

From the Principal

Can You Feel It?

Some of our foundation staff members said that last week was the best week they've ever had at PSPC. Did you feel it too? We had our Quadrennial School Review, the rescheduled Easter Hat Parade, Anzac Day Ceremony and Cluster Sports. Even though we were all very busy, let's just take a moment to celebrate what each of these events provided:



- The Quadrennial School Review recognised that our teachers, teacher aides and office staff are all committed to providing the best education for our kids. The kids said that they love the school because the people that work here care for them! Parents said that the staff are committed to their children.
- The Easter Hat Parade filled the hall with parents and family and members! Our Preps, Years 1 and 2 students sung the house down and melted many hearts as well.
- The Anzac Day Ceremony was a very beautiful event that respectfully paid tribute to our fallen soldiers. The Australian and New Zealand anthems were sung beautifully and our choir led by Miss Filkhorn led the way. Mr Bill's leadership with the Haka students was incredible. This was the first time a Haka has been performed at PSPC.
- Cluster Sport provided our students an opportunity to demonstrate their skills on the court and field. I have been told that the level of behaviour and sportsmanship was a credit to all students.

I can't put my finger on it yet, but something special is happening at PSPC— you can feel it when you walk through the gate. Thank you to everyone who makes this school the great place that it is.

Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony



On the holidays I asked a small gathering of traditional custodians to attend the school and undertake a traditional cleansing ceremony. The purpose of this process is to ensure that Bullongin Ancestors continue to guide us and keep us culturally, professionally and physically safe. Green eucalypt was used by local man Goompi and particular attention was paid to the middle of the school grounds. The swirling winds transported the smoke in all directions so we were able to cover the whole school. As I said – I have a great feeling about this term!



Staff Changes

Mr Weir, Mrs Fletcher and Mr Mackenzie are all currently on leave. Thank you to Mrs Williamson, Ms Lord and Mr Savage for relieving within the Deputy Principal roles.

Kind regards

Dave Hartley | Principal



Coming up...

Friday 30 April

9am– Junior Assembly
10:50—2:45pm Years 5 & 6 Cluster Sports

Saturday 1 May

9am & 10:15am Pimpama State Secondary College Principals Tour & Academy Trials

Monday 3 May

All day: Labour Day (Qld) Public Holiday

Tuesday 4 May to Friday 7 May

Allocated times: Mother's Day stall

Friday 7 May

9am– Senior Assembly
10:50—2:45pm Years 5 & 6 Cluster Sports



NEWSLETTER

Attendance Celebration

What a great end to our first week of Term 2. We recently compared Year 5 and 6's Friday attendance data against the same period two years ago - and the difference is encouraging! Cluster sport is already having a positive impact on our student's desire to want to be at school, engaged and learning. Parents, thank you for your continued support in having your children here at school, as much as they can.

Yr 6 Attendance Friday Term 2 Week 1 2019	Yr 5 Attendance Friday Term 2 Week 1 2019
79.55%	76.96%
Yr 6 Attendance Friday Term 2 Week 1 2021	Yr 5 Attendance Friday Term 2 Week 1 2021
88.15%	89.13%



Student absentees. A reminder, if students are absent they must bring a note or parents can send an email, phone the school or update absences via the [QParents](#) app.

From the Deputy Principals



Anzac Day. Thank you to those who were able to attend the Anzac assembly last Friday. Our school community support and presence made it a particularly moving one. We have had an incredible response to our first Haka performance, lead by Mr Bill. The Haka group have spent several weeks practising and rehearsing for the assembly. It certainly moved everyone in the room. Positive praise has also been given to the choir who sang beautifully and were guided by Miss Filkorn. Our student leaders have once again made PSPC proud by leading the assembly. Thank you Tiare-Rose, Kearly, Ava and Michael.

Prep - Year 2

Easter Hat Parade. Last Friday, students from prep, year one and year two participated in our annual Easter Hat Parade. What an exciting day it was! There were so many wonderful, unique designs and students were all very proud and excited to show off their creations. We heard songs from each cohort and then finished with a bang; asking parents to join in on the celebrations and perform the final song with all the kids. I want to say a massive thank you to all the parents who were able to take time out of their day to make it, it's fantastic being able to celebrate events altogether.



Years 5 & 6

What an amazing start to the term for our Senior School. Our students have hit the ground running, being prepared for learning every day, arriving with a positive attitude and a growth mind set.

This past Friday was our first day of **95-0** Celebration of Greatness activities for our Year 5 and 6 students who achieved this accomplishment. All students involved left school on Friday afternoon beaming, smiles stretched across their faces.

Cluster Sports. An excited 135 students participated enthusiastically in netball, soccer and touch football games throughout the afternoon. Coomera Sports Park and Pimpama Sports Hub hosted our students and multiple other schools for our first round of games. The support from Parents and Teachers was amazing and a strong sense of community could be felt. Many adults at the grounds commented on how respectful and well-mannered our students were, showing sportsmanship and kindness to their team mates and opposition. Well Done!





Teaching and Learning News

As we collectively continue to focus on reading, let me share the following words of advice from The Primary English Teaching Association of Australia:

Learning to read

What we need to know

Reading begins at a very early age when children start to take notice of the print that surrounds them and the talk that includes them. Children begin to engage with reading and writing experiences that attract their attention and interest before they go to school. Children notice street signs, and quickly learn to recognise signs that are of importance to them. They pay attention to books they like and often insist on many re-readings of their favourites.

Talk is a key to literacy learning. Children need opportunities to interact. It is in the context of engaged conversations that children expand their vocabularies, increase their understandings of the world, learn about themselves, and learn the nuances of the language and effective communication. Rich dialogue with your child is key to developing their oral language skills and in turn their ability to be successful readers and writers.

Children require the opportunity to make decisions about the books they choose to read. It is essential that there are lots of books in the home and that they are readily available. Create a book-flood by borrowing weekly from the local library, buying from garage sales, finding supermarket specials, or even by making your own.

Look at how books are stored in the home. Are the books visible or tucked out of sight? Do the children have a bed light to read at night? Keep introducing children to different kinds of books — humorous books, books with beautiful illustrations, rhyming books, pop-up books, electronic books, factual texts, recipes, letters..... and the list goes on. With your children, visit places such as the local library, markets and bookstores to find books that are interesting and fun to share. The number of books, the care of books, and the storage of books are all messages regarding how books and reading are valued in this household.

Be the model and let them see how much you enjoy reading.

Allison Rudd | Head of Department: Curriculum

KindyLinQ

The KindyLinQ program is up and running at our school. It is a government funded program aimed at 3 year-olds. Parents and caregivers attend and stay with their child and engage in a range of learning activities designed to enhance their development. It runs from 9-11am on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

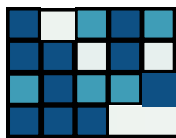
Please contact our KindyLinQ teacher, Ellarna, eweie9@equ.edu.au for more information.

Ellarna Harrison | KindyLinQ Teacher

"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read."

- Marilyn Jager Adams

Share a moment of love with a child.
IdealsBooks.com



From The Prep Team

The Prep Team are holding Mother's Day afternoons, in their classroom during 3rd session. Specific details are being sent to parent/s. The events occur on the following days:

- Prep A Thursday 6th May
- Prep R Thursday 6th May
- Prep H Friday 7th May
- Prep P Tuesday 11th May
- Prep T Tuesday 11th May

The Prep Team | PSPC

From the PBL Committee

The PBL focus for week 2 is **Be Ready to Learn**. Students who are ready to learn are able to focus on their lessons. They have the skills necessary to deal with what lies ahead and can contribute to what is happening. Being prepared and open to learning is ideal for student growth and development.

Step Ups

This past week has seen 49 Bronze certificates recorded already! That's such exciting news and we're only into the second week of the term!

Rewards Day

We held the delayed Term 1 Rewards day, last Thursday. In order to attend, students needed to earn 100 or more Step Ups in a term.

Students participated in a full day of fun. This began with slime, biscuit making and ball games and moved on to a movie before finishing up with a disco. Throughout the day, they feasted on popcorn, ice-blocks, macaroni and cheese, poppers, and garlic bread. It was a wonderful day of celebration! Congratulations to all those who attended (list of students below)

Year 1	Jamison	Maci	Scarlett	Alexia
	Madeline	Jarrel	Yana	Emelyia
	Aura	Skye	Willow	Mason
	Eknoor			
Year 2	Indigo	Harper	Mason	Lyric
	Lawrence	Chase	Isabelle	
Year 3	Timbijay			
Year 4	Rhyder	Rina	Baylee	Hanalei
	Ruby			
Year 5	Ashlee	Will	Mannat	Taj
	Makayla			



From the PE Department

Year 4 to 6 Inter-house Cross Country Carnival

What a fantastic start to Term 2! We started with our Year 4 to 6 Inter-house Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. A huge number of students participated in the races in an effort to win points for Wilkie, Stewart and Peachey, and to qualify for the Beenleigh Zone Carnival. The individual winners were:

- Trey Brown
- Ava Nia
- Taj Cashmore
- Ianneasha Raleigh
- Lukah De-Luen Nomotu
- Sune Swanepoel
- Corey Lawlor
- Madalyn Gardiner

These students will receive their medallions at the next Senior Assembly, when the overall winning House will be revealed.....there was only 3 points between 1st and 2nd place!!

Beenleigh Zone Cross Country Carnival

Thursday saw the Beenleigh Zone Cross Country Carnival at Rivermount College. The following students represented PSPC brilliantly, giving their all during their races which were run over a hilly and muddy course.

Jazz McAulay, Toi Turumakina, Nevaeh Clarken, Mia Foster, Sienna Birchall, Sammy Samson, Sune Swanepoel, Mikaela Piezas, Corey Lawlor, Noah Giakes, Jordan Giakes, Ayden Stevens, Madalyn Gardiner, Milly Taylor, Ianneasha Raleigh, Taj Cashmore

I was proud, not only of their athletic effort, but also of their sportsmanship, with one of our students helping a distressed student from another school during their race. Well done to all of our Cross Country representatives. Thanks also to parents and carers who gave up their time to transport their students to the event.

Pacific Rim District Representatives

Congratulations to the students below who have shown excellence in their chosen sports and have been selected to represent Pacific Rim District:

- Basketball - Mikaela Piezas
- Touch - Sammy Samson & Eli To'omaga
- Rugby League - Sammy Samson
- Eli To'omaga – Beenleigh Zone Rugby League

Cluster sport began on Friday with PSPC fielding 5 Touch, 5 Netball and 2 Soccer Teams. All teams returned to College with huge smiles and stories of their successes. We look forward to the next 4 weeks of Cluster sport.



Out of School Success

Congratulations to Sammy Tupa'i for his recent selection in the Gold Coast Under 12 Touch Rep team who won the first of 3 games for the Titans Series over the weekend.

Music Groups

Strings

The Years 3-6 Strings program has been busily involved with lessons and preparing ensemble work for a concert later this year. Here are the rehearsal times, all held in the music room:

- Year 3 Beginner Ensemble: Tuesday at second break
- Year 4-6 Strings: Wednesday at first break

Choir

If you'd like to join us for some singing for school performances and our mid year evening concert, come join us! All are welcome, especially if you love singing. Our rehearsals are held in the music room, as follows:

- Year 4-6 choir: Tuesday at first break
- Year 2-3 choir: Wednesday at second break
- Year 1 choir: Thursday at first break.

Sometimes before a big event or performance, we may have some extra rehearsals to ensure we are prepared.



Kate Marten | Strings teacher & **Sonia Filkorn** | Music teacher

From the P&C



Wow what a great first term with fundraising!

Thank you so much to the families at PSPC for your enormous effort in helping raising **\$2751** towards the Splash of Colour.

Our Total Tubs sold for Cookie Dough was 786! Absolutely amazing and a big shout out goes to Marangai from PA for selling the greatest number of tubs, a total of 75 to be exact, phenomenal effort well done!

Mother's Day is just around the corner, we will be holding a stall for the classes to visit (schedules to be advised)

- Tuesday 4 May
- Wednesday 5 May
- Thursday 6 May

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need volunteers to help with the Mother's Day stall, please. If you are free any of those days, please email pandc@pimpamaspc.eq.edu.au

The P and C Committee | PSPC

Mothers Day Stall



Tuesday May 4th | Wednesday May 5th | Thursday May 6th
Online store <https://pimpamaspcpandc.square.site/>
opens from

3pm Thursday May 6th till 9am Friday May 7th
pick up time between 1:30pm and 2:30pm on Friday May 7th

Prices range from \$1 - \$10

Please have your child bring their own reusable bag.



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SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Pimpama State Primary College.

The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor **may** be up to an Hour and a Half on any school day in *all weather conditions*.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme - Health Assessment Form;

The applicant either hold a current Blue Card or be eligible to submit an application for a Blue Card to the Commission for Blue Card Services. An applicant will not be employed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads unless they meet this criterion.

Department of Transport of Main Roads will **organise and fund** both Medical and Blue Card for selected applicant.

Interested applicants should send their Resume to: Ros at southportroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au by Wednesday 5th May 2021.



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Principal's Tour and Academy Trials for Year 7, 2022

Saturday 1st May, 2021

Session 1: 9.00am — 10.00am: (Arrive at 8.45am)
Sports, STEMd, Canon, Codesign

Session 2: 10.15am — 11.15am: (Arrive at 9.45am)
Aspiring Performers, STEMd, Canon, Enterprise



- Are you passionate about English and Humanities?
- Are you interested in solving problems using technology?
- Are you gifted academically and passionate about Science, Math, Technology and Engineering/Design?
- Are you a creative and dedicated performer who has the potential and passion for Dance, Drama or Music?
- Are you a high performing athlete who has drive and aspirations to reach elite level in your chosen sport?
- Are you a budding Entrepreneur full of ambition and drive?

If you answered YES to any of the above, register to participate in the Academy Trials and secure your place for 2022!

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/principals-tour-and-2022-academy-trials-tickets-146845092625>

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<https://pimpamassc.eq.edu.au/curriculum/excellence-programs>

