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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Boys Soccer

On Friday, 23 May our boys soccer team played a friendly match against Tuncurry Public School. From the first whistle, it was clear that Tuncurry had some excellent players and our boys were under constant attack. Mid-way through the half we began to connect some passes together and Zeb W scored a terrific goal. Moments later, Tuncurry were able to equalise with a breakaway down the right side. After half time, Callum D found the back of the net to put us back in the lead again. Unfortunately, with the weight of possession, Tuncurry scored 2 more goals to eventually win 3-2. Congratulations to all our boys on a great performance. Thank you to Simon Strutt who helped on the day with running our subs. We are looking forward to the Gala Day in Term 3.



PSSA Hunter Regional Touch Football Trials

On Friday, 30 May Jade A and Alexandra E travelled to Newcastle to trial for the Hunter Girls Touch Football Team. Congratulations to both girls on their successful selection into the Hunter Team. The girls will travel to Wagga Wagga in August to compete in the three day NSW Championships against other school regions in our state.



Girls Soccer

Last Friday our girls soccer team travelled to Wingham for the Manning Soccer Gala Day. Fielding a team of girls low on experience but high on enthusiasm, our girls held their own and even beat teams from bigger and more experienced schools. Over the day, we played a total of 5 games, winning 3 and drawing the other 2. Even though officials scores were not kept, our girls finished on equal first for Division 1. Congratulations to all our girls for such a great effort and thank you to the parents and family who helped with transport.



WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

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

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Mon, 23 June	Parent Space Walk from 2.30 - 3 pm - Yrs 5 & 6
Thu, 26 June	Reports sent home
Fri, 27 June	Assembly @ 2 pm in the hall - all welcome
Fri, 27 June	Last school day of Term 2
Tue, 15 July	First school day of Term 3



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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



National Simultaneous Story Time

National Simultaneous Story time is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book. This year National Simultaneous Story Time took place on Wednesday, 21 May by sharing the book "Too Many Elephants in This House" written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner. It was an entertaining event as Mr Ryan and our Support Team shared the story with all our students.



Ride to School Day

We had a very successful "Ride to School Day" on Wednesday, 28 May in perfect sunny conditions. A big thank you to all staff, Dom in the canteen and parents for supporting this event. There were many children on bikes and everyone enjoyed the music and activities in the COLA while munching on a healthy breakfast of toast, cereal and fruit. Senior Constable Dave and Senior Constable Steve entertained us with their bike skills and important information on bike safety.

Later in the day we ran some bike workshops where the children practised riding around a track using the road signs 'stop, giveaway, childrens crossing and a traffic light'. A note went home explaining how to register bikes with the police in case of loss or theft. Next year we will have a "Walk to School Day" and keep alternating it with a bike day to make sure everyone is involved.



Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program will continue every Wednesday until the end of term. It will then run for a further 5 weeks in Term 3. The year 6 Green Team will be helping to prepare the breakfast. Baker's Delight in Forster have been supporting our Breakfast Program by supplying the bread at cost price.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the athletics carnival on Tuesday, 3 June. It was a fantastic day with lots of participation and standout performances. Thank you to all the parents who baked cakes and slices for our canteen and a very big thank you to all the parents that volunteered in the canteen or 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 next term.



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Pacific Palms Art Festival

The annual Pacific Palms Art Festival was held 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 "Flooded Plains" by Gail Hennessy.



Congratulations to all students who entered the Youth Art section in their chosen category. There were 180 entries this year!

The following students received Participation Certificates.



Congratulations to the following students who received Highly Commended awards.



Congratulations to the following students who were awarded first place or overall winner of their category. The students received an award of \$20 for 1st place and \$10 for 2nd place.



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

Congratulations to our raffle prize winners:

1st Prize Painting - Pauline Avery 81D

2nd Prize Golf Club Package - Taylah Read 47



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Curtis Landers: Road to Recovery

On Wednesday, 18 June our school showed their support for Curtis Landers, a local rugby league player from the Forster/Tuncurry Hawks who was injured in a rugby league game recently. Students came to school dressed in footy gear or Curtis' club colours, green and gold. Thank you to all students and families who generously donated to support Curtis on his road to recovery. Our school raised an amazing \$480. Please see page 7 for more community fundraising activities to support Curtis. A special thank you also to Pacific Palms Hair Design for your generous donation to our school collection.



OUR TEACHERS

Performance & Development for Teachers

A national approach to teacher performance and development has been developed to support Australian teachers in their desire to grow and develop and to receive useful feedback on their performance.

What is the Purpose?

- improve teacher effectiveness and consequently student outcomes
- promote all teachers having access to effective, continuous and constructive feedback throughout their careers
- focus all schools on continuous teacher performance appraisal, growth and improvement

Benefits for teachers

- effective, ongoing and constructive feedback on performance
- access to support and development opportunities
- increased professional growth through mentoring and coaching
- enhanced professional satisfaction
- formal recognition of professional achievements
- access to networks through school and system wide collaboration

At our school in 2014 we have initiated the following with our staff:

Reflection and Goal Setting

- Teachers have identified Professional Goals
- Development of Professional Learning Plans
- 1:1 goal meetings with the Principal



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Feedback and Review

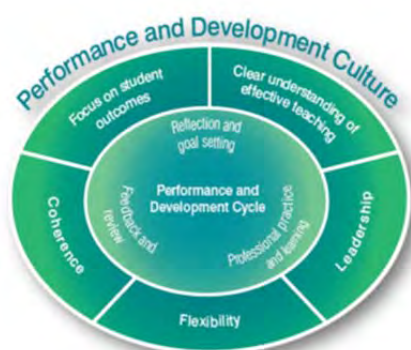
- Teachers observing teachers in classrooms
- Meaningful feedback to teachers
- Quality learning conversations

Professional Practice and Learning

- Regular professional learning meetings
- New Maths and English Curriculum
- Assessment and data
- Spelling K-6
- Student wellbeing - student resilience

To find out more please watch the animation from the link below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjMBxxNaboE>



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I walk around the school it is clearly evident that the students are engaged in their learning and displaying fantastic behaviour. Engagement in learning is the key to school success and the teachers are providing opportunities which allow all children to achieve their personal best. What a great way to finish such an eventful term.

As part of our involvement in the teachers Performance and Development Framework mentioned earlier in the newsletter, our teachers have been visiting classrooms to observe each other in action. The research shows that the quality of teaching is the most significant in-school factor that affects student outcomes. We are consistently striving to improve our practice and this has been evident during this term as teachers observed lessons during literacy time. I have had the privilege of seeing some of the quality lessons taking place and have been involved in the professional dialogue afterwards, including quality learning conversations around curriculum and feedback to the teacher.

Finally this week I'd like to thank every one of the hardworking teachers and staff at our school. Reports will go home to all families next week. I know that most teachers spent the majority of the long weekend writing reports and this last weekend, Assistant Principals have spent many hours proofreading them in readiness for printing and signing. Over the term, teachers have also been organising sports carnivals and sport days, coaching teams and organising their games, preparing for performances, supervising Prac Students, preparing for Term 3 excursions and maintaining quality teaching programs for their students.





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The teachers and staff at Pacific Palms are an extremely dedicated group of people who always have the best interest of our children at heart!

Uniform Shop Just a reminder our Uniform Shop is **NOT** open on Tuesdays.

Thank You - Nicki Bramble

Thank you to Indy's mum, Nicki Bramble, who generously donated one of her amazing paintings to our school. The painting is taking pride of place in our front office. Thank you Nicki we absolutely love it!!



Rodney Ryan
Relieving Principal

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Minutes of P & C Meeting

Date: Monday, 16 June 2014

1.0 Welcome, Attendance, Apologies

ACTION

- 1.1 Meeting Opened: 1:40pm
- 1.2 Present: Melanie Ledgett, Rodney Ryan, Kate McLean, Virginia Healey, Craig Gleeson, Wendy Natoli, Mylee Cheers

Apologies: - Jill McSweeney, Deb Murray, Sarah Buckley

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** -
 - Very positive feedback on the app!
 - Ordering of music stands is on hold.
 - It was agreed the canteen cupboards will be installed over the school holidays. Kate to purchase cupboards from IKEA for approximately \$2,000. Craig Gleeson to assist with installation of the benchtops.

KM

Moved: K McLean Seconded: M Ledgett

Acceptance of the Minutes of the P & C Meeting held on Monday 19th May, 2014

Moved: K McLean Seconded: M Ledgett Carried

4.0 Correspondence

- 4.1 Inwards tabled -
- 4.2 Outwards Tabled -

Acceptance of the correspondence inwards & outwards as tabled.

Moved: V Healey Seconded: M Ledgett Carried



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5.0 Finance Reports

P&C Account 1st May to 31st May

Opening Balance	\$7398.07
Income:	\$1182.61
Expenditure:	\$3225.00
Closing Balance	\$5355.68

Canteen Account 1st May to 31st May

Opening Balance	\$ 883.63
Income:	\$4274.35
Expenditure:	\$2595.89
Closing Balance	\$2562.09

Uniform Account 1st May to 31st May

Opening Balance	\$4482.50
Income:	\$3245.79
Expenditure:	\$2000.00
Closing Balance	\$5728.29

Chaplaincy Account 1st May to 31st May

Opening Balance	\$13429.78
Income:	\$ 11.33
Expenditure:	\$ 1708.80
Closing Balance	\$11732.31

Long Service Leave Account 1st May to 31st May

Opening Balance	\$723.89
Income:	\$ 0.00
Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance	\$723.89

Moved: V.Healey Seconded: K. McLean

6.0 President's Report – Melanie Ledgett

- **Generation Next Seminar:** Melanie Ledgett, Kate McLean, Virginia Healey and Melissa Shoesmith attended this seminar. They met with Rod Ryan and discussed implementation of relevant programs into the school. These included a focus on resilience, screen time, social media, racism and bullying.

- **Eftpos machine:** Wendy will contact the bank about the machine this week. **WN**
- **Audit:** Wendy to contact Marianne Jones regarding auditing the books. Mel checked the P&C Federation website and confirmed we do not need to use a qualified auditor to audit the accounts.
- **Skorts:** Wendy to order 30 of each size of the skorts to be paid for on a load and go card that will be paid for from the uniform account. **WN**
- **Voluntary Contribution:** this will remain the same as this year ie. \$50 for the first child – maximum \$60 for a family.

Acceptance of the President's Report as tabled.

Moved: V. Healey Seconded: K. McLean

7.0 Principal's Report – Rodney Ryan (Relieving Principal)

- **OOSH** – East Coast Child Care has been confirmed to start before and after school care next term at our school.
- **New shed:** quotes are coming in at approximately \$10,000. The P&C will support this by paying \$3,000 towards the shed, however this payment will need to be made following the school fete when the funds will be available.
- **Quality Teaching:** Teachers are observing each other in class and providing constructive feedback on teaching practices. Mrs Merchant is overseeing this program.
- **Partnership with Hallidays Point Public School:** a similar program to the Quality Teaching program is happening between staff at our school and staff at Hallidays Point Public School. Peter Johnson is the principal at Hallidays Point and is very supportive of the partnership.

Acceptance of the Principal's Report as tabled.

Moved: W. Natoli Seconded: M. Ledgett

8.0 General Business

- **3D printer:** Craig can access a 3D printer at a reasonable rate. Craig will send some information to Kate regarding the printer.
- **Canteen:** No more tomato sauce sachets! Mel to advise Dom that we will use bottled tomato sauce from now on.

9.0 Meeting Closed –3:00pm

Next meeting Monday 21st July, 2014



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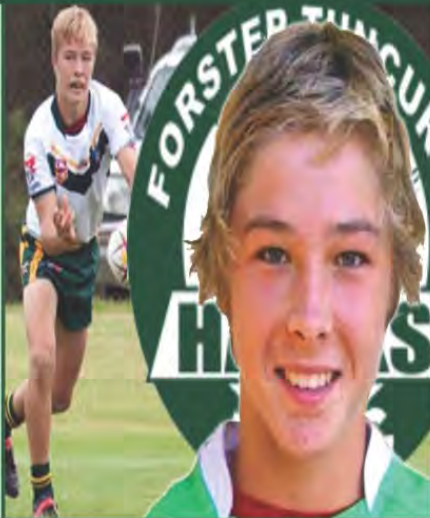
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ROAD TO RECOVERY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 18th June - 'WEAR YOUR FOOTY JERSEY'
SCHOOL & BUSINESS MUFTI DAY (Gold Coin Donation)

Wednesday 2nd July - Club Forster - 7pm
Under 18's DANCE PARTY + Special Guests

Saturday 19th July - Avon Valley Hotel, Gloucester
CURTIS LANDERS APPEAL

Friday 25th July - Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club
PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 31st July - Club Forster
HUGE AUCTION - Special Guest RAY HADLEY
Tickets at the club or online at www.clubforster.com.au

Saturday 30th August - Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club
'BROCK COUNTRY' w/guests 'BOWDEN BROTHERS'

Follow Curtis' progress on Facebook at 'Curtis Landers: Road to Recovery'
Donations via PAYPAL or CREDIT CARD at www.juniorhawks.com.au

garden to table permaculture



Megan Cooke Permaculture Teacher

Edible Garden
Winter Workshop
Pacific Palms

Saturday 28th June or 26th July 10am - 3.30pm



Join us to get the
real dirt on -

- * Permaculture
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- * Chickens
- * Fruit trees
- * Pests & Diseases
- * Companion planting
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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



TRIATHLON - CHALLENGE FORSTER 2014

Community Meeting

Monday 30 June 6pm - 7:30pm

Pacific Palms Recreation Club

3957 The Lakes Way, Elizabeth Beach, NSW, 2428

You are invited to a community meeting which will outline the significant changes to the staging of the Challenge Forster Triathlon, being held on Sunday 9 November 2014.

Great Lakes Council, the event organisers Elite Energy and the NSW Police, invite residents and businesses to speak with the organisers of this event and learn more about the changes to the course and the impacts it may have on you.

The 2014 main event will be held on Sunday 9 November, with a maximum road closure of The Lakes Way from 6:00 am to 11:30am (approx) from the Forster Keys roundabout (at the intersection of The Lakes Way and King George Parade) to the southern turnaround approximately 1km south of the Coomba Rd Turn Off. The Lakes Way south of Forster Keys will be progressively opened from 10:30 am (approx).

RSVPs by Friday 27 June 2014 - andrew.blatch@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au

A light supper will be provided.