



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS



Our Book Week enthusiasm again this year was amazing. It was wonderful to see our students and staff embrace the book character dress up and parade. Book week provides a special focus for the library, with the opportunity to showcase the best of children's literature for 2017. Thank you for the fantastic support for our Book Week celebrations. A huge hoorah for our parents and extended community for their wholehearted support with this fun and exciting event.

Thank you
Michelle Lowry & Tash Macarthur





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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

2017 Athletics Champions

Congratulations to the following students who are talented athletes and are our 2017 Athletics Age Champions. These students were presented with their trophies last week.



Senior Boy: William
11 yrs Boy: Aiden
Junior Boy: Jake
Junior Girl: Aaris
11 yrs Girl: Silver
Snr Girl: Gabrielle

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 11 August 51 of our talented athletes represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry Oval. Every student performed to their personal best. They displayed great sportsmanship and cheered on their fellow competitors. A fantastic day was had by all! A special thank you to all the mums and dads who cheered on their children and helped out on the day. Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival today.



Back Row: Zoe, Ginger, William, Jake, Aiden, Rohan
Front Row: Kirra (reserve), Emmisan, Aaris, Indianna, Emma
Absent: Marissa

WELCOME TO TERM 3

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Mon, 4 Sept	LMBR - Go Live. PPPS will transition to the new Public School Finance System today.
11 - 13 Sept	Stage 2 Camp at Adventure Land for Year 3 & Year 4 students
11 - 15 Sept	Swim School for all Year 2 students
Fri, 15 Sept	Zone Touch Football Gala Day for selected students
Mon, 18 Sept	P & C Meeting at the Recky @ 7.00 pm. All welcome.
Wed, 20 Sept	Zone Netball Gala Day for selected students
Thurs, 21 Sept	Assembly - speeches
Fri, 22 Sept	Last day of Term 3 - Mufti Day (Bandana Cancer Research)



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NSW PSSA - Pacific School Games

Congratulations to Gabrielle on her selection to represent NSW at the upcoming 10th Pacific School Games to be held in Adelaide from 1 December to 10 December 2017. Gabrielle will represent NSW in the 12 yrs NSW Girls Touch Football Team. The concept of the Pacific School Games is to provide opportunities for young people to come together and experience an international sporting event. Eleven sports will feature in the 2017 Pacific School Games; basketball, diving, football, golf, hockey, netball, softball, swimming, touch football and track & field. The number of competitors is expected to be around 3,000 students from the Australian states and territories, countries around the Pacific Rim and other invited nations. NSW is likely to send a team of over 700 competitors to the 2017 Pacific School Games.



NSW PSSA Girls Soccer Championships

Congratulations to Ginger who represented Hunter at the NSW PSSA Girls Soccer Championships in Kareela last week. After three days of competition against other regional teams across the state the Hunter girls were successful in making it through to the Semi Finals on the final day. At the conclusion of the championships the Hunter girls finished in third place in the state.

Manning PSSA Football (Soccer) Gala Day

A great day for our Pacific Palms boys soccer team on Friday, 18 August at Wingham Sporting Complex. Our team drew a game, lost a game and won 3 games. The boys all enjoyed playing in a range of different positions. Great work boys. Thank you Miss Williams and for all the parent support.





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Paper Planes Competition



THE NSW ALL SCHOOLS PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE AUG 26th 2017 - SYDNEY

Congratulations to Jaspa, who competed at Sydney University on the weekend and came 3rd in "Hang Time" and 4th for "Distance" for his age group. Great work Jaspa we are all very proud of you. You can check more info at <http://www.paperplanes.youngscientist.com.au/>



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Walk Away Dave Visit

On Friday, 18 August we had a visit from Walk Away Dave. Dave spoke to all the children at our morning assembly about his adventures in the Myall Lakes National Park and his journey to make "Earth Come First". Dave thanked everyone who had followed his journey, donated and those who came out and picked up rubbish. Over 2 tonnes of rubbish has been collected from the Myall Lakes National Park this year, including wine bottles from the ship wrecked SS Fiona dated 1888.



Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills but it also helps to raise funds for vital heart research and education programs. It's really important you register your child online so they can receive the full benefits of the program and also participate in online fundraising. Simply visit www.jumprope.org.au and click on **register**.



Stage 2 Camp - Adventure Land

Monday, 11 September to Wednesday, 13 September

We are getting very excited for our Year 3 and Year 4 students as our Stage 2 Camp to Adventure Land is now only 1 week away. Thank you to all of the parents who

have made their final payments and returned their Medical Forms. A note was sent home this week outlining what to pack, what to wear and other relevant information. If you have any questions regarding this excursion please do not hesitate to contact the school.





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Year 2 Swim School

As part of the Stage 1 curriculum Year 2 students have the opportunity to take part in the Swim School program. The intensive program runs for one week and caters for non-swimmers and advanced swimmers. The swim school program will be held from Monday, 11 September to Friday, 15 September. Students will be picked up from school at 11.15 am for a 12 pm start. Students will have two lessons each day with a break for a light snack in between. Students will return to school in time for the school buses. Please return the permission slip and \$45 payment to the front office if you have not already done so.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

Thank you to all members of the Pacific Palms School community who have been collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. The response has been amazing! Please continue to collect these stickers and place them in the box at both Forster and Tuncurry Woolworths or you can bring them to school and place them in the box at the office. This fantastic initiative provides the opportunity for our school to choose from a range of Mathematics, English, Creative Arts and Science educational resources to help continue to support learning and engagement though out our school. We are now half way through the program and would love to continue to see you supporting our school.

INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between **21 August and 13 October**. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated so far we only have 14 responses.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>



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Kindergarten! ... here I come!



2018 Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2018 is now open. Thank you to those parents who attended our Kindergarten Information Night. Kindergarten enrolment packs are available at the front office. We are looking forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students for Happy Start next term. If you have any questions regarding enrolments for Kindergarten 2018, please contact the office.

P & C NEWS

P & C Father's Day Raffle

Thank you to the Hardy family from BBQs Galore Forster who kindly donated a fabulous Ziegler & Brown Portable Grill BBQ, Petra Richter Enjo, Naomi Frueden "The Natural Deodorant" and Super Cheap Auto Forster who also donated wonderful prizes for our Father's Day raffle.



Congratulation to:

1st Prize winner: *Stephanie - Portable Grill BBQ*

2nd Prize winner: *Aiden - car wash kit*

3rd Prize winner: *Mrs Rowe - Father's Day Hamper*



School Banking

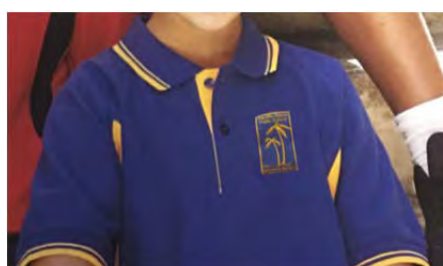
The School Banking program provides a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good saving habits. Congratulations to our School Banking Coordinators who were presented with an award for their outstanding contribution in helping students with our successful school banking program.

Pacific Palms School Uniforms

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide us with valuable feedback on our school shirt. An overwhelming number of parents, students and teachers said they loved the coloured shirts but many said they would prefer a cotton material option. Parents have now been asked to make a decision between 2 similar shirts, one in cotton and one in the sport shirt material. We have asked that all notes be return by today. We will keep you posted on the outcome of the vote.

Option A

100% Polyester
Cooldry micromesh



Option B

35% Cotton/65% Polyester
(Same material as current Blue shirt)



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principal Message

Thank you to our families and friends who came along to share a love of reading with us during book week. It was great to see so many grandparents join us for reading. Thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped with tea/coffee and the canteen meal deal. Our students looked great in their character dress ups, so creative!

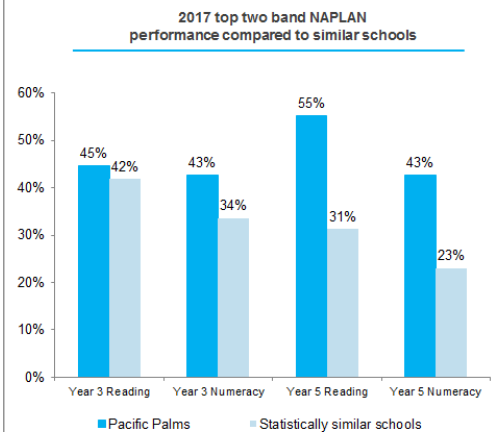
Pacific Palms Success

Pacific Palms Public school was invited to present at the DoE 'Literacy for Learning K-12 Conference' on Friday, 18 August in Sydney. Our school was selected along with one other Primary School to share insights into our excellent classroom practices and to celebrate our amazing NAPLAN results in Numeracy and Reading (as part of the Bump It Up strategy). It was a privilege to speak about the wonderful things happening at our school, our incredible dedicated staff and amazing students. An absolute pleasure to be recognised in this way. We also received a personal letter from Glenn King, Deputy Secretary of the Premier's Implementation Unit (attached). We are all very proud of our staff and students.

TEACH | INSPIRE | CHALLENGE | #DoELiteracy



Pacific Palms Public School Great Lakes Network



Pacific Palms substantially outperforms similar schools in Year 5 reading and numeracy





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Premier
& Cabinet

Reference: A2227065

Melissa Merchant
R/Principal
Pacific Palms Public School
91 Boomerang Dr
Boomerang Beach NSW 2428

Dear Melissa,

On behalf of the Premier's Implementation Unit (PIU) I would like to congratulate you and your school on your fantastic 2017 NAPLAN results. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for participating in the *Literacy for Learning K-12 Conference* with the PIU team.

We believe there is great value in sharing Pacific Palms Public School's journey, focus and commitment to Bump it Up with other schools.

Congratulations again for continuing to make a positive contribution to achieving the Premier's Priority for Improving Education Results. This means that more students in NSW are realising their full potential.

Please pass on our thanks and gratitude to your great team.

Yours Sincerely,

Glenn King
Deputy Secretary, Premier's Implementation Unit
NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

17/8/17



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Kindergarten 2018

Starting school is an important step for your child. We are very much looking forward to being part of your child's educational journey and commencing a wonderful partnership between your family and our school. We are now enrolling for Kindergarten next year! Mrs Sue Cunich (Assistant Principal K-2) will be leading the Kindergarten transition program. Our Kindergarten 2018 Information Evening was held this week, it was great to see lots of new faces. If you couldn't make it that night, you can pick up an application for your child by either picking up a form from the school office or downloading a copy via the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/primary-school-enrolment>



If your child turns five years of age
by 31 July 2018, we are now
accepting enrolment applications

School Uniforms

Over the past few months the P&C has facilitated a number of discussions on our current school uniform. Thank you to all of those parents who provided us with valuable feedback. Thank you also to those parents who returned the note about our school shirt and attended our Uniform Meeting on Wednesday night. We certainly value your contribution. We are in the process of finalising the design and fabric for our school shirt and have taken on feedback from parents. Our aim is to offer a uniform that is affordable, comfortable, made from easy-care and easy wear fabrics, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes.

At the end of this year we will be providing parents with a note that outlines the uniform requirements for 2018. We believe that a uniform helps to develop a students' sense of belonging to the school community and will also provide an opportunity to build school spirit. It will help promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity. Having a uniform also helps prevent students competing with each other by wearing expensive brand name clothing and supports the school value of 'CARE for yourself'.

As always, please contact the Assistant Principals; Lyn Wood, Sue Cunich and Katrina Punton to clarify any issue of concern to you. The whole school team at Pacific Palms School is committed to working with our community to ensure our students have the very best opportunities to learn.

Yours in learning,
Melissa Merchant
Principal (Rel)





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WHEN TO KEEP KIDS HOME...

A guide to help you decide when and how long to keep sick children home. This is based on information provided by NSW Health. If you are ever unsure, please seek the advice of a medical professional.

DIARRHOEA & VOMITING

Students should remain home for the duration, AND for at least 24 hours after symptoms subside.

CONJUNCTIVITIS

Students should remain home while there is discharge from the eye, unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.

INFLUENZA

Students should remain home until symptoms (fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches & headaches) subside.

CHICKEN POX

Students should remain home until blisters have dried, and at least 5 days have passed since the onset of the rash.

HEAD LICE OR NITS

Students should remain home until head lice have been fully removed and treated. Please inform the school.

COMMON COLD/RUNNY NOSE

Students can attend school, unless there are other symptoms such as fever, headache, sore throat, cough or rash.

WHOOPIING COUGH

Students should remain home until the first five days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Seek advice of a medical professional.

For more information, and a full list of common childhood illnesses, please visit <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

COMING SOON!

Pacific Palms Public School

FETE

Friday 20th October
3-7pm

Family Fun for everyone!



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Fri 1 Sep 630-8pm

TUNCURRY BEACH BOWLING CLUB

TIME: 6.30PM - 8PM

COST: \$5

AGES: PRIMARY STUDENTS YEARS 3-6

**PRIZES AVAILABLE | FUN GAMES
CANTEEN AVAILABLE**

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers



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Pacific Palms Surf Life Saving Club

Nippers Season Registration 2017/18

We welcome new and existing members to join us in giving kids confidence and competency in the surf in an encouraging and fun environment.

Registrations are online go to:

www.pacificpalmslsc.org.au/membership

Registrations can also be done in person:

- 14th September – Pacific Palms Primary School, 2:30pm – 4pm.
- 17th September – Pacific Palms Surf Club, 10am – 11am.
- 18th September – Pacific Palms Primary School, 2:30pm – 4pm.
- 24th September – Pacific Palms Markets, 9am – 10am.

The Nippers season will commence on Sunday 15th October 2017 and conclude on 1st April 2018, with a Christmas break between 17th December – 14th January.

This year Nippers will be starting at the new time of 9:30am.

Please find attached a proficiency form. This form AND registration must be completed before your child can participate in any Nippers events.





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Playgroup NSW

DISCOVER
YOUR LOCAL
PLAYGROUP!



VISIT YOUR LOCAL PLAYGROUP!

Our playgroup offers children ages 0-6 an opportunity to learn through play, develop social skills and make friends in a safe and stimulating environment.

By attending playgroup parents and carers can build social networks that support them and their children.

PLAYGROUP HAS
HELPED MY CHILDREN
LEARN ABOUT FRIENDSHIP,
BELONGING AND THAT
PLAYING WITH OTHERS
IS FUN.

Pacific Palms Playgroup
Pacific Palms Community Centre
3957 The Lakes Way
Join us on Wednesdays
At 9.30 am!

JOIN
NOW!

Families can attend two playgroup sessions and then need to become a member to continue to participate.



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You are welcome at the Pacific Palms Community Worship Service



The second Sunday of every month

10th September

8th October

12th November

10th December and Christmas Eve

To be held at the Pacific Palms Community Hall

The Lakes Way Pacific Palms

Commencing at 5.00 pm

With a light meal to follow

Brought to you by the Forster / Tuncurry Uniting Church

