

Pacific Palms Public School P+C  
presents

# TRIVIA...

*with a twist*

great prizes to be won!\*

tables of up to 8 people @ \$10 p.p.

b.y.o.  
1 - brains!  
2 - nibbles / food and something to drink  
3 - your gold coin collection to bribe for clues if you forget  
#1

where : pacific palms school hall

when : saturday 2nd of march 6.30pm

dress : dress up! (might be worth some points?)

how : space is limited so book a table or space -

kate@isarchitect.com.au or 0405 75 75 82

\* as prizes are usually donated the quality can not be guaranteed by the committee, however we hope to all have a fun night!

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NEWSFLASH - P & C Trivia Night

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, 2 March 2013**

*Invitation to all our parents*

Come along and join us at the P&C's major school fundraiser. The Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, 2 March 2013 in the school hall commencing at 6.30 pm. Bring along some drinks, nibbles, your sense of humour and join in the fun. Come and watch Rod Ryan and Mel Shoesmith in action as MC's. Bring along your spare gold coins to bribe for clues.....prizes for fancy dress too! Tables of up to 8 people at \$10/head. For table bookings email [kate@isarchitect.com.au](mailto:kate@isarchitect.com.au) or call 0405 757 582. (Sorry no kids as it is BYO)

### WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

#### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

<b>Fri, 22 Feb</b>	School Assembly @ 2 pm in hall. Come along - all welcome.
<b>Wed, 27 Feb</b>	Zone Swimming Carnival - Good luck to all our swimmers
<b>Sat, 2 March</b>	Trivia Night - come along for a fun evening.

## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### *Class Captains - Term 1*

Congratulations to the following students who received their Class Captain badges at our last assembly.



Kindergarten to 2/3G - (back row) Noah, Rohan Aaris, Lachlan, Rosie, Jessica, (front row) Caden, Lexi, Laila, Cody, Peta. *Absent* - Charlie



3W to 6W - (back row) Kendall, Jade, Daisy, Levi, Oliver, (front row) Ella, Alex, Billie. *Absent* - Oscar, Hope

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

### *Melissa Merchant - Assistant Principal & 5M Class Teacher*

I consider myself very lucky. PPPS is one of those special places teachers long to work in. Since arriving here, the teaching staff, parents and students have been very welcoming. Thank you to everyone who has helped me out.



I am a motivated teacher, dedicated to teaching and providing creative and enriching experiences for children in my care. I have been very fortunate to have worked in great schools in Canberra, Port Stephens and most recently in Hong Kong. I am passionate about children's learning and believe that education can be exciting and challenging for all. I love creative, inquiry based classrooms and am a strong advocate for balanced learning experiences.

I am really excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you and getting to know you and your children more.

### *Sue Colditz - School Counsellor*

My name is Sue Colditz. I am happy to be the School Counsellor for PPPS this year. If you are wondering what my job entails here is a brief summary.



The role of the school counsellor is primarily to support students, although this can also involve supporting parents, teachers, and sometimes other family members.

Problems are many and varied and can include learning, engagement, academic progress, social and/or emotional issues, behaviour, etc. Support can take various forms including:

- assessment of ability, achievement, literacy, numeracy, behaviour, visual perception, auditory processing, language skills etc
- counselling one on one, pair or group
- specific programs including social skills, self esteem, anger management etc

Confidentiality is assured unless risk of harm is a concern. To contact me, simply phone the school. I will be at the school every Friday or as needs arise. I look forward to working at such a friendly place.



# INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - leading parenting educator



## Make the most of this school year

**Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.**

Parental withdrawal from children's education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child's education. Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom including, hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child's education in positive ways:

- **Make sure your kids start each day well.** That means they should get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.
- **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what's happening at your child's school.
- **Consult with your child's teacher** about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.

- **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R's. School discipline is always more effective when it's supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.
- **Direct any problems or constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child's teacher, the principal or the school's governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school's reputation.
- **Become an advocate** for your child's school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

Harmony Day

everyone BELONGS  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)



Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 March each year and is about bringing people together to celebrate Australia's community harmony and cultural diversity. Students and staff at Pacific Palms Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Friday, 22 March**. We are asking everyone to come to school dressed in a national costume or the colours from a particular country's flag. At our assembly we will acknowledge some of the outstanding costumes and we will present some special Harmony Day certificates.

The message of Harmony Day is **Everyone Belongs**. In 2013 the theme is: **Many Stories – One Australia**.

### *School Voluntary Contribution Fee*

With the new year underway we are taking this opportunity to remind parents about the School Voluntary Contribution Fee. First child is \$35 with additional children \$10 per child. The Voluntary Contribution Fee is capped at \$50. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

## LIBRARY LISTENINGS

An enthusiastic welcome back to the library to all returning and new students to our school.

To recap on library organisation, we encourage all students to borrow weekly from the library during their lesson time or at lunch. Students can borrow up to two books and have two weeks to return them. To ensure books are protected all students must have a library bag to borrow. Any type of cloth bag - enviro shopping bag, pillow case - will work.

## LIBRARY LISTENINGS cont.

We have had many outstanding new books into the library last year and will be regularly receiving new books throughout this year. We encourage all children to borrow and with your support from home to remember library bags, we hope to engage even more students this year.

### Library timetable

**Tuesday: 2W 4/5B 5M**

**Wednesday: 2/3G 1R 1T**

**Thursday: KC KR 3W 4W 6W**

The library is open at lunch on **Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Thursday** for borrowing, board games, reading, computer activities and quiet time with friends. It's great to see our students enjoying this opportunity at lunch times.

### Happy reading

Mrs Lowry

*We learn to read so that we can read to learn.*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### A Very Special Thank You - Megan Jones

A very special thank you to Megan Jones and the Dhirata Community Yoga group who recently made a very generous donation of \$600 to our school. This group have been meeting for quite some time to enjoy their yoga sessions led by Megan. To use this opportunity to support others, in particular our school, is wonderful and the funds will be put to good use. We have decided that the bus cost for our Year 3 & 4 excursion to "The Aussie Bush camp" this year will be subsidised by this donation. As a result it will make the excursion less expensive for families and hopefully all children can attend. (Visit Megan's website at [www.dhirata.com.au](http://www.dhirata.com.au))



## Pacific Palms Pharmacy

Great back to school bargains !!

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## FINAL Soccer Registrations.

A last reminder that we need all interested in playing Soccer this year, you need to register by **this weekend**.

Please visit the MyFootballClub website ASAP

[www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

Our Registration/ Payment day is this Sunday 24th February, at the blueys beach shops from 9am to 11am.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is mainly a payment day and we will have some people on hand to help those without internet access.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont.

### *Thank you - Sean Walsh*

Another thank you goes to parent and painter Sean Walsh who in the holidays did some work for us in the office area and in our converted technology room. Sean was very generous in his costing of this work and we are extremely grateful to him.

### *School Uniforms*

A reminder about two items in our uniform - shoes and hair clips/ribbons. All children should be wearing black shoes to school - either sneakers or leather shoes are acceptable. Hair - we have been having quite a few children wearing lots of bits and pieces in their hair - flowers, bright ribbons, head scarves etc. These things are great for weekends but for school only blue or black headbands or ribbons please. Thank you for supporting us with this.

### *Kookaburras*

I have been advised that the issue we are currently having with kookaburras in the playground is probably being contributed to by people in the community feeding them which is encouraging them to stay around. Please assist us by discouraging your children from feeding these birds.

### *Catholic Scripture*

Lessons for 2013 will begin this Friday. This will be for Kindergarten to Year 6. If you do not wish your child to attend Scripture please send a note to the class teacher.

### *Sad News*

We send our deepest sympathies to the Peachey Family who lost husband and dad Bruce last weekend. A very sad time for this family but our thoughts are with them.



**Kerry Tulloch**  
Principal

## ★ Immediate Start ★

Annabelle's  
Long Day Care

coomba Rd  
PACIFIC PALMS

(50 MTR  
OF LAKES  
WAY)

- ★ open 8-6 / 5 days ★ Local family owned / operated ★
- ★ LARGE shaded out door grassed play area ★
- ★ new centre-purpose built ★ After school care available
- ★ school readiness program implemented, incorporating local schools ★ Promoting Confidence, listening and social skills on a daily basis

**Start Now...Call** - Laurel 65 540111 - owner / director

# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Minutes of P & C Meeting

Date: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013

### 1.0 Welcome, Attendance, Apologies

ACTION

1.1 Meeting Opened: 3:30pm

1.2 Present: Virginia Healey, Wendy Natoli, Melanie Ledgett, Kerry Tulloch, Jill McSweeney, Katrina Gray

Apologies: Dom Kunzli, Matt Bannerman

### 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, 15 October 2012

Moved: V Healey

Seconded: M Ledgett

Carried

### 4.0 Correspondence

4.1 Inwards Tabled - ACNC Register letter. It was confirmed by VII that we do not need to be on the ACNC register as we are a government school.

Letter from Stephen Bromhead regarding NSW government funding in education.

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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Opening Balance	\$7383.91
Income:	\$2889.19
Expenditure:	\$2177.68
Closing Balance	\$8095.42

#### Canteen Account 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Opening Balance	\$ 1756.23
Income:	\$ 6624.88
Expenditure:	\$ 6676.02
Closing Balance	\$ 1705.09

#### Uniform Account 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Opening Balance	\$2853.33
Income:	\$2393.12
Expenditure:	\$1186.29
Closing Balance	\$4059.16

#### Chaplaincy Account 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Opening Balance	\$13169.38
Income:	\$12.01
Expenditure:	\$4893.04
Closing Balance	\$8288.35

#### Long Service Leave Account 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Opening Balance	\$260.44
Income:	\$ .30
Expenditure:	\$0
Closing Balance	\$260.74

Finance Reports:

Moved: W. Natoli

Seconded: V. Healey

### 6.0 Presidents Report – Melanie Ledgett

- Trivia Night – currently a few tables booked. Kate to confirm tables are organised. KM
- Easter Raffle – Katrina Gray will help organise tickets. A few more parent helpers needed to sort raffle tickets. VII to follow up. VII

Acceptance of the Presidents Report as tabled.

Moved: V. Healey

Seconded: J. McSweeney

### 7.0 Principals Report – Kerry Tulloch

- Student numbers - our numbers have been submitted following census day in week 3. The school will keep our 11<sup>th</sup> class.
- Lani Williams – we are expecting Lani to stay on teaching year 2 for the whole year now.
- Low SACS funding is ending at the end of this year.
- Professional learning circles – Friday meetings where casual teachers come in to give teachers professional learning time. Three week cycle – stage leaders lead their teams in professional learning, programming and learning about the new curriculum.
- Extension groups – not currently built into planning. High achieving students now in appropriate classes. There will opportunities for children in competitions throughout the year.

Acceptance of the Principals Report as tabled.

Moved: V. Healey

Seconded: M. Ledgett

### 8.0 General Business:

- Canteen – the number of cookies per child will be monitored to ensure students aren't having too many at a time. Events - KT to communicate directly with Dom and confirm if the school has a budget for the event or if it will be supported by the P&C. *Hot Dog Meal Deal* – this will be the last hot dog meal deal. Healthier options will be offered for meal deals.
- Garden – KT to follow up Carmel Rigby regarding support for the garden and organise a separate meeting. KT

### 9.0 Meeting Closed –4:55pm

Next meeting Monday, 18 March 2013 @ 3:30pm at school