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OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF EXCEL

Chess Club Competition

Congratulations to our amazing chess players who participated in our Chess Club Competition on Wednesday, 13 November 2013. The Advanced Section was won by Ivy 4/5B and Jacob 2W and the Intermediate Section was won by Noah 2/3G. All students were awarded participation certificates.



Congratulations Coral Bottell - Volunteer

Congratulations to Coral Bottell, one of our dedicated volunteers, who was a Finalist in the 2013 NSW Senior Person of the Year Awards presented by Stephen Bromhead MP. Coral has been volunteering at our school for many years, most recently she has volunteered every morning for the past five years with Mrs Godfree in 2/3G. Thank you Coral for your tireless support of our students in assisting with literacy, numeracy, writing, spelling and providing one on one support. Thank you Coral!



Yr 5/6 Girls - Enlightened Education



Co-founder of the Enlighten Education program, Dannielle Miller, recently visited Pacific Palms Public School and inspired our Year 5 and Year 6 girls. The program focused on topics such as self and body esteem, friendship skills and building confidence. The message of the day was love yourself for who you are. Rather than telling girls what to do, the focus was on informing and empowering them through an engaging range of experiences that the girls thoroughly enjoyed from start to finish.



WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER	
Fri, 15 Nov	Happy Start from 9.30 to 12.00
Fri, 15 Nov	Assembly in the hall @ 2 pm - Recorder group
Mon, 18 Nov	P & C Meeting - AGM @ 1.30 pm at school
Thurs, 28 Nov	Support Team Speeches
Thurs, 5 Dec	High School Orientation for Yr 6 students



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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

IMPORTANT END OF YEAR DIARY DATES

Thu, 12 Dec	Junior End of Year Concert @ 10 am in the hall
Thu, 12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner @ 5.30 pm at Pacific Palms Surf Club
Thu, 12 Dec	Senior Disco (Yr 3 - Yr 6) @ 7.00 pm in the hall
Mon, 16 Dec	Senior Presentation Night @ 6 pm in the hall
Wed, 18 Dec	Grand Final of the Talent Quest
Wed, 18 Dec	Year 6 March Out

Talent Quest

Auditions are being held on Wednesdays at lunch time and recess until the end of term. Students who have registered will be advised when their audition will be held. (Students are not required to wear costumes for auditions). The Grand Final of the Talent Quest will be held on our last school day - Wednesday, 18 December.

Helpers Needed for Challenge Forster Triathlon - Saturday, 23 November 2013

Our school is supporting the Challenge Forster Triathlon by providing volunteers to run the drinks station near the Recky between 2pm and 5pm. Helpers will be handing out drinks as competitors ride past, and managing the drinks station. We need at least 6 adults. Children are welcome to come along and help too. We will earn \$1000 for the afternoon and a bonus \$100 if the volunteers dress up! If you are able to help on the day please contact **Petra Richter** on **0407 014 928**. You do not need to stay for the whole afternoon. Just an hour of your time would be much appreciated. Thank you.



School Champion Nominations

The School Champion Committee is currently seeking nominations for the 2013 School Champion. The committee is seeking recommendations from the community for any past students of Pacific Palms Public School who have achieved international recognition in their field of expertise within their vocation or studies. Please contact the school if you have an outstanding past student in mind.

Forster Beach Bash

Forster Beach Bash will be held on Sat, 7 & Sun, 8 December on Forster Beach. Enter online at www.beachbash.com.au There are events for all ages and abilities. All details and a short film of what it looks like are on the site.



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Practicum Students Visit our School

Welcome to Natalie Turner who is teaching with Ms Williams (2W) and Shelby Matthews who is teaching with Ms Godfree (2/3G). These two trainee teachers will be at our school for four weeks.





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Enlighten Education

This workshop was held at school last week for Year 5 and 6 girls. Today we received the evaluations the girls wrote which were just incredible! Obviously the girls found the discussions so helpful and enjoyable and exactly what they need. There were three sessions on the day covering self-esteem, friendship and body image. The presenter was wonderful. My sincere thanks to Mel Shoemith for her coordination of this event and to the P and C for their support.

Planning for 2014

Staff members are currently involved in reviewing all the information we have about how our school is going. We look at all sorts of data including reading levels, Naplan results, spelling ages etc as well as information from the surveys we have conducted. This helps us decide what we need to continue next year and what we might need to change or stop doing altogether.

At the moment one area we are looking at is Spelling. We have Spelling test scores for all grades as well as information about the children's attitude to spelling.

We asked students in Years 3-6:

Do you like spelling?

Are you good at spelling?

Have you improved this year?

We are also spending time talking with teachers about how they teach spelling and what resources they use. This information will help us decide what we need to do in 2014.

Attendance

As the year rapidly draws to a close please continue to focus on children being at school every day. There is still a lot of learning happening in classrooms as well as end of year assessments. Unless sick, children should be at school every day. Thank you for your support.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2013 ASIA PACIFIC GAMES TORCH RUN FORSTER



Thursday 28 November 2013 10.30am

The Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg team will be running through the streets of Forster with the Flame of Hope from Forster Police Station to the Aquatic and Leisure Centre at 10.30am on Thursday 28th November 2013 in support of the Special Olympics 2013 Asia Pacific Games.

Be a part of our Fundraising Program!

Everyone can be involved including Individuals, small businesses, large corporations and community groups.

Fundraising options are endless: Donation, Raffles, Trivia night, Corporate golf day, Morning tea, Sausage sizzle, Guessing competition, Out of uniform day at Primary / High School Barefoot bowls and more...

The organisation, business, group or individual that raises the most funds can nominate a runner to carry the torch in the Law Enforcement Torch Run in their local area. The runner also receives a commemorative torch to mark their involvement!

Get started now! Email fundraise@soapg2013.com to get your Event Kit.

Help us make the dreams of all our inspirational athletes a reality!

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Your link to support

Mid North Coast Family Referral Service



Tel. 1300 006 480



What is the Mid North Coast Family Referral Service?

The Family Referral Service (FRS) is an early intervention service for families in the Mid North Coast.

The role of the FRS is to assist vulnerable children, young people and families who do not meet the statutory threshold of "risk of significant harm" to access specific and appropriate support services in their local area.

The intent is to prevent a difficult situation that a family, young person or child may be experiencing from escalating to a crisis requiring a statutory response from the child protection system.





What services does the Mid North Coast Family Referral Service provide?

The FRS provides services to both the agencies supporting families in need, and directly to the families. The FRS will:

- facilitate and improve access to services for vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families by providing appropriate information, support and advocacy
- provide telephone and face-to-face services
- provide referrals to Indigenous specific services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families where appropriate and possible
- provide feedback pathways for callers and services as part of quality improvement processes at both a service and system level
- work towards developing a stronger regional network of non-government, government and individual service providers who can meet the needs of families.

How the service works

Straightforward referrals are managed by the telephone service. More complex referrals (eg. where there are complex or multiple support needs, or a family has entered and exited services multiple times) are followed up by our outreach workers.

FRS outreach workers are based in Kempsey and Taree, and are available for face-to-face appointments in the community. They work closely with families to support them accessing services for up to six weeks.



Evaluating our service

Evaluation is an important part of our service. We will be seeking feedback from those who utilise our services as to whether our referrals have been successful or if further support is needed.

Mid North Coast Family Referral Service

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm (except public holidays)
t 1300 006 480
e familyreferral@benevolent.org.au
PO Box 41, Kempsey, NSW 2440

Burrun Dalai and The Benevolent Society

Our partnership aims to ensure Aboriginal children and families receive support which best meets their needs. This partnership will provide Aboriginal staff with a culturally appropriate work environment and ensure the Family Referral Service is accessible and appropriate for Aboriginal families.

The Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society helps people change their lives through support and education, and we speak out for a just society where everyone thrives. We're a not-for-profit and non-religious organisation and we've helped people, families and communities achieve positive change for 200 years.

Burrun Dalai

Burrun Dalai Out of Home Care & Family Support Service is a Government funded not for profit, Aboriginal community controlled organisation. Its main function is to provide foster care to Aboriginal children and young people of the Macleay and Nambucca Valleys and to support the families of those Aboriginal children and young people.

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