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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Athletics Carnival - Tuesday, 18 June 2013

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the athletics carnival on Tuesday. It was a fantastic day with lots of participation and standout performances. Also a big thank you must go to all the parents who came to watch their children race and helped out with time keeping and the Infants Tabloid Activities. Good luck to all our students who have qualified to represent our school at the Manning Zone Carnival at Tuncurry, to be held early next term. Champion House and Age Champions will be announced at the assembly on Friday.



Pacific Palms Art Festival

The annual Pacific Palms Art Festival was held for the first time in our school hall over the June long weekend. Thank you to Anne Masters, Lei and Warwick Tillman, Di Sharples, May Heemswerk, John Wood and all community members who contributed to the success of this event. The overall winner was "Impression" by Bonnie Fraser. Judge John Cheeseman

commented that it was a beautiful, well composed work that evokes life on the NSW North Coast.



Congratulations to all students who entered the Youth Art section in their chosen category. The following students received Participation and Highly Commended awards.



WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Fri, 21 June	Assembly @ 2 pm in the hall.
Wed, 26 June	Reports sent home
Fri, 28 June	Crazy Hair Day - Last day of Term 2
Tue, 16 July	First school day of Term 3



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Congratulations to the following students who were awarded first place or overall winner of their category. The students received a Kmart gift voucher.



The overall Youth Art Winner was awarded to Emily Dell from Great Lakes College Forster Campus.



PSSA Netball - Pacific Palms v Hallidays Point

On Tuesday, 11 June our school netball team played Hallidays Point Public School. The game was a nail biter with both teams deserving a special mention for their determination, sportsmanship and effort. Pacific Palms won by 1 goal with the score 17 - 16. The girls now progress to the next round of the PSSA knockout and will play Old Bar Public School. Congratulations to Jade, Ally, Chelsea, Serena, Ruby, Madz, Misty, Jessica, Amber and Daisy on an amazing game of netball and a fantastic result.



Schoolyard Safari - 1T & 1R

On Thursday, 13 June year 1 students participated in a Video Conference with Sydney Olympic Park visiting their "Koori Classroom" learning about Australian animals with Shannon, a D'harawal woman and Dr Maz, a scientist. This linked into Schoolyard Safari as we saw how animal skats, scratches and tracks showed us what animals were around. The children shared their wonderful drawings of their favourite Australian animals and thoroughly enjoyed participating in a song and dance - "Can you do the Kangaroo." We were fascinated by D'harawal weather knowledge, finding out that this cold, wet season we are in is known as the "Time of the Burrugin" (Echidna), this is when the normally solitary echidnas can be seen waddling through the bush in a line of up to ten males following a female echidna all wanting to be her friend!



INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

Woolworths Earn & Learn

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We are now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim.





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We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

We are now at the half way mark of the school year! Time goes so fast but so much has been achieved in the past six months. My sincere thanks to our incredibly hard working staff who give so much to make this a wonderful school for all of our students. I wish everyone, staff and families, a wonderful holiday. For those of you lucky enough to be having time away please travel safely.

Next Wednesday you will receive your child's report for Semester 1. If you wish to discuss any aspects of this report, or your child's progress generally, a reminder that you will be invited to Parent Teacher interviews early next term. The notes will go home in the first week of Term 3. If you would like an interview please return your time request promptly.

As the children have behaved so well this term and worked very hard, we will be having fun dressing out of uniform and doing our hair in crazy styles next Friday. We would also like to use this day as an opportunity to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis, so please bring a gold coin donation on this day.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone. We will look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **TUESDAY, 16 July 2013.**

Kerry Tulloch - Principal

INTELLIGENCE OR PERSISTENCE - WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Posted by: Michael Grose

Imagine at the birth of your child you are given a choice between bestowing great intelligence or great persistence on your baby which would you choose?

Take your time and think about it! Your choice will make a profound difference. It will impact heavily on your child's success at school, their future levels of achievement levels and eventually income levels as an adult.

Smarts or persistence? What would you choose? If you chose persistence then you are on the money. You are giving your child a significant leg-up for future success.

This is the finding of the ground-breaking research into factors determining children's achievement levels by Professor Charles Desforges from the University of Exeter in the UK. Desforges found that the greatest individual characteristic that determined children's success at school was persistence. It was number one by far. In fact, persistence was a staggering seven times more significant than intelligence as a determinant of a child's achievement. **SEVEN TIMES!! THAT'S HUGE!!**

Now the good news is that persistence is not merely an inborn trait. It is the one aspect of a child's temperament that can be impacted by people.

Desforges found that parents, rather than teachers, are the people most likely to impact on a child's persistence. This is consistent with many other studies in the area. What does a persistent child do?



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Persistent kids do some or all of the following:

- They stick at task until the end.
- They set goals and work toward them.
- They generally focus on tasks and are not easily distracted.
- They don't let failure stop them.
- They are more likely to take risks as learners.
- They can be seen as stubborn or unwilling to bend.

There are heaps of ways you can encourage your child to persist. But the BIG strategies all revolve around MODELLING, ENCOURAGEMENT and VOCABULARY.

As a parent think how you:

1. **Model** persistence on a daily basis so your child sees what persistence is
2. Actively **foster and promote** persistence so your child sees it is possible
3. Develop a **vocabulary** about persistence that your child hears routinely so that persistence becomes part of your child's frame of reference.
4. Catch your kids being persistent. **Make a fuss** when your child sticks at a task regardless of their success so they know that it is something you value.

For more ideas to help you build resilience and persistence in your kids visit:

www.parentingideas.com.au



COME AND TRY BMX
WITH THE MANNING VALLEY BMX CLUB

Come and ride your bike on the new BMX track in Taree.

WHEN: On Saturday the 13th of July, from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

BRING: Bike, long sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes, gloves, full face helmet, (helmets and gloves can be borrowed from the club).

WHERE: Urara Lane Taree, (turn right before going down the hill to St Josephs Primary School).

WHO: Everyone can ride, Mums, Dads, Kids and Grandparents. Riders range from 4 to 50 plus.

Canteen facilities will be available on the day and all riders receive a free goodies bag and sausage sizzle.

For more information contact Greg 0410596662, Belinda 0477520413, Campbell 0451371824 or email the club at manningbmxclub@hotmail.com



Hey Mums:

Has your partner enrolled yet?

Starts Thursday 25 July at Pacific Palms Primary School



**A program for dads/stepdads & their
primary school aged children**

How will your partner and your children benefit?

- He will learn how to trim down without having to give up the foods he loves
- He will spend quality time and have great fun with the kids
- He will be setting up the kids for a healthy life by learning about the latest information on healthy eating and physical activity for families

Talk to Amanda Godfree at Pacific Palms Primary



Child Development Specialists
Occupational Therapy – Specialising:-

- Handwriting and Fine Motor Skills
- Children aged 2 – 18 years old
- Autism Spectrum Disorder / ADHD
- Sensory Issues
- Difficulty Concentrating in Class
- Learning Difficulties / School Readiness Skills
- Dyspraxia / Co-ordination / Gross Motor Skills

Intakes, Assessments, screeners and ongoing therapy now available.

What is an intake appointment? An intake appointment, allows you the opportunity to see an OT straight away with no waiting lists. During the intake you will discuss any concerns with the OT, who will then advise of what steps are required next for the best outcome for your child.

Mini-workshops - Forster

We are running a series of workshops on various subjects such as Handwriting Skills & Apps for learning. Open to all parents and teachers, these workshops are designed to help you learn and understand how you can best assist children to get the most out of the curriculum.

YOU CAN NOW VISIT US @ 2/4 Enterprise Court, Forster – Next to Kid Spot

Funding – available through GP Care Plans, Better Start Funding and Helping Children with Autism (FaHCSIA)

Go to www.lifeskills4kids.com.au or call 6555 9877 for more information and bookings.



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Forster Golf Development Clinic



Sport and Recreation in partnership with the Forster-Tuncurry Golf Club will be delivering a two day golf clinic at Forster golf course during the 2013 July school holidays.

The clinic, for 9-18 year olds, will focus on improving skills, learning the game of golf in finer detail and having fun through skill sessions and personal coaching. Indigenous persons are encouraged to enrol

Participants will receive a balanced program of activities including:

- Stance and Grip
- Putting and chipping
- Swing and follow through
- Short shots and long drives
- Play nine holes of Golf

Clinic details

Dates	Thursday 4 July and Friday 5 July 2013
Venue	Forster Golf Course, Strand Street, Forster
Times	10:00am – 1:00pm (both days)
Cost	\$15 per person (Includes both days)
Program No.	0063812

How to enrol

By phone Call **13 13 02** or **4926 1633** and have your credit card details ready (Visa, Mastercard)

By fax Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to **(02) 4929 4397**

By mail Complete the enrolment form, include either your credit card details, a cheque or a money order, and mail to:
Sport and Recreation
State Government Offices
117 Bull Street, Newcastle West NSW 2302



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