Term One is continuing to keep us all on our toes. Please keep your term planners close by as we have many events on the horizon!

Our student leaders attended their annual Leadership Day at the Leisureplex last Friday. They certainly enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on their responsibilities at Peg’s Creek and also to network with leaders from other schools. Please see their report in the newsletter.

We will also be acknowledging Bullying No Way Day on Friday. To help recognise this day the school will be dressing in GREEN as part of our Getting Along key and having lunch at Catrall Park.

HARMONY DAY 2017
Tuesday 21 March is Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

We will be encouraging all our students and staff to wear ORANGE for Harmony Day. Students can also wear a yellow or red T-shirt. All classes will also be participating in a whole school activity which will be displayed in the Library. Thanks to Mrs Halliwell for organising this event in our school.

PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT
Last Friday, Ms Campbell and I were lucky enough to attend a workshop bought to the Karratha Network by ACEL. Dr Robert Biswas-Diener presented ‘Strength Base Schools’ for local school leaders. All learners have unique strengths. These natural talents and skills act as filters that direct learning, influence motivation and impact decisions. Ms Campbell and I are looking forward to building our new learning into current practices we already have at Pegs Creek such as our behavior focuses, staff Performance Development and student Leadership.

NAPLAN 2017
We will be holding a NAPLAN Parent Information session on Thursday 30 March at 9.15 – 9.45.

All parents are very welcome to this event. Ms Campbell and I will cover what you and your child can expect, we look at what is involved and discuss how we can support your child at Pegs Creek.

What a great assembly from TA16! They shared their version of Mrs Hobart’s New Clothes. I am still enjoying the chorus of, "Lookin good Mrs H" as I move around the school!

Shiona Hobart
Principal
LEADERSHIP DAY
The Prefects and Faction Captains attended a Leadership Conference along with leaders from other Karratha schools on Friday.
On Friday, 10 of March student leaders from every school in and around Karratha came together for Leadership Day. Chloe, Kendall, Emily and Lauryn wrote the following recount of their experience.
We were put in different groups, with different leaders from different schools. Most of us were separated from the people in our school.

In our groups we had to do different activities that involved working as a team.
The high school leaders taught us about G.R.I.P which stood for generosity, responsibility, integrity, and people. We also learnt that a boss says “go” and a leader says “let’s go”. Most the games were about leadership, but after lunch the games were more about cooperation and encouragement. We all really enjoyed the day and learnt lots of things to bring back into the school about leadership.
Thank you to Ms Tia Rauch who accompanied our school leaders to the Leisureplex.

INTERVENTION AT PEG’S CREEK
We are currently running various intervention programs across our school.
We have a Literacy Focus spanning all Years from 1 – 6 and Maths Intervention in Years 3, 5 and 6 looking at basic facts.
Students work in small groups and are supported to become more involved and independent in their learning. We look forward to seeing lots of individual progress made.

LEADERSHIP

Have Sum Fun Online
TA10 competed in a maths competition in week 5 & 6 which was an hour of fun and challenging questions.

Tate: I thought it was an amazing experience to work and cooperate with a group. I think that Peg’s Creek should continue to participate in this competition for years to come.

Ruby: It was really fun working in a group of 4, and I thought the questions were very challenging but fun at the same time.

By the year 6’s (Tate, Ruby and Jasmine)
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

BULLYING NO WAY DAY – 17 MARCH

We recognise and value the importance of addressing bullying and violence in our school and local community. At Peg’s Creek Primary School we encourage everyone to wear green to symbolise our ‘getting along’ skills as well as class activities from the Bullying No Way website.

There are many things that can be done to support any child who experiences bullying behaviour. Some things that have been found not to work are: zero tolerance and ‘get tough’ suspensions and exclusions, rigid control of student behaviour, belief that students must receive punitive and negative consequences in all cases and punishment without support.

At Peg’s Creek Primary School we have developed a clear whole-school process to support children who are experiencing bullying behaviour. As part of conversations with children we encourage a range of strategies to help them. These include: ignore the person, tell them to stop then walk away, pretend you don’t care and act confident, find a safe place, get support from your friends, talk to an adult who can help, leave the online conversation/chat, protect yourself by using your privacy settings or report to an adult.

Further ideas/advice is available from the following link:
https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/RespondingToBullying/Parents

We need to have a clear message that bullying and violence is never okay and that teachers, parents and children have a role in reducing the effect of bullying and violence.

Bike Week

Bike Week kicks off from 17 March aiming to promote road safety messages to students who ride their bikes regularly to school. Remember to always lock up your bikes and scooters while at school.

Here are some safety tips to remember:
Safety Tip 1: Always wear a helmet
Safety Tip 2: Make sure your bike is the right size for you and is in a good condition
Safety Tip 3: Dress for safety
Safety Tip 4: Ride only where it’s safe
Safety Tip 5: Know the rules of the road and always follow them
Safety Tip 6: Learn and use proper hand signals

Play Pod

We are once again asking for suitable “scrap” to be bought into the school to fill our Play Pod. We are interested in clean and safe materials that can be used in a creative or play context. Examples of suitable “scrap” include containers, boxes, buckets, crates, barrels, drums, tubes, plastic piping (all sizes & lengths), wheels & tyres (all sizes), dress-up clothes, material (think tent size), rope, netting, wooden offcuts, anything with wheels (chairs, trolleys, etc). The more strange, exotic and unusual the “scrap” the better, so start collecting!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqi1KyJJeKg

Please contact the office if you have any equipment. We have a storage area behind Mrs Gethin’s classroom.

FUN IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EASTER RAFFLE
A reminder to keep bringing in Easter raffle donations and selling grid squares until Friday 24 March. The major prize draw will be held at assembly on Thursday 30 March with class prize draws happening that afternoon. Thank you for your contribution to the fundraising for Year 6 events this year.

INDIGENOUS MORNING TEA
Our Aboriginal morning tea went off with a bang this week. We are getting more parents and Nana’s coming to have a cuppa and a yarn with us. Once again thanks to those parents and Nanas that came to our recent morning tea. We would really appreciate it if you could come along to our next morning tea which will be held in Cattrall Park near the playground on the 30 of March at 9.30 am after assembly. This is our last morning tea for the term so we would love to see as many people there as possible. Thanks to Ms Tia Rauch and Ms Connie Robinson for their great organisation of these important events.

EARLY ARRIVALS
Due to supervision issues children should not come to school before 8.00am. If children do arrive at school prior to 8.00am, they are to sit on the benches outside the office. Children will be supervised by staff from 8.00am in the Under Cover area until the siren sounds. Students may sit quietly outside their classroom with their parents.

WELCOME TO PEG’S
Welcome Andrew Thomson TA9, Amanda Oakley TA10, and Katherine Dimitrov TA3.