staff Campaign.**

The Queensland Government's commitment to tackle the issue of violence and to continue to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and school staff is a priority. The department has launched a new campaign to raise awareness that violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in Queensland state schools [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html).

The **Respect our staff, respect our school campaign** aims to create safer and more respectful communities in Queensland state schools.

Violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated at this school. It’s not just a courtesy, it’s the law. Visit the website for more information. [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html).

We all have different beliefs, expectations and experiences, so there are inevitably going to be times where conflicts or disagreements can 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.

Posters are being displayed at our school to raise awareness that violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Everyone in our school community deserves respect. [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html).

**Staffing Update**

Staffing remains the same until the end of the term, with the exception of Sandra Hartley who is on two weeks leave. I have not been made aware of any other staffing changes at this stage. I have an official date of the 16th of September in the Acting Principal role, with a possibility of extension. Regardless, of whether it is myself or another Acting Principal, and/or Mr Mackie returns, the decisions being made at a school level are supported by Regional Office and are essentially of benefit to the students, staff, and school community.

Regarding staffing for 2017, as you can imagine it is an extremely busy time for our Human Resources branch in the department. Considerations must be given to permanent staff first, before decisions regarding contract staff can be made. HR must also consider transfers, relocation requests, and any staff who have put in for leave. On top of that, a very big overriding factor is student numbers. Teachers are allocated to schools in accordance with the number of students enrolled at the school. Staffing decisions are made and finalised throughout term four, however student numbers are verified on Day 8 at the beginning of the school year, which can impact change.
School Support Staff Week and Teacher-Aide Day

Last week, and rolling into this week we have and are celebrating School Support Staff week and Teacher-Aide’s Day. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the wonderful work that our Administration Staff, Teacher-Aides, Grounds Officer, and Cleaners do. Without their contributions and hard work, our school would not be the great place it is. We are hosting a staff lunch this week, and will be acknowledging their awesome efforts at our last Assembly for this term, this Friday.

School Events

We have various school events coming up over the next couple of weeks, some of which require consent forms and money to be paid. If your child has not returned their consent forms for key events, or paid for the Arts Performance and/or Netball and Soccer carnival, could you please ensure this is done by this Friday 9/09/16.

Here is a reminder of what we have coming up:

- **Thursday 8th September: Readers Cup State Final**
- **Friday 9/09: Student Council Frees Dress Day.** Come dressed as an animal. Gold coin donation and money raised goes to the Animal Welfare League.
- **Monday 12/09/16 – Fire Ant Education Session.** (Prep – 3 – 9.15am) (4-6-10am)
- **Tuesday 13/09/16: Fair Dinkum School Performance ($6.50)**
- **Wednesday 14/09/16: Under 8’s Day Boonah (Consent Forms to be returned)**
- **Thursday 15/09/16: School Photos 8am – 11am(Envelope with cash to be paid on the day, or order online on or before photo day ~ www.msp.com.au)** For those wanting sibling photos, they will commence at 8am in the Library. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**
- **Thursday 15/09/16: Rockfest – commencing at 11.30am in the School Hall. Parents and carers invited to attend. Any students performing need to be in school uniform in the morning session and can change into their performing clothes at lunch time.**
- **Friday 16/09/16: Netball and Soccer Carnival (Consent forms and $6 must be paid by Students who will be catching the bus).**

I would also like to say best wishes to students who are competing in the Readers Cup State Final on Thursday the 8th of September. Good luck to Kade Grieve, Ashley Leatch, Jacqueline Pegg and Madeline Ryall, who will represent our school at the State Final to be held at Sommerville House in Brisbane. Special thanks To Chris McClellan for coordinating this event.

Good luck to the following students will be competing at the Metropolitan West Regional Athletics trials, taking place on the 6th and the 8th of September this week. The following students are competing:

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A very big thank you and congratulations to the following students: Leah Curtis, Lily Ehrich, and Tamica Edwards, who represented our school at the Public Speaking Competition that was held at Kalbar State School on the 25th of August. Although the students did not place at the competition, they did Peak Crossing State School proud.

And another big thank you and congratulations to the following students: Ashely Leatch, Kade Grieve, Jacqueline Pegg, Taryn Christensen, and Leah Curtis, who did a sensational job at representing our school at the Maths Team Challenge.

Year 5 and 6 Life and Relationship Education

In term 4, week 1, on the 5th October the school will be offering Sexual Health and Relationships Education for our Year 5 & 6 students. Each class will attend one session of 90 minutes. The information here aims to help you prepare for the sessions.

The program is designed to assist young people to develop a positive attitude towards their own sexuality and provides them with information on how to look after themselves during this stage of their development.

A note will be going home this week.
Prep Enrolments
We are now taking PREP enrolments for 2017. If you have a child who will be ready to commence Prep, or you know someone else that does, and they would love to attend our great little school, please encourage them to contact the Office as soon as possible. We are taking enrolments now!

Safety to and from school
In our last school Newsletter, I spoke about being aware that we were coming into Magpie season, and how Magpies had started swooping some students and community members around the footbridge area outside our school and along Churchbank – Weir Road. Please remain vigilant and discuss with your children how to stay safe this magpie season, particularly during the school holidays as well.

Here are the tips that were included in our last school Newsletter to help you stay safe:

TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Move quickly through the area but do not run
- Wear a hat or carry an umbrella
- Wear sunglasses for eye protection
- Bike riders should dismount and walk
- Do not act aggressively
- Remember the magpies are protecting their young

(Source: Queensland Government)

I also spoke to students last week regarding a concerned community member who phoned to say that some Peak Crossing Students were riding their bikes to school in the opposite direction of the traffic, and not using the pathway provided. The concerned community member had said that some cars had to stop to enable students to get around and of course does not, as we all don’t want to see a student get hit. In addition, it was also reported that some students were at times attempting to remove some safety markers that had recently been put in place. Could you please keep an eye out and reinforce to your child/ren the importance of riding to and from school safely.

Finally, please ensure that when dropping children off to school that you do not use the Staff Car Park, or park in the Childcare Centre Carpark. The Childcare Centre Carpark is for parents of children who attend the Childcare Centre only. There have also been reports of some children being called across the road to meet their parents who are at the Park. Ipswich-Boonah Rd as you know is a very busy road, and even though you may feel you are watching out for your child to cross, this is not safe practice. Please encourage your child to use the designated crossing, and or walk over to collect your child yourself. Your cooperation with this, is much appreciated.

Illnesses
We have had one reported case of a tick (the parent felt the student picked it up from the park across the road from the school), and several reported cases of Chicken Pox and Gastroenteritis. We have also had two recent reporting’s of Influenza A. Please remain vigilant to signs and symptoms these illnesses may bring and seek medical attention at the earliest possible time.

Congratulations
Special congratulations to one of our parent’s Shelly Savage who has made the Australian Women’s Cricket Team. She will compete in England in October. Shelly has to organise her own funds to travel overseas to represent Australia and is holding a Homestyle Bake Fundraising event. If you would like to support Shelly, please pop in to the Office and grab a Homestyle Bake order form, or email Shelley on: shell.sav0822@gmail.com

Assembly
This Friday the 9th of September, is our last assembly for the term, and we will be presenting certificates to students for achievement in the ICAS Science Assessment, and to students who participated in the Maths Team Challenge. Please come along on Friday at 2:30pm to share in the success of our students.

Visitors
Just a reminder that all visitors, spending time at the school to assist with any school based activity, must sign in and out using the Visitors Book kept at the Office. This is an Education Queensland requirement to ascertain who is on the school premises at all times. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Feedback
If you ever have any feedback you would like to provide, or any ideas or suggestions for our school, I would love to hear from you. I have an open door policy, so please don’t hesitate to contact me.
School Watch

With the holidays commencing, we need you to watch for crime around our school. If you see anything remotely suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number without delay on:
13 17 88

Thanks for a fantastic term. I hope you enjoy the rest of it, and enjoy the school holiday period. I hope all staff, students, and parents and carers, stay safe and come back to school refreshed and ready for a busy term four.

Thank You and Best Wishes,

Jennifer Fenwick
(Acting Principal Peak Crossing State School)

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade:

Classroom Awards:

Success Awards:

P & C Announcements

Last week we had our Father's Day stall, it was a great success with a profit of $1373.80. We would like to thank the families who donated gifts and a big thank you to the Farmer family who donated a large amount of goods. We do hope all the Dad's enjoyed their gifts and their special day.

Term 4 we will have a disco, a theme is yet to be decided on. If you have any ideas please let us know. We will also be doing engraved pavers with family names to finish of the garden beds around the undercover area. More information will be sent out next term.

Our Shopping Tour was cancelled due to lack of numbers. Hopefully we can organize another one next year if we have enough interest. Thank you to the people who supported the event.

Uniform Shop News

Opening Hours:
TERM 3
Wednesday 7th September 3.00-3.30pm

TERM 4
Wednesday 5th October 3.00-3.30pm
Wednesday 19th October 3.00pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 2nd November 3.00-3.30pm
Wednesday 16th November 3.00-3.30pm
Wednesday 30th November 3.00-3.30pm
Wednesday 7th of December 3.00-3.30pm
As I am sure many parents are aware by now of the issue that we have been having in relation to the restocking of our school polo’s with our current supplier. As a result of this we are looking at changing the supplier, and are trying to make this process happen as smooth as possible. What this means for students and parents at the moment is that we are very low on stock (although we are awaiting an order since February 2016). I would ask for everyone to be understanding whilst we undertake this process, we are doing the best that we can to restock as soon as possible.

Year 6 Senior Shirt replacement, unfortunately at the moment there is no word on these at the moment, I can assure you all the supplier is being followed up at the moment on a daily basis.

If you would like to place an order please either drop your completed form to the office with receipt of payment, email myself on trishanddoug@live.com.au or alternatively to the uniform shop when open.

Kind Regards,
Trish Weatherhead

TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop will be closed for the last day of term September 16th, and will reopen the first week of Term 1.

Thank you to those of you that have helped out in the Tuckshop on a Friday, it is greatly appreciated and wouldn’t open without you.

If you would like to help out in the Tuckshop next term please don’t hesitate to contact me Bel on 0405 199 453. It really is an easy and enjoyable day.

The next P&C meeting will be on the 12th September at 7pm.
Boonah State School presents
UNDER 8's DAY!
Wednesday 14th September

9:30am - 12:00pm
ACTIVITIES ON THE SCHOOL OVAL
.Goop  . Crazy Critter Headbands
.Face Painting  . Paper Crowns
.Decorating Biscuits  . Caterpillar Pegs
.Making Rainbows  . Playdough
.Bubbles  and much more!

Canteen  Coffee Van  Sausage Sizzle

DISPLAYS BY
Animal Farm  Police  Western Pride FC  AFL
Brisbane Heat  Cricket Queensland  + more
PEAK CROSSING PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

ROCKFEST

**THE BEST FEST IN THE WEST**

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
SHOW STARTS 11:30AM-1:00PM
ALL PARENTS WELCOME