



Peak Crossing State School

"Success Through Diligence"

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Newsletter

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BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
19/2/2021	Bullying No Way Day
01/3/21-05/03/21	Year 6 Camp @ Tallebudgera

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A huge thank you to our 2020 executive members for their contribution to the 2020 school year under difficult circumstances! You did an amazing job and on behalf of our school staff, students and community I thank you for your dedication to our Peak Crossing Family.

We had an awesome turn out of over 20 people to the first meeting of the year. I am absolutely delighted by that enthusiasm and I look forward to our next meeting being just as packed. Come along and let's get into it all together.

We welcome the following executive members to the 2021 team:

POSITION	EXECUTIVE
President	Michael Collett
Vice President	Alana Ryall
Secretary	Rebecca Jackwitz
Treasurer	TBC
Tuckshop Convenor	Irene Hounslow
Uniform Shop Convenors	Suzanne Glasby & Jody Fairey
Fundraising Committee	Katrina Dowden & Janet Bishop

We need help on many fronts in 2021. A major focus for 2021 must involve the enhancement of technology resources to our school. This would include mobile laptop kits (\$35,000 set of 30 -one purchased in 2020). Renewing technology classroom screens where required (\$3750 per screen per room), the installation of multimedia into our hall (\$17,000). The additional provision of i-Pads and learning applications (\$12,000) and the provision of various resources to support and enhance science and technology classes and programs within the school (estimate this cost to be around \$15,000).

Whilst I have provisioned a large chunk of funds to this area because it is urgent, we will need help to continue the replacement of these resources. Our P&C will be critical in this area.

Kitchen Garden Program

In term 2, we will start a kitchen garden program for our school. I have commissioned Chef Chris Jones to run this program in our school. Chris has a long history of excellent work in education delivering these programs in schools over many years.

His role will involve growing and cultivating food with students and using this food to produce some spectacular cooking! Chris will co teach with our classroom teachers to provide a real life curriculum experience across a number of key learning areas.

We need help with donations for the program. A great easy one is the current Woolworths Discovery Garden promotion where for every \$ 30 spent you get a small seedling pot. We would desperately love these to help get us started and they may be dropped to the office for us.

I would also like some assistance on the Monday's from any parent(s) who might be interested in helping. If you have this interest please let us know at the main office. The program will commence in full in term 2. At the moment, Chef Chris is donating his time every Monday and will be preparing beds, getting organic matter, sourcing donations, exploring community links and sponsorship and making final arrangements.

Parent Volunteer Register

With COVID on the relax, I am confident that we can arrange to allow on campus assistance as we have done in the past. The first step will be getting a register of interested parents and then providing the compulsory training as soon as possible.

Please register your interest and availability at the office so that I may make arrangements for our very important volunteer assistance in classroom and for programs across the school.

Proposed Tree Removal

I am advertising the proposed tree removal of four trees on the school boundary at the front of the school. I have marked these trees with red tape to indicate the ones being removed. These trees need to be removed because of the new administration block and carpark being built this year and scheduled to start in the next few months.

I have raised these trees and their proposed removal at a P&C meeting where an in principle agreement was made and agreed to (for approved tree removal). This was done with the proviso that there be an advertised period notifying removal and the reason for this to the community for a period of 14 days. This period is for any concerns to be raised **in writing** to the Principal by email and addressed to: **admin@peakcrossingss.eq.edu.au**

In addition to this removal, the school will enact a beautification project, replacing the trees and garden with more appropriate trees for the front of the school.

Playgroup QLD

I am keen to explore getting a playgroup started on site here at the school. I see great opportunity for us to grow community, share experiences (good, bad and ugly) and to explore the early learning opportunities for us and our children. I feel like we would have a social function here as well for sure!

I am very much in the beginning stages of this idea and in discussions with my Department around how this can happen for our site. I also need to seek the involvement of our wonderful on-site Good Start Kindy just so we have all our strategy on the same page. This idea would not be replacing any of their services.

There is honestly no way I can get this “off the ground” without some dedicated helpers. Therefore, if a playgroup interests you, could you please register your interest at the office just so I have a basic number to go by in my discussions. What the department will want from me is a likely number of participants and a clear idea of community interest. Hope to hear from you all soon!

Human Resourcing and our School

We have had our final numbers confirmed and I am awaiting the final Human Resourcing allocations to be provided to me. This will inform our ongoing plans for the year. This is inclusive of teacher staffing and teacher aide staffing.

Student Resource Scheme

In the coming weeks you will receive some forms that are related to a co-contribution of funds for our student resource scheme approved at our last P&C meeting. This scheme is to assist with the provision of the Mathletics, Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs programs within our school. In 2021, parents are being asked to pay this cost that was previously funded by the P&C. This is in part because we can then use those funds previously supplied by the P&C to support other school-based projects.

We will issue the following SRS invoices to the applicable year levels as listed below. I would ask that these invoices be paid as soon as possible so that we may provide access to these learning resources for your children in a speedy manner!

Prep and Year 1: Reading Eggs \$17.40, Maths Seeds \$24.10 – Total \$41.50

Year 2 to Year 6: Reading Eggs \$17.40, Mathletics \$17.35 – Total \$34.75

Please make sure that the participation form is returned, as we require this for the school financial audit.

A very sincere thanks for allowing me to lead our Peak Crossing Family, I am delighted to be here with you all!

Kind Regards,

*Andrew Cummings
Principal
Peak Crossing State School*



Classroom Awards

Congratulations to the following students on receiving classroom awards in the last fortnight.

Miranda M, Jade F, Riley S, Sienna K, William S, Kacie W, Abbey C, Lucas G, Emily M, Lily F, Ruby B, Charlie G, Tomas H, Felicia K, Hayden C, Trinadee F, Aiden M, Aleah W, Hugo M, Hudson F, Hannah G, Rachel C, Jade G, Addyson R, William S, Bonnie K, Ash B, Kyson H, Talitha G.

Toys at School

Please be advised that students are not permitted to bring personal items such as toys to school. We do understand the sentimental aspect of the toys, however it is to safeguard against something happening to these prized possessions. If students have an electronic device such as iPads or Mobile Phone, they must be signed in at the office and then collected and signed out at the end of the day.



Behaviour Focus

There is little doubt that this summer will be a scorcher! We all need to be sun smart and keep ourselves safe and healthy during the hot weather.



Therefore our behaviour focus for weeks 5 & 6 ***“I am a responsible student when I line up quietly after break times”***

Playground Equipment

Just a friendly reminder that children are not permitted to play on the playground equipment before or after school due to workplace place health and safety policies. The equipment is specifically designed to meet safety requirements however, as the equipment is on school grounds, it is a departmental requirement that students are only to engage play on the equipment during school hours. Thank you for your co-operation in adhering to this policy.

P & C NEWS

NEXT MEETING 8TH MARCH 6.00PM

Parking

Please be advised that parking in the Good Start Kindergarten is not permitted as it is designated for their parents. School parking is available at the front of the school or across the road in the park. Thanks for your co-operation.

Sports News



We would like to congratulate Reuben G on achieving a personal best at the Western Ranges District Swimming Carnival last week.....great work Reuben !

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
5/3/21	10 -12 Years Girls/Boys Basketball Trials
5/3/21	10-12 Years Girls/Boys AFL Trials

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop has been re-stocked and we have most sizes available in polo's, formal shirts, dresses and hats. There are still shorts on back order and they will be filled as soon as stock arrives. We now have Suzanne Glasby and Jody Fairey taking up the roles of Uniform Shop Convenors, a new email address for uniform orders has been set up. The shop will be open 8.00am – 9.00am on Tuesday mornings, please follow the instructions below for ordering.



- Email pcssuniforms@gmail.com with your order (order form is not required)
- Please list child's First/Surname/Class on order
- Make Payment via direct deposit only, please email receipt with your order
- The order will be delivered to the school office for collection or handed out to your children

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.

i-Pods, iPads & Telephones

Any student who brings an iPod, iPad or mobile phone to school must sign it in at the office before school. These devices are stored securely until students sign their device out at the end of the school day at 3:00pm.

School Grounds and School Watch

Just a reminder, that unless prior permission has been sought, nobody should be entering the school grounds outside of school hours. Anybody entering the school grounds outside the normal scheduled school hours is risking being prosecuted for trespassing. If you see anything, or anybody acting suspiciously outside of normal school hours, please contact **School Watch on: 131 788; or Policelink on: 131 444. Alternatively, in the event of an emergency, contact 000.**



Swimming

Term 1 of each school year, we would normally have our Year 4 – 6 Students attend swimming lessons at the Boonah Swimming for a 5-week block with the 6th week being our swimming carnival. This year there has been great difficulty in securing timeslots as all the schools in the scenic rim utilise the pool, which makes bookings quite tricky.

We have decided that we will have the whole school (Prep – Year 6) swim in Term 4 of this year with the Inter house carnival also being in in that term. We are currently in the process of securing a different location for our swimming lessons and will pass on the information when we have further details.

Pots of Fun



Get one free with every \$30 you spend!

Woolworths are currently running their Discovery Garden program with 24 varieties of flowers, herbs and vegetables to collect in their cute little Pots of Fun. As part of our Kitchen to Garden program, which will be commencing very soon, our school is currently collecting the Pots of Fun and would greatly appreciate any pots that would like to donate to our garden.



A big thank you to CMH Electrical Industries for donating their time to install the new stove and range hood to the tuckshop. They went above and beyond with their services.

CMH Electrical Industries are a family-owned Ipswich company bringing a new lease of energy to the electrical industry. They employ highly qualified and experienced tradesman to maintain excellent service on time and on budget. CMH Electrical Industries maintenance and installation team have over 15 years' experience in the electrical industrial industry - ranging from mining, food and beverage, construction, LV, HV and data services reticulation, project management and preventative maintenance / maintenance scheduling.

Support local business. Contact CMH Electrical Industries for your electrical needs on (07) 3054 1196 or email enquiries@cmhelectricalindustries.com



Tuckshop Crew News

Welcome back to school, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed the holidays.

As everyone is aware, the COVID virus is still with us and we will have to continue to follow our COVID 19 restrictions in the Tuckshop.

This means orders will be placed in a drop box with payment at the Tuckshop. Change will be returned to your child with their filled order. All families should have received a menu of the foods available and the break they are available for. **Ice blocks will be sold at 2nd break only after the bell for play.**

Please remember **one item per bag** with the following details clearly written on the bag.

Childs Name

Teachers Name

Year Level

Break e.g 1st or 2nd

Food Item required

If you do not have lunch bags, they are available at the Tuckshop at 10 cents per bag. We will be starting this term with the old menu and pricing.

A new price list will be out in the coming weeks. Thank you for supporting the Tuckshop and the P&C through your purchases. I look forward to the coming year and meeting all our old and new students and parents.

Thank you for your co-operation to help make the Tuckshop run smoothly.

Irene Hounslow
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Tuckshop Crew News

We have kicked off another year at Tuckshop. I am sure the students are glad to have their tuckshop back. As the restrictions are still in place for the tuckshop, we will have to stay with the short menu. Once the restrictions have been lifted we will expand the menu. Watch out for this in the newsletter.

This year I would like to have a special Tuckshop day each term eg. Taco Day. If you have any ideas, I would love to hear them.

The tuckshop now has a new stove. Thank you to CMH Electrical for looking after this installation for us.

As we are always for looking for volunteers to help in the Tuckshop, please complete the attached form if you are able to assist. Simply circle your preferred time. We would love to have your assistance. The Tuckshop is run by volunteers and to keep it going we need your help.

I am able to help :- Name _____

Please Circle If you are able to help on the following Weeks and Times, NB All Day is 8:30am to 2:10pm

Week 4 - 18Feb	All Day	8:30am to 11:30am	11:30am to 2:10pm
Week 5 - 25Feb	All Day	8:30am to 11:30am	11:30am to 2:10pm
Week 6 - 04Mar	All Day	8:30am to 11:30am	11:30am to 2:10pm
Week 7 - 11Mar	All Day	8:30am to 11:30am	11:30am to 2:10pm
Week 8 - 18Mar	All Day	8:30am to 11:30am	11:30am to 2:10pm
Week 9 - 25Mar	All Day	8:30am to 11:30am	11:30am to 2:10pm

BE PART OF OUR TEAM

SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE
AND BELONG TO A SPORT YOU'LL LOVE.
PLAY JUNIOR NETBALL AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB.



VENUE

SESSION DAYS & TIMES

START DATE

CONTACT

Find your nearest centre at play.netball.com.au



School's back

SLOW DOWN FOR SCHOOL ZONES



Road safety reminders - 2021



The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Road Safety team is committed to road safety around schools. The safety of children travelling to and from school, by walking or cycling, by school bus or in a private vehicle, and the provision of safe crossings are a key priority for the Department. We all have a role to play in keeping students safe and traffic flowing around schools. We need to co-operate, be patient and abide by the road rules.

All drivers have a responsibility to abide by the road rules
<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules>

Slow down around school zones

With the return of Queensland State schools back on Wednesday 27 January, motorists need to remember to slow down in school zones and be mindful of children in and around school areas from the start of the school term. School zones will be back in action with 40km/hr speed limits in place around most school areas, so drivers should be vigilant to look out for signage to make sure they're travelling the right speed and watch out for children crossing the road.

Slowing down in school zones won't make much difference to the trip time, but it could save a child's life.

Here's some **5 tips** for you to keep young children safe:

- Remember children don't have 'StreetSmarts' yet, so slow down for unpredictable and distracted children who will be out and about before and after school.
- Pay close attention to children on bikes, crossing roads, getting on and off buses, and out of cars.
- Use designated drop-off zones where available, don't risk your child's safety (or a fine) by stopping in no-parking areas, and exercise patience during times of congestion.
- Teach your child the safest route to and from school, to only cross at pedestrian crossings, crossing when the green 'walk' sign is showing, or at supervised school crossings when the supervisor has signalled it is safe to cross.



For more information, visit: <https://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/tools-and-resources/tagged/parents#items>

Always observe speed limits – they are designed to keep children safe

Children's crossings and School Crossing Supervisors



A familiar sight around schools is the School Crossing Supervisor. They ensure students and pedestrians who cross the road at the school crossing do so in a safe manner. They use a hand-held 'stop' sign to stop traffic and allow pedestrians to cross the road safely. Motorists must stop and wait until all pedestrians are no longer on the road and the School Crossing Supervisor has safely returned to the footpath. When children's crossing flags are displayed, you must stop and give way to any pedestrians on or entering the crossing (regardless of whether a school crossing supervisor is present or not).

KEEP OUR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS SAFE

