

Please also remember that school starts at **9.00am** and concludes at **3.00pm**. Children should not be coming to school before 8.30am, and teachers are not rostered on for duty to supervise children before school. If your child/ren enters the school at 8.30am, they are to make their way to the undercover area, where two of our Teacher-Aides will keep an eye on them. It is important that students are not running around playing in this area, but engaging in a quiet activity, such as reading a book.

Please also ensure that your child is on time every day and is not left waiting for extended periods of time after school to be collected. Children who miss important morning routines or who are left waiting for extended periods of time after school, may become anxious. If for some reason you cannot collect your child on time, please phone the Office, as soon as possible, so that we can reassure your child. In addition, if you require supervision of your child/ren before 8.30am or after 3pm, please seek some information regarding enrolling your child in before and after school care, which is available at a reasonable cost and provided on our school site.

Positive Behaviour Learning Journey

In our final Newsletter last term, I mentioned how our school would be venturing on a Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) journey and looking at reviewing the School Responsible Behaviour Plan. This is a process that will not occur overnight, but will take time to embed, in order to create sustainable success. Here is some information from the Department of Education regarding this evidence based model of behaviour.

Why adopt a school-wide approach with PBL?

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), previously known in state schools as Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), is a whole-school approach to creating a safe and supportive environment that has a strong evidence-base and is used in many Queensland state schools.

Schools should consider PBL if:

- they want to improve academic outcomes
- they want to reduce rates of problem behaviour across the school
- parents and community want to raise the positive public profile of their school
- the school's Responsible behaviour plan for students needs to be updated to ensure that everyone is consistently managing problem behaviour
- teachers want to improve the way problem behaviour is being managed
- staff want to increase teaching time and the positive feeling tone (climate) of the school and classrooms.

(Ed Qld, 2016).

I can officially let you know that our new school rules were officially endorsed at our last P & C Meeting. Our previous rules will shift under this new umbrella.

Peak Crossing State School rules are:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Our School Responsible Behaviour Plan will also continue to be reviewed and I look forward to collaborating with key stakeholders and engaging in feedback around this. Paul Leitch, who is the South East Region Behaviour Services Coordinator, will be visiting our school tomorrow. Paul will be providing us with some feedback around this, as well as engaging with staff in some Professional Development. Paul Leitch is very well respected, and a true master at his craft. Our school is very fortunate to be able to benefit from having Paul at our school.

Staffing

An official welcome back to Sandra Hartley, who has returned from her two weeks leave, which she took prior to the school holidays.

My contract as Acting Principal at Peak Crossing State School has been extended until the 28th of October, 2016.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Paull who has received a permanent position at Peak Crossing State School. I can also officially let you know that we have received two transfers in to Peak Crossing State School for 2017. Welcome to **Kylie Ford** (our current Inclusion Teacher) who applied for a transfer and was successful, and to **Sara Wright**, who is coming to us from Amberley State School. I am sure that all three ladies will enjoy their time at Peak Crossing State School, and will all be a wonderful asset. As mentioned in our school newsletter last term, permanent staff members are placed in schools as a priority before positions to contract teachers are issued. Every effort however, will be made to retain current contract staff, but of course no guarantees can be made as teachers are appointed to schools based on student numbers.



A very big congratulations to **Maika Lablans**, our LOTE (German Teacher) who received her level two teacher certification from Education Perfect.

Education Perfect is an online educational platform that teachers can use to engage students and themselves in additional online learning and professional development.

Maika has qualified as a top Education Perfect user by reaching level two. This places her in the top 10% of more than 35 000 teachers from around the world. This qualification is also recognised by more than 1000 schools who use Education Perfect. Congratulations to Maika once again, we are very fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher on staff who has such an excellent skillset.

In addition, Maika has also been selected as a host exchange teacher guide and will visit Germany later this year.

Assistant Regional Director Visit

This Wednesday we welcome our Assistant Regional Director, Mr Darren Scott to Peak Crossing State School. Mr Scott visited Peak Crossing a few times last term and provides fantastic support. I look forward to meeting with Darren Scott this Wednesday and sharing in the fantastic progress that Peak Crossing State School has made last term and continues to make.

Finance Audit and School Annual Review

Last term our school had a Finance Audit, which looked at the procedures and processes around finance and Workplace Health and Safety that the school had engaged in over the last 3+ years. Peak Crossing received an overall rating of Satisfactory. Recommendations from our Auditor Mr Wayne Chelman were made, resulting in completion of an action report which was sent to him at the end of term two. These actions will be prioritised and progressively implemented.

This term, our school is also having a full School Annual Review. This review will commence on Friday the 21st of October, and will conclude on Tuesday the 25th of October. School reviews are about ensuring every school is given differentiated support to improve student outcomes. Under the [School Performance Assessment Framework](#), every Queensland state school receives a review at least every four years, with more than 360 reviews scheduled in 2016.

The review will be conducted in a collaborative manner by a team of experienced educators appointed by the School Improvement Unit. Our Internal School Reviewer, who will be leading and chairing the team is, Ian Rathmell. There will also be an External Reviewer and a Principal Peer Reviewer.

The review team will use the [National School Improvement Tool](#) to look at the school's operations and practices, and identify what the school is doing well and areas where it can improve. Upon completion of the review, the review team will present their findings to the Principal and staff. A written report will then follow.

The 9 domains in the National School Improvement Tool are:

1. An Explicit Improvement Agenda
2. Analysis and Discussion of Data
3. A culture that promotes learning
4. Targeted use of School Resources
5. An expert teaching team
6. Systematic Curriculum Delivery
7. Differentiated Teaching and Learning
8. Effective Pedagogical Practices
9. School-Community Partnerships

The School Review team will want to talk to the Principal and Leadership Team, Teachers, Teacher-Aides, Administration Staff, Cleaners, Grounds Officers. They will also want to meet with the Assistant Regional Director – Darren Scott, the P & C, and they will talk to some parents and students. You may even find them at the school front gate.

At the conclusion of the three days, the Review team will discuss and finalise their Report with the School Principal and team. A final report will then be sent to the Principal, who will then prepare an action report. A new 4 year

Strategic Plan will also be written to incorporate action from the School Annual Review Action Report and the school's vision and school improvement plan. Outcomes of the School Annual Review will be shared and communicated with the school community.

Prep Enrolments and Prep Transition

We are now taking PREP enrolments for 2017. If you have a child who will be ready to commence Prep (turning 5 by the 30th of June, 2017), or you know someone else that does, and they would love to attend our great little school, please encourage them to contact the Office as soon as possible. We are taking enrolments now!

If you have a child or know of a child who will turn 5 on or before the 31st of July, 2017, and you consider that they may be a contender for early entry to Prep, due to the child having the social, emotional, physical and cognitive attributes required by legislation for early entry to Prep, please contact the Principal for to make an appointment to discuss your child's eligibility and to receive an application form.

Over the next couple of weeks our school will also be planning a Prep transition program. The Principal will be meeting with key staff, including the current Prep Teachers to look at the best process to transition our future Prep students into our school, so that they are ready to commence learning in 2017. So, please stay tuned and watch this space. Information will be communicated in the school Newsletter and with Goodstart Early Learning Centre.

Swimming and Dance

Swimming and Dance will be commencing in week two this term. Swimming will take place on a Friday for Prep to year three students, permission notes and further information will be sent home this week. Dance will be for Prep to year six, and will be provided for by the same organisation as in previous years 'Creative Dance'. Dance will occur on our school site on a Thursday.

Assembly

Assembly is held each Friday at 2.30pm. Please come along on Friday's at 2:30pm to share in the success of our students.

Visitors

Just a reminder that all visitors, spending time at the school to assist with any school based activity, must sign in and out using the Visitors Book kept at the Office. This is an Education Queensland requirement to ascertain who is on the school premises at all times. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Feedback

If you ever have any feedback you would like to provide, or any ideas or suggestions for our school, I would love to hear from you. I have an open door policy, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a fantastic fortnight of learning,

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
(Acting Principal Peak Crossing State School)

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade:

Classroom Awards:

Benji B, Amber W, Madison S, Tia W, Charlotte P, Kacie W, Jayden P, Lachlan C, Isabella McL, Claire K, Thomas S, Zac P, Conner H, Emily M, Lilly F, Izac M, Jack L, Saxon L, Alexander M, Sophie P, Jack S, Taurice A,

Success Awards:

Laura R, Lara C, Elsie H, Eloise S, Zac P

P & C Announcements

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday the 10th October at 7pm.

Uniform Shop News

Opening Hours:

TERM 4

Wednesday 5th October 3.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 19th October 3.00pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 2nd November 3.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 16th November 3.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 30th November 3.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 7th of December 3.00-3.30pm

As I am sure many parents are aware by now of the issue that we have been having in relation to the restocking of our school polo's with our current supplier. As a result of this we are looking at changing the supplier, and are trying to make this process happen as smooth as possible. What this means for students and parents at the moment is that we are very low on stock (although we are awaiting an order since February 2016). I would ask for everyone to be understanding whilst we undertake this process, we are doing the best that we can to restock as soon as possible.

Year 6 Senior Shirt replacement, unfortunately at the moment there is no word on these at the moment, I can assure you all the supplier is being followed up at the moment on a daily basis.

If you would like to place an order please either drop your completed form to the office with receipt of payment, email myself on trishanddoug@live.com.au or alternatively to the uniform shop when open.

Kind Regards,

Trish Weatherhead

TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop will reopen this Friday 7/10/16.

Thank you to those of you that have helped out in the Tuckshop on a Friday, it is greatly appreciated and wouldn't open without you.

If you would like to help out in the Tuckshop this term please don't hesitate to contact me Bel on: 0405 199 453. It really is an easy and enjoyable day.

Tennis Court Hire

Please be advised that if you require hiring the Tennis Court during School Holidays can you please ensure that the keys are returned immediately after use. The cost is \$4.00 p/h

Supporting Behaviour for Your Child with Autism - a Workshop for Parents

This interactive workshop will provide some practical ideas and approaches for parents of children with autism.

Who: Parents/Carers of school aged children with autism

Where: The Metro Ipswich International Hotel

When: Friday 14th October 2016

Time: 10am-1pm

Cost: free

Online Registration: <https://www.ivvy.com/event/PBRXPD/>

Morning Tea provided.

