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Larissa Robinson - 0414 349 597

AUSTSWIM No: 97767

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Are you looking for an amazing, fun dance class in 2013?
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Pacific Palms Public School – Newsletter 13th December 2012
“Your safe and caring community school”
website: www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Wahroonga Public School Rocks the Palms

Students and staff at Pacific Palms Public school recently enjoyed a visit and performance from the Wahroonga Public School band. The audience was entertained by catchy medleys such as the themes from “Star Wars” and “The Incredibles”. Pacific Palms students took over the role of conductor for a few tunes, and teachers got up and danced to music from the movie “Grease”. It was wonderful to welcome these talented musicians to our school.



WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

The following events are happening over the coming days and weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Mon, 17 Dec	Junior Presentation - K to Yr 2 @ 10.00 am
	Senior Presentation - Yr 3 to Yr 6 @ 6.00 pm
Wed, 19 Dec	Talent Quest @ 12.20 to 1.35 pm
	Year 6 March Out @ 2.30 pm
	Last day of school for 2012
Wed, 30 Jan	First day of school for 2013
Fri, 1 Feb	Swimming Carnival
Tues, 5 Feb	Kindergarten start



OUR STUDENTS EXCEL cont.

Junior Presentation - Sausage Sizzle

The P&C are organising a sausage sizzle for students and parents after the Junior Presentation on Monday, 17 December. Sausage sandwiches will cost \$2 and poppers \$1.

PLEASE NOTE: The CANTEEN WILL NOT BE OPEN on this day so there will be no lunch orders.

Talent Quest

Our end of year Talent Quest will be held on Wednesday, 19 December during the middle session (12.20 to 1.35 pm). Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come along to watch our talented students entertain us.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Please enjoy reading our last newsletter for 2012!

Firstly my thanks to staff, students and parents for a wonderful year. I continue to be thankful and appreciative of the wonderful school that we have here at Pacific Palms. All members of staff give 150% to make this the best place for our children to learn. Parents enhance this by supporting us in so many varied ways.

So thank you everyone and let's look forward to a wonderful 2013.

Staffing: Very shortly we will be farewelling the following members of staff:

- ❖ Mr Tindall who, as previously explained, is off to take on the challenge of life as a principal.
- ❖ Ms Newell who is relocating but will no doubt be quickly snaffled up by another school. Ms Newell will be missed not only as a classroom teacher but also as someone who happily and efficiently takes on extra responsibilities around the school.



Tuncurry Children's Services



Vacation Care!

When?	All weekdays during school holidays (Except Public Holidays) 20 & 21 December, 2012 and 2 - 25 January, 2013
Where?	Tuncurry Public School Library , Capel Street, Tuncurry And Tea Gardens Public School Hall , Witt Street, Tea Gardens For primary school-aged children (5 – 12 years)
Who?	
What Time?	7.00am to 6.00pm
Phone:	Tuncurry: 6591 7491 or 0417 299 617 (mobile) Tea Gardens: 0427 214 988 (mobile)

Booking days will be held on the following days:
Tuesday 4, Friday 7 & Monday 10 December, 2012
3pm to 6pm at the Services (however, enrolments are accepted at any time).

Where do I enrol and make payments?

- All enrolments can be made at the Service, on specific booking days from 3 – 6 pm during school term (enrolments accepted at any time)
- Phone if you are unable to attend booking days to make alternative arrangements
- A \$20 deposit (per family) is required with any enrolment forms. If paying by cash, please ensure that you have correct change as we are not able to provide any. All outstanding fees must be paid prior to enrolment
- Payments can be made by cash, cheque, master or visa card or BPay
- Forms are available at Great Lakes Council, at the Service, or can be downloaded from our website: www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au

** See Information Page regarding Booked and Casual Fee Rates

More information about Vacation Care is available at the front office. Come in and collect a flyer.

Ham Raffles

Sundays



Last Week
December 16
30 hams to be
won each week

On sale 3.30pm
Drawn 4.30pm

Green Closed

From 14th January
for yearly
maintenance
Resumes early
March

FREE TRIVIA



20th Dec
6.30PM



www.pacificpalmsbowlingclub.com.au
pfbowlingclub@vsnl.com.au
A 12 SEATER COURTESY
BUS IS NOW AVAILABLE
FOR PICK UP AND TAKE HOME
PLEASE ENQUIRE
AT THE CLUB FOR DETAILS.
INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

WEEKS

EVENTS

MON

Darts 7pm

TUE

BINGO 11.00am
Members Happy Hour
3.30pm-5pm

WED

No Ladies Bowls Till early
March 2013

THUR

Mens Bowls 1pm

FRI

Raffles & "Super 100"
Tickets on sale from 7pm

SAT

TAB Racing

Sun

Social Bowls 1pm

IS GAMBLING
A PROBLEM FOR YOU ?
G-LINE (NSW) IS A
CONFIDENTIAL
ANONYMOUS & FREE
COUNSELLING
SERVICES FREECALL
1800 833 636

Friday Night
Raffles

Tickets on Sale at 7pm

SUPER 100 TC LTPS 12/12666

15 Chances to Win

(Can reach a maximum of \$2000),
INCREASES \$100 EVERY WEEK IF NOT WON
As at 14/11/12

\$400 in cash

Please note from 4th Jan 2013 Raffle will be
drawn at 7.30pm tickets on sale from
6.30pm

Members Children's
Xmas Picnic

Sunday 16th Dec

12.30pm to 3.30pm



Registration Closed

Bingo

Tuesdays at 11.00 am

No Bingo on 1-1-13

Children welcome!



PACIFIC PALMS RECREATION CLUB

THE LAKESWAY

65540207

Christmas Ham and Meat

Raffles

Fridays 14th and 21st—6.30pm

Sunday 16th December—2.45pm



Kids Christmas Disco

Wednesday 19th December

Under 15's

6-9 pm

Free entry

And a special visit from Santa!

Mat McHugh & Separatist Soundsystem

(formerly Beautiful Girls)

Sunday 30th December

Live Music and Fireworks

New Years Eve

From 9pm



Live Music and Kids Disco's throughout

January

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont.

- ❖ Ms Robertson who has been such a wonderful addition to our team as a beginning teacher. We are very proud to say that Mel has been successful in achieving a permanent teaching position in Taree. But once again she will be missed for her quiet yet caring and professional manner.
- ❖ Mr Browne our School Counsellor who has been allocated a different school for 2013. Mr Browne has been an absolute pleasure to work with and a great support for our students. Our new Counsellor will be Ms Sue Colditz.

Next year we will be welcoming some other new and returning staff members:

Firstly, Ms Mel Merchant who will be our new Assistant Principal joining Mr Ryan and Mrs Wood. We look forward to Mel becoming another valued member of our team.

Another new face will be Mr Levi Worth. Mr Worth will be replacing Ms Michel who is on maternity leave. Ms Lani Williams will also be joining us for the first few weeks until we find out about a permanent replacement for Mr Tindall.

Returning next year will be Mr Reed who will be back from leave for a short while prior to his retirement some time in 2013.

Finally congratulations to Angela Edwards who this week became a permanent part time member of our school administration team. Angela is a great asset to our school so we are very happy that she is now with us long term.

Classes for 2013 - Once again numbers are only just on the requirement to form 11 classes. For that reason when the children return after the holidays they will be placed in their 2012 classes for the first couple of days until we can check enrolments. Once we are sure that no-one has unexpectedly left over the holidays we will form

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont.

the new classes. We expect this to happen on Monday, 4 February 2013. This is the best option as it avoids children being put into a new class and then having to be moved after a couple of days if numbers change.

I would appreciate it if anyone hears of anyone arriving in the area or perhaps leaving if you could give me a call on my mobile anytime during the holidays. Ph: **0400 992 129**

Farewell Year 6 - Tonight is our Year Six Graduation and on this evening once again we will have mixed feelings, excitement that these children are starting another phase of their schooling but a little sadness in saying good bye. They have been such a great group and we will miss them!

Junior and Senior Presentation Assemblies - I look forward to seeing many of you at one or both of these events next Monday, 17 December 2012. The Junior Presentation will commence at 10.00 am followed by a sausage sizzle lunch provided by our P & C. The Senior Presentation will commence at 6.00 pm that evening.

Last day for students - The last day for students is next Wednesday, 19 December when we have our talent quest and Year Six farewell march out. Parents are welcome to join us.

Once the children finish on Wednesday staff members will be engaged in several professional development activities including CPR update training and beginning to look at the new English Syllabus which will be used from 2014. These two days also enable us to do lots of our planning, organisation and moving classes ready for 2013.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone, stay safe and we look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year.

Kerry Tulloch
Principal

KIDS FISHING WORKSHOP

Forster Tuncurry
10.00am – 2.00pm on
Saturday 15 December 2012

Give your child the opportunity to learn to fish during the school holidays. The day involves fishing techniques such as knots and rigging as well as casting, bag/size limits and ethical fishing practices. The workshop is designed for kids aged 8-14 years.

\$40 per child

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 25 and bookings are essential.

Fee includes rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle kit and show bag for the kids to take home. The workshop is led by experienced staff and volunteers from NSW DPI - Fisheries Division. Full supervision is provided on the day.

Transport is the responsibility of parents. Remember to slip, slop and slap and to prepare for inclement weather if the need arises.

For Bookings call/email: Sue Drzyzga
Wallis Lake Fisheries Office
P: 02 6591 6300
E: suzanne.drzyzga@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Venue: Wallis Lake Fisheries Office
2 Palm Street, Tuncurry



Primary Industries



Great Lakes Library

Summer Reading Club 2012 ~ 2013 'Untangled Tales'

All Branches: Forster, Tea Gardens, Stroud, Bulahdelah & Nahiack

www.summerreadingclub.org.au

Registrations Start: 12 December 2012 ~ Completion Date: 23 January 2013

Come in to any of the Great Lakes Library Service Branches to register and receive an information pack containing the challenge details. All you need to do is READ to receive incentive prizes or go in the draw for a grand prize. Reading is a creative, mind expanding, adventurous, exciting activity. Readers embark on a journey every time they open a book. Reading is an essential skill for everyone. It is the vital foundation of a child's learning and engagement in their school years and for life.

**FORSTER
School Holiday Activities**

Cartooning Workshop
Thursday 10 January 2013
10:30-11:30pm
\$5:00 per child

Bob Turner Wildlife Show
Wednesday 16 January 2013
9:30am-10:30am
\$5:00 per child

**Activities for children 5-12 years of ages.
Bookings Essential Ph: 6591 7330**