From the Principal

Week 4 Term 1 2017 and already our Day 8 figures have increased as we continue to welcome new families to the College. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff to PSPC: Prep - Mrs Shevaun Rosenlund, Mrs Sue Peiroz; Year 1 - Mrs Emma Kelly; Mrs Sue White; Mrs Amanda Attwal; Year 3 - Ms Ashlee Cowell; Ms Stephanie Brooking; Year 4 - Mr Jared Savage; Miss Lauren King; Year 5 - Mrs Jessica Dawson; Year 6 - Mrs Sandy Daniels; Mrs Jacqui McAuley, and Mrs Sarah Reed.

It is important that we work together to continue to build the strong sense of community that we have established as the school has grown. I encourage you to establish a working relationship with your child’s class teacher. Communication channels of email and face to face meetings upon request are available to connect and foster strong relationships. Class newsletters are emailed home fortnightly and will provide valuable information about class procedures and curriculum content. In addition to these we are looking to implement a Parent Representative for each class in 2017. If you are able to assist with this role please see your child’s teacher. The first meeting of reps will be held before the end of term 1.

Our staff will participate in weekly Professional Learning Community meetings aimed at maximising outcomes for all students. Teachers will discuss the learning/teaching intent, monitor the achievement of students individually and as a cohort, and provide interventions both to support and enrich learning.

Our Explicit Improvement Agenda
This month sees the finalisation of our School Annual Improvement Plan, and Investing for Success agreement. These documents are done in consultation with our staff and our school council.

Priority areas for PSPC include:
• Reading and
• Attendance – School Target 98%

We are particularly focusing on improvement in the areas of:
• Reading Comprehension
• Writing and Vocab
• Increased % in Attendance for all students (Every Day Counts)

Our school leaders attended the Student Leadership Summit at Runaway Bay sports centre this. They built on their understanding of what leadership looks like and developed a concept to bring back to school that they can run. They did a great job. Well done Leaders!

Donna Gosling
Principal

In the coming weeks....
We have a number of events and activities to look forward to:

• **Thursday 23rd February**
  Leadership ceremony - Class and School leaders badging ceremony

• **Wednesday 8th March**
P&C AGM 5pm  P&C meeting 5:30pm
We are working to maximise the attendance of all students. Research has been done on the impact that non-attendance has on the not only the immediate success and development of our students, but also on the long term effects of learning, employment and career choices. I encourage you as parents and caregivers to ensure that your child is attending school each and every day. Should your child be absent, you must ensure that you contact the school via a phone call or email or a note to the teacher to let us know about the reason for the absence (illness etc). We do not expect children to come to school if they are unwell. If no notification is made from parents/caregivers, and SMS will be sent each day and the absence recorded as unknown. After 3 consecutive days, you will receive a call from the classroom teacher and be required to provide evidence to support the absence. This could be in the form of a doctor’s certificate or other paperwork. If attendance is inconsistent and the absences are forming a pattern, I will still make contact with you to meet and discuss this as every absence has an impact on the learning of your child.

It is amazing how a little can become quite a lot....

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Our current attendance rates (School targets 98%) are:

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Our Leadership ceremony will be held next Thursday, 23rd of February 10am in the hall. At the ceremony we will present our 2017 School leaders, Sports leaders, Class leaders, playground leaders and our Adopt-A-Cop. Parents of our leaders will be receiving an invitation to attend this week. Class leaders will be notified of their successful nominations this Friday.

Have a great week!

Stuart MacKenzie
Deputy Principal
**From the Canteen**

This year the Canteen has been overwhelmed with lunch orders and is only getting larger every week. I hope your children are enjoying their healthy delicious food. Therefore as the Canteen Conveyor I would like your opinion on opening the Canteen on another day. Your feedback regarding this would help me provide your children the opportunity to have their Canteen open more often.

Feedback such as which day would you prefer it open? Would you have the current menu on both days or would it be better to have more options having different meal deals and food options on different days? I would appreciate if any families could email me their thoughts.

It takes time to prepare and bag the lunch orders and this could not happen without our Volunteers. On behalf of Pimpama State Primary College we appreciate your time volunteered in the Canteen. If you would like to meet new people and help in the Canteen please feel free to come and see me or email me.

Angela Kovarik  
PSPC Canteen Conveyor  
akova38@eq.edu.au

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**From the P & C**

We would like to invite you all to join us the P&C this year. The next meeting will be an **Annual General Meeting at 5:00pm on Wednesday March 8th**. The meeting will be held in the school hall. At this time all executives will step down and voting will commence to elect the executive party for 2017. A general meeting will follow at its conclusion. For further information on P&C's and the executive roles and responsibilities please go to [http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/](http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/)

For those wishing to introduce themselves prior to becoming a part of the P&C or nominating for an executive role please email dgosl1@eq.edu.au and pand@pimpamaspc.eq.edu.au. Please submit by Friday 3rd March 2017 so these can be distributed prior to the AGM. We look forward to welcoming our new members and continuing to work in conjunction with the school to provide resources and opportunities for our children.

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**From the Business Services Manager**

**Student Resource Scheme 2017**

Earlier this week you would have received an invoice for $125.00 for payment if you agreed to participate in the Student Resource Scheme for 2017. Thank you to all that have paid their fees or arranged a payment plan. Please remember the purpose of this Scheme is to provide parents with a cost effective and convenient alternative to purchasing resources from elsewhere throughout the year as we have the advantage of reduced prices from our bulk buying ability.

Participation in the Scheme is voluntary, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate. However, all parents must complete the participant or non-participant section of the mandatory Education Queensland form and return to the Office.

Goods or Services provided by the Scheme include:

- Software and Web Based Licences
- Student Material used for classroom learning experiences and consumables, cooking materials, reproduced learning resources to support personalised learning

There are a range of payment methods and options available. Any student who is not a participant in our Student Resource Scheme for 2017 will have their web based program log-in cancelled as from Friday 17 February 2017. Please contact Sharon Laverty, BSM should you have any questions.

Sharon Laverty  
Business Service Manager
Hello PSPC Families,

Here at PSPC we consider student well-being to be a high priority. That means we put great emphasis on ensuring our students are feeling safe, supported and have a sense of belonging here at the school and in the local community. In term 1 and 2 we have linked with Tracey from Wesley Mission to work with a number of selected students to promote student well-being. Term 1 is already underway and the students all appear to be enjoying their programs. The three programs being offered are Rock and Water, Friends for Life and Drumbeat. Here is a little more information about each program;

**DRUMBEAT**
Drumbeat is a music program focusing on exploring health, supportive relationships, emphasising teamwork and cooperation.

**Friends for Life**
The FRIENDS program is designed to build resilience, self-esteem and confidence, and to increase children’s ability to cope effectively with stress, daily challenges, and difficult life events. This program also encourages students to build lasting friendships with their peers.

**Rock and Water**
The Rock and Water Program offers educators a new way to interact with students through physical/social teaching. Physical exercises are constantly linked with mental and social skills. The program leads from simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises to a strong notion of self-confidence. The program offers a framework of exercises and ideas about students to assist students to become aware of purpose and motivation in their life.

The programs are run during school hours and negotiated with the appropriate year levels to have minimal disruption to learning. Students cannot attend any of these programs without a signed parent permission letter. Permission letters have been sent out for those selected students participating in Term 1’s programs and permission forms for Term 2 will be sent home in week 7. If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in the above programs please feel free to contact me at the school. If your child is in grade 5 or 6 and you would like your child to participate in one of the above programs during Term 2 please speak to your classroom teacher.

We are very excited to announce that PSPC have also link with Ormeau Community Church and will soon be utilising the services of a school Chaplain. The chaplaincy services at surrounding local schools have been very well received and are providing a valuable service to students, parents and staff. Student involvement in any activities offered as part of a school’s chaplaincy service is voluntary and with parent permission for on-going one-on-one or small group support. Chaplaincy services are inclusive of and show respect for all religious and non-religious beliefs and other stances represented in the school community. All activities and events provided are non-discriminatory and equally available to students of all beliefs. The Department of Education and Training website has generalised information regarding Chaplaincy services in school settings otherwise more details concerning how the chaplaincy services will look at PSPC will be supplied over the coming weeks.

Soraya Moon
Guidance Officer
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Pimpama State Primary college is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

(Please go on to the website commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to view pictures of these great rewards.)

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Thursdays. Each week you need to Bring your Dollarmites deposit wallet & money depositing to your Class & one of our Banking Co-ordinators will collect.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking, or you can come & see me Janice in the Library on Thursdays mornings.

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Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Sylvia Constantin your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 5644 9182 / 0431 076 011
or sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Gold Coast North by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
COME PLAY HOCKEY

We’re taking registrations NOW for the 2017 Winter season

Junior Ages: Hookin2Hockey (5 - 8), Under 9, 11, 13, 15, 17
Roosters Hockey Club welcomes all new players whether you have played before or not.

“Come and Try”
Evening
Friday 17th February
5pm – 6pm
Runaway Bay Super Sports Centre

For more information
Send us an email: info@roostershockey.com.au
or call Daniel on 0417 078 626
www.roostershockey.com.au
or Follow us on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Roosters-Hockey-Club/644647185647042
YFS NDIS Get Ready project in south east Queensland

The NDIS Get Ready project gets people with disability, their parents and carers ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The YFS Get Ready team work in Logan, Redlands and the Gold Coast. YFS Get Ready will continue to host forums, provide home visits and phone support. This is a free service for people with disability, their families and carers.

Throughout January, February and March 2017 we will be running 2½ hour information sessions in various locations across the region.

Topics covered
- Overview of the NDIS and how it will affect you
- Goal setting and plan readiness
- How to be a confident and savvy consumer
- Navigating the NDIS and ways to start preparing

The groups are kept to a maximum of 20 people to make sure the forum is interactive and people have an opportunity to ask questions.

If you would prefer a home visit let us know and we can arrange to come and meet you at a time and place that is convenient for you.

TO REGISTER OR FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION
1. Visit the YFS Get Ready webpage (getready.yfs.org.au)
2. Call the Get Ready team on (07) 3826 1500 or 1800 772 383
3. Email getready@yfs.org.au

Details of the dates and locations in the Gold Coast area for YFS NDIS Get Ready information sessions in January, February and March 2017 are provided on the back of this flyer.
# NDIS Get Ready Forums

**Gold Coast**  
Quarter 3 – 2017 (January, February, March)

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61 Sunshine Boulevard  
MermaidWaters          | 10.00am - 12.30pm |
| Nerang       | Monday 6 March 2017   | Nerang Library Meeting Room  
2/8 White Street  
(Corner Price Street)  
Nerang            | 10.00am - 12.30pm |
| Helensvale   | Saturday 11 March 2017 | Helensvale Cultural Centre Multi-purpose Room 1  
62 Sir John Overall Drive  
Helensvale        | 10.00am - 12.30pm |

Freecall 1800 772 383 to book or to get further information  
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