UPCOMING EVENTS

1st - 5th Feb  Year 6 Tallebudgera Beach Camp
15th Feb  P & C AGM
21st - 24th Mar  Parent/Teacher Interviews
23rd Feb  Yr 3 & Yr 3/4 Pullenvale excursion
24th Mar  Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
24th Mar  Last day of Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2016: Continues to be Bigger and Better than Ever

It is great to be back at Peak for the new school year and I hope that you have all had a tremendous break over the Christmas New Year period with family and friends.

I would like to welcome our existing and new families to our great school and I look forward to working with you for the improvement of our school community.

This year I have a specific improvement agenda for our school. Over the past four and half years we have successfully improved our students’ results in key areas of Literacy and Numeracy. We will continue to do this by supporting more students in Years 3 & 5 achieving Upper Two Bands (U2B) in Reading & Number and the majority of the whole school achieving greater than the National Mean in Reading & Numeracy.

I will also continue to work extensively with the teachers to improve their pedagogy of Reading and Maths and would love to share this knowledge with parents as well.

Our Key Priorities for Improvement in 2016 are:

- NAPLAN  Year 3 U2B Reading 47% and Number 30%
  Year 5 U2B Reading 45% and Number 35%
- PAT-Maths  All year levels to achieve 60%> of school Maths target
- Reading-Torch/PM  All year levels to achieve 60%> of school Maths target
- Improve in 3 out of 7 domains of the Curriculum Teaching & Learning Audit by implementing the recommendations as outlined under Our Plan in the school’s Quadrennial Strategic Plan.
- Improve our teachers’ pedagogy and explicit teaching of Reading & Maths

Current Enrolments

Our current enrolments for 2016 are 241. Our ten classes have between 20 and 29 students which is within class size targets.

There will be no further changes at this stage.

Staff

I wish to welcome Miss Diane Gall who is our Y3 teacher and Mrs Sara Clark and Mrs Leah Tunks who are our Y1 teachers (Clark Mon-Thu/Tunks Fri).

We also have Mrs Leanne Hay, Mrs Sam Russell and Ms Jennifer Harrison returning as Teacher Aides working expressly with students in classrooms to support improved learning.
**Year 6 Tallebudgera Beach Camp**

Only three more days until the Year 6 students depart for Tallebudgera Beach School on the Gold Coast. I wish to thank all the families who have paid and returned their child’s Medical Consent Forms. **Thursday 28 January will be the absolute last day** as Tallebudgera will not accept any late forms.

The bus will leave Peak Crossing at 9am and return on 5th before 3pm.

Below is a reminder of the items to pack for camp.

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**2016 Student Council Elections**

Students in Year 5 and 6 have a fantastic opportunity to serve within their school community and represent the students by nominating for positions in the Student Council. There are four positions that the Year 6 students can nominate. The same four shadow positions are available for the Year 5’s to learn and fill in when needed. The four positions are:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Publicity Officer

Students who wish to nominate for Student Council need to prepare a speech to present to their peers in 4/5, Year 5 and Year 6 on **Wednesday 17 February.** Their peers will then vote for those they want to represent them in the Student Council. I wish all Year 5 and 6 students the best of luck with their applications and look forward to your presentations in the coming weeks.

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**School Wide Positive Behaviour Program**

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program acknowledges and rewards students’ positive behaviour and contributions in our school. Students receive, ‘Success Awards’. They will bring home to you one half of the voucher to inform you of their success. The other half goes in the weekly draw which will be drawn on assembly each week. Furthermore, each Success Award will earn that student’s House 1 point which will go towards The House Cup, an annual Trophy won by the House which has accumulated the most points in a school year.

Each Classroom and building have a Behaviour Poster which reminds students of our School Rules, Expectations of Behaviour in specific areas of the school. This poster also outlines the, ‘High 5’ and ‘You Can Do It’ strategies for dealing with problem behaviours. This is uniform across the whole school so students can identify with this poster and the valuable information which is on it to make right choices and demonstrate positive behaviour.

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**Newsletters**

Every second Tuesday the school newsletter is available via our school’s website

https://peakcross.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/Newsletters/Pages/Newsletters.aspx

Save this address in your favorites for easy access on your computer. As well download the QSchool App from either iTunes or Goggle Play so that you can be notified each time the newsletter is released on your personal device. A printed hardcopy will be posted on the display board outside the office.

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**School Access**

The school community can only access the school through the 125th Anniversary Gates (Green ones). The staff carpark is only accessible by staff and families who have permission granted by the Principal. The Kindy carpark is for Kindy parents only. With the introduction of aluminum posts around the Kindy carpark and school carpark, the Kindy/school driveway is now a, ‘No Standing Zone’. Please do not enter this area to drop off students in C and I Block.
SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade:


COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Blackstone United Dragons

Come and sign up to play soccer with the Blackstone United Dragons in 2016! It’s a great way to exercise, have fun and make new friends. Blackstone United Dragon’s have teams for those aged 5 and upwards. All games are played on Saturday. Details can be found on our website http://blackstonesc.org/club/

Sign on day: Saturday 13 February between 8am and 11:00am

Address: Blackstone Soccer Field, 6 Thomas Street, Blackstone.
Fun, Fitness and Friendships

2016 Sign On

It’s that time of year again, soccer sign on. Boonah Soccer Club welcomes you.

You can register online at www.boonahsoccerclub.org.au
Or in person on the dates listed below.

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New members will require birth certificate at sign on.

For more details visit www.boonahsoccerclub.org.au

All players will be required to have new photos this year.

We hope to see everybody there.