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## PRINCIPALS REPORT

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!

**Shiona Hobart**  
Principal

## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING & LEARNING

### CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Beginning this week the Year 4 – 6 students will be participating in Curriculum Enrichment on a Friday afternoon. The options that are available are varied and intended to provide a learning experience outside of the normal classroom program. For this term students have selected one of the following: Awesome Origami, Kwik Cricket, What's the news? or (Maths) Game On. Curriculum Enrichment gives an opportunity for some challenge and creativity within a different environment. It is something that many students enjoy being a part of.

### THE GRAHAM POLLY FARMER STEM PROGRAM

Last week a group of students from Peg's and Mr Ritzema attended The STEM Centre initiative, organised by the Graham Polly Farmer Foundation at Tambrey School Science lab. The groups aim is to improve learning outcomes of ATSI students who demonstrate interest and aptitude in Maths, Science, Technology and Engineering.

The skills developed during the program encourage students to remain engaged and enthusiastic about science and maths subjects throughout their school journey, which in turn helps broaden their horizons in a world of work where employers are increasingly looking for STEM skills.

Mr Ritzema  
Peg's Science Curriculum leader and STEM Club Tutor



## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING & LEARNING

### SCHOOL RESTRUCTURE

Due to an influx of new enrolments across all year levels, we now need to restructure the school. The whole school census has given us a clear picture of numbers and funding, we have been able to recruit a new teacher and look forward to welcoming them to our school to start in week 8. We are developing a new year 2/3 class and student movement will only occur from year 1 to 3. Parents will be informed of the changes during this week. It was felt that a move would not support student needs while swimming lessons are on.

### 2019 NEW CLASS STRUCTURE

ECE1	Kindy	Miss Hannah Brady
TA5	Pre Primary	Miss Ebony Keygan
TA2	Year 1	Mrs Catherine Dimitrov
TA4	Year 1/2	Mrs Sue White
TA 9	Year 2/3	Mrs Deanne McGillan
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
TA 14	Year 6	Miss Bianca Munns

### NEW STAFF

I would like to welcome Mrs Deanne McGillan to the teaching team at Pegs Creek. Deanne lives in Dampier and has been relief teaching since last year at local schools. Deanne is also a registered nurse- so we welcome her knowledge and experience to our school. I know you will make Deanne feel welcome in our school.

**Our first ever  
all girl Class Reps**



## Upcoming EVENTS

**Friday 15 March**  
Bullying No Way Day

**Wednesday 27 March**  
Masters of Behaviour Reward

**Thursday 21 March**  
Last Day of Swimming

### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BALLET COMPANY VISIT

Over the past few years professional teaching artists from the Western Australian Ballet Company have visited our school to deliver a program of workshops to build on skills and strengths of ballet.

This year we were delighted that our year six students were chosen to participate in an extended residency week long program. TA 14 spent their afternoon sessions working with the team of talented teaching artists which exposed them to ballet techniques, strength techniques and working together as a team to create a short performance to be presented to the whole school.

The students have shown great enthusiasm in participating.

“I have liked learning all the positions and learning the dance. All of the teachers are really nice and always help you when you need and I would definitely do it again”

#### **Rhaeja Pratt**

“Learning ballet has been a really fun experience for the year 6’s and we are looking forward to showing off our new skills for one special class”

#### **Hugo Keep**

Thanks to sponsors and government grants these wonderful programs are being offered free of charge to schools and participants.



### PUBLIC SCHOOL REVIEW

Our school review is scheduled for Week 4 Term 2- May 22. This review will take all day. We will require representation from our Board and parent community to speak to the reviewers. The review will be an opportunity to reflect on how our school is progressing in the dimensions of:

- Relationships and Partnerships
- Learning Environment
- Leadership
- Use of Resources
- Teaching Quality
- Student Achievement and Progress

Our school self-assessment will be based on the past 3 years, our Business Plan and recommendations from our previous review.

### ANZAC SERVICE

Our school will be holding a special ANZAC Service on Friday 12 April commencing at 8.30am. Class Representatives will be laying wreaths and our Prefects will be leading the service. A representative from the Pilbara Regiment will also be joining us. Please come along and join us for this special service.

The Prefects will also be representing our school at the City of Karratha ANZAC service on April 25. The service begins at 6.00am. All students and their families are welcome to be part of this very special service.

### MASTERS OF BEHAVIOUR

On Wednesday 6th March we held our first Behaviour Masters Reward! Children were invited to attend school in free dress and watch a lunchtime movie with popcorn and an ice cream. Congratulations to the students who have already achieved Mastery in one of the Behaviour Expectations. Another reward is scheduled for week 9 so keep working hard!



## SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

### INTERM SWIMMING

Swimming lesson commenced on Monday. It has been great to see every one remembering their swimming gear and enjoying a cool dip at the pools during this hot weather.

Just a reminder that we only have four days of swimming next week, as Thursday will be the last day. I thank Ms Campbell for her careful and complex organisation of the swimming timetable to enable this to run so smoothly.

### ATTENDANCE

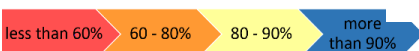
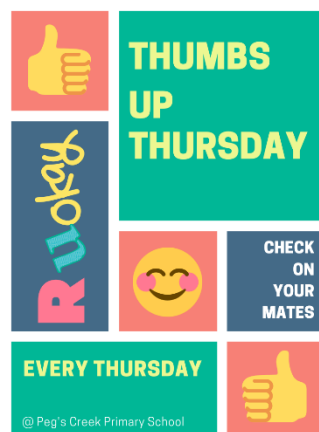
We are celebrating our attendance rate of over 67% of our children attending regularly for the first five weeks of 2019.

When comparing different year groups we can see that effort is required to achieve 90% or better for most of the groups. Please reconsider the extra day for holidays or taking your child to special events in Perth. This disruption to your child's learning is often more than the absence itself.

Our school has introduced a lucky dip with \$20 vouchers that will be given twice per term and drawn from a pool of students with above 90% attendance. We will continue to acknowledge children with 90% or more attendance through the noticeboard in the Undercover Area along with certificates at the end of term.

Thank you to families who communicate absences via SMS on 0417930832, phone – 9144 4141 or our school email – [pegs creek.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:pegs creek.ps@education.wa.edu.au). We look forward to strengthening this partnership this year.

Year level	Attendance Rate %
KIN	85.3%
PPR	92.1%
Y01	89.1%
Y02	81.8%
Y03	88.9%
Y04	87.9%
Y05	84.8%
Y06	79.4%



### THUMBS UP THURSDAYS

In an attempt to raise the emphasis on developing a positive school culture and continue our focus on social and emotional health with a strong alignment to our keys: Getting along and Respect. We will be encouraging Staff, Students and our School Community to greet each other with a "Thumbs Up Thursday". This is a time to check in on each other, is everything OK, do you need any support?



### Talking about bullying

We know one in four students report being bullied in person, and one in five online. Whether it happens in person or online, bullying can have a devastating and lifelong impact. Not only for those who are bullied, but for those who bully others and who witness bullying.

Knowing what to do if a child talks to you about bullying can be difficult. Find helpful tips, advice and strategies about preventing and responding to bullying at [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

Whether you're a teacher, parent or student, everyone has a role to play.

#### Tips for students

**If it happens in person, try these:**

- Ignore them. Try not to show any reaction.
- Tell them to stop and walk away.
- Pretend you don't care.
- Go somewhere safe.
- Get support from your friends.

**If it happens online, try these:**

- Avoid responding to the bullying.
- Report and block anyone who is bullying online.
- Protect yourself online using privacy settings and keep records.

**If you see someone being bullied:**

- Leave negative conversations. Don't join in.
- Support others being bullied.

**If it doesn't stop:**

- Talk to an adult (parent/carer/teacher) who can help stop the bullying.
- Keep asking for support until the bullying stops.

#### Tips for parents

**If your child talks to you about bullying:**

- Listen calmly and get the whole story.
- Reassure your child that they are not to blame.
- Ask your child what they want you to do about it and how you can help.
- Visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find strategies.
- Check in regularly with your child.

**Remember:**

- Listen
- Respect
- Acknowledge

**BULLYING NO WAY!**  
[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

### BULLYING NO WAY

Bullying No Way Day will once again be recognised at our school on Friday 15 March. This promotes the importance of feeling safe at school and being able to take action where there your child feels listened to, respected and acknowledged. At different times it is important that everyone accepts responsibility to take action when we see or know about bullying behaviour.

Bullying behaviour is more complex than not being 'friends' today or saying 'no' when asked to share pencils or when being pushed by another student in an isolated incident.

We have planned for all children to write a 'postcard' message that shows their commitment to take action everyday to a positive and safe school.

## PARTNERSHIPS

### SCHOOL BOARD

Our School Board met for the first time in week 4. Our next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday 26 March. Parents are always welcome to attend meetings.

I would like to welcome our new members this year and thank some of our inaugural members for their ongoing support of our school. The Department of Education is committed to ensuring school boards in all public schools are meaningfully engaged in planning, budgeting, monitoring school performance and reporting. Minutes of our meetings can be found on our school website.

#### CHAIR

Brad Goes

#### COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Darren Goff, Kylie Sander, Caitlin Breheny

#### PARENT MEMBERS

Clint Rothe, Adam Nielsen, Angela McDonald,  
Baden Alley

#### SCHOOL MEMBERS

Shiona Hobart, Katie Cottrell, Catherine Dimitrov

### THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smith Family continue to support our school and started our Learning Club which will have a focus on Literacy on Tuesday after school. The club will have a variety of different activities and exercises to help our students strengthen their reading and writing skills. The club is run by volunteers who are trained by the Smith Family. Students in year Two and Three have been given the opportunity to attend each week.

### 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.



**2019  
Burrup  
Bouncers**

### YEAR 6 EASTER RAFFLE CAMP FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much to everyone that has returned their raffle tickets and/or has made a donation of something Easter-related.

Your child will have received a raffle grid and envelope from their classroom teacher. Each grid is worth \$2 and your child is encouraged to sell each grid to family members or family friends. Please ensure your child is not approaching strangers to sell their grids.

When your child returns their sold grids and the correct money to the office, they will receive a raffle ticket to go into their classroom prize draw. They will also receive a ticket for each Easter-related donation they make.

We will be collecting items from each class every day up until the 29 of March so you still have plenty of time to get your donations and raffle grids in!

The raffle draw will be held at the last assembly of term on the 4th of April.

Thank you in advance for your donations and help!  
**Miss Munns**

### NAPLAN PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

We will be holding a NAPLAN Parent Information session will be held on

Tuesday 9th April at 2.30-3.00 in the school Library.

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 Pega Creek.

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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.