



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8 AUGUST 2013

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## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### Academic Assembly

Last week, as part of Education Week celebrations Great Lakes Learning Community held an Academic Assembly to recognise high academic achievers in year three through to year twelve. The following students from our school received academic awards and are to be congratulated:

<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	Lewis K Samantha G Tomas K	<b><u>Year 4</u></b>	Rebecca G Ryan W James B
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<b><u>Year 5</u></b>	Tess M Pepper B Levi R	<b><u>Year 6</u></b>	Madz R Chelsea S Eryn G
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### PSSA Boys Soccer - Gala Day Wingham

Congratulations to our boys soccer team who participated in a PSSA Soccer Gala Day on Friday, 26 July. The boys played with enthusiasm and sportsmanship which was a credit to them and our school. The team came second overall and were undefeated after seven games.



### Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 2 August twenty outstanding athletes represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry Oval. Every student performed to their personal best. They displayed great sportsmanship and cheered on their fellow competitors. A fantastic day was had by all!

Our 2013 regional athletics team is:



- Indy Rose R - long jump, • Gabby E - 100 m,
- Mya Mc - 100 m, • Levi R - high jump,
- Tristan F - 100 m and 200 m

A special thank you to Angela Edwards for coordinating the children on the day, Deb Lawson for providing some much needed energy food and the mums and dads who cheered on their children and helped out on the day.

## WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Fri, 16 Aug	Year 1 - Seal Rocks Excursion
Fri, 16 Aug	Assembly @ 2 pm in the hall - All welcome
Wed, 21 Aug	Book Fair and Book Parade (see newsletter for more info)
Thu, 29 Aug	Kindergarten 2014 parent information night @ 6 pm in the Library



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### PSSA Netball

On **Monday, 12th August** our school netball team will be travelling to Tomaree Sports Complex for their round 6 game in the PSSA netball knockout. We will be leaving school at 8am, before playing our game at 10.30am. We are proud of the team's success so far and we know that they will play with enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and a positive attitude! We wish the girls the best of luck!



### INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

#### Celebrating Education Week

Education week was the perfect platform for students and teachers at Pacific Palms Public School to celebrate education with family and friends. Education Week Open Day at the school took place on the same day as the Education Week concert at Stockland. It was a busy day for students and staff. Some students travelled to Stockland to perform in the choir, recorder and Zumba groups then returned to school to once again perform in a concert showcasing our school's musical talents. The focus at the school this year was on Accelerated Literacy with a workshop presented by teacher, Amanda Godfree, followed by Literacy Demonstrations in all classrooms. Visitors then enjoyed open classroom time and a barbecue lunch, followed by the concert.







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## What is AL?

Accelerated Literacy (AL) doesn't simply teach spelling, grammar and vocabulary. It also teaches the ways of thinking – the discourses, or cultural knowledge – that underpin what these mean. This knowledge is an essential part of being able to decode text and therefore succeed educationally. With AL teachers are able to awaken a sense of the 'what', the 'how', the 'when', the 'where', and ultimately the 'why', of language choices in a text. As a result of AL teaching, students gain control over how to put it all together.

### Transformations

Involves writing part of the text on strips of card and using our AL board, they can be cut into words, phrases or clauses and manipulated.

We can also focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation at this stage.

### Spelling

We use selected words from the text to learn sounds, word families, chunking and spelling rules. We can also focus on tense by looking at word endings. Spelling games help to identify spelling patterns, and practise identifying high frequency words quickly and accurately

### Literate Orientation

The teacher introduces the text to the class and provides a literate interpretation so students can fully understand and interpret the text (low order).

Following this introduction the students are then given a higher order orientation where attention is drawn to the wording and phrasing that the author has used to get the meaning across and why he/she chose to use them.



**The Accelerated Literacy teaching sequence is a powerful and effective tool for literacy teaching.**

### Writing

When students are familiar with the text and the transformation passages, texts can be reconstructed through joint reconstruction. With this, the teacher supports the students to construct text the way the author wrote it. Students can then move to independent writing tasks where they focus on using the writing strategies they have learned about from their reading.



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## **Update - Support for the Hill-Mather Family**

Wow!! Thank you to all our amazing school families who have been so generous in making a donation to help one of our Year 1 students, Sophie Hill-Mather, who was recently diagnosed with a serious illness. Sophie was well enough last week to come to school for a visit. Her class mates all enjoyed seeing Sophie and spending some time with her. (See flyer re fundraiser)



## **Uniform Shop End of Season Sale**

School jumpers are **on sale now for almost half price**. Reduced to **\$15!** Please see Dom in the canteen/uniform shop. We are clearing winter stock. A new school polar fleece jacket will be in stock soon.

## **Chess Club**

One of our Year 2 parents has very kindly offered to run a chess club once a week at lunchtime at school. This will be held on Mondays from 11:45am to 12:20pm and would be an excellent opportunity for students to both play and learn how to play chess. If your child is in Year 1 or above and is interested in joining the club, please call or email Virginia Healey - [Virginia.healey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Virginia.healey@det.nsw.edu.au) or 0411 151 259.

If you can play chess and would like to assist in the chess club, we would love to hear from you! Thank you.

## **School Voluntary Contribution Fee**

As we are now half way through the school year 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. Just a reminder our Eftpos facility is available for your convenience.

## **Wheeled Shoes-Safety Concern**

A few students have started to wear wheeled sand shoes to school as part of their school uniform. We would appreciate it if this footwear can be kept for weekend use only. We are concerned that a child wearing these shoes may be injured when wheeling around the school grounds or may cause injury to another student. The shoes are not part of our school uniform and are not suitable for use during sport and PE. We want to ensure that our students are safe at school at all times and we feel that wearing these shoes may lead to an injury.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **Student Medical Forms**

During Term 3 and Term 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can. The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we will be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call the front office.





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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Education Week - Open Day

Thank you to all the families, grandparents and friends who attended our Open Day last Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their bookwork, art and classroom displays with you. A special thank you to Dom and the amazing volunteers who cooked and served our BBQ lunch.

### Interviews

Semester One interviews are now nearly completed. We had approximately 50% of parents take this opportunity to discuss the progress of their child. If you have any feedback at all about interviews ie: times, students being part of the interview, information shared, suggestions etc I would be happy for you to email me on [kerry.tulloch@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kerry.tulloch@det.nsw.edu.au)

### School Photos - Tuesday, 3 September

MSP Photography will be at our school on **Tuesday, 3 September** to take our annual school photos. Children will receive an envelope with their name printed on it. Payment can be made online to MSP Photography or by enclosing the correct cash money in the envelope provided. Family photo envelopes are available at the front office. Please ensure all children come to school dressed in full school uniform on this day.

### Term 3 - Active After School Care

Active After School Care is now up and running for both Taekwondo and Zumba. If you have not returned your child's Consent Form please do so at your earliest convenience.

**Kerry Tulloch**  
Principal



## Invitation

## To celebrate Book Week

We invite family and friends to come along to share in our wonderful Book Week celebration. Join us to read with your children, browse our exciting book fair, enjoy morning tea and a picnic lunch and watch our grand book character parade.

You will find attached a wish list of books your child has chosen. If you are coming on the day you can visit the book fair together or children can bring money to school and visit the book fair with their class. You can also make a payment online and students bring their wish list with receipt number on the day to collect their books. If books sell out early we can place a paid order on the day. Items are \$1-\$20.

**When:** Wednesday, 21st August

**Where:** Pacific Palms Public School

**Time:** 9.30 – 10.30am

Reading in the Library

Book Fair in the Hall

(All book sales help to raise funds for the Library)

Morning Tea under the cola

**10.30 – 11.30am**

Book Character Parade in the Hall

**11.30 – 12.20pm**

Picnic Lunch – order form attached

Book Fair continues



This is a wonderful opportunity to show your children the value of reading. We look forward to sharing this celebration with you.



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## Disco for Sophie



### Community Family Fundraiser

Saturday 7th September, 2013

## The Recky

Commencing @ 6pm

\$20 per family

**Raffles, Auctions & Hang Fire Disco**

Sponsored by Pacific Palms Recreation Club

Bistro open @ 5pm

50c from each Child's meal and \$1 from each Adult's meal

will be donated to the fundraiser.



## Pacific Palms Public School

# Fete

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2013

9-1 at PACIFIC PALMS SCHOOL

Boomerang Drive, Boomerang Beach

**GIANT 9M SLIDE, MECHANICAL RIDE AND**

**JUNIOR JUMPING CASTLE WITH SLIDES,**

**BELLY BUMPER TOURNAMENT, GAMES ZONE,**

**TEMPORARY TATTOOS, CHILDRENS CRAFT,**

**FACE PAINTING, MARKET STALLS, MEGA BBQ, CURRY**

**AND NOODLES, CAFÉ AND CAKES, SNOW CONES,**

**SNACKS, FAIRY FLOSS!**

**LIVE PERFORMANCES -music, dancing...**

**2<sup>ND</sup> HAND BOOKS AND DISCS, PLANTS, CHOCOLATE**

**WHEEL PRIZES GALORE**

Stall enquiries welcome (no takeaway food or drinks)

3m x 3m undercover space --\$20.00 (byo tables)

Enquiries - Melanie 0424 625 238 or school office 6554 0249

(Please make all cheques payable to Pacific Palms P&C Association)

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## PACIFIC PALMS RECREATION CLUB



THE LAKESWAY, PACIFIC PALMS

PH. 65540207

### SEAFOOD SUNDAY

This Sunday and every 2nd  
Sunday of the month, join us

for a  
Seafood

Special lunch served be-  
tween  
12-2 pm

Followed by live music from 2pm  
This week relax with the sounds of James  
Moore



*Love you pa...*

### FATHER'S DAY. SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST



Lunch Specials for Dad with  
a FREE schooner 12-2pm

Live Music with  
Glen Mead  
from 1pm

Mega Raffle  
Meat trays and Dad prizes  
Tickets from 1.30pm

Courtesy bus available

**"What's  
the Next  
Line"**

**AUGUST  
10TH**



**Bring your friends  
and have a good  
night!**

## Trivia



Prizes and Laughs

22nd August 2013

6.30pm

Bus Available



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

[ppbowlingclub@westnet.com.au](mailto:ppbowlingclub@westnet.com.au)

A 12 SEATER COURTESY  
BUS IS NOW AVAILABLE  
FOR PICK UP AND TAKE HOME  
PLEASE ENQUIRE  
AT THE CLUB FOR DETAILS.  
INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

### WEEKS EVENTS

#### MON

Darts 7pm

#### TUES

BINGO 11.00am

Members Happy Hour

3.30pm-5pm

#### WED

Ladies Bowls 10.00am

#### THUR

Men's Bowls on 1.00pm

#### 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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CONFIDENTIAL  
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## Friday Night Raffles

*Tickets on Sale*

*at 6.30pm*

*Drawn at 7.30pm*

**SUPER 100**, TC LTPS 13/04467

15 Chances to Win

(Can reach a maximum of \$2000),

INCREASES \$100 EVERY

WEEK IF NOT WON

As at 9/8/13

# \$1400

in cash

### Lunch Specials

\*\*\*\$10\*\*\*

Great Variety

## \*Bingo\*

*Tuesdays at 11.00 am*



*All welcome!*



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### JUNIOR TOUCH REGISTRATION

**Tuesday, 30 July & Thursday, 1 August** 5.15pm – 6.30pm @ the Tuncurry Touch Fields

**Saturday, 10 August** 11am -1pm @ Leading Edge Beach St Forster

**Saturday, 17 August** 10am – 12pm @ Stockland, Forster (near Chn's playground)

COST: \$40 per player (includes player shirt)

Comp Starts: Tuesday 17th September

DIVISIONS: 6/7 Mixed, Boys & Girls 8/9, 10/11, 12/13, 14/15 Year olds

Register a team or individually (No more than 3 current representative players per team or team will be required to play up an age division)

No registrations will be accepted without payment!

To download the registration form, find out about Direct Deposit details and info on our upcoming Senior Competitions

[www.forstertuncurrytouch.sportingpulse.net](http://www.forstertuncurrytouch.sportingpulse.net)



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### Deep Tissue Massage Relaxing Massage Reflexology

**\$55**

for a 1 hour treatment  
(Offer ends Mid Sept)

**Bronwyn**

**6554 0261 0409 990 970**



**IAssistSafety** App helps children learn protective behaviours. Using a hand IAssistSafety allows a child to identify 5 adults who they could ask for help if feeling unsafe. The hand assists children to remember their safe people. These 5 adults will help the child to be safe if they are scared, worried, sad or just need help. This App helps to give your child a voice in keeping themselves safe.

Available in Google Play or the Apple Store.







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# Join us in celebrating International Lighthouse Day



## SUGARLOAF POINT LIGHTHOUSE, SEAL ROCKS - SAT 17 & SUN 18 AUGUST 9AM TO 4PM

In celebration of International Lighthouse & Lightships Weekend, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is hosting an open day at Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse in Myall Lakes National Park, Seal Rocks.

Take a step back in time to a bygone era, where light-stations along the NSW coast were a lifeline and formed a coastal highway of lights, safely guiding vessels on their journey to deliver essential supplies to many far reaching locations.

Throughout the weekend of celebrations, people can tour the site including the renovated Head Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage.

International Lighthouse Day is celebrated around the world, to raise awareness of the role of lighthouses, and to highlight the history and intriguing stories of light keeping.

Don't miss the unique opportunity to take a peek inside the light tower. Free half hour tours will be conducted by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority - bookings are essential call 02 6591 0300.

**FOR BOOKINGS OR INFORMATION CALL NPWS AT PACIFIC PALMS ON 02 6591 0300.**



Australian Government  
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

