



**PIMPAMA STATE
PRIMARY COLLEGE**
Creating Pathways to Opportunity

From the Principal

The final week of our foundation year is upon us.

This week we have celebrated our inaugural year 6 Graduation and Awards evening as well as our Prep to Year 5 Awards presentation just today.

I'm excited to announce the winners of these awards as follows:

Class Awards:

Prep B	Academic: Oliver Most Improved: Jade Best All Rounder: Valentina
Prep W	Academic: Cooper Most Improved: Tarunjot Best All Rounder: Poppy
1L	Academic: Angus Most Improved: Jovahn Best All Rounder: Tiana
2CL	Academic: Ethan Most Improved: Mia Best All Rounder: Eloise
3H	Academic: Jackson Most Improved: Ava Best All Rounder: Krystal
Year 4	Academic: Holly Most Improved: Harlem Best All Rounder: Rylee
Year 5	Academic: Aneisha Most Improved: Abigail Best All Rounder: Allizaye

Prep – Year 5 School Awards:

P-2 PE Award:	Nicollas
Year 3-5 PE Award:	Amelia
P-2 Music Award:	Kellis
Year 3-5 Music Award:	Ryan
P-2 School Spirit Award:	Marcus
Year 3-5 School Spirit Award:	Rhiarne

Year 6 Awards

Year 6 Class Awards:	Academic: Damon Orr Most Improved: Ren Best All Rounder: Jayde
Academic Excellence:	Damon
Cultural Award:	Devon
LOTE Award:	Koby
Sportsman:	Zac
Sportswoman:	Paris
Stuart Robert Leadership Award:	Lincoln
Cameron Caldwell Community Award:	Bella
Michael Crandon Dedicated Commitment Award:	Jessica

Congratulations to our worthy recipients. Here is something that I want to share with you all that I saw and felt that it resonated with the culture we are building at PSPC.

At this time of badges, certificate, medals, trophies recognition, awards, prizes and seeing of high achievement. I love seeing the Kids that shine at this time of year – a big heartfelt round of applause for you. But this message is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above.... We see you!

To the child that conquered their fear of heights or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year.... We see you!

Be Safe

Be Kind

Be an Active Learner

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible I'm sorry and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved. We see you!

To the child that battled all year with the maths or reading or concentration or speaking out in class or learning their words but persevered anyway... We see you!

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that we see you!

To the brave parents that try every day to do the best for their kids... We see you!

May you and your children revel in small, but significant victories that you have both experienced this year. For every year there is progress and growth, we don't need a podium or handshake or a room of applause to be seen. We See You!

Adapted from Kids Connection- Colleen Wilson

Congratulations to all students on their achievements this year!

A reminder that reports will be emailed home this week. If you haven't already done so please add the following contact – OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure report cards are not sent to a junk folder. Please also ensure your email settings will allow PDF documents to be received.

When we return in 2016 PSC will be undergoing construction for our Stage 2 buildings. A further 18 classrooms, amenities blocks and hall will be built during the course of the year. To this end we will have construction fencing through part of the oval, around the hall pad (green space across from the administration block) and providing access to the already fenced sections where slabs have been poured for classroom and amenities blocks. On return we will discuss with students procedures when moving around these areas.

As we finish the term we say goodbye to the following staff: Mrs Gill Johns; Miss Melissa Serrurier; and Ms Alison Murray. We wish them well in their new endeavours. In 2016 as we grow we welcome the following staff: Mrs Alison Ryan, Miss Kym Bobbermien, Mrs Kym Rosewarne, Mrs Amanda Strickland, Mrs Paula Musson – classroom teachers, Mrs Sheridan Burley – Music Teacher.

School Watch

As the term draws to a close I would like to ask that you keep your eye on our school over the holiday period. Staff from Delta FM, our maintenance and cleaning team will be on site carrying out scheduled maintenance activities. If you see people on site who you don't believe should be there please call the School Watch number: 131788

Have a happy and safe holiday and we'll see you in 2016.
Regards

Donna Gosling – Principal

From the Guidance Officer - Mrs Kirsty Thiesfield

Preparing for, and Understanding the Adolescent in your house

Anyone who has a child will one day have an adolescent and for some parents with good memories this might be a little scary. The best advice for parents of adolescents, you will be surprised to know, is the same for parents of newborns:

Enjoy your child! Love your child!

This time in a child (and parent's) life is about change and discovery. The reality is that despite the challenges, most adolescents thrive and survive the teen years while managing to maintain a healthy relationship with their families. As kids grow they gradually demand more independence, and parents must **gradually** grant it. Even as adolescents pursue independence and want to spend more time with their peers they still want to know they have mum and/or dad there for them, as well as a safe home base to retreat to. When kids feel connected to their parent/s, they are less likely to partake in risky behaviours, and more likely to emerge healthier and more secure.

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Here are 5 keys to raising teens:

- Love and connect with them – these 2 factors needs to be practised from birth, but while they change don't let your love for them change.
- Monitor and Observe – know where they are, what they are doing, who they are with (early practise of this makes it easier to perform)
- Guide but limit – loosen up when you know they are ready for it but don't let go
- Model and Consult – talk to them, ask their advice, include them, help them through tough times by showing them how to problem solve
- Provide assistance and Advocate – although they want to be independent in many respects they also need you to help them to reach their goals.

Remember: Parents are the most important adult in adolescents' lives. Adolescents crave their parent's love, respect, dependability and guidance. By being there for your child he/she will have a greater chance of becoming a physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy adult AND your good example will live on when they have their children.

Adapted from 'Healthy Teens, Body and Soul, A Parent's Complete Guide' by Marks, A & Rothbart, B. 2003

Curriculum Corner – Nicky Holmes (Professional Learning Leader)

A huge congratulations to all students. They have achieved so much this year both academically and personally. A huge thank you to the staff for their dedication to the students and their learning and a huge thank you to the parents for supporting and encouraging the learning at home. It is through the partnership of home and school that we can achieve so much!

I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to the great things we can achieve together in 2016!

Over the Christmas holidays don't forget to encourage your child to continue reading.....



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Uniform Update

In 2016 the formal uniform will be compulsory and will be worn 4 days/week, with the sports uniform (currently only uniform option) worn on the day that the children have their PE lesson (this day will be different for each class and will be communicated to you in early 2016). Black covered in shoes with black laces are required every day. This may be in the form of formal school shoes with formal uniform and black sports jogger on PE days or alternatively a black sports jogger 5 days a week.

- Week 10 Term 4: Thursday 10th December 8.00-11.00am

Prior to school return in January:

- Mon 18th Jan – 11am – 4pm; Tues 19th – 11am – 4pm; Wed 20th 8am – 1pm; Thurs 21st 8am – 1pm; Fri 22 8am – 1pm
- Wednesday 27th (1st day of Term 1) – 8am – 12 midday.

Any questions about uniform please refer to the website College Dress Code document. Any questions about sizing please contact the uniform shop on 5549 5333 and select the required option.



Item	Size	Price*
Formal Uniform		
Girls Formal Blouse	All	\$35.50
Girls Formal Skort	All	\$27.50
Boys Formal Shirts	All	\$33.50
Boys Formal Shorts	All	\$25.50
Unisex Polo	All	\$29.50
Unisex Sports Shorts	All	\$23.50
Riversible Bucket Hats	All	\$13.95
Jacket zip up	All	\$28.50
Vest	All	\$25.50

Dates to Note:

Thursday 10th December – Whole School Pizza Party and Rewards Day

Friday 11th December – Final Day for 2015.



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
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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:
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or sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

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Free one day workshop for parents and carers

Workshop: 15-16QLDPC1

Location: SPRINGWOOD

Like all school-age students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on your young person, both at school and at home
- Assist in understanding how to develop or build on an effective home school partnership
- Increase knowledge of strategies that will help:
 - advocate for your young person
 - support your young person's participation at school
 - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- Assist in understanding school and community supports and how to access them
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and discuss a range of topics relevant to students with ASD and their families

Workshop details

Venue: Springlife Conferencing
178 Springwood Road
Springwood QLD 4127

When: One day workshop – Wednesday 2 March, 2016
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Registration available from Thursday 3 December, 2015 and closes two days prior. We strongly recommend you register as soon as possible to secure your place. You will receive confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations are preferred directly through our secure website
www.positivepartnerships.com.au

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.

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Clinic 2: 4th - 8th January 2016

Clinic 3: 18th - 22nd January 2016

COST

\$99.00/FULL WEEK OR
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TIME

9AM - 12PM

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