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EDITION 1 – 14 February 2019

PRINCIPALS REPORT – SHIONA HOBART

Welcome back to school! I trust you had a restful and enjoyable time with your families over the holiday period.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to Peg's Creek Primary. A special welcome to all our Kindergarten students. Students appear to have settled easily into their new classes and routines last week.

Please take the time to become a part of our school community and share in the many opportunities our parents have to be partners in education.

NEW STAFF

Cameron Pether will be teaching our Year 4/5 class. He returns to the Pilbara after a short stint at Karratha Senior High School in Term 4.

We also welcome Mrs Casey Hemmings who will work in our ECE area as well as providing Health Education and internal school support across all classrooms.

Welcome back Mrs Newton Cearns! We look forward to having you back on our team!



COMMUNICATION

I urge all parents to establish good communication with your child's teachers and continue to work in close partnership with the school throughout the year. I will always be available to discuss any concerns or celebrations you may have, please contact the office to make an appointment. All Classes will be holding a Parent information session within weeks 2-4.

Shiona Hobart
Principal

Upcoming EVENTS

Thursday 21 February

Assembly – Prefects

Wednesday 27 February

Masters of Behaviour Reward

Monday 11 March

Swimming Lessons Commence

Tuesday 26 February

Board Meeting 7pm

Monday 4 March

Labor Day Public Holiday

THANK YOU!

A huge Thank you to the **Karratha Bikers Association** who very generously donated \$1500.00 towards person item packs for families in our school.



Darren Goff from Fresco has also committed to donating a fruit box to our school fortnightly. These generous donations certainly show how strong our community spirit is and we are extremely grateful to all involved for the support you give our school community.



TERM DATES 2019

Term One

Friday 12 April – Last day Term 1

Term Two

Tuesday 30 April - Students return to school

Friday 5 July – Last day Term 2

Term Three

Tuesday 23 July - Students return to school

Friday 27 September – Last day of Term 3

Term Four

Monday 14 October - Students return to school

Friday 18 October - School Development Day

Thursday 19 December - Students last day of school

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

2019 Class Structure

ECE1	Kindy	Miss Hannah Brady
TA5	Pre Primary/Tear One	Mrs Ebony Greenham
TA2	Year 1	Mrs Catherine Dimitrov
TA4	Year 2	Mrs Suzann White
TA 16	Year 3	Ms Sonny Konig and Ms Katie Cottrell
TA 10	Year 4/5	Mr Cameron Pether
TA 11	Year 4/5	Mr Wayne Ritzema



Specialist Staff

Mrs Hayley Newton-Cearns	PE
Mrs Casey Hemmings	Health
Mrs Danielle Watson	The Arts
Ms Sonny Konig	Digital Technologies
Mrs Lynda Ryder	Languages

Additional Staffing Roles

Mrs Nichole Smith	SAER and Intervention
Mrs Tanya Aird	Attendance Officer
Ms Katie Cottrell	English Development Coach
Mr Paul Saunders	ICT integrator



STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

As part of our continual school improvement plan, the majority of our staff attended Professional Learning last Saturday on Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI). EDI helps all students and improves education at the lesson level by combining a collection of research based instructional practices. Some staff will also attend in class demonstrations and coaching opportunities throughout the week to further support their learning.

SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

CONNECT COMMUNITY

Our school is using Connect as an online communication between home and school. To access Connect you can use the free **Connect Now app** which will send notification or via this link: connect.det.wa.edu.au. You will also need a **P number and password**. If you cannot remember your login details please contact Lisa Campbell via email at lisa.campbell@education.wa.edu.au.

Our school will use Connect to keep you updated with important information on a regular basis. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities are some examples of how Connect will keep contact between home and school. If you have any questions about Connect please talk with your child's teacher or Lisa Campbell.

SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Last Tuesday, as part of Safer Internet Day, students and teachers discussed the school's Student ICT agreement. All students have been asked to take the document home, discuss it with their parents, sign and return it to their teacher. Thank you to those who have done so very promptly.

This year's theme—'**Together for a better internet**' encourages individuals to create a better internet by developing four critical skills. We call these skills the 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning and Resilience.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner provides resources for all Australians in regards to having safer, positive experiences online. We encourage you to visit the site to help your child/ren have a safer online experiences. There are many resources for varying ages and abilities as well as games that you can play with your child to begin relevant discussions.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>



HEALTH CARE

With the new school year there may be some changes to your child's health care needs. This includes updates related to known conditions, eg. asthma, anaphylaxis or providing information about new medical conditions. It is vital that the school is informed about these so that we can provide adequate care in the case of an incident at school.

Your contact details are also essential in the case of a medical emergency or when an accident occurs at school. This includes the emergency contacts list as well so we ask that you provide this information if there are any changes.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year we endeavour to collect the \$60 Voluntary Contributions from our families. We felt we would try to explain how important these funds are to our school. What does \$60 get for my child? This equates to \$1.46 per week or 30c per day! • Each week Kindy and PP make Playdough which costs \$3 per week. \$60 makes enough playdough for 20 weeks. • 2 Litres of paint costs \$14.90. \$60 buys 4 colours. • A sphero robot costs \$200. This is more than 3 sets of Voluntary Contributions. • A Bee Bot robot costs \$100 Please spread the word, the more we can encourage parents to pay the Voluntary Contributions- the more we can do in our school.

Voluntary Contributions were set by the School Board and are now due. Thank you to the families who have already paid. Payments can be made at the office. While contributions are voluntary the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including State and Commonwealth Governments. Eftpos, cash or cheque payments are accepted at the school office.

LEADERSHIP

PREFECT/FACTION LEADERS ASSEMBLY

Our new School Leaders will be presented with their badges of office at our first assembly on Thursday 21 February. They have already started their roles very effectively. We look forward to a great year ahead!

PARTNERSHIPS

P&C 2019

A huge thank you to the P&C volunteers who came in during the holidays to help organise families with new uniforms before the start of school. We did have some dramas with transport and deliveries- but all ended positively. The annual AGM was held last night.

It was wonderful to see another incredible turn out of support with new members. I look forward to another busy and positive year working closely with our amazing P&C. Stay tuned for what they have install to support our lucky school again throughout this year.

Congratulations to Adam Nielsen - President, Sandra Nielsen – Treasurer, Miranda Ihanimo – Secretary and the Vice President role remains vacant at this time. If you are interested in this role, please come to the next meeting on Tuesday 13 March at 7pm, or contact the P&C directly via their Facebook page.

SCHOOL BOARD

Our School Board meets for the first time on February 26 at 7pm. The Board meets twice this term and parents are always welcome to attend any meetings. Minutes of meetings can be found on our school website. If you would like to represent the parent community on our Board please contact the front office for more information.

PILBARA PARTNERSHIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

This year, as part of the project, we will maintain our support from our Engagement coach Jacquie Webster. We will also continue to access high quality Professional Learning for our staff in Talk for Writing and Letters and Sounds.

THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smith Family continue to support some of our families with scholarships. They will also be running an afterschool Learning For Life club with a focus on Reading- stay tuned for more info.

EXPLORING TOGETHER PROGRAM

We will be working alongside Yaandina and some of the Year 4/5 girls and their parents using the Exploring Together program. This is a program that provides some tools and ideas to support parents and children when challenged by difficult situations which is often associated with communication. The program will take place over 8 weeks of this term.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR RURAL HEALTH (WACRH)

WACRH are supporting Occupational Therapy students who are in their final year of studies to have some school practical placements. Peg's Creek is lucky enough to host two students for the duration of Term One this year.

We welcome Kaylah Dobbie and Brittany Ryan to be part of our school team in our Kindergarten classes.

SCHOOL SURVEY

As part of our ongoing school self-assessment and school improvement plan, Peg's Creek Primary School is surveying parents, staff, and students using "The Tell Them From Me" survey. (TTFM)

The survey is a complete evaluation system for measuring student engagement, wellbeing and classroom climate and other factors known to affect learning outcomes.

Students in Years 4-6, Staff and Parents are asked to participate in this important survey.

The results will then guide decision making for school planning and ultimately increase student achievement.

To protect parent anonymity, please use the following secure link :

<http://tellthemfromme.com/d8kpr>

This survey is now open and closes on the Friday 8th March. We encourage all parents to complete the survey as your voice is equally as important as students and staff. We are seeking a high response rate allowing us to gain a close gauge as to how families feel. I urge you to take some time to complete the survey.

Please contact the office if you have any further questions.

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