

YOGA FOR EVERYONE!



COMMENCING THURSDAYS TERM 2

* BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL !!!

PACIFIC PALMS PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

KIDS

Channel energy into fun & effective fitness

- ~ Building confidence, co-ordination & focus
- ~ Learning simple tools to calm little minds
- ~ Promotes better learning & creative ability

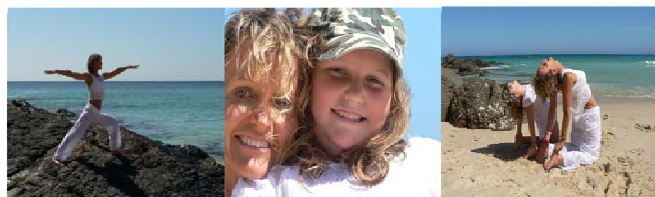
Kids \$8 per class 3.15 PM – 4PM

Adults \$12 & Teens \$10 5.30 PM – 6.30 PM

ADULTS

Enhance every aspect of your life

- ~ Increase vitality, core strength, tone and flexibility
- ~ Learn how to calm your busy mind & be more effective
- ~ Promote a feeling of inner peace & happiness



**PHONE VICKIE ON 042 961 9114 FOR WELCOME
ENQUIRIES & ESSENTIAL BOOKINGS**

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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who will be travelling to Wingham on 3 May 2012 to attend the Manning Zone Cross Country.

Boys	Girls
8/9 yrs - Zeb W, Lewis K, Levi R, Callum D	8/9 yrs - Mya Mc, Samantha G, Joely M, Kirra
10 yrs - Liam P, Liam Mc, Tyrone Mc, Oliver A	10 yrs - Alexandra E, Caitlin B, Inde-Rose R, Jade A
11 yrs - Jordan B, Nat W, Bailey J, Angus A	11 yrs - Chelsea S, Daisy H, Miranda R, Amber H
12/13 yrs - Harry E, Cooper C, Steve S, Josh I	12/13 yrs - Hannah W, Irena C, Cinnamon P, Katelyn G

WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Tues, 24 April	Children return to school
Fri, 27 April	Anzac Day Assembly
Mon, 30 April - Fri, 4 May	Mothers Day Stall this week. (More info to come)
Thurs, 3 May	Manning Zone Cross Country
Fri, 4 May	Assembly - Class Captains

OUR STUDENTS EXCEL cont.

PSSA Hunter Team



Congratulations to Harry who was successful in making the Hunter PSSA Rugby League Team. Harry will travel to Sydney in June to play in a three day State Carnival. Good luck Harry.

OUR PROFESSIONAL AND DEDICATED TEACHERS

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of all of our staff this term. We have achieved a great deal in a short time - no wonder everyone is looking forward to a holiday! Thank you to all teaching and non-teaching staff for a great term.

I would particularly like to mention a couple of people:

Firstly farewell to Ms Ebony Notting who has been with us since finishing her training last year. Ebony is moving to the Central Coast and will be working there as a casual teacher from the beginning of next term. We wish her well.

Secondly a big thank you to Mrs Tuft and Mrs Byrnes who have put in a huge amount of their own time to update our home reading scheme. I believe this included all of last weekend so I really am very grateful to them. You will see an article about changes to the home reading scheme in this newsletter. Please ensure you read it carefully so you understand how the system works.

KIDS FISHING WORKSHOP

Forster Tuncurry

10.00am – 2.00pm on
Wednesday 11 April 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: Jamie Burns
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Venue: Wallis Lake Fisheries Office
2 Palm Street, Tuncurry



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SAFE, ENJOYABLE, FUN WITH HORSES MEETING NEW FRIENDS at COOMBA

Learn all horse skills - grooming, mounting, sitting, trot, rising trot, canter, horse games by professional tuition. Beginners to Advanced riders welcome. Afternoon lessons, Weekend Camps. **SPECIAL - book early School Holiday Camps - 6th & 7th April - Bring a friend for ½ price**
Bunkhouse accommodation, fancy dress, disco, healthy food



Attention All Mums and Dads The Junior Spirit is back!



Join Adventure Man Saturday May 12th at 3pm for the best time your kids will have all year.

Aimed at encouraging kids to participate and enjoy exercise the Junior Spirit is 3km of obstacles, fun and full on adventure on Forster Main Beach.

Every Child is a Winner- All entrants receive a T-Shirt and 'Junior Spirit' goody bag

Get your entries in now go to
www.forsteradventurerace.com.au

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Anzac Day Assembly

Our school Anzac Day Assembly will be held on Friday, 27 April 2012.

P & C NEWS

Mothers Day Stall

This year the P&C have organised a Mothers Day Stall for Week 2 of Term 2. There will be a number of gift items for students to purchase for their mothers or carers for Mothers Day. We will be asking students to bring in \$5 to purchase a gift (maximum \$10 per family). Each child in the family will have the opportunity to choose a gift. A reminder note about the Mothers Day stall will be going home in Week 1.

INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

NAPLAN Assessment

This important assessment program for Year 3 and Year 5 students will be held on the 15, 16 and 17 May 2012, the fourth week back next term. More information will be provided.

Student Welfare

Next term we will begin our Achieve Program. This is a proactive personal development program that aims to develop in all students the "Keys to Success" so that all students can achieve their best at school-academically and in their relationships with others. The skills developed in this program are an essential part of our Anti Bullying Program, in that a significant part of the teaching is about getting along with others and being resilient. In Term 2 we will begin with a focus on "Getting Along with Each Other". Each week lessons on this topic will be taught in class and every second week Peer Support

groups will have activities on this topic. (Peer Support groups are small groups of students from Kinder to Year 6 with a Year 6 leader).

Term 2 begins for staff on Monday 23rd April and for students on Tuesday 24th April. I wish everyone in our school community a safe and happy holiday!

Kerry Tulloch
Principal



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Home Readers

Thank you so much for your patience during the reorganisation of the Home Readers. It was a very big job! We now have a beautiful system which we hope will operate smoothly and easily for many years to come.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 4 who have not yet reached Level 30 will be eligible to borrow a Home Reader each day commencing:

MONDAY, 30th APRIL 2012 – WEEK 2, TERM 2

Students in Years 5 or 6 and students who have reached Level 30 are expected to borrow and read up to 3 books a week from the school Library.

Experts in the teaching of reading have been telling us for a while now just how important it is for students to read easy, familiar books over and over. When children read a book again on another day, they are more able to read it at normal speaking speed (which is how reading is supposed to sound!) rather than the frustratingly slow word by word that used to be considered normal for a child learning to read. This more fluent reading leads to increased comprehension and confidence in the student. Confident readers at any level, who understand what they are reading, are more likely to listen to themselves, notice any errors as they go, and stop to correct those few errors without assistance. This competent, independent, skilled reading behaviour leads to acceleration in the child's reading development and is to be encouraged and valued. Re-reading easy, familiar books at a good speaking pace requires the child to repeatedly, quickly recognise common words. Practising common words helps the child over-learn them until knowledge of these high frequency words become automatic. Finally it develops a powerful love of reading if children are allowed to choose books they enjoy and read them often.

So our new system provides parents and guardians with a space to date and initial each book three (or more!) times if desired.

Furthermore, students are now permitted and encouraged to choose from any box at or below their learning level. The parent's monitoring booklet will contain book lists from all those boxes.

Just check the book level to find the right list.

Students will need to return each Home Reader before they can receive another one. Each student will have a clear, plastic, A4 document wallet to carry their Home Reader. If a book is lost or damaged you can make a \$5 donation to help us replace it and your child can start borrowing again.

We intend Home Reading to be an enjoyable and successful experience for you and your child, one that contributes to your child's success in reading through the practice of regular, fluent reading of easy, familiar texts.

Thank you