



## LOVE IS... helping out your school

Purchase this gorgeous coffee table book for your mum this Mother's Day and help out your school.

For every book purchased, Pacific Palms Primary School will receive \$15.00.



RRP \$34.95 - \$28.00

The book **LOVE IS** has been created with the help of children and adults from around the world, along with award winning international artists and photographers. Proceeds from the book are being donated to international charities and community organisations.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to assist such a great school as Pacific Palms Primary and all the children who attend. Through purchasing the book **LOVE IS**, the school aims to.....



Assist in providing funding for our  
15 Week Breakfast Program

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Pacific Palms Public School - Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013  
"Your safe and caring community school"  
website: [www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### Cross Country

It is so nice to see the sunshine over the past week and the children having more opportunities to use every part of our wonderful playground. Last Friday's Cross Country was a great success and I was so very proud to see all of our eligible students participate in this event. A big thank you to Mr Wilson for organising this day, the new course was a great idea and the students enjoyed this exciting challenge.


(Note: For more photos of our students at the Cross Country and Swimming Carnival please see our website)



## WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Fri, 22 Mar	Harmony Day - come to school dressed in a national costume or the colours from a particular country's flag. 
Fri, 22 Mar	Harmony Day School Assembly @ 2 pm in hall. All welcome
Thur, 28 Mar	Easter Hat Parade - K to Yr 2 - commencing at 10.00 am.
Wed, 3 Apr - Tues, 9 Apr	Healthy Harold Visits our School. All classes visit the Life Education Van.
Fri, 5 Apr	Zone Cross Country

## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

### *Harmony Day*

Harmony Day 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**. Please 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**.

EVERYONE BELONGS  
www.harmony.gov.au



### *Easter Hat Parade*

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### *P & C - Monster Easter Raffle*

The P&C Monster Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 28 March. Prizes include Easter eggs, craft and other surprises.



### *Expression of Interest - Local Trades*

Through "Local Schools Local Decisions" the Local Contractor Initiative enables school principals to nominate local tradespersons to be engaged by the Maintenance Contractor to deliver maintenance services. If you are interested please contact the school to find out more information on 6554 0249.

### *REMINDER - Paperless Newsletter*

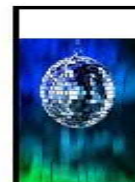
Our school is aiming to have NO paper newsletters printed by the end of this term. The newsletter will be sent to your email address and will also be published on our website by Friday morning. If you have not advised us of your email address please let the office know.



PACIFIC PALMS RECREATION CLUB 65540207



**GOOD FRIDAY 29th**  
**Seafood and Chicken**  
**Raffle .**  
**Tickets on sale 6.30pm**



**Saturday 30th**  
**18+ Disco with DJ Trav**  
**8 till late Free entry**



**Easter Sunday Live Music**  
**Join Glen Mead on the Lawn**  
**For some great Music from 4pm**



Entertainment  
James Bulley  
Easter Thursday



March 28  
7pm to 10pm

Easter Thursday  
Giant Seafood Raffle



Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>

50 Trays of Seafood

Tickets on sale

6pm

drawn at 7pm

Lunch  
Specials  
Every day  
\$10.00

Meals on special board



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[ppbowlclub@westnet.com.au](mailto:ppbowlclub@westnet.com.au)  
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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

WEEKS  
EVENTS

**MON**

Darts 7pm

**TUES**

BINGO 11.00am

Members Happy Hour

3.30pm-5pm

**WED**

No Ladies Bowls Till early March 2013

**THUR**

No Mens Bowls Till early March 2013

**FRI**

Raffles & "Super 100"

Tickets on sale from 6.30pm

**SAT**

TAB Racing

**Sun**

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A PROBLEM FOR YOU ?  
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Friday Night  
Raffles

Tickets on Sale

at 6.30pm

Drawn at 7.30pm

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15 Chances to Win

(Can reach a maximum of \$2000),

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WEEK IF NOT WON

As at 22/3/13

**\$200**

in cash

Green Closed

From 14<sup>th</sup> January  
for yearly maintenance  
Resumes  
Early April

**\*Free\***

Trivia

21<sup>st</sup> March

6.30pm

**\*Bingo\***

Tuesdays at 11.00 am



All welcome!

INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS cont.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Thank you to our parents and community for supporting our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers last year. We recently received some fantastic educational products which have been distributed between all our classrooms for the children to enjoy. Keep a look out for Woolworths Earn & Learn which starts again soon.



**PLEASE NOTE CORRECT DATE:**

**COMMUNITY COACH TRAINING: 6th April 9am - 3.30pm**  
FREE! for parents and sporting clubs that would like to be involved in Active After School Program. Contact Adam Wren 4983 2094 or 0428 200 024 [adam.wren@ausport.gov.au](mailto:adam.wren@ausport.gov.au). Enrolments needed prior to course.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are thrilled to once again be able to offer the services of a Speech Pathologist at our school through The National Partnership initiative and I would like to welcome Rachel Taylor-Notley to our Learning Support Team.

**Rodney Ryan - Relieving Principal**

**Introducing Rachel Taylor-Notley**

Hi my name is Rachel Taylor-Notley and I am a Paediatric Speech Pathologist with 13 year's experience who will be visiting the school each Tuesday to support the teachers with identifying and addressing any speech and language concerns of the students.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont.

I am currently helping a number of children with issues such as:-

- Speech sound/ speech clarity issues
- Stuttering
- Problems with sentence structure or expressing their ideas clearly to others
- Problems listening and comprehending words, concepts, instructions
- Problems with literacy/reading (where there is trouble working out or remembering patterns of sounds in words, or reading comprehension issues)
- Problems with the social use of language (eg. selective mutism, Aspergers)

Your child's teacher will have a chat with you regarding any concerns about their speech or language and make a referral to the learning support team for consideration to be included in the program prior to me seeing them. I will provide feedback to the school's learning support team and they, in turn, will pass that to you.

I am currently working with some students who were being seen as part of the program in 2012, some in small groups and others on a 1:1 basis depending on their needs. My groups run for 20 minutes and I may also send some speech activities for you to practise with your child at home. I am also working with the teachers to integrate strategies for supporting language development in the classroom.

It is estimated that 1 in 5 children have some kind of difficulty with speech, language, or communication but Speech Pathologists can support parents and teachers in achieving the best possible learning and social outcomes for the child. If you have any concerns about your child talk to your child's teacher..

**Rachel Taylor-Notley**

[rachel@speechpathology4kids.com.au](mailto:rachel@speechpathology4kids.com.au)

Mob: 0439 368 299



## Stewart House

Stewart House is an organisation which provides opportunities for selected school children to participate in educational and recreational activities during a 12 day visit to Sydney. Over the years, many students from Pacific Palms School have been able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and have been very rewarded by the experience.

This year, Stewart House is raising funds by selling high bouncing hand balls at a cost of \$3. Purchase is by order only, so please send your order and money in an envelope labelled "Stewart House" to the office by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure name and class are indicated.

Thank you for your support,  
Annelie Robertson (Stewart House Co-ordinator)

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### Stewart House - Hand Balls

I would like to buy \_\_\_\_\_ high bouncing hand balls @ \$3 each.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's No 1 parenting educator

## Positive Parent Involvement - you make a difference

**Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school.**



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. By the time you get home from work or doing other activities you are spent.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child's education. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

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

Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as 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. There is a range of simple ways to assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include; hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure

kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

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

- ✓ **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child's school apart from others.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Direct 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.
- ✓ **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- ✓ **Consult with your child's teacher** about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

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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**Where:** Pacific Palms Public School

**Cost:** No cost!

**Time:** 10.00 am

