FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome to week four. All students have settled in beautifully to term one, and have demonstrated an excellent ability to be safe, respectful and responsible Peak Crossing State School students. This is also credit to two factors; the efficiency of our school staff in setting high expectations and structured routines; and of course, the wonderful support that parents and carers have provided for their children. Thank you 😊.

Day 8 Enrolment Collection
The official day eight collection of effective student enrolments took place on Thursday the 2nd of February. Our school currently has 239 students. Based on our indicative predictions we were very close to this number, and hence can confirm our staffing will remain the same.

Every Day Counts
I will be continuing to reinforce the Department of Education and Training’s ‘Every Day Counts’ message. The importance of children attending school every day is not only compulsory, but important in ensuring that they receive the daily knowledge, understanding and skills, in, about and through the curriculum. If you know that your child will be absent, could you please inform our school office staff or your child’s teacher. If your child is absent and we have not been told why, our Administration Officers will phone home to let you know that your child is absent. This is part of the new mandatory student protection same day notification process. Thank you to all the families who are so diligent at informing us of when their child is unable to attend school due to illness etc.

Thank you and Communication
Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our parent information session last Tuesday afternoon. Although, we didn’t have huge numbers, positive feedback from those who attended was received. Teachers also appreciated being able to share further information about their classroom teaching and learning environment. If you had other commitments and couldn’t attend, please don’t worry, there will be an opportunity to receive an invitation for a face to face interview towards the end of term one. In addition, I am sure by now you would have also received, our little, ‘What’s Learning at Peak Crossing State School’ classroom newsletter, from your child’s class teacher. We will endeavour to ensure that you receive one of these classroom newsletters each term to keep you well informed.

As part of our ongoing communication between home and school, besides our term Classroom Newsletters, our School Newsletter gets published each fortnight. Our Newsletter is always uploaded to our School Website, and I am sure you will agree, that it is a good paper saving strategy.
Our Newsletter can also be accessed via the QSchools app, which will also send you notifications, or alternatively we can organise to email you our school newsletter. To the contrary, I understand that Internet access can be very limited for some families, and therefore we have a few families who require a hardcopy. To ensure we are catering for all families, could you please fill in the attached newsletter preference form and return by 24/02/17; or alternatively, please email your response to our Administration Officers, Wendy or Lynette, on: admin@peakcrossss.eq.edu.au

Parent Teacher Interviews will also be held this term, on Tuesday the 14th of March. Our Parent/Teacher Interviews this year, will be held on one afternoon/evening. More information will come home soon; however please save the date!

School Annual Review and Future School Vision
As mentioned in our last newsletter, an invitation for families to participate in an activity to contribute their ideas in creating our new School Vision would be offered. Please find enclosed with this newsletter edition, your invitation. A hard copy, along with a template will also be going home with your child within the next 24hrs. We look forward to receiving your input and working with you to create our future school vision.

Family and Medical Information Reminder
If you have changed any family information, including your address, phone or email, could you please inform the Office so that we can make this change in our system. If you’re emergency contact person and/or details have changed, if we could also please also have this vital information.

If your child has any medical condition, or important information, including medication that needs to be administered, could you please also ensure that we have this important information. It is a Department of Education and Training requirement that all medication that is required to be administered to a child is stored at the office. It must be in the original packaging and contain the child’s name and dosage. A letter from your child’s doctor is also required for staff to be able to administer medication and this should correlate with the label on the medication. If your child has a medical condition, such as, but not limited to Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy, and Asthma etc.… it is a departmental requirement that we have a medical management plan with detailed information from the treating medical doctor or specialist that supports the management of your child/ren. This should be signed by the doctor and include an accompanying letter to inform of the medical condition that is needing to be monitored and treated.

From time to time information may change, and in order to ensure that we are providing the best care, we would appreciate you updating all of this important information, as is relevant to your child’s situation.

2017 Student Leader Badge Ceremony
On Monday the 20th of February, we will be conducting our Student Leader Badge ceremony. Mr Ian Rickuss, member for Lockyer will be presenting the badges to our 2017 school leaders. Well done to all students who applied, vying for a position; you did yourselves, families and our school proud.

Congratulations to:
School Captains: William Dobbin and Ashley Leatch
Sports House Captains Flinders: Emily Muller and Emma Windolf
Sports House Captains Goolman: Lilly Cobbin and Logan Hay
Yr 6 Student Council: Charlize Stephenson (President), Madeline Ryall (Publicity Officer), Isabella McLaurin (Treasurer), Blayde Blanch (Secretary)
Yr 5 Shadow Student Council: Amy Curtis (Publicity Officer), Grace Conroy (Treasurer), Sophie Russell (President), Zeke Blanch (Secretary)

Behaviour
As part of our Positive Behaviour Learning journey, we will be communicating a behaviour focus each fortnight. Of course all expected behaviours should be taught, rehearsed and reinforced to enable students to understand school wide expectations. It is always important to remind students of our school rules: ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, and ‘Be Responsible’. Our behaviour focus this fortnight is:

‘I am respectful when I take turns’
We have made excellent progression in reviewing our whole school responsible behaviour plan. When we have fully completed reviewing all areas, this document will be shared with the P & C and uploaded to our school website. If you ever have any suggestions or feedback regarding our whole school responsible behaviour plan, we would love to hear from you.

**Year 6 Camp**

During the second week of the school year, our Year 6 students attended Camp at Tallebudgera Beach School. The students excitedly boarded the bus on Monday morning with their teachers and spent the following five days engaged in activities that nurtured and tested their confidence, organisation, cooperation, resilience and persistence. It was fantastic to see all of our students embracing ‘The Hero’s Journey’. Together they discovered more about different types of heroes, and as individuals they determined which type of hero they were. Having ‘slayed their dragons’, our Champions, Warriors, Guardians and Masterminds returned to school on Friday afternoon warn out, but with many wonderful memories to cherish.

Special thanks to Miss Paull and Mr Harris for all their wonderful efforts supporting our students on camp. And to Miss Paull for capturing some great photos and a synopsis of the week.

The Mibunn group, with Mr Younger and Miss Paull, acting like their mascot, the Sea Eagle.

The Chungarra group exploring Jellurgal.
Swimming and Met West Swimming Championships

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 commenced swimming lessons at the Boonah State High School swimming pool last week. Each lesson was facilitated by three experienced instructors, with our teachers supporting out of the pool. All students did a wonderful job at ensuring they were Sun Smart during their lessons. It was fantastic to see our students becoming familiar with the pool, and practicing their strokes in preparation for our upcoming Swimming Carnival on Friday 17 March. Further information and a program of events will be communicated as soon as possible.

Special Congratulations to Rhyse Dowden in Year 4 for being selected to be part of the Fassifern District Swim Team. Rhyse will compete at Chandler on the 22nd of February in the ten year old freestyle event, with the potential to advance to the Metropolitan West Team. Our school community wishes Rhyse the very best of luck.

Assembly

Assembly is held each Monday, commencing Monday 6th of February a 9.15am. Please come along to here our key messages and 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.

Have a fantastic fortnight of learning,

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
Principal
(Acting Principal Peak Crossing State School)

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Classroom Awards


SUCCESS AWARDS

Connor T, Zac C, Claire K

Purga School Bus

Please be advised that the Purga School Bus meeting will be held in the office on Tuesday 21st February at 9.00am. Please feel free to attend if you have any concerns regarding bus travel.

Community Request
We have had a request from a member of our Community with regards to accessing transport for their child to the bus stop on Middle Road. If you are able to help in this regard please contact the office.

**Walkways**

We ask that all Staff, Students and Visitors to our School please use the concrete walkways provided and keep of the grassed areas.
Uniform Shop News

Term 1 Opening Hours

Wednesday 22nd February 3:00-3:30pm
Wednesday 8th March 3:00-3:30pm
Wednesday 22nd March 3:00-3:30pm

If you wish to place an order outside these hours please either fill in the order form and leave it at the school office, orders can be left at the office for collection upon proof of purchase. Please note cash is not accepted at the school office.

Alternatively you can email myself on: trishanddoug@live.com.au

I would like to thank all our new and old parents for their wonderful understanding of the shortage of stock on school polo’s due to awaiting the order from our new supplier. As soon as they arrive all back orders will be notified immediately.

Thank you. Trish

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open Fridays with pre-orders available both Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30am to 9am.

As Year 4-5 are attending swimming lessons tuckshop is only available for 2nd break for these grades. Year 6 swimmers orders for tuckshop for 1st break only (though you will be back half way through 2nd break so ice blocks can still be purchased during this time.)

We are always looking for volunteers so if you have spare time on a Friday please contact me (Bel) on 0405 199 453. Thanks

AGM meeting next Monday night 20th February at 7pm in the staffroom.
We would love to see you there.

Fundraising

Our first Fundraiser for the year will be our Easter raffle. Please keep your eye out for your raffle tickets and note coming home.
CREATING A FUTURE SCHOOL VISION AT PEAK CROSSING STATE SCHOOL

Special Invitation
As a valued member of our school community, your assistance is needed. You are invited to participate in the following activity called:

‘Picture the Peak Graduate’!

Background:
At the end of last year our school underwent a full School Annual Review. As a result, we received some recommendation strategies for improvement.

One of those strategies was:
Collaboratively develop, document and implement a clear strategic vision for the future improvement of the school.

Context:
From the very start of school in Prep, through to Graduating in Year Six, students come to school to learn! As adults we also never stop learning, and positive partnerships between home and school are paramount. Our job as educators is to work collaboratively to ensure that ‘every state school student is succeeding’. Each individual student is different and develops at a different rate, and each individual student across a course of time will develop a variety of knowledge, understanding and skills, that they require for their future.

Setting the Scene
Students will leave with their minds and hearts full of knowledge and skills they have learned. They will leave their footprint at Peak Crossing State School as they venture into the realms of our future society.
If we step forward in time and it is graduation in the future, how is that reflected in our school’s graduates. When they walk across the stage, what do we see? What have they accomplished? What is their demeanor? How do they behave and act? What have they learnt to do well, effortlessly and effectively? What will our future 21st century jobs entail? What skills will our students require? What values do want to see instilled?
Your Task:
(a) Communicate with your family about what values or skills you would like to see in your child/ren when they graduate from primary school.
(b) Check out the prompts and video links below for some inspiration
(c) Write some key words on the front of the child or foot cardboard template that you have been provided with.
(d) Use a little artistic flair and decorate your cardboard child or foot. If you don’t have time to decorate, you might like to get your child to do this. Alternatively, providing some key words will be very helpful.
(e) If you could please return your child or foot cutout to the office by the 24/02/17, that would be fantastic. If you wish to place your family name on the back that is optional.

Once we have received these back, we hope to display some of these. We will be looking for the most common words across the school community, so that we can pool these together, to use, to create our new Peak Crossing State School Vision Statement.

Here are some prompts and You Tube links to give you some ideas and inspiration.

Education and Training in a changing world. What skills do we need?
https://youtu.be/Ui_rzJ8OYNc

21st Century Skills
https://youtu.be/qwJlhZcAdOI

Imagine a future for all children (Unicef)
https://youtu.be/RWKtPRMXQMY

A letter to the future from Kid President
https://youtu.be/j393INECTGw

Consider the following prompts, to paint these pictures:
• If we have been successful, our graduates will . . .
• Despite their different abilities, interests, and styles, all our graduates . . .
• When stepping into the next phase of their lives after our school, our graduates are able to . . .
• What words and phrases best describe our graduates? Why?

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
Please fill in your details and preference and tick the appropriate box.

I ___________________________ parent/s of ________________________________

I would like to receive our Newsletter via: (please tick one box or email your preference to: admin@peakcrosss.eq.edu.au)

Note: The Admin email address is received by our two Administration Officers – Lynette Evans and Wendy List

1. The school website (can also be accessed via the QSchool’s app which can be downloaded to your phone)
2. I would like the school newsletter directly emailed to my email address
3. I would like to receive a hardcopy of the Newsletter as I have no, or limited Internet access.

Signed:_________________________________________ Date:__________________________
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“SIGN-ON Days”

Saturday 28th January 9-00am – 12-00noon.
Tuesday 31st January 3-30pm – 5-00pm.
Saturday 4th February 9-00am – 12-00noon.

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For Inquiries Contact: REBECCA MCKINNON – Registrar
registrar@boonahsoccerclub.org.au / 0421764057.
IPSWICH 12 YEARS & UNDER SCHOOL SPORT
BOYS AFL TRIALS 2017

DISTRICT AFL TRIALS

We invite all interested students turning 11 and 12 this year (from the Ipswich, Lockyer and Fassifern Districts), to trial for the Ipswich & District Boys AFL squad. Students selected in this squad will compete at the Met West Trials on Monday 20th March and Tuesday 21st March 2017 at Sherwood (Western Magpies – Venue TBC).

All Club players and AFL Interschool Sport players from 2016 are encouraged to attend, but we are also encouraging inexperienced players with above average athletic ability to try out. AFL provides students with a wonderful opportunity to develop skills, which complement their ability to compete in other sports. All students must bring the attached permission forms to participate. All permission forms are to be handed in to the coach, Matt Hay on the afternoon of the trials. If a student is unable to attend the first day of trials due to other Ipswich trial commitments, they are still able to attend the second round on the 2nd March 2017.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Venue       Limestone Park Oval A (Mark Marsh Oval)
Date        Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March 2017.
Time        3:30pm – 4:45 pm
What to Bring Football boots, any relevant protective equipment, mouthguard and Principal Permission Form, Medical Form and Parental Permission Form
Contact Person Matt Hay, Raceview State School. 3294 4111.

Students selected in the final squad will be required to attend training sessions at Limestone Park on the 8th and 15th of March.

Regards,

Matt Hay
Ipswich District AFL Coach
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