



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12 December 2013

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## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### ***Super Sleuth Competition***

Mrs Perkins took 12 students from year 5 and year 6 to participate in a Super Sleuth maths competition at the Great Lakes Senior College Campus comprising of 100 students from seven primary schools. Teams of four students were challenged throughout the day with a variety of problem solving situations and speed skill events. Our three teams performed superbly with incredible results including: best overall team (Madz Reeves, Joey Taylor, Yssy Jolley and Kynan Witherow-Strutt), 3rd placed team (Eryn Gabriel, Zac Hague, Pepper Bannerman and Levi Rosen). Madz Reeves was awarded the prize for best individual student performance. Our collective school team: Jacob Meunger, Chelsea Slack, Tess Montague, Amber Cashman and the above students, took out the championship trophy as the 2013 Super Sleuth Challenge winners! An outstanding result from our talented mathematicians. Congratulations!



### ***BaTS Writing***

Our Bright and Talented students have been at it again! Participating in a ten week program, targeted students from year 3 to year 6 have been withdrawn to focus on the Seven Steps to Writing Success with Mrs Perkins.

The intensive program featured the importance of planning, plotting on a story graph and constructive feedback. Topics such as Ban the Boring Bits, Tightening Tension, Sizzling Starts and Dynamic Dialogue were just some of the elements the students learned to incorporate in their narrative writing. The course culminated in the timed writing of a short story that was shared amongst their writing group and back in their classrooms.



## WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Mon, 16 Dec	Senior Presentation Night @ 6 pm in the hall - Students please wear full school uniform.
Tues, 17 Dec	Junior Fun Day (K-2/3/6) 9.30 to 11.00 Fun activities 11.30 to 12.30 sausage sizzle 12.30 to 1.30 Junior Disco
Wed, 18 Dec	<b>Last day for students.</b> Whole school tabloid sports morning 9.30 - 10.30 run by Yr 5. Talent Quest Grand Final @ 12.20 pm in the hall. Year 6 march out @ 2.30 pm in the hall - parents invited.





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## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

### *Great Carrot Car Race*

The Great Carrot Car Race was held on Wednesday, 4 December in the COLA. Students from year 3 and year 4 were set the task of designing a spectacular carrot car. The rules were a maximum of 3 carrots, only 2 skewers, unlimited toothpicks and glue could be used as construction materials. Congratulations to Lucy, Kirsty, Ivy and Tamika for their fabulous carrot cars.



### *The Amazing Flying Contraption*

On Wednesday, 4 December our Airshow was held with students from year 5 and year 6 encouraged to design and build an aeroplane which could be flown from a height of 1.5 m with the pilot being an unboiled egg.

The winner was the plane that travelled the furthest distance with the pilot surviving the landing. Congratulations to those students who designed and created amazing flying contraptions for the Airshow. The winner on the day was Charlie Muter whose pilot survived the landing.



### *Talent Quest*

The Grand Final of the Talent Quest will be held on Wednesday, 18 December at 12.20 pm. Parents, family and friends are invited to come along and watch our talented students perform.

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

As this is the last newsletter for 2013 I would like to wish all families a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of every member of staff at our school, permanent and temporary, who are so dedicated to making this a great school. In addition my sincere thanks to our small but energetic and supportive P and C and Canteen Committee who are so wonderful to work with.

In 2014 we will commence the year with 294 students and 12 classes, the largest the school has been except for one occasion many years ago. Staff return to school on Tuesday, 28 January 2014. Years 1 to 6 children return the next day, Wednesday 29 January 2014. Kindergarten commence the following Wednesday, 5 February 2014.

We will not start our new classes until Monday, 3 February 2014. This allows us to check that all children have returned and avoids putting children into one class and then having to change them. If you happen to hear of anyone arriving in the area or moving away I would appreciate you letting me know. I can be contacted on 0400 992 129.

**Kerry Tulloch**  
*Principal*





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3957 The Lakes Way, Elizabeth Beach, 6554 0207

## Under 15's Kids Disco

Wed December 18, 6:00pm

Dancing, Games, Prizes!

**Plus a visit from Santa.....**

Bistro open @ 5:30pm



## January Kids Discos

Wed January 8, 15 & 22

Doors open 6:00 pm

FREE Entry, games & prizes!



FRIDAY 13TH THEME NIGHT

@ Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club

Years 3 - 6 (Primary School)

Entry \$5

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

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



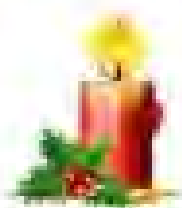
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## Kids Eat Free Sunday Night\*

\* One free Kids Meal with each Adult Meal purchase. Not available during school holidays.



*Carols by  
Candle Light!*



*December 15*

*6.30pm*

*In front of Tiona  
Conference Centre*

*Bring a chair or rug*

*Sausage Sizzle from 6 pm*

*Featuring - Green  
Cathedral Community  
Choir, Pacific Palms Year  
% Choir, PJ Willis and  
YOU!*

*Enquiries call Wendy Ballard -  
6555 9843 - 0411 036 171*

*Donations to Rural Fire Service.- Santa  
will arrive on the Big Red Fire Truck !!*

*Before & After School*

*Vacation &  
Occasional Care*

*Have your precious ones cared for in a safe and nurturing environment with a registered carer.*

*With small groups in a private setting I am able to tailor the care of your loved ones to their individual needs.*

*Our programme is filled with lots of fun and exciting things to do.*

*To enquire about fees, make a booking or find out what's on our next holiday programme:*

*Contact Meagan on 0415729093 or  
[meagan.edwardes@hotmail.com](mailto:meagan.edwardes@hotmail.com)*



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## PURE ESSENCE

- ▶ Stress less
- ▶ Stretch more
- ▶ Centre & calm the mind

Find the time to do the above and I promise you will be so happy you did, come & join me.

The class duration is 1 hr consisting of Tai Chi, Yoga & Pilates training in **balance, flexibility, strength, core work & meditation/relaxation.**

You may work as hard or as easy as you like. The class is very individual and you take from it what makes you feel good.

With our busy lives we forget how important it is to stay healthy & well. This class teaches us to feel the essence of beautiful stretches & poses that enable us to become better at what we do & how we feel. It makes you feel taller with a straighter spine, it will help you lengthening, strengthening & tone, you will become more flexible, stronger & above all it teaches us to off load the unnecessary stress & relax both the body & mind.

This class has changed my life without me even realising it, now I'm forever grateful I discovered it & would very much **LOVE** to share it with as many peoples as possible. Class info;

**Where:** Pacific Palms Community Hall

**When:** Wed 6pm, & Fri 8.30am

**Who:** Anyone over the age 14

**Cost:** \$10

**What to bring:** Yoga mat if you have one & drink bottle

Life is about being the best that you can be & it starts with how good you feel about yourself..... It's time to feel the power of Pure Essence - see you there.

Instructed by Rachel Dickey trained in Tai Chi, Yoga & Pilates. © Contact 0435 713 937

## Holiday Drama Workshops for Children

January 2nd, 9th, 16th 2014 afternoon

Pacific Palms Community Hall.



My name is Joe May. I am a trained teacher from the UK. I have been a Head of English; Head of Creative Arts; Head of Drama.

I am a professional performer, clown and fool. I tour Australia and Europe performing at a variety of festivals and events. [www.passion4laughter.com](http://www.passion4laughter.com).

**In January I am offering active drama workshops. Children 5 years old to 10 years old (2.30pm to 3.25pm); and 11 years old to 16 years old (3.30pm to 4.30pm). \$20 per person, \$15 for siblings. \$50 for all three sessions.**

The young people will explore the genre of Physical Theatre through warm up games, animals, their movements, rhythms and characteristics. Then exploring characters based on these animals. From this we will create dramatized scenes using the animal characters.

I will base these workshops in the practise of Jacques Lecoq, world famous physical theatre teacher. I studied at the Jacques lecoq school of Physical Theatre in Paris for two years.

**Active. Great fun. Building physical control. Stimulating new language. Growing confidence.**

The activities will be differentiated to build self confidence of lower achievers and to stretch and challenge confident higher achievers. Wear loose clothing as for exercise.

I hold my own public liability insurance with Equity UK upto \$10 million.

Please spread the word to any families who might be interested!

**Please contact me to book places on 0459 969 951 or  
[joe@passion4laughter.com](mailto:joe@passion4laughter.com)**

*"I cannot recommend Joe's workshops enough. Each year my students make dramatic progress." Alex Gavin, Head of Drama, St Bernadette's School, Bristol.*

*"Absolutely superb. An unforgettable and thought provoking experience for our students. Definitely worth the money." Lynette Bishawby, Director of Learning, Cadbury College.*



## *Best of the Fest*



*Twenty one short films from all over the world  
screened over 2 hours*

*Saturday 4 January @ 7pm*

## **Forster Film Festival at the Community Centre**

*Accredited as one of Australia's  
premier Film Festivals,  
honouring creativity, originality,  
and entertainment.*

# FORSTER FILM FESTIVAL

*Tickets \$15 Concession \$12 Children under 12 free with adult*

*Available at Pacific Palms Visitors Information Centre: 180 080 2692*

*For further information about the films ring 0414 722 596*

## **Pacific Palms Community Centre**

The Lakes Way, Elizabeth Beach Pacific Palms