

Education Week 2012

30 July – 3 August



Pacific Palms Public School Open Day

When:

Thursday, 2 August 2012

What:

- 9.30am-10.15am Numeracy in Action
- 10.15am-10.45am Open classrooms
- 10.45am-11.30 Concert showcasing our musical talents
- 11.30am-12.20pm Enjoy lunch with your children

Please come along and enjoy this opportunity to see our wonderful teachers and students at work.

OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Athletics Carnival 2012

Congratulations to the following students who are our 2012 Athletics Champions. The winning house for the 2012 Athletics carnival is Shelleys.

Athletics Champions 2012		
	GIRL	BOY
Junior	Mya McNamara	Tristan Fahey
U/11	Daisy Huthnance	Jordan Bourne
Senior	Hannah Williams	Cooper Church



Cooper Church, Jordan Bourne, Mya McNamara, Daisy Huthnance, Hannah Williams, Tristan Fahey

WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Friday, 27 July	NAIDOC Assembly @ 2 pm in hall. Children can wear RED, YELLOW and BLACK clothing to school.
30 July - 3 Aug Education Week	Tuesday - Parent Workshops Thursday - Open Classrooms (More info in newsletter)
Wed, 8 August	Great Lakes Academic Assembly

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Education Week 2012

Education week will be held next week from Monday, 30 July through to Friday, 3 August. This is an opportunity to celebrate and be part of your child's education.



A reminder that our Anti Bullying and Numeracy workshops will be held **NEXT TUESDAY, 31 July 2012** commencing at 3 pm and concluding at 4.45 pm. Ms Godfree will lead the Student Welfare session followed by Mr Tindall who will update parents on our Numeracy program and how you can help at home.

We will be having Open Classrooms **NEXT THURSDAY, 2 August 2012**. This is a great chance to visit your child's classroom and see what they have been learning about recently. I do hope many parents and other family members can join us on Thursday from 9.30 am.

The P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch on Thursday so parents and family members can enjoy lunch with their children. Cost: \$2 sausage sandwich and \$3 egg and bacon roll. Any assistance with cooking and serving on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Please note: There will be no other lunch orders on this day.

Our timetable for the day will be:

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9.30	Numeracy in action
10.15	Open Classrooms
10.45 - 11.30	Concert to showcase our musical talents
11.30	Enjoy a BBQ lunch with your children

CRAZY HAIR DAY – Friday, 29 July 2012

A big thank you!

On the last day of term we had a wonderful fun day at school. Children were able to dress out of uniform, had a great peer support games session organised by Mr Wilson and had free pizzas for lunch!

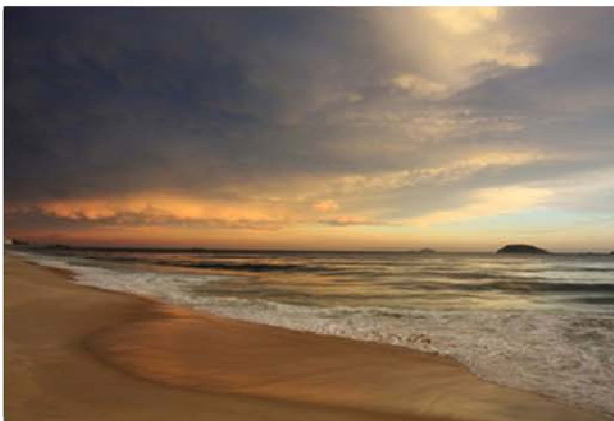
I would like to thank parents, Mark and Adele Workum, from Hueys at Blueys for their support on this day. They managed to deliver over 40 pizzas which were hot and delicious and very much enjoyed by the children. Not only did they provide these at a greatly reduced cost, they also provided some adult versions for the staff!

On a more serious note the mufti-day was to support a very important charity, the Cystic Fibrosis Association. As we have children at our school affected by this it is particularly important to see. It was wonderful that just by children bringing along a gold coin we managed to raise \$258.



PACIFIC PALMS BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Pacific Palms Business Breakfast



Do you own or operate a small business within the Pacific Palms area?

Would you like to meet other small business owners and share ideas and network?

Then join us for breakfast on the first Wednesday of the month and promote your business.

Cost: \$5. Please bring your business card.

**Breakfast provided.
Children welcome. Babysitting provided**

**Guest Speaker: Frank Ubaldino.
Learn how to make your web site work for you**

For further information contact:

Docky 0452462896
studio@elazridesign.com.au

Keep up to date with our meeting dates and what's going on in the Palms by subscribing to the Palms email Newsletter. Subscribe by contacting Sarah at bluesyryoga@gmail.com

Date: 1 August 2012

Time: 7:30am-8:30am

Venue: Pacific Palms Surf Life

Saving Club, Elizabeth Beach.

INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

NAIDOC Assembly - Friday, 27 July 2012

To acknowledge NAIDOC Week we will be holding a NAIDOC Assembly tomorrow at 2 pm. Children are encouraged to recognise the significance of this event by coming to school on Friday wearing one or more of the Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow. We hope many parents will join us also.

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers and Woolworths Stickers

We are still collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers and Woolworths Stickers. The vouchers and stickers can be placed in boxes located in the front office. We have had a huge response and thank you for supporting our school.

Voluntary Contribution Fee

As we are already half way through the year we are taking this opportunity to remind parents about the School Voluntary Contribution Fee. The fee for the first child is \$35 with additional children \$10 per child. The Voluntary Contribution Fee is capped at \$50.00. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

School Fete - Sunday, 16 September 2012

Our school fete will be held on Sunday, 16 September from 9 am to 1 pm at the school. If you would like to book a stall space, please contact **Melanie** on **0424 625 238** or drop your money into the office with name and contacts. Second hand stalls are \$15; new products are \$20 per space. If you would like to perform a dance, song, act on the day please contact **Melanie** too. The hall stage will be available so please come and show off your talent! We will also have a "books and discs" stall so feel free to donate your goods.

EFTPOS

For your convenience the front office will have EFTPOS facilities available for school payments commencing early August 2012.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Teaching Position

As Ms Murphy has relinquished her position at our school we will shortly be advertising for a new teacher to join us from the beginning of next year. The position will be advertised state wide and then a panel, which includes school and P & C Representatives, will have the responsibility of interviewing interested applicants and making a decision as to who would be most suitable to join our teaching team.

Kerry Tulloch - Principal

EDUCATION WEEK PARENT WORKSHOPS

Pacific Palms Public School invites you to attend a special Education Week Parent Workshop to discuss two of our school's key learning programs.

ACHIEVE – Amanda Godfree will present an information session on our **Anti-Bullying** program – ACHIEVE. This program helps children build positive relationships and experience social and emotional well being at school. The goal of this session is to let parents know how we are supporting students and provide an opportunity to answer any questions that arise regarding Anti Bullying.

NUMERACY – Jason Tindall will present an information session on the Numeracy program currently running in our school and how, as a parent, you can support your child at home with their Numeracy learning.

Date: Tuesday July 31st **Time:** 3:00pm – 4:45pm **Where:** School library

I would like to attend this information workshop:

NAME (S).....

I require child care forchildren. Age (s).....

(Children will be cared for by a child care professional in one of our classrooms.)

Please return this form to school by Friday July 27th

FORSTER/TUNCURRY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Registration for the new season commences Friday, 13th July and every Friday from 3.30 pm onwards.

A Coaching Clinic will be held on Friday, 27th July.

Regular Point Score Competition will commence from Friday, 3rd August onwards until Mid December.

Please contact Brenda Smith 6553 2428 for further information



GIRL GUIDES
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Forster- Tuncurry Girl Guides
invite you to
Come and Try Guides!



Monday 6 August 5 - 6.30pm (for 6-9 year olds)

Wednesday 15 August 5.30 - 7.30pm (for 10-13 year olds)

Guides enjoy cooking, craft, games, badges and camping

Forster- Tuncurry Guide Hall Lake st Forster

Please call Chris on 0418 894 277 to register for these free events.

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides



PROGRAM FOR TERM 3

July 25th We will be playing games, Poker, word games etc

Aug 3rd We will be making paper planes to see whose will fly the furthest

Aug 8th Finish painting the ASHOW croquet set we made last year

Aug 15th Making popcorn with various flavours

Aug 22nd Craft. All sorts of things to make

Aug 29th Making Tacos (at Thomas's request!)

Sept 5th We will be playing games, Poker, word games etc

Sept 12th Photography. Take photos and print

Sept 19th Balloon racing

For further information, please call Felicity on 0411 566 593

WOMEN'S SHED FUNDRAISING

We have a box located in the front foyer for collection of old mobile phones. This is a fundraising initiative of the Women's Shed.



NIPPERS 2012-13

NIPPERS REGISTRATION

The 2012 – 2013 season of Nippers will kick off on the beach on **Sunday 7 October, 2012.**

Registration will be open to all children between the ages of 5 – 14. (Child must turn 5 before 30 September 2012.)

Registration Dates:

Registration days will be held at Pacific Palms Surf Club on the following dates:

- ❖ Sunday 1 September (10.00am – 12.00pm)
- ❖ Sunday 9 September (10.00am – 12.00pm)
- ❖ Sunday 16 September – School Fete

Clothing will be available for purchase at these registration days.

Registration costs:

1 st child:	\$35.00
2 nd child:	\$30.00 etc
Parent:	\$15.00 1 parent per family to be registered

Please note there will be no registrations taken the morning of the 1st Nippers day. Your children **MUST** be fully registered before they are allowed to participate in activities.

Proficiency tests:

Children who are entering the age groups of Under 8 (turning 7 before 30 September 2012) and above are required to undertake a swimming proficiency test. A representative of Nippers will be available at the Great Lakes Aquatic Centre on **Saturday 8 September (11:00 – 12:00pm)** to grade this test. If you are unable to attend this time please ask for a testing certificate at time of registration which can be completed by the lifeguard on duty. This test **MUST** be undertaken and the completed certificate supplied before Nippers will be allowed to enter the water.

For further information please contact:

Lianna Koller (Secretary) 0418 217 759
Tori Montague (Registrar) 0411 401 558

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PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Minutes of P & C Meeting Date: Monday, 23rd July 2012

1.0 Welcome, Attendance, Apologies

ACTION

- 1.1 Meeting Opened: 4:00pm
1.2 Present: Virginia Healey, Bee Jolley, Melanie Ledgett, Kate McLean, Wendy Natoli, Kerry Tulloch

Apologies: Sharon Barron, Matt Bannerman, Tarian Woodhill, Jill McSweeney

2.0 Agenda: Omissions/Alterations/Matters for General Business

- 2.1 Alteration to the Agenda
2.2 Matters for General Business: -

3.0 Minutes of Previous P & C Meeting

3.1 Business Arising

Acceptance of the Minutes of the P & C Meeting held on Monday, 18th June 2012

Moved: V Healey Seconded: M. Ledgett Carried

4.0 Correspondence

- 4.1 Inwards Tabled - nil
4.2 Outwards Tabled - nil

Acceptance of the correspondence inwards & outwards as tabled.

Moved: V. Healey Seconded: M. Ledgett Carried

5.0 Finance Reports

P&C Account 1st June to 30th June 2012 Canteen Account 1st June to 30th June 2012

Opening Balance	\$4939.11	Opening Balance	\$ 977.59
Income:	5.52	Income:	5674.00
Expenditure:	2000.00	Expenditure:	4228.00
Closing Balance	\$2944.63	Closing Balance	\$2423.53

Uniform Account 1st June to 30th June 2012 Chaplaincy Account 1st June to 30th June 2012

Opening Balance	\$3894.16	Opening Balance	\$1715.08
Income:	1810.68	Income:	1.70
Expenditure:	1700.00	Expenditure:	0
Closing Balance	\$4004.84	Closing Balance	\$1715.08

Long Service Leave Account 1st June to 30th June 2012

Opening Balance	\$587.77
Income:	0.39
Expenditure:	348.00
Closing Balance	\$240.16

Finance Reports: Moved: W. Natoli Seconded: V. Healey

Week 6

Monday 20 th August	Tuesday	Wednesday 22 nd August	Thursday 23 rd August	Friday 24 th August
Wendy Natoli	cooking	Dom	Dom	Dom
Tori Montague		Leisa Beavis		Sally Connon Megan Cooke

Week 7

Monday 27 th August	Tuesday	Wednesday 29 th August	Thursday 30 th August	Friday 31 st August
Jill McSweeney		Dom	Dom	Dom
Lianna Koller		Tracy Scope	Deb Murray	Alice Pernell Mardi Church

Week 8

Monday 3 rd September	Tuesday	Wednesday 5 th September	Thursday 6 th September	Friday 7 th September
Wendy Natoli		Dom	Dom	Dom
Nikki Reed		Elle Brown		Kelly Gwynne Anne Cashman

Week 9

Monday 10 th September	Tuesday	Wednesday 12 th September	Thursday 13 th September	Friday 14 th September
Jill McSweeney		Dom	Dom	Dom
Mel Ledgett		Leisa Beavis		Lisa Starling Helena Marshall

Week 10

Monday 17 th September	Tuesday	Wednesday 19 th September	Thursday 20 th September	Friday 21 st September
Wendy Natoli		Dom	Dom	Dom
Tori Montague		Kate Maclean		Carol Agar

PLEASE NOTE: If you are on the internet let me know your email address.

My email address is domkunjli@yahoo.com.au or alternatively phone 0402556853.

Thank you Dom

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 2012

P&C Coordinator available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am – 2.30pm
Lunch is at 11.30am if you are rostered on for lunch please be here by 9am.

CANTEEN CLOSED ALL DAY TUESDAY

If you are unable to make your allocated day please ring around to find a replacement.

Week 1

Monday 16 th July	Tuesday	Wednesday 18 th July	Thursday 19 th July	Friday 20 th July
Jill McSweeney	cooking	Dom	Dom	Dom
Paige Harris				Sam Semmens Erin Judson

Week 2

Monday 23 rd July	Tuesday	Wednesday 25 th July	Thursday 26 th July	Friday 27 th July
Wendy Natoli	cooking	Dom	Dom	Mel Ledgett
Nikki Reed		Kate Maclean	Jason/Georgina Woods	Helena Marshall Anne Cashman

Week 3

Monday 30 th July	Tuesday	Wednesday 1 st August	Thursday 2 nd August	Friday 3 rd August
Jill McSweeney		Wendy Natoli	Mardi Church	Elle Brown
Paige Harris		Cilla Lee		Lisa Starling Sally Connon

Week 4

Monday 6 th August	Tuesday	Wednesday 8 th August	Thursday 9 th August	Friday 10 th August
Lianna Koller		Dom	Dom	Dom
Wendy Natoli		Tracy Scope	Deb Murray	Alice Purnell Kelly Gwynne

Week 5

Monday 13 th August	Tuesday	Wednesday 15 th August	Thursday 16 th August	Friday 17 th August
Jill McSweeney		Dom	Dom	Dom
		Adele Workum	Jason/Georgina Woods	Sam Semmens Erin Judson

6.0 Presidents Report – Melanie Ledgett (Vice President)

- Stephen Church has resigned as president (with reluctance and for personal reasons).
- AGM: to be held on Monday, 15th October 2012. A new president will be elected then.
- Child care for P&C meetings – it was suggested child care is offered to give more parents the opportunity to attend. VII to follow up.
- Virginia Healey will be the P&C Representative for the school until the president's position is filled.

Acceptance of the Presidents Report as tabled.

Moved: V. Healey Seconded: B. Jolley

7.0 Principals Report – Kerry Tulloch

- Dare to Lead Snapshot – took place last week. Students, staff and parents were interviewed. Findings will assist with where to go next for Aboriginal education. Step 1 will be to get an aboriginal education team together.
- Education Week Parent Workshops – next Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:45pm. Afternoon tea will be provided by the school.
- The Accelerated Literacy program was discussed.
- Feedback – focus is on developing teacher's skills in giving quality feedback to students.

Acceptance of the Principals Report as tabled.

Moved: V. Healey Seconded: B. Jolley

8.0 General Business:

- Canteen – will now be opened by volunteers on Monday and Dom will open it Wednesday to Friday. It was suggested that the P&C organise afternoon tea at the final assembly of each term. \$2 for coffee and cake. This term will be Friday, 21st September.
- Education Week BBQ – the P&C will put on a BBQ lunch for parents and students on Education Week Open Day (Thursday, 2nd August). There will be sausage sandwiches and bacon and egg rolls for sale.
- Fete – Find out if we can get a jumping castle and climbing wall through the same company.

9.0 Meeting Closed – 5:15pm

Next meeting will be held Monday, 20th August 2012

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true.

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

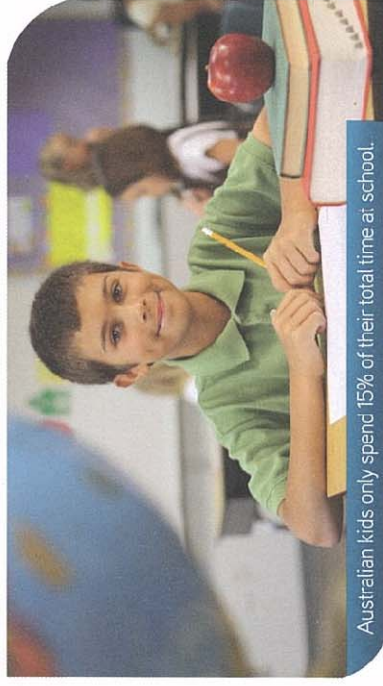
In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.



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Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go school today because Auntie is coming to visit!"

Nice try. But the answer should be "No!"

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

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