

## From the Principal

Hello PSPC Community!

### Staff Transfers

Yesterday Amy Hagen was informed that she was successful in getting a transfer closer to home, meaning that our loss in 2022 will be Palm Beach State School's gain. In 2022 we will welcome two transfers in. Sandra King will join our team from William Duncan State School in Nerang and Kaylyn Smith will also join team PSPC from Minimbah State School near Caboolture.



### Clare Lansdowne

Miss Lansdowne will begin her maternity leave next term and we can't wait to meet her baby! Charlotte Miles will replace Miss Lansdowne in Term 4.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

These will occur on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October beginning at 3:15pm. Details regarding booking timeslots will be circulated first week back.

### Classes for 2022

Class formations will take place across the week 5 and 7 staff meetings. Please be aware that we do not take requests for students to be in specific classes.

Students will meet their new teachers on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December during class time.

Thanks everyone – look after yourselves and see you soon.


Dave Hartley | Principal



# Teaching & Learning News

## Reading Matters @ PSPC

Throughout this year, teaching staff have continued to build their knowledge around best practices in the teaching of reading and together, they have collectively developed a set of reading beliefs that have become the backbone of what we believe are 'essential' for students, in becoming successful lifelong readers. I am very excited to be sharing these beliefs with you all, and together supporting our students, your children, to develop a 'love of reading' that prepares them for success in the future.



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## Reading Matters at PSPC

**Our beliefs about reading**

At Pimpama State Primary College, we believe that reading is an essential life skill. *It is a cornerstone for a child's success in school, and, indeed, throughout life. Without the ability to read well, opportunities for personal fulfilment and job success inevitably will be lost.* Reading is taught at PSPC through evidence-based research practices, which support a balanced and sequential approach, in alignment with the reading demands of the Australian Curriculum. Our approach to the teaching of reading aligns to the research of the **Simple View of Reading**, alongside the elements of the **Big Six**; oral language, phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

Our shared beliefs about reading are:

- ◆ Every child has the right to learn to read
- ◆ Reading must be **explicitly** taught
- ◆ Targeted reading lessons must occur **daily**
- ◆ Using the **Gradual Release of Responsibility** model, all students should participate in weekly opportunities of modelled, shared, guided and independent reading
- ◆ Oral language is the foundation for beginning readers, followed by phonological and phonemic awareness, with **decoding** an essential element for readers to master
- ◆ Developing an increasing bank of **vocabulary** is vital, as is developing **fluency**
- ◆ A variety of question types are required to ensure students develop a deep **understanding of texts** read
- ◆ Identifying students for targeted **early intervention** is essential
- ◆ Teachers must use **data** to target their teaching and create individual goals
- ◆ Reading progress must be **monitored and tracked** frequently
- ◆ Reading needs to be engaging, contextualised, and cross-curricular
- ◆ It is a **whole school approach**, using the same language throughout the various year levels
- ◆ **A love of reading is nurtured** both in the classroom and at home, by providing a language rich environment

During the holidays, explore your local library and ask your child to select a number of books that they would love to read, or have read to them. Some of my most favourite memories are visiting the local libraries and getting lost in a good book. Share your love of reading with your child and watch their excitement for literature grow.

## From the PE Department

### Prep to Year 3 Fun Run

The Fun Run was held on Tuesday in this week and the students (and a few staff members) had a great time negotiating the obstacles as they powered around the course. Thanks to all the spectators who came to cheer on their runners!

### Swimming



Learn to Swim lessons will be occurring on Mon 11th, Thu 14th, Fri 15th, Mon 18th and Thu 21st October.

### Term 4 Cluster Sports

Cluster sports for Term 4 will be Soccer, Netball and Touch. The competition will begin in Week 1 and PSPC will be playing against Gainsborough and Pimpama State Primary Schools.

### Individual result

Year 5 student Sammy Samson heads off to Townsville this Saturday to compete in the Under 11 QLD Schools Rugby League Championships. We wish the South Coast team all the best!

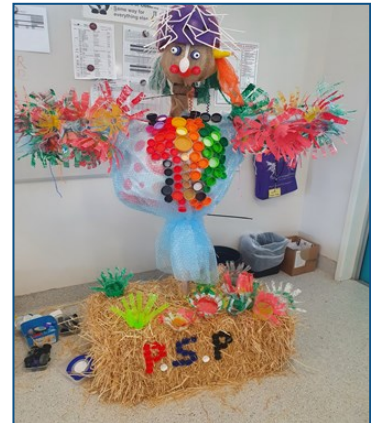


## News from Junior Science

There is a lot happening around our school at the moment in the Junior Science world.

### Dreamworld Scarecrow Project

Last week saw the completion of our scarecrows for the Dreamworld Scarecrow Project, which is part of their Spring Fair. Prep students and members of our school community have collected plastic bottles, lids, net bags, popper straws, plastic bags and shells to use when making the scarecrows. All prep students have contributed to the pieces by investigating the properties of different materials when exposed to water and weathering. The materials used to make these were identified as being strong after being placed in water. The students made flowers by painting and cutting reused plastic bottles, plastic bags as stuffing, plastic lids and shells as decorations. Our scarecrows will be able to be seen at Dreamworld during the school holiday period as part of their Spring Fair.



One of our scarecrows, Man-u-facture has been made using manmade items and materials. We have tried to reuse as much as possible for this project.

Our other scarecrow Mother Nature was made using natural materials such as palm leaves seed pods and shells.

### Popper Recycling

Our popper recycling operation will be in full force next term. Over the last few weeks we have been trialling a few different ways to collect the poppers during our eating times. The collection is then dropped at the end of the week at the Containers for Change centre.

We have a community number that enables you to write our school number on the deposit and the money will go to our account for the Bee Kind native garden and bee hive. This is a great way for our school community to get on board with sustainability, as a whole school community.

Other funds raised in the long term will be used by the Science Department for other progressive developments for our school community.

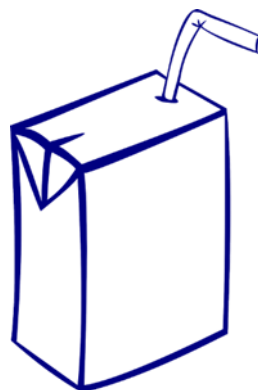
Currently our school Eco Warriors are getting ready to educate teachers and the school community about our recycling program through assembly presentations, class presentations, newsletter articles and positive behaviour recognition in our eating areas.

If you wish to make a deposit towards our school number is

**Scheme ID  
C10491266**

Quote this number when you make a deposit at Containers for change.

Thank you for supporting our school.



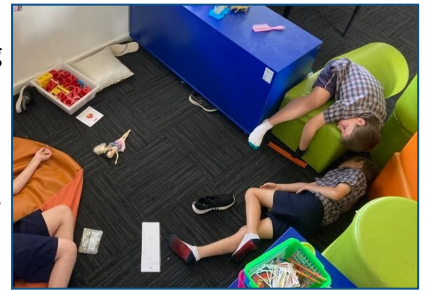


## From the PBL Committee

### PBL Events Coming Up

A big week in PBL for our students this week with loads of exciting activities taking place.

On Tuesday we hosted our 90 Step Up Movie in the hall. Students who were invited feasted on fruit and popcorn from tables set up just outside the hall doors. A spectacular parade of PJ's was seen as students reclined in the comfort of beanbags, pillows and chairs.



On Wednesday, the fun continued as Prep to Year 4 students with reached their individual attendance targets or 95% attendance and had no suspensions participated in our first ever Sports Spectacular.

The oval showcased a new generation of Olympians as students moved through a variety of sports including running racers, hurdles, javelin, discus, shot out, skiping and even an obstacle course. Students also worked through Olympic themed activities in booklets that included academic work, design challenges and colouring in.



Stay tuned for more information around our next 95-0 Prep to Year 4 event which will be announced early next term. In the meantime, we have already started our new tracking period. **Everyday counts!**



On Thursday, students who achieved 100 or more Step Ups participated in Rewards Day and Principals Lunch. A picnic style feast of muffin pizzas, garlic bread, juice, and ice blocks were enjoyed by all. Activities ranged from biscuit decorating to basketball and included a disco.

Well done to everyone who received an invitation to attend.

**100 Step Ups is a massive accomplishment!**



## From Year 5

### Sculptures

This semester, Year 5 are exploring the 'Animal within.' So far, we have been researching totems used around the world. Each class has been working in groups to identify a connection or kinship they have with an animal. We have been learning how totemism within our first nations peoples is connected to The Dreaming (when spirit ancestors, often animals, are said to have created people, land, plants and animals).



Margaret Johnson (Peggy) | Year 5 Educator & Indigenous Champion

## From the Guidance Officers

### Cyber Safety

This week, Years 5 and 6 students attended an internet safety session. To help support all parents/grandparents and family members on the importance of Cyber Safety, we have arranged for FREE online parent education modules to be available.

Please find below the webpage and unique password for you and your children to access online modules on internet safety.

Site: <https://cdc.internetsafetraining.com/>

Password: myschool2021



Look—we even found Mr Hartley in the safety video



Tomoko Nakanishi | Guidance Officer

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We are active learners!

## Breakfast Club update

Our **BENDIGO BANK BREAKFAST CLUB** commences first day back next Term. The purpose of breakfast club is the provision of a nutritional breakfast at school for those students (and their PSSC siblings) who are not receiving a breakfast at home.

The Breakfast Club is a program delivered under our 'Pimpama Pays It Forward' project. The breakfast club can only operate due to the kind donations of our sponsors and community organisations. We thank Bendigo Bank as well as YMCA for their kind donations to date.

We are currently seeking sponsorship for our 2021/2022 operations. If you have any friends or family who have businesses that may be able to sponsor, please ask them to email Mandy Otto, Community Liaison Officer, [aotto30@eg.edu.au](mailto:aotto30@eg.edu.au). Thank you! Every donation helps.

Breakfast Club is open every school day, operating from the right hand roller door of the canteen. The Breakfast Club is managed by staff with the serving of food being undertaken by one of our fantastic community organisations—Highway Church.



## Breakfast Club



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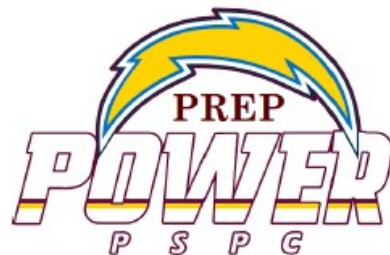
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## ENROLLING NOW PREP 2022

Enrolment packs can be collected from  
the school's administration office.

Please return your completed forms to  
the office as soon as possible, and  
book your interview with  
Deputy Principal Belinda Wright.

After your child's enrolment interview,  
they will receive an awesome Prep Power  
Pack and will be invited along to our  
Connect To Prep transition days.



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# KindyLinQ



Some of our wonderful  
KindyLinQ children  
doing their learning  
from home

## KindyLinQ

**Do you have a 3-year-old child?**

Consider bringing them to KindyLinQ.

Your free, local pre-kindergarten program.

**Session Details:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-11am

**Where:** Pimpama State Primary College in D-Block

**Cost:** Free

For more information email [hmitt7@eq.edu.au](mailto:hmitt7@eq.edu.au) or phone Pimpama State Primary College on 07 5549 5333



KindyLinQ



## OUR VISION

Our school enhances academic outcomes through high expectations of teaching, learning and leadership; and the development of positive partnerships within and beyond our community.



## OUR MISSION

Each day we will engage and inspire our students and community through positive relationships resulting in personalised learning and wellbeing.



## WE VALUE

- ✿ Student and staff wellbeing
- ✿ Respectful communication
- ✿ Collaborative partnerships
- ✿ Evidence-based decision making
- ✿ Diverse perspectives



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18 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

**FREE WITH YOUR  
DREAMWORLD ENTRY**

**BUY YOUR DREAMWORLD ENTRY!**

Locate the PSPC Scarecrows at  
Dreamworld ©  
these school holidays





## Community Information



### Connect to Culture Day

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

11am- 2pm

Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens- Rosser Park

230 Ashmore Rd, Benowa

Come and join us and gain knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Cultural activities include:

- Welcome to Country
- Aboriginal Dance
- Torres Strait Islander Weaving
  - Boomerang Painting
  - Didgeridoo Performance
  - Artefact Display
  - OCHRE Painting
  - Traditional Games
  - Bush Tucker Tasting
  - Jewellery Making
- Seeded Jewellery painting
  - Free BBQ Lunch

*All children and young people need to be supervised by carers and/or staff member.*

R.S.V.P to [Robinaadmin@lwb.org.au](mailto:Robinaadmin@lwb.org.au) by 16<sup>th</sup> September

For all other enquiries

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Cultural Support Planner

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