

### **From the Principal**

Week 6 Term 1 – this term is passing us by very quickly. As we move towards the end of our first term we have many more exciting events to look forward to. Some of these include: Crazy Hair Day; Cross Country; Parent Teacher interviews; Disco and the P-2 Easter Hat parade.

This Friday we have our class leader speeches and voting. Once these positions are determined an invitation will come home to families of our elected school leaders for 2016 to advise details of the Leadership Ceremony. Previously this had been publicised as Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, however due to a timetable clash with another meeting this has now been changed to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please keep this time/date free to celebrate with us.

### **School Council**

As an Independent Public School it is a requirement that we instigate a School Council. The role of the School Council is to:

- Monitor our school's strategic direction
- Approve strategic plan and policies of our school, including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for our school; and
- Advise our school Principal about strategic matters.

This term our staff and P&C will vote to endorse the School Council Constitution documentation. Following this I will publish a notice in the Queensland Government Gazette to establish the Council and from there applications will be accepted for parent and staff membership.

### **Safety Drills**

Each term our students will undertake practice drills of Fire/Evacuation and Lockdown procedures. These will be practices that our staff have discussed with our students and will participate in to increase the knowledge of how these occur. Please don't be alarmed if your child comes home telling of a Fire Drill or Lockdown drill. In the occurrence of a real life safety event communication would be provided to you by the Principal to provide factual details of the event.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews – Week 8 and 9 of Term 1 (14-24<sup>th</sup> March)**

Parent Teacher interviews will be offered in the final two weeks of this term. Next week teachers will send home booking sheets for you to indicate 2 preferences for interview times. Please note sections shaded in black are NOT available. Upon return of your booking sheet teachers will contact you to confirm your time. If you are unable to attend your designated time for any reason please advise the office/class teacher.

### **Initiatives with Pimpama State Secondary College**

I'm very pleased to let you know about a number of initiatives on offer between ourselves and the Secondary College at present.

Students from various year levels have been offered inclusion into the following programs:

- Boys in Reading – Year 2 and 3 boys – offered at PSPC
- REACH – Year 6 Dance/Drama/Music – offered at PSSC
- Maths Olympiad – year 5 and 6 students – offered at PSSC
- Sports Excellence Afternoon – Year 5 and 6 students – Offered at PSSC

If your child has been selected in one of the offerings at the Secondary College you will receive notification of dates and times. We very much value our partnership with the Secondary College – Creating Pathways to Opportunity.

### Our Focus Rules for this week:

**Be Safe; Be Kind:** Look to earn your step ups to achieve Base Camp, The Peak or the Summit by the end of term.

**Be An Active Learner:** Confidently ask for feedback on your learning.

### Staying in contact:

Please note the following means of communication for our College:

**Email:** is your email address correct in our system? Are your settings enabling pdf documents as attachments?

**Phone:** School number is 5549 5333 – please store in your phone.

**Facebook:** Like us on Facebook- Pimpama State Primary College

**Website:** <http://pimpamaspc.eq.edu.au>

**QSchools App:** enables you to receive updates and push notifications from our website through a phone app.

**QParents:** have you signed up to access our database to see monies owing?

### Dates to Remember:

**Friday weekly 9am** – Assembly

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – class leader speeches

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – P&C AGM and General Meeting

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Crazy Hair Day

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Cross Country – all year levels

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Teacher interviews

Kind regards

**Donna Gosling**

**Principal**

### From the Guidance Officer: Kirsty Thiesfield

#### 12 ALTERNATIVES to 'Losing it' with your Child

We all know that children, including adolescents, at times, can drive you crazy. They may not listen. They are messy. They don't think before they act. They don't consider another's feelings. Unfortunately these factors are a part of growing up, and it takes a loving family to help them learn to be respectful, responsible, tolerant, caring, loving and self-controlled. When everyday problems pile up, our tolerance as parents may not be as strong. Often our ability to control ourselves will be tested. We may be easily angered but the message here is: **DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR CHILD or CHILDREN or PARTNER.**

It's a matter of mustering your self-control (we all have it). Think of the benefits.

***If you show self-control, your child knows what it looks like and can copy it.***

*Here are some alternatives:*

- Stop in your tracks. Step back. Sit down. Talk yourself back to calm.
- Take 5 deep breaths. Inhale. Exhale. Slowly. Slowly
- Count to 10. Better yet, 20 or say the alphabet out loud or backwards
- Phone a friend, or a relative. Even the weather number.

**Be Safe**

**Be Kind**

**Be an Active Learner**

- Still mad? Punch a pillow, a punching bag or munch an apple.
- Thumb through a magazine, newspaper, photo album, work manual.
- Do some sit-ups, kick a ball, jog on the spot
- Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts/ feelings/ frustrations
- Take a shower, or better still, a bath
- Lie down on the floor listening to your favourite music
- Talk to your pet – they are good listeners and non-judgemental
- Go to your shed (if you have one) otherwise do that gardening/ mowing you need to do

By now hopefully you are feeling calm. By now the problem may not have seemed like it deserved the blood pressure, but it's time to deal with the issue in a calm, peaceful, rational way. You can do it. It's all a matter of choice.

Adapted from: Qld Centre for Prevention of Child Abuse Information Sheet

Warm regards,

Kirsty Thiesfield

Guidance Officer

### **From the Business Services Manager – Sharon Laverty**

#### **Student Resource Scheme 2016**

Recently you would have received the SRS Participation Agreement Form and Invoice for \$125.00. Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have returned their form, paid in full or arranged a payment plan with the Office.

A reminder that the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of a student at a state school is met by the State. However, a parent is directly responsible for providing their child with other resources for use at school. Participation in the Scheme is voluntary, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate. However, all forms must be returned indicating their choice.

Full or instalment payments are to be paid no later than **Friday 18 March 2016**.

*Payment Options* – Centrepay Deduction, Bank Transfer, EFTPOS Credit/Debit Card, Cheque or Cash

*Payments* can be made at the Office on Wednesday and Friday ONLY 8am to 10.30am

### **From the Student Council:**

Our first charity event for 2016 will be in support of the Leukaemia Foundation. We are holding a "Crazy Hair Day" on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Students are invited to wear their hair in a crazy manner (colour, style, accessories etc) for the day. Students should bring a gold coin donation to participate, all monies to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Please note this is NOT a free dress day and any alteration to hair MUST be done prior to arrival at school. A hat will still be required for play at lunch time.

### **From the PE News Department**

Pimpama State Primary College has had a successful start to the sporting year. We had ten students proudly represent our school at the Pacific Rim District swimming carnival. Many of our students finished in the top 20 for their age group across various strokes. Elijah, Kurtis and Jackson all finished in the top 10 in butterfly which is truly an amazing achievement.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February, PSPC had a visit from the Gold Coast Titans. The Titans came in to share their health and wellbeing information with 4R and 3/4O. It was wonderful to have such a high-profile NRL club give up their time to educate our students on looking after themselves.

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On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, our school will be running our annual Cross Country carnival. This year the carnival will be held at Pimpama State Secondary College. All students must arrive at PSPC to their classrooms and have their name marked off on the roll, before they walk over with their class to the Secondary College. Students are not to turn up at the Secondary College without going to PSPC first. If you are running late, you still need to sign your child/ren in late at the office before you bring them across to the Secondary College. All events will commence from 9:30am and students must sit in their house groups and not with parents for the duration of the carnival. Spectators are welcome to come along and support the students, although seating is minimal so you may want to bring your own chairs or picnic rug. We look forward to seeing all of our families at the carnival this year.

Yours in sport,

Mitch Campbell

PE Specialist

### From the Professional Learning Leader: Nicky Holmes

Did you know that Mathletics and Reading Eggs is available on the e-learning platform? There are free to download for iOS and Android devices and can be accessed with the logon details from school. Creators, 3P, are working to make all activities device friendly but most activities can be played.



#### Out and About

**Cost:** Free

**Compatibility:** iPad, iPhone & Android

**Target Age:** Prep

This app was developed by the Department of Education and Training and is aimed at Prep to Year 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words. Students select a word set and say the word that appears. If they cannot remember the word, they can touch the word on the screen, listen to it and then swipe to the next word on the list.



#### Bee-Bot

**Cost:** Free

**Compatibility:** iPad, iPhone

**Target Age:** Age 4+

This app helps children to improve their skills in directional language and programming through sequences of forwards, backwards, left and right 90 degree turns. It's great fun!

### Thank you to our Local Newsagent

Thank you to Dave and Judy at News Xpress at Coomera who donated a complete set of 14 Dr Seuss books to our school library. Our students and teachers love these books and the pages will become dog eared in no time.



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## Thank you to our Teacher Appreciation partners

Periodically we are delivered teacher appreciation gifts from local supporters. This week Alison Ryan has received a voucher to Shimizu, and Kym Rosewarne a gift voucher and chocolates from Hair Rocks Pimpama.

Thanks to both businesses for their support of our staff.



## From the P&C

We would like to invite you all to join us on the P&C this year. Our next meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting at 5:30pm on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>**. At this time all executives will step down and voting will commence to elect the executive party for 2016. A general meeting will follow at its conclusion. For further information on P&C's please go to <http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/>

The upcoming fundraisers for this term include the hot cross bun drive, for which order forms have previously been sent home. We will also hold our first school disco on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The Prep- Year 2 disco will be from 4:30-6pm and the Year 3 -6 disco will be from 6:30-8pm. Entry price will be \$7.50 and will include a sausage sandwich, poppa and a glow bracelet. Disco tickets will be available to purchase on Flexi Schools shortly. Cash sales will be available on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, and the 11<sup>th</sup> March ONLY before school. Cash on the night will only be accepted for the purchase of ice creams, chips and additional glow products.



A special meeting has also been called on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm to vote on the adoption of the School Council Policy.

## Canteen News



Thanks to all for your patronage over this term. Please be advised that the canteen will not provide all menu items on the final Friday of term (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March). See details of the Meal Deal offering available on this day and for the cut-off date for ordering. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

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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](mailto: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.*

## Oral Health (Dental) Services

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children. This service will be provided **off-site** at Hotham Creek Road (Pimpama State School) by a mobile dental clinic.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre

☎ **1300 300 850**

Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Excluding Public Holidays

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child's \$1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets \*eligibility criteria.

\* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp>

