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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Class Captains - Term 2

Congratulations to the following students on being selected by their peers to be the Term 2 Class Captain. As part of this role they will be responsible for representing their class and completing important jobs around the school. We wish them all the best in their important new roles.



KR	Noah R	Riley S
KC	Evie A	Tarj C
K/1T	Eve M	Jett H
1A	Laila P	Vinnie E
1/2W	Ryhana McS	Rohan W
2C	Leila S	Flynn M



2/3M	Maya W	Jake S
3/4G	Georgia M	Luke B
3/4W	Ruby Mae S	Oscar S (absent)
5/6M	Ocea E	Oliver A
5/6W	Gemma W	Finn C
5/6B	Bella L	Logan B

ANZAC Day Assembly and Dawn Service

Our Year 6 Support Team attended and represented our school at the ANZAC Day dawn service at the Pacific Palms Community Centre during the school holidays. The Support Team laid a wreath at the memorial. A special mention goes to Tess Montague, who spoke beautifully when she read the poem Flanders Field. Thank you also to our Year 6 Support Team who capably led our school ANZAC assembly last Term. This was a moving assembly to mark an important day in Australia's history. **Lest We Forget**



WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Tue, 20 May	Questacon Science Circus
Thu, 22 May	Assembly @ 2pm in the hall. All welcome. Class item by 5/6M.
Wed, 28 May	Ride to School Day
Mon, 2 June	School Photos - please wear full school uniform.
Tues, 3 June	School Athletics Carnival - children may come to school wearing their house colours.



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PSSA Zone Touch Football Trials

On Thursday, 8 May 2014 our boys and girls touch football teams travelled to Taree to trial for the PSSA Zone Touch Football team. Congratulations to Jade A and Alexander E who were success in being selected for the PSSA Hunter Touch Football Trials at Newcastle on Friday, 30 May.



Hunter Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Lewis K, Wylie W and Alexandra E who travelled to Newcastle on Friday, 9 May 2014 to represent the Manning Zone at the Hunter Regional Cross Country. Our talented runners proudly represented our school as they raced against other regional runners on a very challenging course.



GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday, 12 May our Year 6 Support Team attended the GRIP Leadership Conference held at Club Forster. Many school leaders from across the Great Lakes area attended the conference. It was a day full of activities, sharing ideas and meeting other student leaders in primary schools. GRIP Leadership programs are fresh, practical, interactive and enjoyed by tens of thousands of students each year.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Pyjama Day

Today we supported the Asthma Foundation by holding a PJ day at school. Students and staff came to school dressed in their pyjamas and were asked to donate a gold coin (or a note!) for the Asthma Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause our school raised \$330. Well done.



School Photos MSP Photography

Our school photo day will be held on Monday, 2 June 2014. By now all students should have received their individually printed school photo envelope. Please return the envelopes to school before photo day. Payment instructions are on your child's photo envelope. If you would like a family photo (primary students only) please collect an order form at the front office.



IMPORTANT - please ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform on photo day.

Our Winter School Uniform is:

- **Girls Winter Uniform**
School jacket and or school jumper, navy tracksuit pants or long navy school pants (not tights). Navy or black stockings under culottes are acceptable.
- **Boys Winter Uniform**
School jacket and or school jumper, navy tracksuit pants or long grey trousers.



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Athletics Carnival

Our whole school athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday, 3 June 2014. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 may come to school dressed in their sport house colours. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend to encourage and support their children. We look forward to seeing you for an enjoyable day.

The P & C will provide a canteen on the day. Your donation of slices, cakes and biscuits would be appreciated. Please deliver them to the oval canteen on the morning of the carnival. Volunteers are also need in the canteen on the day - even just 15 minutes of your time would be great.

Ride to School Day

Ride to School Day will be held on Wednesday, 28 May. Riders are asked to meet at 7.45 am at Pacific Palms Surf Life Saving Club at Lizzy Beach to ride to school. Teachers and non-bike riders will have physical activities in the Cola. A healthy breakfast will be ready for all students.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will commence again this year on Wednesday, 28 May and will run every Wednesday morning for the rest of term. The aim of Breakfast Club is to provide a healthy and nutritious breakfast to help children achieve their best in the classroom and playground. The Year 6 Green Team will be helping prepare the yummy breakfast for the rest of our students to enjoy.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Our Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra is now only **20 weeks** away. Thank you to all of the parents who have paid their deposits and are making regular payments. A gentle reminder that this excursion must be paid in full by the last week of Term 3. If you have any questions regarding this excursion please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Voluntary Contribution

Just a reminder the School Voluntary Contribution is now due. Please pay at the front office if you have not already done so. First child is \$50 with additional children \$10 per child. The Voluntary Contribution is capped at \$60. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Forster Adventure Race

We would like to thank Petra Richter and Mel Shoesmith for organising our parent and staff volunteers for the Forster Adventure Race on Saturday. The following parents and staff were up bright and early to marshal for the runners as they made their way around the course. Thank you to Selina Brookes, Georgina Wood, Helena Marshall, Karen Dickson, Lisa Mannigel, Tarian Woodhill, Jess Arnold and Angela Edwards for their time and support of our school.



Stewart House Charity Fundraising

Each year our school supports Stewart House in Sydney. It is a charity that supports children who are in need of care for personal and unique reasons. Each year over 1800 public school children attend for 12 days at a time. In order to raise funds this year Stewart House is selling high bounce handballs. These are lightweight and perfect for playground fun. Each ball costs \$3. If you would like to order a handball and support Stewart House please send \$3 in an envelope with your child's name and class to the front office. All orders will need to be received by 31 May 2014.





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Art Festival

The annual Pacific Palms Art Festival will be held on the June long weekend. Opening night tickets for Friday, 6 June 2014 are available for purchase at a cost of \$25 at the front office. The Youth Art Competition is open to children aged 5 to 15 years at a cost of \$2. The Pacific Palms Art Festival is a major fundraiser for our school and your support is appreciated.

FAREWELL FROM ALEXA

My name is Alexa Bogaerts and I have been fortunate enough to student teach at Pacific Palms for the past 10 weeks. I am from Barrington, Illinois, which is a suburb of Chicago, and attended school and the University of Iowa. After the completion of my student teaching here at Pacific Palms, I will be graduating from University with a degree in Elementary Education and a Reading specialisation. At Palms, I have had the opportunity to help out in a number of classrooms and learn from so many of these talented teachers. As my time at this amazing school comes to an end, I would like to thank you for welcoming me into your school community and making this experience so enjoyable for me. I will have nothing but great things to say about this school when I return back to the states on 24 May. If you have any comments or questions feel free to email me alexa-bogaerts@uiowa.edu or Mrs Rigby who will direct them to me!

Miss B ☺



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Skoolbag is HERE!

We are pleased to announce the introduction of



Skoolbag to our school. Skoolbag is a FREE mobile App to help our school communicate directly with our parent community. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). On the App you will find school events, newsletters, our weekly "School Happenings" email, information on our canteen and uniform shop, upcoming events and much more. There is an *absentee note* and *change of details form* which can be submitted via the App to the school office. You will also receive free push notification alerts.

To install our Skoolbag App, just search for our school name "Pacific Palms Primary School" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

For iPhone or iPad: When installed click "Open", and click "OK" when asked to receive push notifications.

For Android: Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, Skoolbag does not modify any of your personal data on your device). Click "Open" when installed.

Once installed, click the "more" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup". Toggle on the push categories that are applicable for you. You can choose your children's classes in these categories. You will then receive specific notes for their classes as well as general notes and notifications that are sent out to the whole school.



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We recommend you "refresh" the App from time to time. To do this, pull down the school banner on the home page for a few seconds. You will see a message saying "refreshing" or reloading". This will ensure you have the most up to date information on the App.

We encourage all parents to download this app as soon as possible.

Pyjama Day

Thank you to all students and staff who showed support for the Asthma Foundation by wearing their Pyjamas to school today. A special mention to Dennis, one of our bus drivers, for his support also.



Rodney Ryan
Relieving Principal

better reading

do you know someone
who has difficulty with
reading?

would they like one-on-
one support?



the library can help, and it
is totally free and totally
confidential.

call now 6591 7256





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ZUMBA
for Kids

♥ LOVE KIDS ZUMBA!

Awesome fitness for kids!

Learn new moves & rhythms...

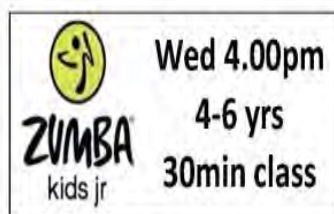
Gain self confidence & self esteem...

And have loads of fun!!

NOW @

Pacific Palms Community Hall

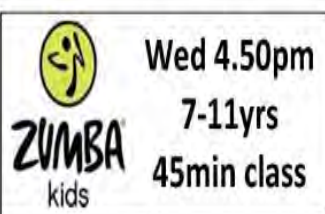
with Zumba Instructor Rachel!



Wed 4.00pm

4-6 yrs

30min class



Wed 4.50pm

7-11yrs

45min class

Starts Wednesday 30th April

\$6 per child (cash only) Parents join in our older class \$10 it's a blast & wonderful for our kids to see us enjoying exercise ☺

Paid by the school term preferred.

For further information contact Rachel on 0435 713 937.

PURE ESSENCE

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

Find the time to do the above 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 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 8.45am

Who: Anyone over the age 12

Cost: \$10

What to bring yoga mat if you have one & drink bottle

Life is about being the best you, 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



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STROUD LEGO® DAY



SUNDAY MAY 18TH

2014.

IT IS ON AGAIN!

Following the success of our Lego day last year, we are pleased to announce that it will be on again!

WHEN: Sunday May 18th

TIME: 10am-3pm

WHERE: Stroud Public School.

COST: \$10- per family, \$3 single person/child



ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

Huge display of Lego by Bay Bricks, Building Competitions, food stalls, BBQ and cake stall, fun fair stalls run by the children, Lego sales, craft and interactive stalls.....fun for all the family!



For information contact the school or

Davina Lathwell 0407 935 685

Email davinala@tpg.com.au



Stroud Lego Day 2014.

Shell
Questacon
Science Circus

The Science Circus is coming to TAREE!

The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a great opportunity for parents and children to share, discover and explore science together. You can encourage a fascination and enjoyment of science by exploring hands-on exhibits.

Come along and spin like an ice-skater, discover how fast you can throw a ball, freeze your shadow on a wall and test your reflexes.

Spectacular science shows are presented regularly during opening hours. You may see giant smoke rings, bricks being smashed on someone's stomach or a Science Circus presenter holding fire in their hands!

Science toys for sale (cash only).

Saxby's Stadium

Cnr Bligh St & Recreation Dr, TAREE

Tuesday 20 May 2014

Come any time between
6 pm—9 pm

Admission: Family \$18, Adult \$6, Student/Concession \$5 (cash only)

Children under 5 and student ticket FREE

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Enquiries: 0417 465 028

questacon.edu.au



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FAMILY DAY CARE ENROLLING NOW



Hummingbirds family day care provides quality child care in a home environment. Catering for children aged 2-5 years. Opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7.30am-5.30pm. Child care benefit fee reductions are available. This service is operated by a qualified Early childhood teacher with 15 years experience.

Inspections are welcome.

*For information and
bookings call Melanie
0404 722 147.*

Ever thought of learning a martial art?

Have you heard of Aikido...

"Aikido is not a technique to fight and defeat the enemy. It is the way to reconcile the world and make human beings one family." - Morihei Ueshiba



Practice is being held every Thursday:

Kids 3.00pm-4.00pm \$7/class

Adults 7.00pm-8.30 pm \$10/class

at

Bungwahl Historic Hall, The Lakes Way

Any enquiries please call Mandy on 0427 355 243



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THE Great Lakes JAZZ Band



COME & ENJOY A NIGHT OF GLENN MILLER

Where: PACIFIC PALMS COMMUNITY CENTRE

When: Saturday 7 June 2014 @ 6.30 pm.

And as a BONUS

*After the Recital 'The Glenn Miller Story' will be screened,
an encouraging story for musicians*

Tickets on sale at

PALMS OASIS Supermarket and Petrol Station
321 Boomerang Drive Pacific Palms 6554 0286

Holy Name School Forster (at the office)

ADULTS \$15

CHILDREN FREE but must be accompanied by a
responsible adult